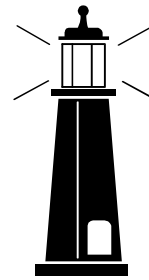




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# Bible Beacon



"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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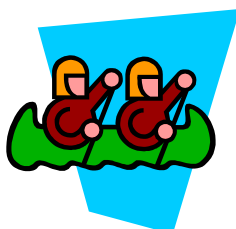
## Kevin's Korner

**W**e want to extend a very special welcome to all of our guests! We have several from out of town who have joined us today for our youth rally and we welcome them heartily in the Lord!

While I am writing this before the start of our youth rally, I know that I will not be wrong in saying that the youth rally has been a GREAT SUCCESS!!! Already, we have been able to focus our youth upon this event. They have become involved and really care about this event. They have made phone calls; they have canvassed the community; they have prayed for this effort. At least in these few things, we have been successful, if in nothing else. However, there can be no doubt that when faithful Christians work toward a goal and that goal involves the glorification of God and His Son Jesus Christ, and all things are done according to His will, there can be no doubt that we have been successful. Success in God's terms means we are sowing the seed. While we sow and water, God gives the increase!

This past week was also a GREAT week for me personally. Last Saturday (April 20th) the schedule was PACKED! Saturday morning we went into the community with the youth to hand out our youth rally flyers; Saturday afternoon we attended the birthday party of Hailey and David Nimmo and were able to meet several whom I had not before met. Saturday evening we were invited to Larry and Susan Elliott's house for dinner in Springdale. We were busy last Saturday, but we had a GREAT day! Thank you to all who made this day great! Thank you Jason and Jo for the birthday. Thank you Larry and Susan for the supper!

(I am NOW turning my attention to making my father-in-law extremely jealous of me (grin). I know that he reads this bulletin and so I know that he is go-



ing to be jealous of my activities this past Monday.) It was a BEAUTIFUL day this past Monday. The sun was shining and there was hardly a cloud in the sky. The temperature was around 75 degrees and Glenn Williams and I were privileged to go canoeing down the Osage Creek. We canoed for four and a half hours. It was WONDERFUL! The water was even warm enough to get a little wet—and wet we got when we hit a large log and overturned into a four foot deep section of the Creek. I laughed so hard my sides spit wide open.



Glenn was an EXPERT guide. He has graciously offered to go canoeing again sometime with this canoeing green horn. I joked with Glenn that I could now be considered a native of North Arkansas because I had been "baptized in the Osage." But he was quick to correct me because my head didn't go completely under!



How true Glenn's words are. It is NOT BAPTISM unless it is a BURIAL! Romans 6:4 says, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Can something be buried without being completely under? Do you think that any mortician would be able to get away with throwing bodies in a field and just sprinkling or pouring a little dirt on them? Would they be able to get away with the handling of a body in such a way so that an arm or leg were sticking up out of the grave? Would that be a burial? Of course not. In fact, we would probably have their license taken away and the mortician put into jail for fraud!!! However, those in the world allow fraud to be perpetrated upon them each and every day believing that baptism is anything less than complete immersion. We call upon ALL in the denominational world to give up their human inventions and to accept only the biblical

teaching in regard to baptism—that it is a burial—not a pouring; not a sprinkling; but a complete immersion! “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11).

## Standing In The Gap

Joel Harris

**O**n the night of April 14th, 1865, a man named John F. Parker was assigned to be a bodyguard for President Abraham Lincoln. On this fateful night, Parker reported to the white House at 7:00 P.M. (which was three hours late). He was then told to go to Ford's Theatre and wait for the President's party to arrive. After Mr. Lincoln and his guests arrived and were seated, Parker took a seat just outside the State Box of Mr. Lincoln's. From this seat Parker could only hear the play—he soon left so as to find a better seat. At the intermission of the play, Parker and Charles Forbes (Lincoln's footman) invited Francis Burke (Lincoln's coachman) to join them for a drink at a tavern next door to Ford's Theatre. During this time, John Wilkes Booth entered Ford's Theatre, walked straight into the State Box of Mr. Lincoln, and shot him in cold blood. If John F. Parker had been at his post, more than likely, a great man would not have lost his life.

There has always been a need for men of God to “Stand in the Gap.” Ezekiel penned these words by inspiration: *“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none”* (Ezekiel 22:30).

At this time in history, the kingdom of Judah had gone from bad to worse. It was completely run down—even to the death of the righteous Josiah. The following men who ruled on David's throne after him (his three sons and one grandson) were not righteous, nor did they care if they were. The people became just as depraved and God allowed them to be taken into Chaldean captivity (606 B.C., 597 B.C., 586 B.C.). The young prophet Ezekiel was taken in the second captivity at twenty-five years of age and began his prophecy at thirty-three years of age. When Ezekiel was called to his prophetic ministry, God described his future

hearers as rebellious, impudent, stiff hearted, hardhearted, and with foreheads hard to dent with the Truth (Ezekiel 2:3,4; 3:7-9). With people to work with such as these, is it any wonder there were no men who could make up a hedge and stand in the gap?

In the entire twenty-second chapter of Ezekiel, one can see the depravity of God's people. They were far removed from God and were involved with so much immorality, it was not surpassed by the most heathen nations in the land. Jerusalem had become the bloody city filled with abominations. It was mocked by all of its heathen neighbors because of its rebellion toward God. They were guilty of not helping the fatherless and the widow. This city of peace had now become a city of blood and abomination to God. There was a dire need for faithful men to stand in the gap and defend God's revelation against all who would disobey it.

