

Dinners with the preachers



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Six days after my 18th birthday, my high school sweetheart and I fled to Wise, Virginia to be wed-much to the shock of my family. I had always been a (mostly) obedient kid; it was an out-of-the-box move.

The first week, I declared to my new groom that I didn't have to go to church anymore

if I didn't want to. (I was an idiot.)

We skipped one week.

My newly beloved had been saved a few months before our elopement-ptL. His church, Sidney Missionary Baptist Church, welcomed me with open arms.

A few months into our married life, a revival was scheduled at Sidney Church. The evangelist, Bro. Thurmond Coleman from Louisville, would change our lives forever.

As is often the custom in the mountains, the older ladies of the church had the visiting preacher over for supper before services. Bro. Thurmond and his wife were there, of course, but they also invited this young, newly married couple in the church. Everybody knew I couldn't cook so we made the circuit with them! We trekked from house

to house each evening dining on delicious homemade meals and warm hearted fellowship.

God was definitely at work during those special suppers. Bro Thurmond and Cora became treasured friends; Bro. Thurmond became my beloved's mentor.

This week, we have been in revival at Fitzpatrick. Last Sunday morning, I hustled around the kitchen before the 8 a.m. service. As I tenderized meat and prepared cornbread dressing, I pondered how the years have passed. Now, I am one of those older women serving dinner to the evangelist! I remembered all the good cooks at different churches who blessed me and my beloved-several are now in heaven. This day, we were having pot roast, potatoes and carrots. Peggy King's slightly-famous Fresh Apple Cake was for dessert. Then, to the 11 o'clock service, our precious friend, Sandy Brown, came

carrying a Cream Puff Cake-our fave from 20 years ago! I burst out, "Ohmygoodness! You won't believe this! We are feeding the evangelists today!" What a sweet treat! When they tasted it, their eyes rolled back in their heads!

I've always heard about "entertaining angels unaware" from Hebrews 13:2. My favorite is the HCSB translation: "Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it." I'm pretty sure back in 1981 nobody thought WE were angels, just some young kids starting out. But they had mercy AND good food!

Time has moved on; those young kids have grown and our roles have changed. Over the last 20+ years my beloved has been a pastor, many a preacher has shared our table. What precious times for us!

Before, during and after a meal is enjoyed, there is always a time of telling stories.

My beloved and I love to hear how people came to know Jesus, how they met their spouse, how they ended up in ministry (when applicable) AND KENTUCKY-if they're not originally from the mountains...lots of questions. When people share their story, you find out so much about them! You understand them a little better and are often stirred by what they have shared.

We are all busy these days, headed somewhere in a big hurry, but if you think about it, might there be someone God wants you to encourage over dinner or supper? You don't have to cook, either! Tonight we supped at Billy Ray's! We laughed hard, we listened well, as others talked. Watch for ways to connect with people around you through a meal and then start asking questions. You may be amazed at what you learn! The fellowship may be sweeter than dessert!

Church News

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Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm

White Oak Revival Ends Tonight

White Oak Church of God will be having the last night of its revival tonight, Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Harold Kelly as the speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Saturday, October 26th - 11am-3pm

Fall Festival at Providence

Providence Baptist Church at Winston will be having its Fall Festival this coming Saturday, October 26, 2019, 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be food, fun and fellowship for everyone with a cake walk, kids games, hay rides and much more. Classic car owners are welcome to bring your car. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, October 26th at 6pm

Singing at House of Prayer

A gospel singing will be held at House of Prayer, 535 Dark Hollow Road, Irvine, on Saturday, October 26th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Guest singers will be Glory Road and the Praise Singers. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 27-30

Revival at Cow Creek Baptist

Cow Creek Baptist Church 1575 Cow Creek Road in Ravenna, will be having a revival, Sunday-Wednesday, October 27-30, 2019, starting at 6:30 p.m. each night. Evangelist will be Bro. T. A. Lester. There will be special singing with The Watson Family on Sunday, Destination Known on Monday, Sheila Niece on Tuesday, and Glory Road on Wednesday. Pastor Chris Greene and the congregation welcome everyone to attend.

Seeds of Hope



What's the difference between the word "special" and the word "unique?"

The word "special" implies that someone or something surpasses or exceeds the usual or normal. It could refer to an athlete who excels in his or her particular sport and has done things differently or set records that will remain unbroken for many years. It might refer to a vehicle that has been modified to meet the specifications of an owner.

But the word "unique" implies something different. The word unique means that something or someone is the only one of its kind and has no rival. "It" is not only different, but incomparable and unparalleled.

Our God is certainly

not an "it." Our God is a Person and He certainly is unique. Our Psalmist brings this to our attention when he asks, "For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?"

Of course the answer he would give us is an answer we already know: No one! There is no sun or planet in the sky that is equal to Him. Then he adds that there is no "heavenly being" - none of the angels or holy ones - who inhabit heaven who can be compared to the Lord. Our God is above all and beyond all because He created all.

