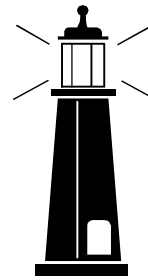


The Berryville church of Christ

# Bible Beacon



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

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## God's Tool Box

Kevin Cauley

This past week, I have had several things to repair around the house. I have also been laboring to get a new hitch installed on my SUV so that I can attach a new product that I recently bought for our family vacation. For each job, I needed some tools. At one point I needed a hammer. At another point I needed a screwdriver. At one point I needed a drill. Each tool has a different application but they all work together to get the job done and they are all instruments to serve the one who is using them.

In the scriptures, the relationship of the Christian to the gospel, God's will, is described in various ways. [1] Paul writes that we are earthen **vessels** (2 Corinthians 4:7). [2] He says that we are God's **instruments** (Romans 6:13). [3] He notes that we are an **epistle** (2 Corinthians 3:2). [4] Christians are also described as the **aroma** of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:15). All of these things--earthen vessels, instruments, epistles, and aromas--all serve something else. The vessel serves that which it contains. The instrument serves the one who wields it. Epistles serve those who write them. And the aroma points back to that which created it. All of these things are conduits of something else and point back to something greater and better than self. As Christians, we must recognize that we are tools for the Master's use as well and point back to He who is greater and better than us.

Now we are not all the same tools. Just as there are different tools for different jobs, so also there are different Christians for different works of Christ. Not everyone can be a pulpit preacher. Not everyone is qualified to be an elder. Not everyone can serve as a song leader. However, the scriptures teach that everyone has something that they can do. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth regarding the members of the church,

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## Kevin's Korner



Lucille Wright passed from this life to the next last Sunday evening. It was a privilege for me to be able to know Lucille for the short time that I knew her. She was always cheerful despite her circumstances. Every time I would go in to visit her in the nursing home, she would ask how my family was doing. Perhaps more importantly, she would always ask how the church was doing. She loved the church at Berryville and it showed.

Lucille was 92 years young when she passed away. Her attitude was always tremendous. I remember when I first started visiting her she would always talk about how she was going to get out of here soon. She always kept a positive attitude about her life. She also insisted on several occasions that she contribute to the work of the church and would ask for her check book so that she could write out an amount. She really did not have very much at all and from what I understand, she and Vasco never did have much, but she absolutely insisted that she give of what she did have.

She also desired greatly to take the Lord's supper each week. Our men who served in that capacity can tell you that she did not want to neglect that area of her spiritual life. And Lucille loved to sing. She was always present at the quarterly singings we had. Her family sang with her until her last moments of life.

Lucille loved to ride around in her wheel chair in the afternoons toward meal time. She did not like to stay in the bed very much. When sitting up it seemed to me that she was a bundle of energy--always ready to go. She enjoyed her meals in the dining room with her fellow Christians, Lola Trost, and Bea Sumrall until near the very end.

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The life of Lucille Wright has lessons for us all to learn. May we ever seek to follow her example as she followed Christ.

This past Wednesday evening during the announcements, we passed along some goals for our upcoming Friends and Family day and our VBS. The elders want to try to have 125 for Friends and Family day and 100 average each night for VBS. This is not an effort to play the numbers game. If we merely wanted to get numbers, there are a whole host of unscriptural practices that we could engage in to do that. These numbers are, however, designed to motivate us to invite others to the services and to find opportunities to teach others the gospel of Christ. Let's all try to work toward these goals so that we can get the gospel to others in our community.

Friday afternoon, Glenn Quigley, Austin and I went fishing on Beaver Lake. We had a thoroughly enjoyable time and even caught a few fish. Glenn is going to have knee surgery on Monday and I know that he requests your prayers.

Yesterday, I went with some of our youth to the rally in Springfield at the Kansas Expressway church of Christ. We did stop for Krispy Kream doughnuts on the way and they were excellent. The spiritual food, however, was far better. Willie Franklin was the speaker. I must say that he did an excellent job in presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Franklin will be preaching a gospel meeting in Springfield at this congregation this week starting tomorrow and going through Wednesday. If you happen to head up that way, you WILL want to avail yourself of this opportunity to hear the gospel proclaimed. You will not regret it.

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*For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.*

We are all dependent upon each other to get the work done that is before us. And we have some great opportunities here at the Berryville church of Christ to get the Lord's work done in the coming months. As mentioned in other areas of

the bulletin, the elders have set before us some goals for our friends and family day as well as for our VBS. We could look at these goals and say, "I sure hope everyone else can meet this" or we can look at ourselves and say, "What can I do to help meet these goals." No one individual among us can meet these goals by his or herself. We must work together to get this done. Someone mentioned that if each of us brings just one other person with us, we will make our goal. But let's not stop at the goal. The goal is good to have to motivate us to work, but the goal is not a limiting factor. We can always invite more. Let's make it our personal goal to write down the names of at least ten people that we each individually know and invite them.

Another interesting thing about tools is that the ones you use the most, are always on top. The ones you use the least are always on the bottom. Jesus said, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11). The tools that are most useful are useful because they serve us the most. It is as a result of their service, not their beauty, that they end up in the top of the tool box. So also with Christ. It is through service that we will be exalted, not due to our own personal beauty.

Finally, let us note that tools are available for us when we need to use them, not just for one job, but for many. We wouldn't dream of throwing away an expensive hammer after we hit one nail with it. It is there for many opportunities to work. We too must not stop at only one job, but go on to be used in as many places as possible doing as much work as possible. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says that we should be "always abounding" in the work of the Lord.

