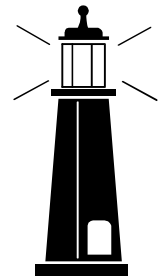




The Berryville Church of Christ

Bible Beacon

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



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THE WOMEN THAT MINISTERED TO JESUS

Eddie Watkins

In Luke 8:1-3 we read of certain women honored in the sacred text. They are honored for their service to Jesus. They served Him out of gratitude because they were healed. They served Him out of their own substance, their own living. This is a picture of great beauty and preciousness. It is an example of devotion to Jesus.

Jesus has tremendously blessed us. We have cleansing of sin through His blood (Romans 5:9; 1 John 1:7-9), all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), and an avenue of prayer to the Father (Hebrews 7:25; 4:16). We should be fervently grateful for all Jesus does for us. Like the women in our text we have examples of like devotion in our congregation. Ladies, I have seen your gratitude, your devotion, and your service to Him.

If you had not rallied to the cause for our Vacation Bible School, all the planning in the world would have been for nothing. You spent many hours in study, preparation and teaching. I know your devotion was to and for Jesus. His commands (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16; Luke 24:46, 47) were the reason for our efforts. Your service was to Him.

I see your devotion to Him in your attendance. I know you have company sometimes, suffer from headaches, have exhausting weeks, and are slowed down by physical problems. I've noticed, though, that you've made a decision to PUT HIM FIRST.

Those of you who are not as devoted as you ought to be, note what the devoted ladies in our text and in our congregation are teaching us: Jesus is worthy (Revelation 5:9, 12) of our devotion, service, and gratitude. Though these ladies are an example to us I don't think they would have us focus on them. Their message is, "Look to Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2); He is worthy of our devotion.

Kevin's Korner



Our vacation last week was splendid and we enjoyed it immensely. Of course, as you know by now, my mother broke her leg on our vacation. She had surgery on her leg this past Thursday. The doctors put some screws and metal braces in the area of her ankle so that the bones would heal in the right places. The screws and braces are permanent, but she should have the complete use of her leg again in a few months. In the mean time she is supposed to stay off her leg for six weeks. She is confined to a wheel chair at this time and I am sure that she could use your prayers. Thank you for all of the prayers that you have already uttered on her behalf.

I do want to issue a BIG thank you to all of the teachers, cookie makers, drink servers, and everyone who participated and made this years vacation Bible school a success. We were able to exhort and encourage our own members and also several visitors who came for each night's programs. I feel like I must mention our teachers by name as they did a marvelous job in decorating their classrooms and making the subjects interesting for our kids. Mary Lynn Cauley, Debbie and Beth Duncan, Larry and Susan Elliott, Ken and Debbie Smith, Brent and Shawna Stevens, Rusty and Tiffany Windle—THANK YOU for preparing and teaching our kids during this great event. Special thanks also to Florene Neal and Pat Quigley for their work with the cookies and drinks each night. And thanks also goes to each and every one who participated in any way. I just can't say thank you enough!!!

I want to call your attention to a very special article, "The Women That Ministered to Jesus" in this bulletin. This article was written by a friend of mine in Austin after last years VBS. I included it in this bulletin to express the same sentiments to our ladies.

We took several pictures during our VBS and they are going to be posted on the youth bulletin board downstairs VERY soon. I hope you will look for those pictures and make a point to "oooh" and "aaah" over them. Our young people are really very special and they were great during this event.

Don't forget our float trip this coming Saturday. Rusty has been working hard to make this event happen for us—thanks Rusty!

Today is our fifth Sunday singing at the nursing home. I want to reiterate the message that we put in the bulletin last time. These good people are our progenitors and they have earned our honor and respect through their lives. Let's honor them by going out to the nursing home this afternoon and singing songs, hymns, and spiritual songs in praise to God. I know that they are looking forward to this. They love to have visitors and they love being present when we have our singings. Last time we did this all they spoke about for the next two or three weeks was the great singing that we had and in the weeks prior to this Sunday they have inquired diligently concerning when the next opportunity to do this was going to be. Let's not disappoint them! Let's each one make plans to show up at 2:00 PM at the nursing home on Sunday and sing together. For those who want to meet at the church building before going over there, we will leave from the building at 1:45.

The Hell-Bound Train

Author Unknown

Tom Gray lay on a barroom floor,
Having drunk so much he could drink no more,
And fell asleep, with a troubled brain.
He dreamed he rode the hell-bound train.

The engine, with blood, was red and damp,
The cabin was lit with a brimstone lamp,
An imp, for fuel, was shoveling bones,
The furnace roared with a thousand groans.

The boiler was filled with whiskey and beer,
And the devil himself was the engineer.
The passengers were such a motley crew,
Church member, Atheist, Gentile, and Jew.

Rich men in broadcloth, beggars in rags,
Handsome young ladies and withered old hags,
Yellow and black men, red and white,
Chained together, it was a terrible sight.

Faster and faster the engine flew,
Wilder and wilder the country grew,
Louder and louder the thunder crashed;
Brighter and brighter the lightning flashed.

Hotter and hotter the air became,
Until the clothes were scorched on human frame.
And at the throttle they heard Satan yell,
"Ha! Ha! Ha! We're nearing hell."

And, Oh, How the passengers shrieked with pain
For the devil to stop the hell-bound train.
But he roared aloud and danced with glee.
He laughed and joked at their agony.

"Faithful friends," he said, "you've done my work
And I can never a pay day shirk.
You have bullied the weak and robbed the poor,
And turned the hungry from your door;

You've gathered wealth where canker rust,
And given full vent to your devilish lust.
You drank and rioted, cheated and lied,
And mocked at God in your foolish pride.