So what are we to do? We are to "greatly fear" Him and understand that He "is more awesome than all who surround Him." Our "fear" of Him will create a "respect" for Him and when we recognize how "awesome" He is, we will worship in spirit and in truth, in love and humility.

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Monday, October 28th - 9-11, 3-5, 6-8

St. Elizabeth Christmas Help

St. Elizabeth Church can only take a limited number of families for Christmas help this year, so they will be using the following Guidelines for Signing Up:

- ◆ First, Senior Citizens, 60 years old and up, **who are in need of help with food.**
- ◆ Second, families (parents or grandparents) with children 15 and under **who have not received help from our church in the past five years.**
- ◆ Third, families in need of help with children under 15 who are **not signed up anywhere else, but were helped within the past five years.**

Those who qualify will sign up at St. Elizabeth Church Hall (behind the Church at the top of 5th Street in Ravenna) this coming **Monday, October 28, 2019, from 9:00-11:00 a.m., 3:00- 5:00 p.m., or 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Sunday, November 3rd around Noon

Ground Breaking at Providence

Providence Baptist Church at Winston will be having a ground breaking ceremony following morning service on Sunday, November 3, 2019 for its new Christian Life Center, a fellowship hall for the youth and the entire congregation. Pastor Tim Roberts and the congregation welcome everyone to attend.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22

Rejoice always, **pray** continually, **give thanks** in all circumstances; **for this is God's will** for you in **Christ Jesus**. Do not **quench the Spirit**. Do not **treat** prophecies with **contempt** but **test** them all; **hold on** to what is **good**, **reject** every **kind of evil**.

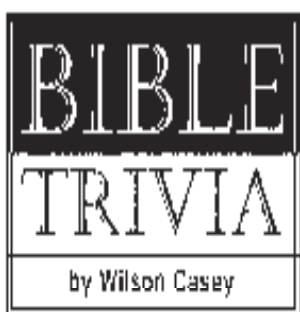
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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1. Is the book of Abaddon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"?

Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews

4. The mark of the beast number (666) is found in what chapter of Revelation? 1, 7, 11, 13

5. From 1 Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? Solomon, David, Elah, Saul

6. Who called the city of Nineveh "the mistress of witchcraft"? Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter

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Has Eternal Hell Disappeared?

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Just recently, I had a conversation with a man who said, 'If you listened to most preachers today, one would think that Hell has disappeared.' In days now past, most sermons are based upon philosophy and a feel-good type of sermon. Then, it seems that the sermons once preached that included the subject of a 'burning lake of fire,' that will receive all the disobedient, rebellious people, may not really exist after all.

Why would one perceive that this is not really feasible to believe? Simply because most are living as though death, judgment and eternal damnation do not even exist. Folks, Hell of fire is no joke! It is awaiting all who fail to take hold of the plan given only by Jesus to escape it.

In Mark 3:29, we have the warning given by our Lord concerning blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. What does this really mean? First of all, in John 16:5-14, Jesus is telling the apostles that when he went away (back to Heaven), also in chapter 15:16, our Lord calls him the Comforter, even the "Spirit of Truth," that he would send to them from God the Father. Then, he said, that this Spirit of Truth would be a guide unto them. Then in verse 4, that the Holy Spirit would be our aid to them in remembering what he has previously taught them. And when they did begin to write the Gospels, these words would be used to reprove the world of sin, declare what is right, point out the fact of impending judgment upon the world. So, when we consider what is written by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we are warned not to mock, ridicule, slander or dispute it. So, this Word is given to save mankind but to reject it is to blaspheme its unworthiness to save man. So, if one rejects the words of Jesus, he will not have forgiveness here in this life; neither will he have it in the future. Read carefully Matthew 12:31-31. See if I tell the truth.

So, then, the Holy Spirit speaks through the Bible to give us directions to eternal life, just as it also gives a warning to all who will reject his Word. And just as his words describe the awards that will be bestowed upon the faithful at the Judgment, he also describes the awards that will be bestowed upon the disobedient, rebellious sinners at the Judgment. Nearly 15-20 times within the New Testament, the Holy Spirit speaks of the place where eternal life will always be present. But, also, the Holy Spirit warns through the Bible that eternal damnation will also be present forever upon the lives of the unbeliever. John 5:25-29 tells of this reality. Then in 2 Corinthians 5:10, the Holy Spirit gives more information concerning this day. But in Revelation 20:11-15, the Holy Spirit gives us the picture of this day, saying, that death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire; that is the second death. Still think that Hell is a joke?

In closing, at this point within the lives of many, they are in a state of delusion brought on by the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4), blinding their eyes to the truth. So, the Holy Spirit had Paul to write within 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, that the delusion would cause them to believe a lie and be damned, but they would instead be engulfed by a state of pleasure. Are you one of these people who are putting the Day of Judgment on the back burner, aiming to make a change in the future. Well, plans are good but hardly do they ever arrive within our schedule. My advice is to obey the Lord's will. If it is today or tomorrow, who knows but God himself.

Now, you can just throw this article in the waste basket or you can contemplate its warning, but you will do one or the other. Why not make the good choice and prepare for that which is certain to come on this date _____?

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