

# Berryville Bible Beacon

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## Tragic!

“ We regret to inform you . . . ” are the words that no parent or loved one wants to hear. Often times such words are followed by tragic and terrible news such as the injury or death of someone who is dear to us. Thirty-two times like words were spoken this past week to parents and relatives of the students who died at Virginia Tech. Many more times have such words been spoken to the loved ones of our brave soldiers fighting terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. More words still are spoken by police to families of those who have died in auto accidents. (Our prayers are with them all.) In an information driven society, those words echo around us 365 days a year.

As tragic as such words are, there are yet sadder and more tragic words. In Matthew 7:23 Jesus says to those who failed to honor His Lordship, "I never knew you; depart from me . . ." How tragic will such words be for those expecting to be with Jesus in eternity when they will not. Here are those who supposed

they were Christians, but they were not. They failed to adequately "prove all things" and "test the spirits" and ended up being deceived and for their error. Eternally lost! Tragic!

Matthew 25:41 records similar words. Jesus speaks to some who failed to serve him appropriately. His words: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels." When Jesus' words are so readily available for us to follow, how sad that such will be said to those who failed to live according His standards! Tragic!

There is yet a more tragic situation. Consider Peter's words in 2 Peter 2:20: "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first." Here is one who knew the truth, who lived according to it, who served the Lord and knew the blessings of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 6:4-6), yet chose to abandon these things and re-

turn to worldliness. Their last state will be worse than their first. If there is one thing more tragic than being lost, it is having been lost, saved, and returning to being lost yet again. Tragic!

Friends, such things don't have to be! Spiritual tragedy can be averted. We can do something to prevent such from happening. Sinners must accept the Lord's terms of pardon. How? Through hearing the gospel (Romans 10:17), believing it (Hebrews 11:6), repenting of sins (Acts 17:30), confessing Christ (1 Timothy 6:12), and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 22:16, Galatians 3:27, 1 Peter 3:21). The erring Christian must repent, pray to God and ask others to pray for him (Acts 8:22-24). The faithful Christian must take the word of God to others (Acts 8:4) and let them know of their hope (1 Peter 3:15). We may not be able to avoid a tragic ending in this life, but we CAN avoid one in the next. Let us do what we must to be right with God and live with Him forever.

Kevin Cauley

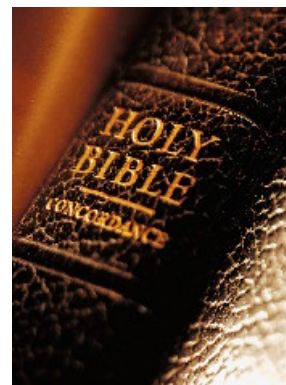
## Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ◆ *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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## Bible Studies for the week of April 22nd, 2007

AM Sermon .....	Accounts of Conversion—Samaritans
Scripture Reading .....	Acts 8:5-13
PM Sermon .....	Studies in the Book of Daniel
Scripture Reading .....	Daniel 1:1-7
Sunday Class.....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class.....	The Book of Proverbs
Ladies Bible Class .....	Miscellaneous Studies
Nursing Home Bible Study .....	The Book of Acts
Home Bible Study .....	Devotionals from John and VOTI



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## Complete Translation

**I**t can be challenging to translate something from one language to another. Sometimes it is difficult to find the right word to adequately express a concept contained in the word of one language to precisely convey the same idea in another. Exegesis is done on words of the Bible in an attempt to find the way they were originally used (or were being used at the time of the writing) in order to better understand what the writer was trying to get across. To understand the original meaning helps in properly applying the concept to life today. When we understand that Jesus spoke in Aramaic, that the Gospels were written in Greek and then we read those words in English, perhaps we wonder about the PRESERVATION of the original meaning. Between English translations of the Bible there is often variation in wording or phrasing and sometimes quite markedly so. Though I do not consider all translations of equal quality, often keeping the context of the passage in mind and not allowing it to overshadow other Scripture -- but rather seeing how all of Scripture fits together -- we can generally come away with a clear understanding of

the truth being conveyed.

Perhaps what we need to be most concerned about is whether or not the “complete translation” is being PRESERVED in our life. To spend time daily reading through the Scriptures is definitely a good thing. Being able to give Biblical responses to questions relating to God’s Word is also excellent. However, we have fallen far short of “complete translation” when we fail to PRESERVE the true meaning in the manner in which we live.