You paid full fare, so I'll see you through,
For its only right that you get your due,
For every laborer is worthy his hire,
And the wages of sin is the lake of fire.

For in your life you were worldly clever
And now you'll be tormented forever."
Suddenly Tom awoke with a horrible cry;
His clothes soaked wet; his hair standing high.

And he prayed as he had never prayed before
To be delivered from hell and the devil's power,
He began to read God's word and not in vain,
For he obeyed Christ and never rode
the hell-bound train.

From Bulletin Briefs

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
Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

Smile, You're on God's Camera!

Kevin Cauley

Have you ever smirked? When I was a little boy, I used to smirk all of the time. My mother would tell me when taking pictures, "Kevin! Don't smirk; smile." I did not know the difference, so I just continued to smirk to my mother's chagrin. Later, I learned that a smirk was a forced smile. Little boys smirk when asked to smile, because they are learning how to smile. Adults, on the other hand, smirk to show that their smile is insincere.

In Joshua 24:14, the children of Israel are exhorted to ". . . fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in truth" Service to the Lord should always be sincere. Peter writes, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). God's word is without hypocrisy and our ingesting of God's word will produce sincerity in our lives. Paul writes to the Philippians, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." One cannot be a hypocrite and be a faithful Christian. Sincerity involves believing God's word AND practicing it. James writes, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Are our lives as Christian's smirks, or smiles? Do we practice Christianity, or pose as Christians? One day our life will be over. We will meet God in the judgment. All things that happened in our life will be exposed because there is nothing that is secret before Him (Ecc.12:14). "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb.4:13). So, when God takes your picture, will you be smirking or smiling?

Sunday's Sermons

For June 30th

Morning **Giving**
 Scripture..... 1 Cor.16:1, 2
Evening **Unity**
 Scripture..... Ephesians 4:1-4

Accident or Creation?

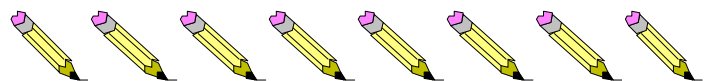
Tyrel Hatfield

Imagine yourself driving to the Black Hills of South Dakota and gazing at the carefully, expertly crafted sculptures of presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln -- massive sculptures that took years to create. At the base of the mountain is a park ranger explaining how these massive sculptures came to be. Now imagine this park ranger saying "Mt. Rushmore is a natural phenomenon. Hundreds of years of wind, rain and seismic activity have formed this mountain into the faces of our four most significant presidents in American history." Would you stick around for the rest of his lecture? I think not. Common sense tells us to move on -- this guy is foolish.

We all know that intelligent design implies an intelligent designer. Beautiful art is created by a great artist. But when it comes to the earth and the universe we live in, some people want to credit the mysterious to its existence; a cosmic "big Bang." You don't see many of our Oklahoma tornado's whipping through a neighborhood assembling houses along the way, yet some people insist that our world came to be through such an impossible accident. Why does a puny man try to reduce the Almighty God to his level by reasoning in such a way?

The Bible says God created the universe and all that is in it. "All things come into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men." (John 1:3, 4 NAS95). Look at the stars tonight and decide for yourself--accident or creation?

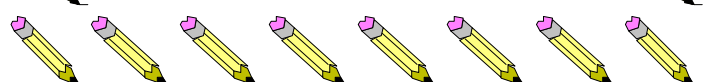
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Our Record

Week of June 23rd

Sunday Class	50
Sunday A.M.....	82
Sunday P.M.	50
Wednesday	44
Contribution.....	\$1635.71



News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Bobbie Cauley, Bob Moore's mother, Evelyn Johnson, Oleta Widener.

- Michael Collins is in the hospital in Little Rock. His condition is very serious. Please pray for him and the family.
- Marty Collins has requested a trailer to help her move. If anyone can help her, please contact her.
- We mourn with Dena Williams and her family at the loss of her sister Regina Horton.
- 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.
- Elsie Meadows, Mary Patterson and Art Roberts continue to be shut in their homes due to health problems.
- Our youth devotional will be next Sunday night, the 7th. Rusty is still looking for a volunteer to host this event.
- The Williams have invited us to their house for ice cream and fireworks Wednesday July 3rd after evening services. Please bring food and fireworks!
- Remember to sign up for Art Robert's lunch list.
- We are going to have a float trip on the 6th of July; please get with Rusty for details.
- For the month of July, Leon Duncan will make announcements. Dale Pinkley and Clay Bozarth will carry communion. Pat Quigley and Debbie Smith will prepare communion. Glenn Quigley will be the worship coordinator.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Peanut Butter.



Members to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	June 30th, 2002	July 7th, 2002
Song Leader:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Larry Elliott	Clay Bozarth
Scripture:	Clyde Atchley	Brent Moore
Lord's Table:	Bob Moore	Ken Smith
	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
(assist)	Brent Moore	Raymond Kimes
	Hugh Atchley	Leon Duncan
Closing Prayer	Clay Bozarth	Glenn Williams
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Glenn Williams
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Bob Moore
Scripture:	Brandon Foster	Ken Smith
Lord's Table:	Larry Elliott	George Eddings
	Brent Stevens	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer	Dale Pinkley	Glenn Quigley
Wednesday		
Songs:	Hugh Atchley	Hugh Atchley
Opening Prayer:	Brent Stevens	Glenn Williams
Invitation:	Larry Elliott	Bob Moore
Closing Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Bill Fort
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Ken Smith	
Worship Coordinator	Bill Fort	
Communion Prep	Pam Pinkley	Gladys Kimes
Communion Carry	Glenn Williams	Kevin Cauley

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