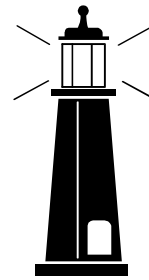




The Berryville Church of Christ

# Bible Beacon



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

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## What Kind of Friend Are You?

Mike Vestal

Recently I was thinking about individuals who have been great friends to me in my life. I'm not just talking about acquaintances, or about people we have something in common with. I'm talking about those rare people who so profoundly touch our hearts that a bond is forged as precious as life. Oh, it's true. All relationships are demanding. But the benefits of having real friends, Christian friends, more than justify the investment.

Real friends not only help make the seemingly unbearable bearable, but they help us see what we thought were burdens may indeed be blessings. Ultimately, more of Jesus is seen in us because of the relationship we've been privileged to have with them.. Distance or death may now separate them from me, but what their friendship has meant remains undiminished. My mind thinks of those faces, and my life yet bears the imprint of their influence. Many time since I've prayed to find more friends like them. How I could have used their strength, encouragement, wisdom and love! Yet it seems in His providence as though the Lord gently rebukes me saying, "Mike, don't pray 'let me **find** a friend like.' Instead pray, 'let me **be** a friend like that.'"

Far too many people go through life without ever really having the kind of friend I'm talking about. How tragic! However, we do have some wonderful examples of this type of loving friendship in Scripture. Jonathan had his David. "The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David and Jonathan loved him as his own soul" (1 Sam. 18: 1). Naomi had her Ruth. "But Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will

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## Kevin's Korner



Our Family and Friends day is here! Our VBS begins tomorrow! We joyfully welcome all of our visitors and are grateful for your presence. Today promises to be a great day! Our Bible class hour will be centered around the theme of God's Family. Our worship hour will be centered around the theme of God's friend. After our morning worship everyone is invited to join us for a pot luck lunch in our basement downstairs. After our food has settled, everyone is invited outside, weather permitting, for some recreational activities. Please plan on staying and enjoying the day with us. We also invite you back this evening for our Question and Answer period. Each second Sunday of the month, I answer questions that are submitted to my question box in the office. I believe that you will find this time of study profitable and interesting as well.

If you are visiting with us today as part of our Family and Friends day, we invite you to take a "Welcome Packet" from off the table in the foyer. This packet will give you a little information about the church. Please fill out the card that is inside the packet and leave it in the collection plate when it is passed by. Please keep the rest of the information as our gift to you along with our warm welcome to come back and be with us any time you can.

Finally, I would like to commend each of our members for their efforts at spreading the news about our Family and Friends day. Each one of you is a very special person to me and I am thankful that God has granted me such an opportunity to work with this tremendous group. I greatly appreciate your support and effort to make events like this happen. But more importantly, the Lord appreciates such efforts. Thank you for all of your efforts to make this day a success and thank God for His faithfulness to us!

# Schedule of Today's Events

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## 1:00 PM — Recreational Activities

## 6:00 PM — Evening Worship

This evening is our question and answer period. If you have a Bible question that you would like answered, please submit it to the question box and we will try to answer it during our evening worship period. All are invited to stay for this time of study.

go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God" (Ruth 1:16). Elisha had his Elijah (Read 2 Kings 2:1-14). Timothy had his Paul. Paul would refer to Timothy as his "beloved son" (2 Tim.1:2). He would go on to speak of his great desire to see Timothy, "being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy" (1 Tim.1:4).

Our relationship with God should enable us to be a loving friend to others (1 John 4:20-21). Christ's friendship with His disciples would help them, among many other things, to better understand what true friendship would genuinely entail (John 15:13-15). And what can we say of Abraham, known as "the friend of God"? (Isa.41:8; James 2:23). His relationship with the Lord certainly had an impact on his relationship with others. How about us?

Real friends are **always faithful**. "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Prov.17:17). Are we fickle and untrustworthy? True friends **offer constructive criticism**. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" (Prov.27:6). What a special friend Nathan was to David when he told him the truth about his sin with Bathseba (2 Sam.11&12). Genuine friends also **give wise counsel**. "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (Prov.27:17). Do we make our friends better people by our words, counsel and example? Real friends are **valuable in times of need**. "Do not forsake your own friend or your brother's friend nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; for better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away" (Prov.27:10). Are we the person our friends would call when truly in need? Or would they look elsewhere for help?

What kind of friend are we? May all of us better learn to pray, "Lord help me to be a better friend!"

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**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: ..... 10:20 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship: .....6:00 PM  
Ladies Bible Class: ..... 10:30 AM  
Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

# BERRYVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMITTED TO CHRIST, CHRISTIANS, AND COMMUNITY

**F**irst and foremost, the Berryville church of Christ is committed to Christ. Early in the first century, a baby was born to a virgin named Mary. This baby was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born the Son of God. Jesus grew physically, mentally, and spiritually (Luke 2:40) and at the age of thirty began his public ministry. During this ministry he powerfully demonstrated that he was the Son of God (John 20:30,31). Jesus lived a sinless life, however, he was rejected by his own people and crucified on a Roman cross. In contrast to those among whom Jesus lived, God accepted his sacrifice and raised him up from the dead. His sacrifice purchased salvation for all who believe on Him, obey Him, and enter into His covenant. This covenant is set forth for us in the New Testament and sets forth the pattern for His disciple's mission, worship, and organization. To neglect this pattern is to bring oneself out of a covenant relationship with Jesus the Christ, and His Father. The Berryville church of Christ is committed to Christ and His Covenant, which means we will labor, worship, and organize based only upon what we find revealed to us in the scriptures.

