

# Berryville Bible Beacon

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## Focus!

**A** lot of what we accomplish in life depends upon our focus. The story is told of the golfer Arnold Palmer, who, in the 1961 Master's finals was approached by a friend and congratulated on his victory a few shots prior to his finish. Palmer is on record as saying that in that moment he lost his focus and he ended up losing by a point. It happens time and again; there is the football player who looks toward the goal line and drops the ball; the ice skater who falls and simply can't recover to conclude the performance; the politician who misspeaks and ruins his political career—all for a lack of focus.

Out of all of the kings of Israel, David was arguably the greatest; he had his problems, but he always ultimately sought to put his trust in the Lord. Nevertheless, because David was a man of war, his greatest desire, to build the Lord a house, could not be accomplished by him. David, however, purposed to do all that he could toward the construction of the temple prior to his death. He made agreements with nations for materials; he col-

lected materials; he assembled workers. Before his death, David commanded the princes of Israel to help Solomon build the temple (1 Chronicles 22:17). He exhorted them, "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD" (1 Chronicles 22:19). Do we see the focus in the words, "Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord your God"? Because they focused upon seeking God, they were able to accomplish the task at hand.

Oscar Hammerstein II wrote the following lyrics in 1928:

Give me some men who are  
Stouthearted Men / Who  
will fight for the right they  
adore. / Start me with ten,  
who are Stouthearted Men /  
And I'll soon give you ten  
thousand more, Oh! /  
Shoulder to shoulder and  
bolder and bolder / They  
grow as they go to the  
fore! / Then there's nothing  
in the world can halt or mar  
a plan. / When Stouthearted  
Men can stick together man

to man!

Where is our focus? Is it upon God or upon the world? John wrote, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14-15). It is so often the case that we don't accomplish the things that we desire to accomplish because we have not adequately focused upon God and His word in our lives. However, intensifying our focus upon God will bring us further along than any other thing.

So, do we find ourselves at our wits end because of the countless tasks that are before us? Focus on God. Do we fail to get anything accomplished due to the many distractions that come our way in life? Focus on God. Do we have godly goals and aspirations that we seek to accomplish? Focus on God. Whatever our situation is, we can improve it by focusing upon God and refocusing our life upon His priorities.

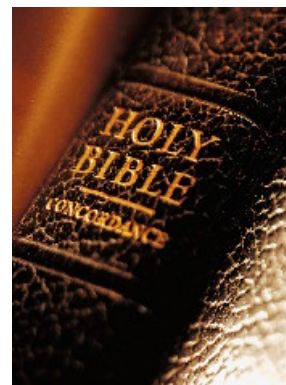
Kevin Cauley

## Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ♦ *We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!*
- ♦ **Elders:**  
Clay Bozarth  
Leon Duncan  
Bill Fort  
Bruce Foster  
Glenn Quigley
- ♦ **Deacons:**  
Ken Smith  
Rusty Windle
- ♦ **Preacher:**  
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- ♦ *We are located across highway 62 from Pizza Hut.*
- ♦ <http://www.the-churchofchrist.com>

# Bible Studies for the week of January 14th, 2007

AM Sermon .....	"As the Oracles of God"
Scripture Reading .....	1 Peter 4:11
PM Sermon .....	What Can I Do To Serve the Church?
Scripture Reading .....	Psalm 71:5-7, 17
Sunday Class.....	Ethics and Morals
Wednesday Class.....	The Book of Proverbs
Ladies Bible Class .....	The Book of 1 Thessalonians
Nursing Home Bible Study .....	The Book of John



## Just A Member?

**N**ot all members of society are contributing members. Those who are not end up being supported by the rest of society either financially or through acts of volunteerism. Certainly there are some members of society who are unable to contribute as much as they would like due to either physical, mental, or other limiting disabilities. However, I know even some of them who eagerly contribute what they can. The worst disability keeping some from being contributing members of society is the refusal to accept the personal responsibility of being an active member. Such become a drain on society.

Just as there are both active and inactive members of society, sadly it is also true within the church. Let us remember that the Lord's church is described as His Body (Colossians 1:18 & 24) of which He is the Head. (Ephesians 5:23) As Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, seeking to bring these Christians into greater unity with one another, he presented a marvelous analogy of how the members of the physical body are to work for the MUTUAL BENEFIT of the whole and how that is to be the same expectation within the Body of Christ, the church. (read 1 Corinthians 12:14-27)

To consider the physical body, what

would be the impact if the arms and hands desired to be considered members of the body while only hanging limp, doing nothing? The body might be able to move about, but be unable to accomplish very much. Or suppose the legs decided they wanted to be considered members of the body, but not in an active sense. Such would mean the body would have to crawl or drag itself along causing activity and work to be greatly impeded. What if the mouth decided it wanted to be considered a member of the body, but no longer wanted to eat? We know the body would

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begin dying due to lack of nourishment.

We could go on with the analogy, but to consider such an attitude with regard to being a member of the Body of Christ, can we see the implications? The body (whether we are referring to the physical body or the Body of Christ) is healthiest when each member is actively doing its part for the MUTUAL BENEFIT of the whole. To refuse to do that is to discourage and impair progress, even draining strength from other members.