Brethren, we are the tools of God. As God's tools, let us recognize that God can use us for His glory. Then, let's make it our goal to do everything that we can to support the works of God—to be an effective tool in God's tool box.

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

**Deacons:** 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

# How to Win the Battle

**Johnny Ramsey**

**T**here will always be problems in life. Satan will see to that. He wants to stifle our spirits with obstacles of discouragement. Like a crafty old chameleon, the devil has various plans and subtle schemes designed to dishearten and confuse us. Fortunately, the Lord counters with brighter and better arrangements to see us through the darker roads on our journey in life. The Lord gives us blessed assurance in these charming words: "Grater is he that is in you that he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

An old hymn powerfully thrills our soul by telling us that Jehovah has helped us in the past and presently sustains us whatever may confront us day by day! When we put on "the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-17), we can, through a courageous stand for the truth, resist the devil, who is like a "roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Victory in Christ is very sweet.

There are practical ways to be ready for the onslaught of evil and the fiery darts of the wicked one. The following statements ought to help us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10), regardless of the circumstances.

- [1] If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives — *be kind anyway.*
- [2] If you are successful, you will win some false friends, and true enemies — *succeed anyway.*
- [3] If you are honest and trusting, people may cheat you — *be honest and trusting anyway.*
- [4] What you spend year building, someone may destroy overnight — *build anyway.*
- [5] The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow — *do good anyway.*
- [6] Give the world the best you have, and it will never be enough — *give your best anyway.*

## Sunday's Sermons

**For May 4th**

**Morning**.....**Christian Godliness (2)**  
 Scripture ..... Titus 2:11, 12  
**Evening**.....**Integrity**  
 Scripture .....Psalm 25:20, 21

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God!! It was never between you and them in the first place!!

The compassionate heart of Jesus caused Him to die for us at Calvary, despite our indifference and shameful sinfulness. Because of these tragic points, we desperately need a Savior that could overwhelm the ploys of the devil and give us hope. In spite of our ingratitude, our Great Redeemer shed His precious blood anyway to bring us back to our Maker!

*Is it for me, dear Savior,  
 Thy glory and Thy rest,  
 For me so weak and sinful,  
 Oh, Shall I be so blest . . .*

Mothers have sacrificed for years for ungrateful children who broke their hearts, but godly women did it, anyway. Some wives have been kind and gracious to brutal and thoughtless husbands, but these women sacrificially suffered, anyway.

Satan has a very difficult time with people who are committed to the Cause of Christ regardless of external battles and daily opposition.

*Shall I be carried to the skies  
 On flowery beds of ease,  
 While others fought to win the prize,  
 And sailed through bloody seas?*

When the battle for truth and right rages and the struggle between heaven and hell is a strong challenge, may we recall these wonderful passages:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philemon 3).

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; But Jehovah weigheth the hearts" (Proverbs 21:2).

"That the wise may hear, and increase in learning; And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels" (Proverbs 1:5).

Hand in hand with Jesus, we can always win the victory (Romans 8:31-39).

## Our Record

**Week of April 27th**

Sunday Class .....	73
Sunday A.M.....	83
Sunday P.M. ....	65
Wednesday .....	71
Contribution.....	\$2122.50
Budget .....	\$1760.00

## News, Notes and Prayer List



• Please remember the following in your prayers: Donna Brown, Allen Edgeworth, Gigi Frets, Florene Neil, Nick Warren.

- Charlene Pinkley was in the Eureka Springs hospital this past week with pneumonia. Glenn Quigley will have surgery on his knee tomorrow.
- We express our deepest sympathies to the family of Lucille Wright. Lucille passed away last Sunday evening. Her service was held this past Wednesday at Nelson's and she was buried in Berryville Cemetery.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs. Art Roberts and Mary Patterson are confined to their homes.
- Sunday night we will have our youth devotional at the Foster's house. Bring the usual.
- Don't forget our upcoming Friends and Family Day, June 8th, 2003. There are flyers in the back and you can start inviting your friends and your family TODAY! June 8th is only about a month away and it will be here before we know it. Remember our goal of 125 for this Sunday!
- Our VBS is also only a little over a month away. Let's start inviting for this opportunity to study and learn as well. The flyers for VBS are in the back on the other side of the Friends and Family flyers. Remember our goal for 100 each evening. Let's make this our best VBS yet!
- Next Sunday night is Question and Answer night.
- Saturday will be our monthly men's breakfast. Make your plans to be there!
- If anyone needs a talent card to fill out, please see Rusty.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Hair Gel.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	<b>May 4th, 2003</b>	<b>May 11th, 2003</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Clyde Atchley
<b>Scripture:</b>	Ray Duncan	George Eddings
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Ken Smith	Clay Bozarth
<b>(assist)</b>	Rusty Windle	Glenn Quigley
	Bruce Foster	Perry Foster
	Hugh Atchley	Sandy Nieves
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Clay Bozarth
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Brent Stevens
<b>Scripture:</b>	Brent Moore	Dale Pinkley
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Leon Duncan	Bruce Foster
	Brandon Foster	Hugh Atchley
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bob Moore	Dale Pinkley
<b>Invitation:</b>	Larry Elliott	Leon Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Clay Bozarth	Bob Moore
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	Rusty Windle	
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Glenn Quigley	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Mary Lynn Cauley	Katie Williams
<b>Communion Carry</b>	John Gass	Glenn Williams

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