

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

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Plow Before You Plant

Kevin Cauley

I once had opportunity to go to Kansas. It was around the middle of June and the farmers were burning the stubble. The "stubble" is the remains of the wheat stalk that is still in the ground after the first harvest. From many miles away one could see the billowing clouds of smoke. We counted over eight fires. Although I was sure I knew why the farmers did this, I asked one of the brethren, who himself had been a farmer, why? As I expected, this is to prepare the land for the next crop. After they burn the stubble, they till the land, and plant. Thus, from the destructive forces of the kindled flame comes a renewed soil, ready to bear forth fruit once again.

In Jeremiah 1:10 God said to Jeremiah, "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build to plant." The spiritual work that God wanted Jeremiah to do is much like the farming practices I observed in Kansas. First comes the plucking up, the breaking down, the destroying and the overthrowing. Then, after this work is finished, comes the building and the planting. Jeremiah had to break down the false idols the Israelites worshipped. He had to tear down their selfish motivations. He had to destroy their sinful attitudes and actions. Once these things were accomplished, then Jeremiah could begin to build and to plant.

The work of gospel preachers and teachers is the same as Jeremiah's work. Before we can start building, we must destroy false doctrine that Satan has sown among those who would be saved. We must break down the old man of sin so that the new man of righteousness can be born. Truly, men cannot know repentance unless they know of the wrong that they have done. When Paul wrote

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Kevin's Korner



If you were here Wednesday night, then you know that my in-laws were here to visit this past week. We were so very happy to have them come and stay with us for too short of a period of time. Because they were here Tuesday and Wednesday, I worked on Monday and took off Tuesday. This allowed Foy and I to play golf with Scott Dewbre and his friend Dallas. I say "play" golf, but the pitiful efforts that I made could not be considered "playing" I am afraid. The rest did much better than I. Even my Father-in-Law did just remarkably well. Of course, we all had a good time and went home with some good memories. At one point, I told Scott and Dallas that I knew I was playing badly because they were being so nice to me! Well, they got their licks in before it was all said and done, I made sure of that!

Some of you tried out the new Chinese food place in Eureka this past Sunday. Mary Lynn, her parents, Charlie, and I had the opportunity to try it out on Wednesday. It wasn't too bad. In fact, I thought that the Sesame Chicken was pretty good. After we had Chinese food on Wednesday we went for a visit to Quigley's Castle. Ken and Debbie are so very gracious when we have company to let us come visiting around. A few cups of coffee later, we were headed toward picking up Austin at school. Foy delivered our Wednesday evening devotional and brought a thought provoking lesson. Thursday morning, they awoke and headed back to Marlin, Texas from whence they had come. We found out later that they did not get back until Friday because they wanted to "tour" through these Arkansas "mountains." They did have a good time visiting and they so enjoyed seeing everyone here again.

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I was busy Friday afternoon with the Cub Scouts of pack 128 here in Berryville. We had the annual "Raingutter Regatta." This is where the scouts build a boat from balsa wood, put a sail on it, and then blow into it down a raingutter. The first boat to the end, wins. It was wonderful fun. The kids really had a good time. We had several here participate, Austin Cauley, Charles Elliott, Braden and Hunter Stevens, Jeffrey Pinkley, and Chandler Youngblood. You might mention to these boys how wonderful it is that they are involved in this wonderful program for boys.

As Bill announced on Wednesday evening, we are planning another trip to Costa Rica this year. We really need to hear from you regarding this trip. This will be an evangelistic trip and we will need many to come with us to knock doors and generally help with this campaign. The goal of this campaign is to generate interest in a new congregation that Moses is working to establish in Coronado. We need to know if you would like to go and what month would be the best for you. Right now, July is looking like good month for Moses and his family. July also fits in well with our schedules here as our VBS is in June and our youth rally is late in August. To do this, we will also need to raise some money. If you would like to contribute to our effort to go to Costa Rica this year, please get with Bill Fort.

While Foy and Mary were here, we were visited by their friends and ours from Stark City, J.R. and Joy Burr. Last year we took a group to their gospel meeting up in Stark City and we are going to do that again this year. The meeting is going to be held at the end of this month, March 23rd-28th. The services start each evening at 7:00 PM. If you would like to go to this meeting, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can plan on having the right amount of vehicles for the number going.

Perhaps one of the most interesting developments of news this past week was the case of Elizabeth Smart. The nation was overjoyed to hear that she, after nine months of being lost, was returned to her family this past Wednesday. No doubt many tears of joy have been shed over this lost one; how much more does our Father rejoice when the lost are brought back to him!