What about today? Where are the men to stand in the gap and defend God's Word—no matter what others may say? There are those who preach today who will not declare “All the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). They are more afraid what the members may say if they speak too harshly against sin and its consequences than speaking what is true. These men do not spend enough time in preparation for their sermons and Bible classes. They are afraid to stand in the gap when the Truth of God is being torn down and ridiculed by the religious world. When the church for which our Lord died and shed His blood is being attacked, they will stand idly and watch her be ripped apart by men and their doctrines. Woe be unto any man who would dare to sit back and do nothing when the beautiful bride of Christ is being

attacked! It is not the members, the elders, or anyone else we should be afraid of—but the living God (Hebrews 10:31)!

Had John F. Parker been doing his duty, President Lincoln would not have been shot. John F. Parker was not standing in the gap. He let other things take his mind away from his duty, and the result was the loss of the life of a good man.

Where will we stand when the Lord's church is being attacked by men? In the shadows—or in the gap?



***“Where are the men to stand in the gap and defend God's word—no matter what others may say?”***

# TRUE HAPPINESS!

Carl Hanson

Where is TRUE HAPPINESS FOUND? If you randomly selected ten individuals walking down the street, you might get ten different insights. The world certainly has a variety of ideas on the subject. The world says it is found in forgetting about God and doing your own thing. After all, if you think about God you are liable to feel the twangs of guilt from time to time and that is a real killer of joy. The world also says happiness is found in wealth, position, and notoriety. Or it is suggested that happiness is found in dominance over others so that you can have your way and what you want. But if these things truly bring happiness, why is there so much sadness in the world? Why are we surrounded by so much discontent about life?

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in unbelief. "Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: I wish I had never been born."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in pleasure. "Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in money. "Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in position and fame. "Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

The truth is that HAPPINESS is not found in military glory to conquer nations. "Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

What is the TRUE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS? It is found in having a proper connection with God.

The Psalms begin with these verses: "(1) BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO DOES NOT WALK IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED OR STAND IN THE WAY OF SINNERS OR SIT IN THE SEAT OF MOCKERS. (2) BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT. (3) HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER, WHICH YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN SEASON AND WHOSE LEAF DOES NOT WITHER. WHATEVER HE DOES PROSPERS." (Psalm 1:1-3)

Isn't that a grand picture. Rather than "blessed" some have translated this "happy". It is the picture of an individual so connected with God where true wisdom is followed so as to provide a life marked by stability and continuing fruitfulness. God's Ways are what truly lead to the truest and most lasting HAPPINESS we could possibly experience. What the world offers is fleeting and often for only the moment. What God offers is eternal. (Note

also Jesus' description of the "blessed" or "happy" individual in Matthew 5:3-10).

May we live in such a way that others will seek the TRUE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS we have found -- or rather, that has found us. Praise God!

Have a great day OF HAPPY LIVING!

From TeEn Mail

[NOTE: the list of quotes in this focus was adapted from the "Encyclopedia of 7,700 Illustrations", compiled by Paul Lee Tan, Bible Communications, Inc. 1996, LOGOS]

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## Sunday's Sermons

For April 28th

Morning .....  
.....**In His Image In the Resurrection**  
Scripture.....1 John 3:2  
Evening .....**Questions About Death 2**  
Scripture..... Hebrews 9:27

## Our Record

Week of 4/21

Sunday Class .....	65
Sunday A.M.....	87
Sunday P.M. ....	61
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Contribution.....	\$1603.43

## News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Geneva Atchley, Austin Cauley, Elsie Meadows, Mary Patterson, Neva Welch.

- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Geneva Smith, Ken's Aunt, underwent triple-bypass surgery this past Tuesday. She is now recovering, but needs prayers.
- Many know Wayne Deffenbaugh's wife, Francis. She has an unusual problem with her immune system and is traveling to New York to seek a specialists help. Please remember her in your prayers.
- Please remember Marie's granddaughter, Angel, in your prayers due to her pregnancy complications.
- Next Sunday we will have our youth devotional at Rusty and Tiffany Windle's house. Please be sure to bring soft-drinks, chips and desserts.
- There will be a VBS meeting tonight after services. All teachers please plan on attending.
- Due to the time involved in the question and answer session, it will now be held on the second Sunday of the month so as not to conflict with the youth devotionals held on the first Sunday of the month. Please continue to be submitting those questions!
- We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered or contributed to our youth rally! Thanks you!
- Remember ladies Bible class Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Tomato Paste.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	April 27th, 2002	May 5th, 2002
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Clyde Atchley
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Leon Duncan
<b>Scripture:</b>	George Eddings	Brent Moore
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
	Rusty Windle	George Eddings
<b>(assist)</b>	Bob Moore	Ray Duncan
	Brent Moore	Perry Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Glenn Quigley	Bill Fort
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Glenn Williams
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Dale Pinkley
<b>Scripture:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Brandon Foster
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Leon Duncan	Rusty Windle
	Clay Bozarth	Brent Stevens
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Ken Smith
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Clay Bozarth
<b>Invitation:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Larry Elliott
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Larry Elliott	Hugh Atchley

**Elders:** Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

**Deacons:** Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle

**Preacher:** Kevin Cauley .....870-423-6707

## Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: .....10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: ..... 6:00 PM

Wed. Evening Bible Class: ..... 7:00 PM

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