Second, the Berryville church of Christ is committed to Christians. The disciples of Christ met together as the church and were called Christians (Acts 11:26). The body of Christ is the church of Christ (Eph.1:22,23) and only those who are "in Christ" can be members of his body, of his church (Romans 12:5). To be committed to Christians, therefore, means that we are committed to those who are "in Christ" and committed to the process of bringing others "into" Christ. We do this by exhorting the hearer to belief "unto" the Christ. "For with the heart man believeth **unto** righteousness . . ." (Romans 10:10a). We challenged the hearer to repent of those things which separate him from God--SIN (Isa.59:2). Repentance is also toward or "unto" salvation (Acts 11:18). One who is to become a Christian must confess that Jesus is the Son of God, " . . . and with the mouth, confession is made

**unto** salvation" (Romans 10:10b). All of these things lead one to Christ, but there is one final step that places one **INTO** Christ. This step is baptism. "For as many of you as have been baptized **into** Christ have put on Christ" (Gal.3:27). After baptism, one is "in Christ," which means he is in the body of Christ and in the church of Christ. This baptized person is now a Christian. And, the Berryville church of Christ fully commits herself to aiding each Christian to live faithfully to Christ and go to heaven when this life is over. We do this through our Bible study programs, worship times, and other fellowship activities.

Third, the Berryville church of Christ is committed to the community. God's church was never designed to operate in an isolated environment. God calls his people to interact with the community around them in a fashion that will draw the community toward Christ and God the Father. This interaction is to be peaceful in nature (James 3:17,18), but done in such a way that everyone is aware of God's actions through us (Mat.5:13-16). These actions are the work of the church in her community. This work includes caring for orphans and widows (James 1:27), aiding young people to develop spiritual meaning in their lives (Psalm 119:9), helping laborers to be happy and content in their work (Eph.4:1) and providing a loving and compassionate atmosphere for the sick, grieving, imprisoned, and hungry (Mat.25:34-36). Our work reflects this commitment to the community. The Berryville church of Christ provides support to elderly care facilities, orphans homes and educational institutions. We are very active in sending missionaries overseas to countries less fortunate than us. And we have an active presence on the Internet, through which we serve an even larger community--the world.

If you are committed to Christ, to Christians, and to the community, you can be a part of us at the Berryville church of Christ. We invite you to visit with us today and to inquire concerning any aspect of our commitment to God's work.























## Sunday's Sermons

For June 9th

**Morning** ..... Who is God's Friend?  
**Scripture**..... James 2:21-23  
**Evening** ..... Questions and Answers

## Our Record

Week of Date

							
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	Sunday Class .....					60	
	Sunday A.M.....					76	
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	Contribution.....					1308.50	

## News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Geneva Atchley, Regina Horton is in the hospital, Opal Hull, Raymond Kimes, Linda Moore, Art Roberts, Debbie Smith, Oleta Widener.
- 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.
- Remember our shut ins: Mary Patterson and Elsie Meadows.
- Carol Mikesell responded to the invitation this past Sunday evening. She requests prayers and support. We love you Carol. May God bless you as we work together to get to heaven.
- Our VBS starts tomorrow at 7:00 PM. Our theme is Great Kings of the Bible! The final schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the back. Please sign up to bring VBS cookies this week. We will have a short final VBS meeting tonight after services.
- The elders and deacons meeting is postpone to the fourth Sunday.
- Our potluck is today! Please stay with us after services so that we can get to visit with you during this time of fellowship.
- We will be singing at the nursing home on the 5th Sunday of this month. Please be making your plans to attend!
- Remember your nominations for office of elder are due on the 23rd of June.
- There is a letter from A.J. Hendrix posted in the back.
- Members: If you are going on vacation this summer, please remember your contribution to the Lord before you leave. Let's not place an unnecessary burden on the church.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Cream of Mushroom Soup.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	June 9th, 2002	June 16th, 2002
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Bill Fort
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Larry Elliott
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Rusty Windle
<b>Scripture:</b>	George Eddings	Brent Stevens
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Raymond Kimes
	Glenn Quigley	Bruce Foster
<b>(assist)</b>	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
	Rusty Windle	George Eddings
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bruce Foster	Bob Moore
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Larry Elliott
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brent Stevens	Bill Fort
<b>Scripture:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Perry Foster
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bruce Foster	Dale Pinkley
	Hugh Atchley	Rusty Windle
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Glenn Williams	Clyde Atchley
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Clay Bozarth
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Bruce Foster
<b>Invitation:</b>	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Bob Moore	Clyde Atchley
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	Ken Smith	
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Bill Fort	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Pam Pinkley	Gladys Kimes
<b>Communion Carry</b>	Glenn Williams	Kevin Cauley

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