Writing to the church at Ephesus, Paul exhorted...

"(15) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, (16) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, WHEN EACH PART IS WORKING PROPERLY, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16 ESV)

Just a member? How can one truly consider themselves a member if there is no activity? To have heard the Gospel of Jesus and responded to it in belief (Romans 10:17; Mark 16:15-16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4), repenting of sins (Acts 17:30-31), being willing to confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and submit to baptism for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 8:36) and being united in Christ (Colossians 2:12; Galatians 3:27) is all good, right, and necessary. However, that is just the beginning of our life response to the privileges of salvation made possible in Christ. Our active walk in this new life in Christ (Romans 6:4) and our work to His glory and our fellowship with one another (note 1 John 1:7) continues.

As a member of the Body of Christ we each have a responsibility with regard to

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# The Week in Review: January 7th, 2007



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Contribution.....	\$1913.49
Budget.....	\$1743.39



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aiding the spiritual health of the Body. Doing otherwise is to be a sick member in need of restoration. Refusing to contribute individual abilities, encouragement, energy, money, presence, time, etc. is to take away from the health and strength and work that could (should) be taking place. If we truly have a connection with the Head of the Body (Jesus Christ) that logically implies a connection with the other members of the Body. May we give serious consideration to the MUTUAL BENEFIT we are responsible to contribute. Such action will strengthen the church and glorify the Lord Who purchased us for Himself by His blood.

Have a great day ENJOYING THE BLESSING OF TRULY BELONGING!

Carl Hanson  
Port Townsend, WA

## Kevin's Korner

**W**e had a daily average of 764 visitors to our web-site last month (December) which is the highest number of visitors to our web site since last March when we averaged 819. We served up 55,807 pages of information in December as well and had 7091 unique visitors. For January we're averaging about 710 visits per day so far. Forthright Magazine, another web site that we host, edited by Randal J. Matheny, had an average of 757 visitors for December and served up 41003 pages. The site had 4804 unique visitors. For January, the average is 649 visitors per day so far.

When you add these numbers up, it's clear that we have an average of over 1500 people visiting the web pages for which Berryville is responsible for maintaining. We served out just under 100,000 pages of information to just under 12000 folks in a month. For a church web site, that's pretty good!

Now, granted, not all of these numbers reflect actual people. Some of them are computers searching through our web site for the purpose of cataloguing our information. One of my buddies who works

with this quite frequently estimates that 80% of the figures are actual people. Still, even at 80%, the numbers are impressive. The Internet work is doing well and you have a part in this work!

I also receive comments frequently through the Internet. Here are some.

1-4 "I have recently discovered the Preacher's File web site and found it to be very informative. I also have seen Brother Kevin Cauley's articles on the site."—Wayne, TX.

12-17 "I borrowed a few of Kevin's lessons. Tell him thank you." - Zach, TN.

12-8 "I am very encouraged by your lessons." - Troy

11-16 "I have been a Christian for a little while now I was baptized when I was 17 and I'm 22 now I attend the Church of Christ at Paintsville, Kentucky, I just wanted to let you know how happy I am that this web site is up and running...." - Jason

10-31 "Thank you very much for sending Those Articles which are making me much edified in the Lord Jesus christ. God Bless you very much! Amen."- Michael, Africa?

## Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Shane Blackston, Kim Herring, Flo Millspaugh, Nadine Smith, Mary Young.
- Shutins: Lois Bales, Opal Hull, Charlene Pinkley.
- Our monthly potluck is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon after the morning service. Please come prepared!
- The Cauley's will be hosting an open house next Sunday afternoon from 2:00-5:00 PM in light of their fifth year anniversary with the congregation.
- There will be a youth devotional at the Cauley's house next Sunday evening after the evening worship.
- We are preparing a new directory. In the back of the auditorium there are papers to fill out for this effort. We need everyone to participate. Thank you.
- Mac Lyon is scheduled to be in Eureka Springs January 16-18th at the Pine Mountain Jamboree Theater. All are invited.
- The children's home truck is coming in February. Please get pantry items in!
- Kevin is scheduled to travel to Costa Rica 1/29-2/12. Pray!
- Our pantry item is: Rice.

## God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study

<b>Sunday Morning Bible Class:</b> .....	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b> .....	<b>10:20 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b> .....	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed. Ladies Bible Class:</b> .....	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Wed. Evening Bible Class:</b> .....	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday Nursing Home Bible Study</b> .....	<b>2:00 PM</b>

## Serving Each Other

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### Sunday Morning

<b>Songs:</b>	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bruce Foster	Dan Hand
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Leon Duncan	Matthew Morrell
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Dan Hand	Bill Fort
	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
<b>(assist)</b>	John Gass	Ray Duncan
	Ervin Hand	Benjamin Windle
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dan Hand	John Gass

### Sunday Evening

<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Bruce Foster
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Kelly Ray Webb	Ken Smith
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Matthew Morrell	Bruce Foster
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
	Ray Duncan	Perry Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Gass	Brandon Foster

### Wednesday

<b>Songs:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Glenn Williams
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brandon Foster	Ray Duncan
<b>Invitation:</b>	Leon Duncan	Dan Hand
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Kelly Ray Webb

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