Elders: Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

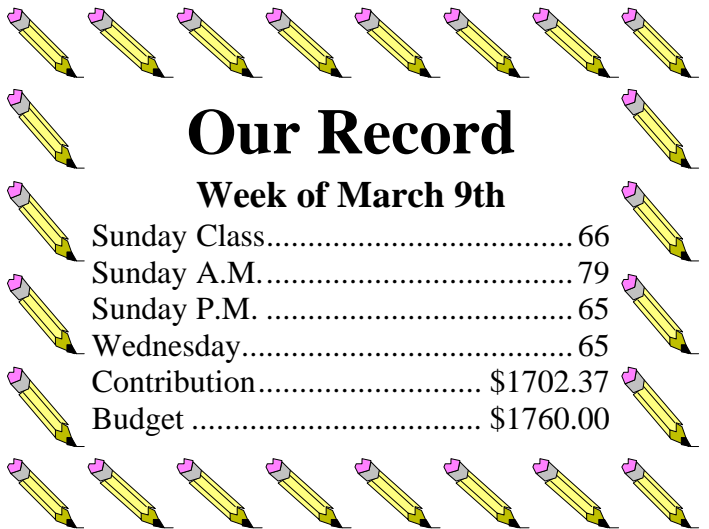
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the book of First Corinthians, he wrote to destroy false doctrine and sinful practices in the church at Corinth. In the second epistle he writes, "For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it: though I did regret (for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season), I now rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry unto repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly sort, that ye might suffer loss by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation..." (2 Corinthians 7:8-10). Thus, Gospel preaching must contain both negative and positive elements. Gospel preaching must convict men of the offensiveness of their sins to God, convert their minds to the truth of the Gospel, and cultivate their actions unto the obedience of Christ. In other words, Gospel preaching must first expunge the error and then succor the seed. Why? Only a foolish farmer would sow seed on top of his stubble.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).



Our Record

Week of March 9th

Sunday Class.....	66
Sunday A.M.....	79
Sunday P.M.	65
Wednesday.....	65
Contribution.....	\$1702.37
Budget	\$1760.00

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

THE EASIEST THING TO DO

Kevin D. Beard

What is the easiest thing to do in the church? COMPLAIN! Think about how easy it is.

It's easy because it takes no special training. Anyone can complain. You don't need a lot of Bible knowledge (in fact the less you have the better). You don't need any special skills. All you have to do to complain is to find something you don't like and grumble away.

It's easy because it takes no effort. The great thing about complaining is you don't have to do anything. Don't bother getting involved; don't try to suggest a solution to the problem; don't offer to help fix what you think is broken. Just sit back, do nothing, and complain about how those who try to do something do it.

It's easy because you don't have to be responsible for anything. Those who try to be involved in the church's work accept responsibility. If they are entrusted with doing something, they must see to it that it gets done. But not if you're a complainer. You don't have to worry about anyone's expecting anything from you. In fact, all you have to do is set back and criticize how everyone else is doing what you refuse to do. How easy is that?

Yes, complaining is easy. But complaining is sinful, and therefore it is dangerous. Referring to the Israelites during the fifty years of wandering, Paul said, "*Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer*" (1 Cor. 10:10).

Complaining destroys the church. It hinders and discourages those who want to see the Lord's work prosper. It is standing steadfastly against the Lord Himself. If you are a complainer, repent and stop your complaining. You have hindered the work of the church far too long. If you think things should be done better, get involved. But stop complaining!

(Editor's note: How true this article is! It is so much easier for us to sit back and criticize others than to get busy and start working. But how sinful it is!!! Paul wrote in Philippians 2:14-16 "Do all things without murmuring and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

From the Mouths of Babes

Selected

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. "You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella. Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles, she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!" The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why, just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles." The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

Sunday's Sermons

For March 16th

Morning**Rescuing the Lost**
Scripture.....Luke 19:9, 10
Evening..... **The Preacher's Greatest**
Scripture..... Lam.2:11-19

News, Notes and Prayer List



- If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest. Please fill out a visitors card and let us know about you! We want to meet you so please stay after services for a few minutes.
- Please remember the following in your prayers: Connie Atchley, Austin Cauley, Robert Hase, Delma Johnson, Glenn Quigley, Charles Swink.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home. Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Art Roberts and Mary Patterson are confined to their homes.
- A sign up sheet is in the back to host the youth devotionals. You don't have to be young or to have young one's to host it. Please sign up today! This is a great way to serve.
- This month has five Sundays. This means that we will have our regular singing at the nursing home on the last Sunday of this month. Please make your plans to attend.
- Ken and Debbie Smith announced last week that they wanted to have a "Spring" get together at their house next Sunday afternoon. All are invited to come and we will be singing!
- Gospel Meeting at Stark City 23-28! Let me know if you want to go.
- "House to House and Heart to Heart" has arrived. We will be putting it together soon. Be ready!
- The regular Elders and Deacons meeting is tonight.
- Our monthly potluck is today! Everyone is invited to stay and eat lunch with us here at the building.
- If you have not had your picture made, please get with Kevin today!
- The Pantry Item for this week is Trash Bags.



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	March 16th, 2003	March 23rd, 2003
Song Leader:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bruce Foster	Bob Moore
Scripture:	Leon Duncan	Ray Duncan
Lord's Table:	George Eddings	Matt Bassing
	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
(assist)	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
	Brandon Foster	Perry Foster
Closing Prayer	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Larry Elliott	Rusty Windle
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
Scripture:	Brent Moore	Bruce Foster
Lord's Table:	Leon Duncan	Dale Pinkley
	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster
Closing Prayer	Dale Pinkley	Brent Stevens
Wednesday		
Songs:	Kevin Cauley	Bruce Foster
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	Glenn Williams
Invitation:	Bob Moore	Brent Stevens
Closing Prayer:	Perry Foster	Brent Moore
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Glenn Quigley	
Worship Coordinator	Brent Stevens	
Communion Prep	Pat Quigley	Debbie Smith
Communion Carry	Leon Duncan	Ray Duncan

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