



The Encourager

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We Welcome Our Guest!

We are so glad you've come for worship today!

Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

August 12, 2018

Sunday Service's

Bible class 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

Afternoon 2:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class

11:00 am

Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Personal Bible Study

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In Home

RSW Jail Ministry

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Food Pantry

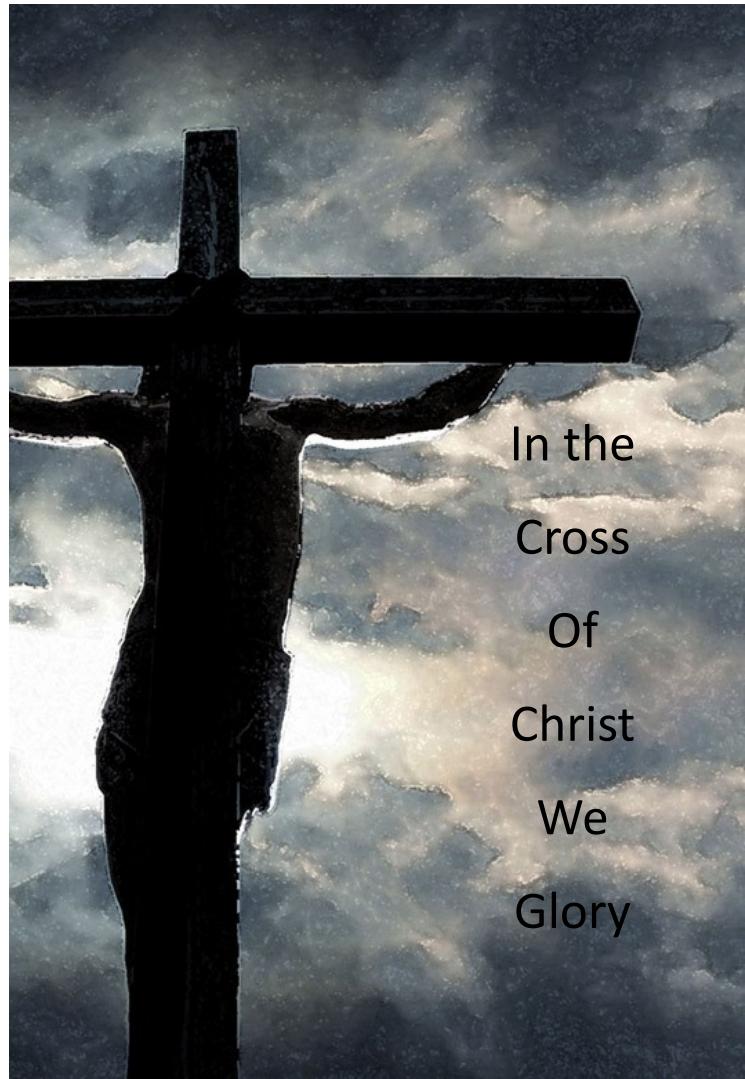
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The Cracked Acorn



Life Got You Down?

August 12, 2018

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Life got you down. Bills are piling up! The car should be donated to charity. The children need braces. The home of your dreams has become your all the time fix-it nightmare. The vacation to Aruba is a no no! Well, help is on the way. In 8 seconds you can have maybe \$50,000 to take home.

To get this pay check you have to join a small group of dedicated individuals who live for these 8 seconds; they are part of the rodeo circuit. When the moment arrives, they throw their legs over a ton of ground round and hang tight till the judges rule it's over, then they try to dismount and avoid being gored or stomped. If needs be the clowns rush over and let the daily Brahma bull chase them. Brahma bulls are bred to be just plain mean and the worst tempered ones are where the biggest prize money is. Names can be: Air Wolfe, Predator, Freight Train, Chili Pepper, Second Chance, Wicked Charlie, Little Yellow Jacket, Moody Blues, Mr. Cooper, Bad Company, Phantom, Pokerfaced, Ring of Fear, Wise Guy and Desperado- to name a few.

