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Serious Business!

There was a little boy who once accompanied his mother to the worship assembly. The sermon he heard that day was about the death of Christ. He listened intently and as the preacher began to describe the actual crucifixion the boy began to weep and was soon sobbing out loud. His mother, who was apparently embarrassed by her son's sobs, turned to him and whispered, "Don't take it so seriously." [Adapted from Jack Exum's "The Art Of Illustrating"]

This should be given serious consideration in the church today. What a light view many display in their lives toward the greatest gift ever given on our behalf. As Christians we gather each first day of the week to partake of the memorial bread that represents Christ's body that hung on the cross and the fruit of the vine which represents the blood Christ shed for our sins. By our neglect to gather to partake of this memorial do we not show that it isn't important to us? The

early church gave us the example of meeting on the first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7). How many of these are there? -- ONE EVERY WEEK!

Our hearts should be touched deeply by the love of God and His only begotten Son. Our focus on the Lord's supper should be taken seriously and not passed over lightly. We should not just go through the motions as



a matter of habit, nor rush through as simply a small part of our worship together. We should meditate on the love of God, the power within the blood of Christ, and the grace it brings to the lives of each of us. Our heart should weep that God had to send His Son to die as a Sacrificial Lamb and suffer a humiliating death,

not for Himself, but because of the sins of the world. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) and anyone who says he has not sinned makes God a liar and the truth is not in that person (1 John 1:8-10). Christ's blood was shed for each of us. He suffered and bled and died for you and me. What effect does that have on our lives? What does our life show in response to such love? I'm not trying to say we should mope around with long faces all the time, but we do need to remember "why" God sent His Son and be convicted by that individually. Let us not pass over our sins lightly, but be humble and realize we are sinners and let God exalt us (James 4:10). We are sinners saved by the grace of God. Paul stated. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23 ESV) We must be sorrowful and repent of our sins and realize daily, we are the reason Christ died.

BUT -- we can also shed

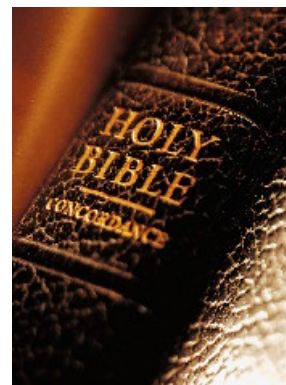
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Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ♦ *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
- ♦ **Deacons:**
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- ♦ *We are located across highway 62 from Pizza Hut.*
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Bible Studies for the week of November 4th, 2007

AM Sermon	Before the Throne
Scripture Reading	Revelation 4
PM Sermon	Daniel 5—God's Punishments
Scripture Reading	Daniel 5:1-9
Sunday Class.....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class.....	Sharing the Abundant Life
Nursing Home Bible Study.....	The Book of Romans



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tears of JOY because of the great love of both the Father and the Son. Hallelujah -- Christ died to save sinners! What a love! What other response can I help but give than to show my love for Him and the brethren than by joining together each Lord's Day to partake of this great memorial and strive daily to live as close to God's Will as I can, remembering with every step I take that God loves me and sent His Son to call me to repentance!

The memorial of Christ is something to be viewed seriously, but should also be viewed as a celebration of the love of Christ in His sacrifice for us and the power of His glorious resurrection and the great hope we have in Him. Because of Him we can experience great joy and peace.

Is there any way we could take it "too seriously"? Let us be serious about Christianity and our response to God's love. After all -- SALVATION IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!

Have a great day TAKING GOD SERIOUSLY!

Carl Hanson
via teEn-MAIL
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Temptations

WAYS to avoid sexual temptations:

1. **DO keep visual reminders of your marriage contracts.** Always wear your wedding ring when in public. Keep pictures of your spouse in your wallet, in your workspace, etc. When you placed that ring on your mate's finger, you promised your heart, affections, loyalty, and faithfulness until death.
2. **DON'T be overconfident.** Recognize your weak points (1 Cor. 10:12). One is vulnerable after a major letdown or major success. Those who are depressed or having marital problems can easily fall into illicit relationships.
3. **DO avoid flirty people.** If a flirtatious woman or man is in the break room, go elsewhere. A wise person avoids evil (Prov. 22:3).
4. **DON'T send mixed messages.** Avoid prolonged stares, lingering touches, or joking that may be construed as flirting.
5. **DO be on guard when out of your normal routine.** Business trips, vacations, new jobs, new memberships at gyms, sports teams, etc. When away overnight, call home and talk to your spouse and children.

Block out the TV sex channels, or leave it off altogether.

6. **DON'T let friendships cross the line.** Never do anything when your mate is absent that you would not do in his/her presence. If things are heading toward adultery, it is important to put emotional and physical distance between you and this person -- right now. Avoid them.

7. **DO be aware of the power that immodest dress has on you.** Don't pick up the magazine; don't click the web link; sit with your back toward indecently dressed women in a restaurant or office. Don't wear a garment that sends a message you don't want received.

