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For the past several weeks we have been plagued with raccoons getting into anything and everything left on the decks; especially the cat's food.

Si, our cat, loves to nibble at his food and never eats it all at once, and he nearly always leaves some in his bowl overnight, and that is when the raccoons come

The Raccoons

calling. When the last golden light fades in the fields and woods the raccoons begin to stir in their dens. The hoot owls are beginning to call as the raccoons first look out of their hollow trees at oncoming night. As they peer dark-eyed from their black-masked faces, they raise their slender muzzles to sniff the night.

By dark many of the raccoons have left their dens in the trees or the hollow trees that were cut in the spring to build the sun room. They grip the tree trunks with their five-clawed front and hind feet, some descend headfirst like squirrels. Others back down slowly, clutching the trees and looking like cautious children. When they hit the ground their night roving begins.

It was getting dusky dark when they descended on the back deck running here

and there looking for something to scavenge. They ran across the top of the railing and tried to reach the bird feeder; since that didn't succeed one headed for the flowerpots and dug around in it and the other one found Si's food bowl. They tried to unfasten the garbage cans but they were clamped down too tight. Finally, they left that night in search of other places to ramsack.

The next night about dark, not one, not two, but five raccoons came up the back flower garden and onto the deck; actually it was a mother and three baby raccoons. Well, I told Bob this was not going to work... he would have to get the shotgun and scare them away. We didn't want to kill them but just frighten them. He fired a few shots and they hi-tailed it. We haven't seen them again. I suppose they found another place to raid.

Raccoons are smart and shrewd. A wise old raccoon is as clever as a fox in breaking its trails when being pursued by hounds. Sometimes they will break a trail and run along the top of a rail fence or a stone fence for a

considerable distance until they come to a stream and then descend into the water and until they leave the dogs far behind.

A raccoon's intelligence is greater than a cat's and is second to that of a monkey. Raccoons are curious and agile; they also have large appetites and are always hungry. Perhaps they use their wits best in food getting and escaping their enemies, which accounts for their success as a species and a high rate of survival.

Pet raccoons have been put to tests that never face a wild raccoon; they learn to open screen doors and refrigerator doors, to retrieve food put in inaccessible places by their owners.

To test their intelligence, they were said to be able to remove jar caps, pull corks from bottles, unfasten latches on cages and turn door-knobs. All of this they do with hand-like forepaws; if the lure that drives them to problem solving is something they like to eat.

Our raccoons have settled down for now; but who knows when they will be back!

CHURCH NEWS

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Wednesday, September 24 @ 7pm

Crooked Creek Christian Revival

Crooked Creek Christian Church will be concluding its Fall Revival, tonight, Wednesday, September 24, 2014. C. Richard (Dick) Chambers from Hanoverton, Ohio, will be the evangelist. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, September 27th @ 6pm

Pig Roast at Epperson Church

A fundraiser for Epperson First Church of God will be held Saturday, September 27, 2014. A pig roast with side dishes will be held 4 to 6 p.m., followed by the Epperson Singers at 6:00 p.m. and Steven Donithan preaching at 7:00 p.m. Cost of the meal will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5 for ages 4 to 9, and ages three and under are free. Hardy mums will also be for sale at \$10.00 each. Epperson is located on the Irvine Road (Ky-89).

Saturday, September 27th @ 6pm

Green Meadows Music Association

Green Meadows Gospel Music Association will be meeting at Kathy's Country Kitchen Restaurant in Clay City on September 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Some of the featured singers will be Edith Lykins, David Smith, John Riley, True Song Ministries and more. Come enjoy some great food and fellowship while you listen to some good gospel music. For more information contact (270) 775-5431 or <truesong@mrctc.com>.

Sunday, September 28th @ 10am

First Baptist Homecoming

Pastor Bro. Keith Williams and congregation invite you to Irvine First Baptist's annual homecoming on Sunday, September 28, 2014; with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and morning service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck meal. Speaking will be Bro. Raymond Flynn, an Estill County native who at 95-years-of-age is still preaching. Everyone is welcome. There will be no evening service.

Sunday, September 28th @ 10am

Homecoming At Old Time Baptist

Old Time Baptist Church on Little Doe Creek Road will be having its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 28, 2014, starting at 10:00 a.m. Pastors Jerry Chaney and Kevin Chaney and congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

Sunday, September 28th @ 11am

Cedar Grove Annual Homecoming

Cedar Grove United Methodist Church will observe their Annual Homecoming, Sunday, September 28, 2014. Morning worship service begins at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck meal. Pastor Bro. Greg McClellan and congregation welcome everyone.

Sunday, September 28th @ 11am

Wagersville Community Homecoming

Wagersville Community Pentecostal Church of God will be having its 33rd annual homecoming this coming Sunday, September 28, 2014. Morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by potluck dinner on the grounds. The evangelist will be Bro. David Crews from Dayton, Ohio; and there will be special singing. Bro. Beverly Arvin and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Sunday, September 28th @ 11am

Providence Baptist Homecoming

The Providence Baptist Church at Winston will be having its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 28, 2014, starting at 11 a.m. Bro. Wayne Dunn will be the speaker with a fellowship meal to follow.

