

Church News

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Sunday, May 13th & Mon.-Wed., May 14-16

Mother's Day and Revival Services

The Ravenna Church of God will be having a Special Guest Speaker for our Mother's Day Service. Evangelist and singer Phyllis Arvin Rawlins will be with us for the 10:45 a.m. service.

Phyllis is from Kokomo, Indiana and formerly from

Irvine. She will be with us Monday - Wednesday for a Revival, starting at 7:00 p.m. each night. All are invited to join us.

For further information, call Pastor Willie Hargus Gordon at 723-2898.

Saturday, May 19th @ 6:00pm

Singing at New Bethel B.C. #1

New Bethel Baptist Church #1 on Barnes Mountain will be having a singing on Saturday, May 19, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Featured singers will be The Praise Singers.

Refreshments will follow the singing. Everyone is welcome.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, until there was no remedy. — 2 CHRONICLES 36:15,16

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Stephen Addresses the Sanhedrin

Acts 7:4-6

⁴ Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. ⁵ And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child. ⁶ And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.

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Seeds of Hope



Everyone seems to worship someone or something for one reason or another. Early in life we realize that we need help to survive and cannot make it on our own. Initially it is a parent or a parent-substitute that is there to help us. Then, as we get older and become more independent, we begin to realize that there are other sources to meet our needs. We begin to look to them for what they can do for us or perhaps give to us in exchange for our allegiance or respect. We think that they will bring us something we need. It's only natural.

The question is not whether or not we worship - but what or whom we worship. It can be fame or fortune, power or prestige, a person or a philosophy someone

or something that we believe is greater than ourselves and will bring us peace and happiness, joy and satisfaction. It is someone or something that we believe is superior to us and we are willing to surrender and submit ourselves to it. But, really, it only reveals our lostness and our need for Someone Who is above us, beyond us - yet cares for us.

The Psalmist invites us to, "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." He wants us to recognize the superiority and sufficiency of God our Creator. Once we acknowledged God as our Creator we immediately recognize Him as the source of all that we have or ever will have. Worship becomes God-centered and not man or thing centered. Worship results in turning our lives over to God and recognizing His grace and sovereignty as we bow before Him in awe.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Damascus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2-Samuel 14, who was the best-looking man in Israel during King David's reign? Joel, Samuel, David, Absalom
3. To whom did Naaman the Syrian ask forgiveness

after worshipping the god Rimmon? Saul, Christ, Elisha, Darius

4. From John 3, who was a Pharisee and ruler among the Jews? Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Judas, Peter

5. Who was known as the "Supplanter"? Aaron, Moses, Jacob, Hosea

6. What was the name of David's first wife? Rachel, Priscilla, Michal, Ruth.

Answers on bottom of Page 9

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The Physically Able To See, But, yet they remain Blind

by BOB CASEY, preacher
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In Mark 10:46-52 is recorded a beautiful story of a man that could not see. Jesus was making his last and final journey through Jericho, but the blind man nor any others knew this. After being made aware that Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth, was passing by, he wasn't going to waste his opportunity to seek his help. So, he did what he could. He began to shout, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me." The story is told in Matthew 20:29-34 with some additional information.

Here, it is said that the multitude tried to silence the cries of this man, but he would not be silenced, so he cried out the more. I think I understand why he persisted so. He was blind, almost helpless, so his need was a great one. And some time in the past, he had either heard Jesus or someone had related to him some miracle that Jesus had previously bestowed upon someone. Either way, what he had heard had stirred the faith in him, so now was his day perhaps to meet this noted one.

Notice carefully how it is written, "And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called." and he arose and came to Jesus. Our Lord replied, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Now, our Lord already knew all about him, but he wanted him to express his need. And so he did, and his greatest need was

met, made possible by the Son of God. Our Lord replied, "Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." Then, notice after his sight was restored, "And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

I asked what are some of the outstanding points of this story? First, the man was halted, almost helpless because of his blindness. Right today, there are many who may have 20/20 vision that are blinded by the sins of lust, envy, greed for the things of this world. 1 John 2:15-19 tells of this epidemic of sins. Some are blinded by false teachers who are portraying themselves as ministers of Christ, but yet are spiritually blind themselves.

In 2 Corinthians 11:12-15, Paul gives a stern warning to the world not to be taken in by the people. Also 2 Peter 2:1-2 tells us very strongly, that false teachers with damnable heresies will come among them, even denying the Lord. And the sad part of this admonition is: that many shall follow their pernicious ways. Reasons are, whom the way of truths shall be evil spoken of.

Friends, the reason the blind man was healed was because of faith. He met Jesus on his terms and received his healing. You can do this today. Being blinded by our sins, we can believe, obey, arise and come to meet Jesus by faith, repenting of our sins, confessing our faith in him as the Son of God; and to seal your commitment by being baptized for the remission of sins. Then you can also follow Jesus in the way.

Remember our scheduled meeting with Danny McKibben, May 23-25, 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

ROMANS 8:27

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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God's Way

by Mabel Tipton
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Let's not wait until it's too late for a change in our life. If it's too late, we have waited too long.

There's a song that leaves us without an excuse. It says, "Sorry. I never knew you. Go and serve the one you served while on earth." That says a lot with just a few words.

It seems like all the abominable things that God hates in the Bible, are being pushed to become our 'new' normal way of living. Psalms 53:1 - "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good."

All these things I had to give up. I had to stop sinning against God's Commandment to be able to receive God's forgiveness for them. It seems as if everyone I've talked to this week, has an excuse for why their sins are OK. Here are few: 1. I don't have to stop smoking to be a christian. Didn't God make tobacco? 2. I don't have to stop stealing, God gave them more than they needed anyway. Missing a few won't hurt them. They can afford to go buy more. 3. I don't have to stop anything that God made. He made marijuana. It couldn't grow without him. Smoking pot and getting high is just fine.

God knew we would need a way of relief. So Here's a thought. God also made the peanut to grow in a shell. Just because that's how God made it to grow, didn't he also give us enough sense to know not to eat the shell? As silly and uneducated as these things are, people make excuses to do what they want and then to justify their actions. However, there will be no excuses on judgment day. May God forgive us all!!

Jeremiah 44:4 - "Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate." Titus 1:15-16 - "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

God's not going to change his words just because we don't like it. He expects us to obey it! He says if you love me to keep his commandments. 1 John 5:3 - "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

It may seem to be a little extreme at times, but take the Word of God for ITS SELF. Then we all will meet him in the sky someday.

For everyone who's still interested in where God cares, if you are a woman or man, please read what the Bible says about this subject in Romans Chapter One. He does care.

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