As Jesus was confronted with some who would not accept Him and the message He preached, He noted... “(39) YOU SEARCH the Scriptures because YOU THINK that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, (40) yet YOU REFUSE TO COME TO ME that you may have life.” (John 5:39-40 ESV)

In the pursuit of attaining eternal life they searched the Scriptures. They were well studied. They knew what the Scriptures said. They were familiar with the Law and thought their knowledge would bring them to eternal life. However, they did not allow that knowledge to move them toward

the One who came to provide their eternal salvation. Jesus went on to state that if they believed Moses, they would believe Him because Moses had written about Him. (John 5:46)

Remember Jesus’ exhortation toward translating the word to life. “Everyone then who HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND DOES THEM will be like a WISE man who built his house on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24 ESV)

How does our life read? Have the Scriptures lost something in translation between the written page and the manner in which we live? What will others learn if our life happens to be the only Bible they read? Reading to gain a knowledge of the Scriptures is important, but there is a sense in which we need to read to be read! If people are able to begin to read us like a book, may it be God’s Book. As Jesus’ walk on earth was as “the Truth” (John 14:6) and the “Word” in the flesh (John 1:14) may we strive to share that likeness as His disciples.

Have a great day LIVING AS EXCELLENT READING MATERIAL!

Carl Hanson  
Port Townsend , WA

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## The Week in Review: April 15th, 2007



Sunday Bible Class.....	64
Sunday AM Worship.....	74
Sunday PM Worship.....	55
Wednesday Night Study.....	48
Contribution.....	\$1756.58
Budget.....	\$1743.39

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## Kevin's Korner

Last week I believed the Mary Winkler trial to dominate this week's headlines. However, as we all know from recent events, that was not the case. The shootings at Virginia Tech were the major story in the news and they rightly took the front stage as our nation has been working to figure out what happened and how to prevent such from happening again in the future. We certainly extend our thoughts and prayers to the families of those who lost loved ones in this tragic happening. Let us pray that our country can learn and grow in righteousness from these circumstances.

Mary Winkler's trial didn't escape all media coverage, however. The trial was over and a verdict reached in less than a week, fairly quick for such a publicized trial. The verdict is that Mary Winkler was guilty of voluntary manslaughter as opposed to first degree murder that the prosecution was pushing for. Several ugly things came out in the trial regarding both Mary and Matthew which I will not repeat here. If there is any lesson that we need to learn from this it is that husbands and wives need to love one

another and be forgiving even when serious mistakes are made in their lives. There is no one living today who is free from the guilt of sin. We've all done it. And while Christ overcame sin in man's relationship with God, we overcome the problems of sin amongst ourselves by following the teaching of Christ and forgiving one another as we acknowledge and confess such sins in our lives. Colossians 3:13 still says, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." This passage applies as much to husbands and wives as it does to brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us LIVE by it!

Some have used this trial as an excuse to attack the Lord's church. Let it be known far and wide that we DO sin! We plead guilty! However, let it not be said that the design, pattern, instruction, and doctrine of the church in the New Testament is to be blamed! That standard is divine and as such is holy. While men may live unrighteously, God's standard remains righteous and regardless our shortcomings, we must pattern our

lives after it for it is the standard by which we will be judged. Jesus said in John 12:48 "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Just some quick notes about my work this past week. The Monday night Bible study went very well. We're still looking for others to come study with us, of course. So, if you've a notion, come on! I've been volunteering extended hours at the community center on Tuesdays. The guy who comes after me has had some health problems and isn't going to volunteer any more; I may just pick up his slack. Wednesday we had a luncheon at the community center. It has always been customary for them to ask me to lead prayer prior and I consider it an honor to do so. We had our weekly Bible study at the nursing home this past Thursday afternoon. We studied through Acts 8 and it was a good chapter to look at. There are some other visitors usually there and I was glad for it this week. Please continue to pray for all of our efforts to evangelize this community.

## Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Jeff Blackston, Edna Brennan, Mary Forehand, Opal Hull, Barbara Liddle, Florene Neal, Dalton Park, Chad Pinkley, Rick Steingeryer, Bill Webb and families of those who died at Virginia Tech.
- Rhonda Ray is traveling in Italy.
- There are change cans in the back if you wish to help the Children's home.
- We have more "Searching for Truth" DVDs available in the back of the auditorium.
- We have extra Voice of Truth International books, so if you want more of those, please take some.
- Next week we have our monthly singing at the nursing home scheduled. Please make your plans to be with us there.
- Don't forget our friends and family day coming up on June 3rd. We're getting close to it being nearly a month away. We have flyers in the back for you to hand out to your friends. Let's get the word out!
- Our pantry item is: Snack Crackers.

## 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

**April 22nd, 2007**

**April 29th, 2007**

### Sunday Morning

<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Ken Smith
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bruce Foster	Bill Fort
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Brandon Foster	Leon Duncan
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Bill Fort	Rusty Windle
	Rusty Windle	George Eddings
<b>(assist)</b>	Matthew Morrell	Floyd Bills
	Ervin Hand	John Gass
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Glenn Quigley	Dan Hand

### Sunday Evening

<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Clay Bozarth
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Clay Bozarth
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Dan Hand	Benjamin Windle
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Leon Duncan	Bruce Foster
	Clay Bozarth	Matthew Morrell
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Ervin Hand

### Wednesday

<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Michael Morrell
<b>Invitation:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Leon Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dan Hand	Floyd Bills

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