Wed.-Fri., Oct. 1-3 and Sunday, Oct. 5

SI Christian Revival & Homecoming

South Irvine Christian Church will be having a revival and homecoming. The revival will be held Wednesday-Friday, October 1-3, 2014, starting at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Bro. John McCord on Wednesday, Bro. Matt Vaught on Thursday and Bro. Elmer Thomas on Friday. Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, October 5th, starting at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to these services.

Saturday, October 4th @ 7pm

Singing At House of Prayer

House of Prayer, 535 Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, will be having a Gospel Singing on Saturday, October 4, 2014, starting at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Roy and Kaye Himes along with The Praise Singers. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards.

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Walking in "paths of righteousness" does not protect us from the "valleys" of life, but we can be sure that the Lord Himself is with us and will protect us. Though we may be surrounded by what may seem to be the ultimate darkness brought about by evil, we can rest in confidence because we know that God's presence guarantees His protection.

"Your rod and your staff, they comfort me," wrote David. These two powerful words, rod and staff were not meaningless words - but words that describe the way that the shepherd guarded and protected his sheep.

The rod was used by shepherds to beat away any external enemy that

might harm his sheep. The "crooked" staff was used by shepherds to snatch his sheep from getting in harms way. So, here we have a picture of how our Shepherd watches over us. He guards us from any external enemy that would attack, defeat or destroy us. He makes certain that they will not come near us nor harm us without His arm being around us. Nor will he allow internal enemies - thoughts or ideas - that would cause us to doubt His love, mercy, grace or salvation to destroy the peace His presence brings us.

Our Shepherd's rod and staff summarize His role and describe the ways He will care for us if we allow Him. And when we allow Him to become our Shepherd we can say with David, "I will walk through valleys and fear no evil! They will not overcome me."

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MORE CHURCH NEWS

Saturday, September 27th @ 6pm

Drip Rock Gospel Singing

The Drip Rock Baptist Church will be having a Gospel Singing this coming Saturday night, September 27, 2014, starting at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be The Moore Family from Nicholasville. Pastor Shawn Smith and congregation welcome everyone to attend.

Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Oct. 1

Rice Station Christian Revival

Rice Station Christian Church will be having its fall revival, Sunday through Wednesday, September 28 to October 1, 2014. Speakers will be Bill Welker, Sunday; Matt Vaught, Monday; Mark Pearson, Tuesday; and Martin Frazier, Wednesday. Service times are Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



1. Is the book of Bartholomew in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Psalm 119, unto what or whom does the entrance of God's words give light and understanding? Unbelievers, Harlots, Idolaters, Simple
3. God's law is perfect,

while the testimony of the Lord is ...? Sure, Peace, Forgiveness, Eternal

4. From John 6, what substance did Jesus miraculously walk upon? Sea, Fire, Clouds, Broken bones
5. Of these, which was not one of Jesus' original disciples? Andrew, Thomas, Philip, Isaiah
6. From Judges 4, who was the husband of the prophetess Deborah? Issachar, Reuben, Lapidoth, Barak

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Mortality: What does it mean?

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Nearly every preacher will have several sermons a year based upon mortality because God's word is alive with the very thought. Mortality simply means that one will face their end some day. The scripture in **Hebrews 9:27-28** dictates that this is true. "For it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment." Then the next verse says: "So Christ was once affixed to bear the sins of many: and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." These verses pose a lot of problems for many, simply because they have placed death for them to be a long way off, and so they procrastinate thinking that they will have plenty of time to prepare for the day of their demise. In **II Corinthians 4:5** it tells us that the god of this world blinds people's minds of the need to obtain salvation when the opportunity is there. So Satan is doing well in the false mortality business. Then in the next verse of **Hebrews 9**, it tells of his return to gather all them that look for him (saved) and here it says that it will be to their salvation. New again this poses a great dilemma for the procrastinator, Christ will have returned, judgment is set (**Revelation 20:10**) and they are not ready for it. In **Revelation 6:12** it tells of this eventful day whereby the unsaved will try to escape, but of course, there will be none. They will try to hide from the face of the Lord that sits upon His throne.

Now this terrible day did not have to come upon them because in their mortal life they had plenty of time to prepare beforehand, but again Satan involved them in the pursuits of this world, and they stayed fixed unto it too long, and death comes and away we go with not a thread of hope at the judgment. What can a preacher do to combat this type of procrastination? He can preach it, and preach it again, and again, in the hopes that some will wake up and finally listen to our Lord. In **Revelation 22:12**, "And behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me to give to every man as his work shall be!" Now then, what type of life are you presently living? You know, and it is for certain that the Lord knows. If he should come today, what would you have to offer him? A lifetime of obedient service perhaps, but maybe you will have done nothing in his service. If this may be the case, what right do you have to expect him to let you into his heaven? Now a preacher at your funeral may say you were a good person, and attempt to place you at the foot of the cross, but if you have not prepared at earth, you will not be prepared at the judgment. **Romans 6:23**, "The wages of sins is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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