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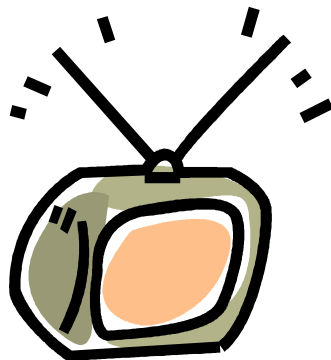
My Broken TV

A few years ago I bought a small VHS/TV combo from Wal-Mart so the kids could watch videos while traveling. Today we've pretty much converted to DVD, so we've been using that small television for the boys' video games and cable TV from time to time. About a month ago this TV started doing something really strange. We would turn it on and then, after about five seconds, it would turn itself off. The rest of the TV seems to be working OK. The reception is good and display of picture and changing channels and etc. However, it simply refuses to stay on! So, it is useless to us as it sits in my bedroom waiting for me to decide whether I want to get it fixed or not.

I've been thinking about this television and how some Christians have the same problem. Consider that there are some Christians who turn on for a short period of time, but then they quickly turn off again until someone else comes along and pushes their button. I'm thinking

about those Christians who may attend services only once in a while, get all fired up, and then go right back into a worldly pattern of living. Perhaps we can learn a few lessons from my on again/off again television.

First, it is extremely difficult to watch a television when it turns off every five seconds. Consider the difficulty for unbelievers to observe the pure Christian life in the on



again/off again Christian. Unbelievers watch Christians and evaluate our behavior based upon our own standards of right and wrong. If I'm an on again/off again Christian, my behavior isn't going to be consistent with those standards. My speech won't be pure; my lifestyle may not be pure; perhaps my

marriage will be on the rocks. People will see me as a hypocrite and not a true Christian. Christians must live as Christians. Paul says we walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7) and that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). We must know God's word and live by it in order to live the life of faith so that we won't be an on again/off again Christian.

Second, just as my television is in obvious need of repair, so is the on again/off again Christian. How does this Christian repair his life? He repents! Paul told all of those who he taught both Jews and Gentiles to turn to God and do works worthy of repentance (Acts 26:20). Peter told Simon the sorcerer to repent when he sinned against God and pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22). Simon then asked Peter to pray for him. On again/off again Christians need to have this attitude as well. We can be forgiven of our sins if we ask. God is willing to forgive, if we repent (2 Peter 3:9) and He will forgive up to sev-

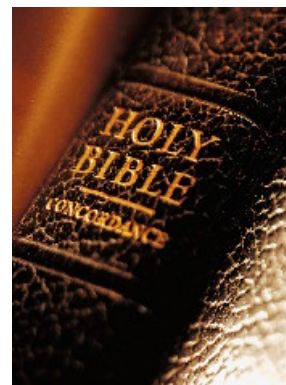
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Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ♦ *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
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Rusty Windle
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Bible Studies for the week of June 24th, 2007

AM Sermon	Attitudes for Success!
Scripture Reading	Joshua 1:1-9
PM Sermon	Lessons from the Life of Zacharias
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:5-7
Sunday Class.....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class.....	The Book of Proverbs
Ladies Bible Class	Dismissed for Summer
Nursing Home Bible Study	The Book of Acts
Home Bible Study	Dismissed for Summer



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enty times seven in one day if our repentance is from the heart (Matthew 18:22). This is great incentive to live like a Christian every day.

Third, just as my on again/off again television is useless to me, so also, the on again/off again Christian is useless to Jesus. If he fails to repent he'll be like the Laodiceans in Revelation 3:16. Jesus said because they were lukewarm, he would spew them out of his mouth and "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Jesus' message in Matthew 25 is that the on again/off again Christian will find himself with the unfaithful in the final judgment.

I have not resolved what to do with my television yet, but let's resolve not to be on again/off again Christians. When God pushes our button to "on" he expects it to stay on and not to give up. If we turn off, let's repent and turn back on quickly. We don't want to disappoint Him!

Kevin Cauley

"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10

TEAM

I LOVE GOING to Chicago's Wrigley Field for a baseball game—sitting in the stands, downing a great hot dog, and cheering the Cubs on to victory...! Unfortunately, Christianity has become a lot like professional sports. As a friend of mine has observed, there are nine guys on the baseball field doing all the work and thousands in the stands just watching. And as you probably know, that's not God's game plan for His people. He wants us to climb out of the stands, get out on the field, and join the team.

If you are wondering what good you can do on the field, wonder no more. What about your financial resources? Jesus can take your "silver and gold" and use it to accomplish great things for His glory.

But more than just getting out your checkbook, you have gifts you can contribute. God has given each of us gifts that can help advance His kingdom. Whether it's teaching, encouraging, serving, showing hospitality, or extending mercy, each ability can yield great dividends. Let's follow the example of Paul, who tirelessly served on God's field for the joy of

being used by Him.