Today, for your first ride, you have drawn Baby Luv. He's in the chute. You're in western clothes and climb to the top rail. Don't let the big brown eyes and long eyelashes fool you. Baby lives to hurt. You slide over to grab the rope around his girth; you grasp it with your one gloved hand. Baby rolls side to side trying to bust one of your legs. You eye the chute boy and nod that it's time. The gate flies open. Baby Luv ignites and he hops like a frog and begins to buck and kick to the limits of heaven. The longest 8 seconds of your life has turned into a carnival ride. Baby knows the rules and before you can plan the last move, he humps, jumps and wriggles left to left. You thought it would be right to left. The good news is they don't have to carry you out of the arena. Wired jaws and riders that can't walk quite straight are a common sight.

Why do people chose to live their lives at high risk? Maybe they understand that the most important things in life are not things or that in the live or die lane, quitters never win and winners never quit! The high adrenaline group never considers that there is 'if' in the word life. To overcome the worst ride seems to be the ultimate goal at least for the people of the rodeo.

Life can be a difficult and a rough (ride) journey. Paul knew this and thought of the ultimate prize. "No mere man has ever seen, heard or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the lord.". (I Corinthians 2:9) Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watching's often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting's often, in cold and nakedness. 2 Corinthians 11:24-27) and Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

On July 30, 1989, Taking care of Business after having never been rode in 309 consecutive tries finally was ridden by the 1987 world bull riding champion, Lane Frost (26 years old). Lane after the "8 seconds" was tossed over the bull's shoulders and then hit by the bull's horn in the right shoulder. Lane later died from the injury."

(In 8 seconds you can confess the name of Jesus be baptized, and rejoice as a new Christian!)

P.K. PREACHER'S KIDS

BY DAVID AYERS



Bible Quiz:

1. Why did Absalom say the advice of Ahithophel was not good? 2 Samuel 17:7-13
2. What did Jesus say about the bread He broke and shared with the apostles in the upper room? Mark 14:22
3. What did Jesus say about the fruit of the vine He shared with the apostles in the upper room? Mark 14:23-24
4. How did Jesus free us from our sins? Revelation 1:5
5. Among the sins of the church at Pergamum, one which was not listed was (a) denying the faith, (b) teaching Balak, (c) eating food sacrificed to idols, or (d) committing acts of immorality. Revelation 2:13, 14
6. Among the sins of the church at Thyatira not listed was (a) committing sins of immorality, (b) decreasing in deeds, (c) eating foods sacrificed to idols, (d) following after Jezebel. Revelation 2:19-21
7. How many people in Sardis were not sinful? Revelation 3:4
8. For their sins the churches of Sardis and Laodicea were told to _____. Possibly why was the church of Philadelphia not told to repent? Revelation 3:3, 7-19
9. According to the Law of Moses, discuss negligence concerning ownership of a bull that had the habit of goring and an uncovered pit. Exodus 21:26-36 How should a thief repay? What responsibility did a person assume when he borrowed or hired an animal? Exodus 22:1-15 Name the laws regarding an abused virgin, a sorceress, and an alien. Why? Also discuss the laws regarding a widow or an orphan and a false report. Exodus 22:16; 23:9
10. Discuss the harvesting of crops during the seventh year under the Law of Moses. Discuss work allowed on the seventh day. Exodus 23:10-12 Name the three annual feast which the Israelite men were to observe. Exodus 23:14-17

Additional Scriptures:

1. Obedience shows love for God.—John 14:21
2. Moses' writings confirmed—Exodus 17:14; Numbers 33:2; Deuteronomy.
3. Dedication of Mosaical Law—Hebrews 9:18-20
4. Jesus also instituted the new covenant with a meal.—Luke 22:19

Questions:

1. Name the book in which Moses wrote down the laws which God gave in the chapters preceding chapter 24. Describe the altar Moses built and the offerings made. Exodus 24:4-7
2. After Moses told the people all the words and laws, what did the people say? What did Moses do to confirm the covenant? Exodus 24:3, 8
3. Those who went with Moses as he neared Mount Sinai did not include (a) Aaron, (b) Nadab and Abihu, (c) Hur, or (d) the seventy elders of Israel. Exodus 24:9
4. What did God promise to give Moses on Mount Sinai? Exodus 24:12
5. Where was Joshua when Moses first ascended Mount Sinai? Aaron and Hur? Exodus 24:13-14
6. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai, how long did the glory of the Lord rest on the mountain before He called Moses? How long was Moses on the mountain top? Exodus 24:1
7. To what people was Matthew written? (a) Jews, (b) the World, (c) the disciples

