

Berryville Bible Beacon

Volume 6, Issue 3
January 21st, 2007

Passion For Truth

Once heard a Christian gentleman remark to a Bible class, "Lying must not be so bad...". I was quite shocked and waited for some time for him to explain his statement. Finally I objected and called attention to what God said about all liars in the last book of the Bible. (Rev. 21:8). I shuddered to think what this put in the minds of young parents. What will they teach their children? Will they be honest with each other?

There is a thing called "intellectual honesty". It is an admirable trait rarely found among us. I saw it demonstrated when a man of God with impeccable reputation changed his views regarding carnal warfare. When he was draft age he was a "conscientious objector" and thus avoided being drafted and serving in the Second World War. Much later in life he made it known that after years of serious study he believed he could so serve and he contended that those who do so are God's servants.

(Romans 13). I was with him at a public forum where thousands had gathered to hear this man speak. At the conclusion of his address someone from the floor asked, "Did the fact that you are no longer subject to draft contribute to the change of your position?". The inference of the question seemed obvious. It seemed to insinuate cowardice, etc. I knew the man well. I had studied under him. I had listened to him in debate. He gave me many materials to help me preach. Coward was the last word one might choose. He was admirably courageous. Yet, he lived his life in pursuit of truth. Regardless of where the chips might fall, truth was the goal. If it meant someone would make unkind accusations against him, truth was paramount. His relentless study through the years was in pursuit of truth.

The great men who led in the Restoration Movement were motivated with the same passion. In pursuit of truth they abandoned old religious

patterns, dogmas, creeds, fellowships, etc. as they made their way back to the Bible. When Paul and Silas were in Berea preaching, the noble Bereans respected these men of God but they also "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Through the years I have felt complimented when those who hear me also search the scriptures. For years I had a dear brother that would occasionally disagree with my conclusions. In a day or so he would appear at my study and let me know of his disagreement. He'd ask, "Give me book, chapter and verse.". I would provide book, chapter and verse and he would smile and thank me. He loved truth. We should all have a passion for truth and follow truth wherever it may take us. If it uproots error and false concepts, etc. so be it. After all, that is the book from which we will ultimately be judged eternally.

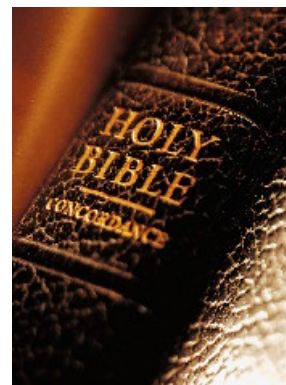
John Davis
Beaumont, TX

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:*
Kevin Cauley
- ♦ *Phone:*
870-423-3068
- ♦ *E-mail:* bvcoc@alltel.net
- ♦ *Address:* 909 West Trimble, Berryville AR 72616
- ♦ *We are located across highway 62 from Pizza Hut.*
- ♦ *<http://www.the-churchofchrist.com>*

Bible Studies for the Week of January 21st, 2007

AM Sermon	David's Penitent Heart
Scripture Reading	Psalm 51:1-19
PM Sermon	The Old and New Testaments
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 8:6-13
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



“Rend Your Hearts, Not Your Garments”

In ancient times in the near eastern lands, when individuals wished to show mourning or a deep sense of sorrow, they would tear their garments. Jacob mourned Joseph in such a way (Genesis 37:34). Job so mourned the loss of his family and possessions likewise (Job 1:20). 2 Samuel 1:11 records for us David's response to the death of Saul and Jonathan.

“Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Jehovah, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.” This custom expressed in an external way what was happening inside the suffering individual.

In the day of Joel, the fickle people of Israel had a history of acting one way, but being another. For their sins, God's prophets proclaimed that God would bring judgment upon them. Joel was one of those prophets. Nevertheless, there was still time for repentance. Referencing

this custom, Joel emphasized that it had to be the people's heart that changed, not merely their outward appearance. He wrote, “Yet even now, saith Jehovah, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and **rend your heart, and not your garments**, and turn unto Jehovah your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repenteth him of the evil” (Joel 2:12-13).

Rend your hearts and not your garments! Joel's message still rings true today. God has always demanded that we first give to him our heart. David wrote in Psalms 51:17 “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” So he desired God to “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10). Proverbs 4:23 states, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life.”

The heart is what God desires from man. It is from the heart that either

good or wicked things come. Jesus said, “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things” (Matthew 12:35). If we give our hearts to God, then good things will come out within our lives. Yes, God wants our heart!

The only question we must answer is, “Will we give it to him?” As the people of Joel's day were, so also are many today. God calls for them to repent, but the call goes unanswered. How about us? Will we give our hearts to God so that He may make of them what He wills? Will we, in humility and lowliness, kneel before the Father of all men and give Him what is due to Him? “Rend your hearts and not your garments” means that we must look inward to make changes before that which we do on the outside will be seen as a legitimate exercise to serve. Are our hearts torn?

