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## Using a Map

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**O**n our family vacation this year, we used a lot of maps. Some maps were so big that they spanned entire states. Some maps were based on different states. Some maps we looked at for driving. Other maps told us where we could find specific landmarks. Still other maps contained detailed information about the things that we were looking at. Even though all of these



maps were different, they all had basically the same purpose. However, if we did not know what a map was or how to use a map, we would have never been able to get started. This is one of the reasons I like the popular cartoon show, "Dora the Explorer." At the beginning of each show, Dora consults her map and it gives

her the directions on how to get where she wants to go. It teaches kids how to use maps. So how does one use a map?

**In order to use a map you must first know that you need a map.** Many people are wandering around in the world today unaware that they are lost and in need of a map. You recognize your need for guidance when you recognize that you are lost. Many people, in their pride, will refuse to stop and ask for a map. But, they will never get to the destination at which they want to arrive unless they swallow their pride and get a map. There are many today who refuse to listen to the gospel of Jesus Christ because they think they can do it on their own without a map. Paul writes, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (2 Corinthians 4:3). To the lost who want to stay lost, there is no such

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## Kevin's Korner

**I** trust by now that you have noticed the work that has been done on our landscaping in the front of our building. It really does look much improved. I



"caught" Debbie Dewbre "red-handed" this past Sunday working on this landscaping. Thank you Debbie so much for doing this. It really looks great!



Can you believe that it is already the third Sunday in July? Like one frog said to another, "Time sure is fun when your having flies!" Rusty and I have been thinking about some events for August and our first one is going to be a Father and Son sleepover at the church building on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. This was purposefully set

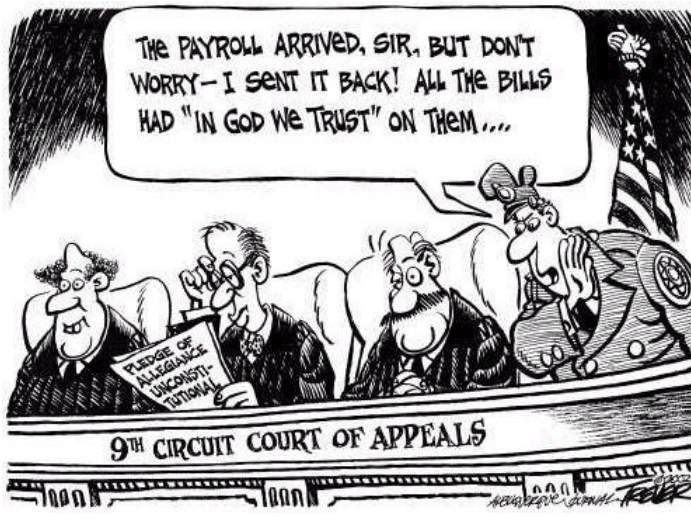
the day before our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Men's breakfast so the boys could wake up early and cook breakfast for all of the men of the congregation. Fathers and their sons, regardless of age, should plan on coming to the building that Friday and spending the night. We will try to have some games, movies, and snacks that Friday evening that will keep everyone entertained until bedtime. Let Rusty know as soon as you can if you will be able to go so he can start making the appropriate preparations.

Speaking of Rusty, he and I have completed the preparation stage for our trip to Costa Rica in September (21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>). We have our airline tickets and rental car reserved. Today (Thursday) I sent off all the appropriate documentation to apply for a passport and it should arrive in the standard five to six weeks. Neither Rusty nor myself have ever been to Costa Rica so we are both looking forward to the journey and to meeting the brethren in that part of the world.

In Matthew 28:18-20 we read, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen." This great commission continues to be part of the work of the church today. It is a great honor and privilege and responsibility to be a part of such a great and noble effort to preach the gospel to other nations. Both Rusty and I covet your prayers and we pray that many doors would be open for the sake of the gospel in Tres Rios, Costa Rica.



Finally for this bulletin I am putting in a cartoon that I recently received in e-mail. I am not sure if you heard about the 9th circuit court of appeals in California saying that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional because it has the phrase "one nation under God" in it—if you have, then you will appreciate this cartoon, if not, then you will now know the background to this cartoon. Here it is—enjoy.



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thing as a map.

**In order to use a map you need to have someone who has already been there.** A map that is authored by someone who has never been to where you are headed is not a very trustworthy map! However, Christians have the assurance that their mapmaker has been to the place where they so long to go. In Hebrews 12:2 we read,

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." Jesus blazed the trail to place we want to go and he has given us a map so we can follow Him there. The person who thinks he can earn his own salvation is analogous to a man who looks at a map and says, "Isn't this a great road that I have built; it fits perfectly with the map that I made."

**In order to use a map, you need to use the RIGHT map.** Maps that do not tell you accurately where you have been and where you want to go will continue to lead you around in the wrong places. There are also maps that are too small that don't cover the area that you are traveling in or too large to give the kind of detail that you need to get to where you want to go. These maps leave things out that you need to know. In order to get to heaven, one must use the one and only way—Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Other maps may lead you somewhere, but it will not be to the Father.