Application: on doing what God says—Exodus 24:3b

Bible Quiz:

1. What did David command the people going to war concerning his son Absalom? 2 Samuel 18:5
2. When each of the two runners brought news of the battle with Absalom, what did David first ask each man? 2 Samuel 18:29, 32
3. What did Jesus say his disciples would do if they loved Him? John 14:15, 21 Those who do not love Him? John 14:24
4. For their sins the church at Ephesus, Pergamum, and Thyatira were told to (a) be baptized, (b) believe, (c) repent, or (d) confess. Revelation 2:5, 16, 22 Possibly, why was the church of Smyrna not told to repent? Revelation 2:8-11
5. Yes or no, was it possible for a person to lose their “crown”? Revelation 3:11
6. What is the punishment for adding anything to this book? What is the punishment for taking away words from this book? Revelation 22:18-19
7. What was God’s instruction at Mount Sinai concerning serious injury to life/ Eye? Tooth? Hand? Foot? Burn? Wound? Bruise? Exodus 21:23-25 and others
8. What did God instruct Moses to do to the man who had blasphemed God? Leviticus 24:13-16
9. What did God promise to give Moses on Mount Sinai? Exodus 24:12
10. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai, how long did the glory of the Lord rest on the mountain before He called Moses? How long was Moses on the mountain top? Exodus 24:16, 18

Additional Scriptures:

1. The tabernacle was a “likeness” (a) of something—Hebrews 8:5 (b) and a pattern of things to come—Hebrews 9 and 10
2. How Christians should give—2 Corinthians 9:7

According to the Dictionary:

1. In contrast to the many temples in Egypt, Israel had only one sanctuary.
2. Before there was a written law from God, the altar, erected wherever the people journeyed, was the place sacrifice and worship.
3. The only piece of furniture in the most holy place was the ark of the covenant, where God met with man.

Questions:

1. Who made the plans for the construction of the tabernacle? Where did Moses get the gold, silver, bronze, fine fabrics, gems, etc. that were to be used in the tabernacle construction? Exodus 25:1-7, 9
2. Above which piece of tabernacle furniture did God say He would meet with Israelites? Describe the appearance of ark. Exodus 25:10-22
3. On which piece of tabernacle furniture was the bread placed? Describe the altar of burnt offering. Exodus 25:30; 27:1-8
4. How many lamps were on the lampstand? When were the lamps to burn? Exodus 25:37; 27:21
5. Describe the materials from which the tabernacle was made: (a) curtains, (b) clasps, (c) upright frame boards, (d) bases or sockets, (e) crossbars. Exodus 26
6. Name the two rooms in the tabernacle. In what direction was the tabernacle to face? Exodus 26:22, 33
7. The area around the tabernacle was called the _____. Exodus 27:9

Application: on giving to God—Exodus 25:2

Serving Today

Bill Adams
Bob Baleskie
Danny Derflinger
Wilson Diaz

Song Service

David Born
George Diaz

Scripture Reading

Art Candenquist



Terry Lichliter 10
Tim Tewalt 11
Bill Adams 13
Jacob Lichliter 13
Lauren Diaz 16
Maureen Diaz 18

George & Maureen
Diaz 8/22
Chuck & Tabitha
Anderson 8/22

Important Date Change!!

Ladies Meeting has been
changed from **October** to
September 16th

Please, help to enhance the Bible
study and worship experience,
by silencing your cell phones &
pagers upon entering the
auditorium. Thank you.



FAITH
is not believing that God can
it is knowing that He will.

Here's What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods!

Today, Searching for the Truth
series begins with "Why are there
so many churches?"
2:00 pm service.



Dry Cereal and
Microwave
Popcorn

Save this date: October 13th
More information to come.



All supplies brought in will be
used for the 2018-19 school
year.
Back packs will be provided.



Check out our new look!
A big THANK-YOU goes out to Mike
McCool, from the chairs in the foyer to the
new desks table and chairs in the office.

Tina also for Paint the office.

Please see sign-up sheets on front bulletin
board for requests on. . . .

1. Nursery duty during worship times.
2. Door greeter or greeter's.





Find 30 books of the Bible



There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend , was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it, usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle of the names are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

Have fun! Write down your books as you find them.