Kevin Cauley

The Week in Review: January 14th, 2007



Sunday Bible Class.....	53
Sunday AM Worship.....	57
Sunday PM Worship.....	36
Wednesday Night Study.....	53
Contribution.....	\$1037.91
Budget.....	\$1743.39

Kevin's Korner

Brother Dan Hand and I had a delightful visit this past Thursday morning over a cup of coffee at McDonalds. We discussed all sorts of things past, present, and future and truly enjoyed whiling away the time, which went quite quickly, I might add.

After visiting with Dan, I went over to the lower elementary to volunteer. I've changed up my volunteer schedule a bit due to the teacher's request. During this period of time I will now be helping the children learn their math skills (don't worry, Rusty, they give me flash cards with the answer on the back!). After working with the kids in this subject, I then go to the cafeteria and help to monitor the children's behavior during lunch time.

Of course, I'm still volunteering at the community center on Tuesday mornings and conducting the Bible Study at the nursing home on Thursday afternoons. We're about to finish up the book of John at the nursing home and begin the book of

Acts. As always, you are welcome to come and join us in our Bible Study each week.

One week from tomorrow, I will drive over to the Northwest Arkansas Airport and get on a plane and head down to Houston, Texas. There I will catch a connecting flight to San Jose, Costa Rica and begin my first mission trip of the year. Tuesday I plan on visiting extensively with Moises and Maritza and then making our plans to travel south to Panama. Wednesday we will do the traveling to Panama. February 1-3 (Thursday through Saturday) we will be in Panama at the youth rally. It is expected to end Saturday morning and the we will return to Costa Rica Saturday afternoon. Sunday, February 4th I will be spending time with the Coronado congregation and then during the week as well. Sometime during the week, we will go and visit with the Tres Rios congregation and be with them on Sunday, February 11th. Then, on Monday I will fly back to Houston and then Arkansas. Thank you everyone for all of your support

and I especially thank the elders for allowing me to go on this journeys. Please pray for my safety and that the gospel may be spread to the people in that part of the world.

The summer is shaping up to be quite a busy time for the Cauley family. Already I have one gospel meeting scheduled from June 10th through 13th in Heber Springs, AR. Then at the end of July, we are going to have the Preacher's Files lectureship; that is going to occur in Pelham, Alabama this year, so we will be traveling for that. I may also have something lined up further east toward the end of the year, but nothing has been finalized on that as of yet. Anyway, it appears to be squaring off to be a good year for travel in the furtherance of the gospel. I continue to remember "As the Lord wills, we shall live and do this and that" as James tells us to so think and Lord willing, the year 2007 will be great in all such things.

Kevin Cauley

Announcements

- Please remember in prayer:
Shane Blackston, Kim Herring,
Flo Millspaugh, Nadine Smith.
- Shut-ins: Lois Bales, Opal Hull,
Charlene Pinkley.
- This afternoon after our morning
service we will have our monthly
potluck. All are invited to stay.
- From 2 to 5 this afternoon, all
are invited to the Cauley's house
for an "open house" to celebrate
their fifth anniversary with the
congregation.
- Tonight after evening services
our youth devotional is also
scheduled to be at the Cauley's
house. Please bring chips,
drinks, and desserts.
- The children's home truck will be
coming Monday, February 5th.
Please get your pantry items in!
- Our youth are scheduling a ban-
quet for our elders on February
10th. Make your plans to be
there.
- If you have not filled out a direc-
tory information sheet, please do
so. They are in the back of the
auditorium.
- We have some new Voice of
Truth International publications in
the back. Please help yourself to
them.
- Our pantry item is: Kool Aid.

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; Gala-
tians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—
Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

Visit our web site: <http://www.the-churchofchrist.com>

Times for Worship and Study

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

Serving Each Other

January 21st, 2007 January 28th, 2007

Sunday Morning

Songs:	Bill Fort	Glenn Williams
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dan Hand	Leon Duncan
Scripture Reading:	Matthew Morrell	Dan Hand
Lord's Table	Bill Fort	Clay Bozarth
	Bruce Foster	Floyd Bills
(assist)	Ray Duncan	Ervin Hand
	Benjamin Windle	Kelly Ray Webb
Closing Prayer	John Gass	Michael Morrell

Sunday Evening

Songs:	Bruce Foster	Ken Smith
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Ken Smith	John Gass
Scripture Reading:	Bruce Foster	Ken Smith
Lord's Table	Dale Pinkley	Floyd Bills
	Perry Foster	Clay Bozarth
Closing Prayer	Brandon Foster	George Eddings

Wednesday

Songs:	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
Opening Prayer:	Ray Duncan	Ervin Hand
Invitation:	Dan Hand	Bill Fort
Closing Prayer:	Kelly Ray Webb	Dale Pinkley

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.daneprairie.com>.
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.