**In order to use a map you have to know where you are starting.** Most people already know where they are starting and so jump ahead to where they will go, but knowing from where you are starting is very important when using a map. As God's creation we must recognize that we started as a result of His creative power. We read in Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God made us and he wants us to be like Him eternally. However, unless we recognize our starting place, we will not be able to reach our destination. If we don't know where we started, then how would we know if we aren't already there? Yes, we



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## Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM  
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 Sunday Evening Worship: .....6:00 PM  
 Ladies Bible Class: ..... 10:30 AM  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

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need to recognize our starting place.

**In order to use a map you need to know where you are going.** This is what most people think about when they look at a map. They are looking to where they want to go. The Bible tells us of a great place where all who believe and obey can one day go—heaven. This is the great destination for which the Bible is our map. In Hebrews 11:16 we read, “But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” This is the great destination at which all of those who are traveling in this world so greatly desire to arrive. To get there we must use a map.

**In order to use a map you must believe what the map says.** Each map contains names of cities, towns, mileage information, and road changes. In order to get through the map to your destination you must believe that all of these things are telling you the truth! If you decide not to believe one detail on the map, you will end up hundreds of miles away from where you want to be. We also must believe what the Bible says and all of what the Bible says. If we fail to believe any one particular aspect of the Bible, then we will fail to arrive at our destination. Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **EVERY** word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.”

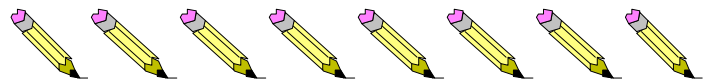
**In order to use a map you must stay on course.** Yes, we must stay on the course that the map lays out for us. It is not sufficient to say that I am going to arrive at my destination by faith only because I believe that the map will take care of me. It is not sufficient to say that I am going to arrive at my destination by grace only—that the



mapmaker saw fit to blaze the trail and give me the map. I must take the map and follow it in my life. I must use it so that I will end up where I want to be. I must take the correct turns that I need to take in order to arrive at my destination. The Bible is the same way. It is not just a book that you believe. It is a book that commands you to act in a certain way and then it expects you to act in that way, if you want to arrive at the destination. Paul wrote to Timothy, “All scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof for correction for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto **EVERY GOOD WORK**” (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) God expects us to engage in activity which will contribute to our own personal salvation; we must stay on the right course in order to reach our destination.

Maps are very good tools to have when traveling. If we recognize that we are strangers and pilgrims (1 Peter 2:11), then we will see the need for a map in our life and use it appropriately. God has given us the map that we need—the Bible. May we ever be humble enough to search it out and appropriately apply it to our lives.

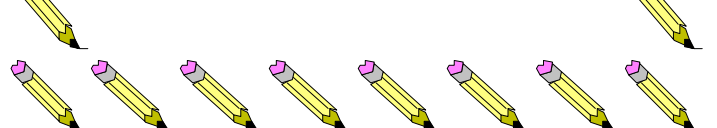
“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”  
(Proverbs 3:5, 6)



## Our Record

Week of July 14th

Sunday Class .....	61
Sunday A.M.....	74
Sunday P.M. ....	68
Wednesday .....	71
Contribution.....	\$1637.25



## Sunday's Sermons

For July 21st

**Morning** ..... **Singing as Worship**

Scripture..... Colossians 3:15-17

**Evening** ..... **Premillennialism**

Scripture..... Revelation 20:6

## News, Notes and Prayer List



• Please remember the following in your prayers: Bryon Adams, Geneva Atchley, Beverly Baker, Michael Collins, Gene Dauck, Opal Hull, Evelyn Johnson,

Frona Spencer.

- 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 is now in the Berryville nursing home.
- Mary Patterson and Art Roberts remained confined at home at this time.
- As was announced this past Wednesday night, Violet Hendrix passed away recently. Please remember her family in your prayers.
- The elders and deacons meeting is on the 4th Sunday of this month.
- The House to House and Heart to Heart publication will be mailed out on the 4th Sunday of this month.
- We are in the final stages of our elder selection process. Please continue to pray for the committee and the eldership as new elders are selected.
- Our potluck is today!
- We have several who are out traveling today. Let's remember them in our prayers as everyone is finishing up their summer travels before school starts.
- The Berryville school district is looking for a state-certified literature teacher who will teach the subject of "The Bible as Literature." If you know of someone who would teach such a class, please contact Dr. Don Roberts, P.O. Box 408, Berryville AR 72616. Deadline is August 1st, 2002.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Paper Plates.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	<b>July 21st, 2002</b>	<b>July 28th, 2002</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Larry Elliott	Brent Stevens
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Glenn Williams
<b>Scripture:</b>	Perry Foster	Glenn Quigley
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Leon Duncan
	George Eddings	Bob Moore
<b>(assist)</b>	Brent Moore	Clay Bozarth
	Brent Stevens	Bill Fort
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Rusty Windle	Larry Elliott
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Clay Bozarth
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Leon Duncan	Brent Stevens
<b>Scripture:</b>	Brandon Foster	Ray Duncan
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bruce Foster	Larry Elliott
	Dale Pinkley	Perry Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Larry Elliott	Clay Bozarth
<b>Invitation:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Leon Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Ray Duncan
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Leon Duncan</b>	
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	<b>Glenn Quigley</b>	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	<b>Pat Quigley</b>	<b>Debbie Smith</b>
<b>Communion Carry</b>	<b>Dale Pinkley</b>	<b>Clay Bozarth</b>

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