Virginia Wright
Sammy Campbell
Donna Couto, Anita's mother.

Anita Farris, knee surgery.

Marian Lozier

Sue, John's nurse is home.

Cindy Candenquist

Liddy Brewer, Jane's niece.

Gloria Van Arsdall,
is in hospice care, at
Brookside nursing home, her
new room #106A.

Rick Steele

Jeff Robbins

Bobby Jo Henderson

Philip (Pop) Funk in Lynn
Care, room #221B.

Ray Stelzl

Tim Gunter

Kenny Henderson Jr.

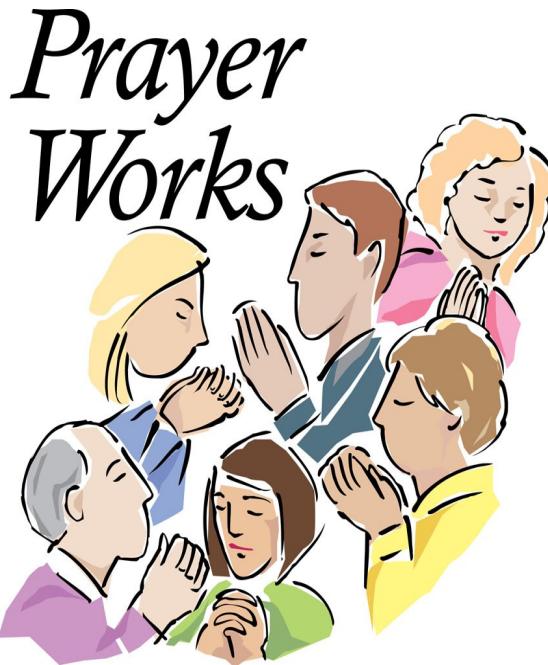
Ruth Brooks

Sharon Jenkins

Jamie Shell

Marty Jones

Jamie James



- ♦ **Our Homebound**
Audrey Herring
John Woodall
Nancy Barnes

- ♦ **Cancer Diagnosis**
Janet Jenkins
Jerry Eubanks
C.R. Newlin
Priscilla L
Philip Funk Jr.
Jackie Barbe
Frank Couto
Ryan Denharat
Sandy Holzhauser
Vita Torres
Jeff Pingley

- Wendy Willoughby
Elaine Appleton
Robert Jenkins

Scott McCool
Jaden Turner
Doris & Donald Jones
Carol & Doug Ritenour
Dolores Williams
RSW Jail Ministry
Our nation and lawmakers
The Lord's church
Military men and women
First Responders
Our missionaries

“Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” says Jesus, our Lord. Matthew 11:28

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Please Keep Tenia Informed as to there Condition & or Status

WE ARE A P _____

WE HAVE A P _____

WE RECEIVED A P _____

WE HAVE A P _____

Many years ago, I heard Leroy Brownlow (author of "Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ") use this illustration. "What are the two main problems in the church?" The question was answered with, "**I don't know and I don't care.**"

He hit the nail on the head. Indifference is a tool of the devil designed to rob Christians of diligence in duty.

From a study of biblical history we learn that after some 70 years of Babylonian captivity, Judah returned in three stages. The first group was led back to Jerusalem by Zerubbabel and Jeshua. They then rebuilt and dedicated the temple. The second group was led by Ezra. It was marked by a great revival among the people—the revival was led by Haggai & Zechariah. The third group was led by Nehemiah. It was under Nehemiah's leadership the walls were rebuilt.

As you study the background material to the utter devastation of the city walls, you can't help but be impressed with the fact those walls were rebuilt in just fifty-two short days (Neh. 6:15). How did they do it? Nehemiah provides the answer: *"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the*

half thereof: for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).

Though the people as a whole were characterized by great zeal, there were others who were indifferent.

Some were pictured as lazy, and others were just plain negative (Neh. 4:5,10). They needed a healthy dose of James 1:25:

"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, & is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does "

There will always be those, even some Christians, who are indifferent—who don't care whether they (or you for that matter) succeed or fail. They will stand in the way of individual and congregational progress. But, don't be duped by this tool of the devil. Like those who returned from Babylonian captivity some 3,000 years ago to rebuild the wall around God's city in just fifty-two days, we too can do great things in short order if we'll have a mind to work.



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