8. **DON'T let a person of the opposite sex confide in you about marriage problems.**

9. **DO take drastic action if a line has been crossed.** Quit a hobby, change jobs, break a friendship, change congregations, move to a new city. Completely avoid seeing this person.

10. **CELEBRATE your 25th and 50th anniversaries,** you'll be glad you kept your vows. (Banner of Truth via KneEmail)

The Week in Review: October 28th, 2007



Sunday Bible Class.....	47
Sunday AM Worship.....	69
Sunday PM Worship.....	41
Wednesday Night Study.....	39
Contribution.....	\$1440.40
Budget.....	\$1743.39

Kevin's Korner

My surgery this past week went according to plan. The gall bladder was removed. The surgeon said that it looked "very sick." I seem to be recovering well now and am back in the saddle at the office. I want to extend my thanks to everyone who called, sent cards, or visited me during this time. It was comforting to know that you were concerned about my welfare. Thank you.

I also want to thank brother Dan Hand for filling in this past Wednesday night to teach the mid-week Bible class. Both Ken Smith and I were out and so we were glad that brother Hand could fill in for us. We're continuing to work through the Sharing the Abundant Life course and I hope that each one of us is getting something out of it. The America 2008 program will commence next year and we will be in good shape to be prepared for that program. Please consider the assignments studiously and with prayer.

While I was in bed this past Wednesday evening, Mary Lynn took the kids up to Walmart for trick or treating

time. They brought back home a several sacks full of candy which they will be consuming faithfully over the course of the next several weeks just in time for Thanksgiving when we will start all over again. I suppose that I must reluctantly admit that the holidays are upon us. This is, however, a good time of year when families can come together and enjoy one another's company. Let us remember, however, to put the Lord first in whatever plans we make for our holiday time.

We received some good reports from Costa Rica this past week. Moses and his family visited the church in Limon this past weekend and there were two baptisms there. One was Moses youngest son, Isaac. The other was a lady named Maria Fernanda. We're grateful that the work in Costa Rica is continuing to bear fruit.

This past Sunday evening here in Berryville, it was my pleasure to witness Grace Windle baptized into Christ. We are very happy for her and for her family. God has blessed us with another soul. Let us continue to grow and be the kind of people God

wants us to be.

While recovering one evening this past week I was flipping through the TV channels and came across Ann Coulter. I like Ann Coulter, generally, and agree with many of her political views. Evidently she was on a "Christian" talk show and discussing a recent comment she made for which she was harangued for being an anti-Semite. In the course of the talk show, the host asked her if she went to church regularly. She said something like, "Jesus died for my sins; I don't have to go to church." I found this comment to be naïve and misrepresentative of what the Bible's teaches. Hebrews 10:25 teaches that Christians ought not to forsake the assembly. Hebrews 10:26 then says that if we sin willfully, we have no more sacrifice for sin. Jesus died for our sins, but that doesn't mean we can keep on being impenitent sinners. Paul asked, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" He answered, "No, let it not be" (Romans 6:1). It is a blessing to be forgiven, but that blessing comes with the responsibility of obedience (Hebrews 5:9).

Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Marie Adams, Sylvia Anderson, Shane Blackston, Glenda Chamberlin, Mary Forehand, Opal Hull, Wilma Morris, Florene Neal, Julie Sooter, Bill Webb and Vaughn Farmer's mother-in-law, Ruth.
- Please remember Perry Foster and Monte Wolfenbarger who are in the military and serving or soon to serve in Iraq.
- We welcome Grace Windle to the family at Berryville. Grace was baptized last Sunday evening before services.
- Cassville is having their ladies night Monday, November 5th. Please see Tiffany Windle or Rhonda Ray for details.
- The ladies are planning a special day for Saturday, November 10th. This special day will be at the ceramic shop in Bentonville. Please see Tiffany Windle or Rhonda Ray for details and a head count.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting will be tonight after services. If you have any business items for these men, please see one of them.
- Men's breakfast is scheduled for this coming Saturday. All are invited.
- Our pantry item is: Deodorizer.

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

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

Nov. 4th, 2007

Nov. 11th, 2007

Sunday Morning

Songs:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Michael Morrell	Rusty Windle
Scripture Reading:	Ray Duncan	Perry Foster
Lord's Table	Bruce Foster	John Gass
	Brandon Foster	Glenn Quigley
(assist)	Jerry Roller	Bruce Foster
	Benjamin Windle	Ray Duncan
Closing Prayer	Dan Hand	Ervin Hand

Sunday Evening

Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Floyd Bills
Scripture Reading:	Brandon Foster	Rusty Windle
Lord's Table	Leon Duncan	George Eddings
	Michael Morrell	Benjamin Windle
Closing Prayer	Clay Bozarth	Glenn Quigley

Wednesday

Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Dale Pinkley
Invitation:	Ken Smith	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer:	Ray Duncan	John Gass

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