Believe me, it's far more rewarding to be on the field than to sit in the stands. (Joe Stowell)

KneEmail: *"Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily"* (Col. 1:28-29).

The Emperor's New Shirt?

A long time ago the Emperor of China was dying. He sent for all his wise men and they all agreed that the only thing that would save the Emperor's life would be to wear the shirt of a happy man. So the Emperor sent his couriers throughout his lands to find a happy man. As time passed on, the couriers trickled in, one by one. None could find a happy man. Just as the Emperor was about to expire, the last courier came racing in. He was ushered into the Emperor's chambers. "Did You find a happy man?" the emperor inquired. "I did, your Excellency," said the courier, "but he didn't own a shirt."

The Week in Review: June 17th, 2007



Sunday Bible Class.....	48
Sunday AM Worship.....	59
Sunday PM Worship.....	48
Wednesday Night Study.....	46
Contribution.....	\$1584.00
Budget.....	\$1743.39

Kevin's Korner

Several of you thought that my family had already left for Texas this past week, but they haven't yet! They were just over at the Green Forest VBS that was held Monday through Thursday this past week. My family went each evening and enjoyed the presentation and the lessons that were presented. The church there did a good job with the VBS. It was a blessing for me to be able to teach on Tuesday night on the subject "The Fiery Furnace." I was very happy to accommodate their wishes in that regard.

We're planning on having our VBS toward the end of the summer this year. Rusty has been hard at work planning away at getting things set for us. I ran into someone in the community this week who specifically asked if and when we were going to have our VBS and so I was happy to report that we will be doing this in August. If you would like to volunteer to help with this year's VBS, I'm sure that Rusty will be happy to receive your help.

We received a report from Moises this past week. They had their 4th year anniversary of the Coronado congre-

gation this past Sunday and he reported that they had 140 in services, one baptism and another lady stand up and ask to have a personal Bible study. They will be accommodating her request! We're very pleased at the progress the Coronado church has made. He also reported that the school of preaching has been delayed to a start date of July. We're hopeful that this endeavor will soon get off the ground as well.

My sister and her family and my parents arrived yesterday evening and will be with us through this week. Mary Lynn and the boys will be returning to Austin, Texas with them for some time down there. I have plans to fly down to Austin on July 12th when I will begin my summer vacation. We don't have a big trip planned this year due to gas prices and some other expenditures that we've made this past year. Nevertheless there are some places in Texas that I would like to take the boys. We're hoping to spend some time in San Antonio and then maybe head up to Glen Rose, Texas where there is a state park that has dinosaur footprints and human footprints side by side.

At the end of July, Mary Lynn, the boys, and I will head to Alabama for the 2nd Annual Preacher's Files Lectureship. It will be held this year in Pelham, Alabama. The theme for this year's lectures is "Let Love of the Brethren Continue" based upon Hebrews 13:1 (ASV). My lecture will be "Let Brotherly Love Motivate Us to Seek Unity." I'm sure you'll be hearing it soon.

My but we've received our share of rain lately, for which I'm thankful. My grass has really been growing and I've been having to mow it at least once a week if not more often than that! The new lawn mower seems to be working out for me and this past Friday I finished up the back yard in the rain. We've got a couple of rabbits living in our yard and this past week one morning I looked out the back window and saw a red tailed hawk sitting on the swing set. I'm sure it was looking for one of those rabbits, but it dived to the ground and ate a worm instead. I guess beggars can't be choosers, huh? Ha! It sure is great living in Northwest Arkansas.

Kevin Cauley

Announcements

- We extend our sympathies to the family of Marie Adams at the death of Kaye this past week.
- Please remember in prayer: Sylvia Anderson, Lois Bales, Opal Hull, Joan Sanderlin, Bill Webb.
- Also remember those who are traveling on various trips here and there: Cauley family, Windle family, and others!
- Our regular elders and deacons meeting will be held next Sunday after services. If anyone has items to discuss please see one of these men.
- We were saddened to hear this past Sunday evening that the Webb family is moving to Prairie Grove away from us here in Berryville. It has been a great pleasure to know them and we all wish them well in their future endeavors. They leave with the Lord's and our blessing. The family will be here for a few more weeks as they pack and get ready to move.
- Our pantry item is: Shampoo.



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

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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

June 24th, 2007

July 1st, 2007

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday Evening

Songs:	Glenn Williams	Clay Bozarth
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Michael Morrell	Ken Smith
Scripture Reading:	Brandon Foster	Dan Hand
Lord's Table	John Gass	Glenn Williams
	Floyd Bills	Ray Duncan
Closing Prayer	Bill Fort	Dale Pinkley

Wednesday

Songs:	Bruce Foster	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Dale Pinkley
Invitation:	Perry Foster	Dan Hand
Closing Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	George Eddings

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