

WORLD PRAYERS - August rains will save us.... Pray for Lots & Lots of Rain in August...
SENDING LOVE TO DEAR HEART - JULIE ALENA/HELE/MILIA/OLIVIA/MITCHA/DON/DORTHY/JOHNDIEE
IRA & RICE - Temp was 103 outside so you can imagine what it is like with no Air Conditioning. **IRMA** - Foot/toes better
IRA RANGER - Had week off from his chemo. **IRAGNY/DYCO/HELLSWORTH/BAKER** - Everyone find to
 replace AC, something like helping the economy....Boo! Hiss! **HOLLYVARRY** - Abby starts 8th grade in Berryhill, Holly senior
 at Faith Central and also starting cosmetology courses. And to start school, she had all of her wisdom teeth cut out. Carlee is just
 being Carlee-sweet! **JIM BURGE** - Gradson still in Boston, home this weekend. **ROMMATEY** - Branson weekend.

THIS & THAT

THIS WEEK - PICK UP SEARCH FOR TRUTH CARDS - HAND OUT EVERYWHERE YOU GO
FOLLOWING IS THE MENU - SANDWICHES - CHIPS - DPS - ICE TEA/POP - AND YOUR FAVORITE DESERT
WORD OF THE WEEK - LUKE, wrote his Gospel before he wrote the Acts, and after Mark wrote his Gospel. Luke was
 himself a Gentile, probably Greek, a physician, and a man of culture. He was the first scientist who contradicted the facts of faith
TOP OF THE WEEK - Update Beneficiary/contingent beneficiaries on everything you own. Home, bank, savings,
 stocks, bonds, insurance, wills, trust, auto titles, etc. Make sure this is checked before this year is over... Get It Done!
STRIVING A HEALTHY WEIGHT - Focus only on eating and not while watching TV.....Eat in Moderation
SCAMS TACTIC - The Social Proof Tactic - The tactic is everyone is taking part in this scheme-so why not you? Fraudster:
 "Everyone's buying one of these timeshares in Arizona. All you need to do is give me your credit card number so I can get your
 reservation deposit right now." Savvy Senior: "No thanks. I don't give out my credit card number to someone I don't know."
OVER COMING THE FEAR OF DEATH - "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord
 Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation" (Isa12:2). God has every power there is to possess. He
 once asked the question, "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14). Jeremiah answered it many years later: "Ah Lord
 God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for
 thee" (Jeremiah 32:17). Jehovah is the Almighty God. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth
 them that trust in him" (Nahum 1:7). "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:
 which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever" (psalm 146:5-6).

WISDOM - IF IT'S TRUE that we're here to help others, what are the others here for?
PARADOX OF LIFE - Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
ELDER IN GREGGON - Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One
 said to the Other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned
 out. It's probably just your Dad."

POWER FOR TODAY - There's good news! Jesus can remove the evil inside. Jesus will keep you clean inside, "If you
 continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel" (Colossians 1:21-23).
WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO PRAY - We should begin praying immediately after our conversion, never stop. Lk 3:21
WHY - Why Is There Natural Light Before Sunrise and After Sunset? When we observe sunrise or
 sunset, the Sun is below the horizon. The Earth's atmosphere "bends" the Sun's rays and delays the sunrise/sunset by about three
 minutes. Thus we get the reflection at both times of day.

ELDERS NOT BEALIES - Elders are to oversee, rule, shepherd the flock. Their duties involve authority necessary in
 accomplishing that which is enjoined. Elders do not have the right to make laws in the sense that God makes laws. There is
 original authority. There is delegated authority. Elders do not have original authority, they have delegated authority.

LEW IN USA - Aug. 1945: American drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Approximately 80,000 people are killed as a direct
 result of the blast, and another 35,000 are injured. At least another 60,000 would be dead by the end of the year from fallout.

LOCK STOCK & BARREL - Lukewarm - This is an example of a correct word formed from two separate words of the
 same meaning. In Old English the word below meant 'warm' and this, combined with the more familiar word of the same sound
 and meaning, produced 'lukewarm' which we use today to describe temperatures that are tepid.

GRANKE - Batsell Barrett Baxter 1916-1982 From 1950 until his death in 1982, Brother Baxter was viewed as one of our
 greatest, most effective preachers. He served as the minister of the Hillsboro Church in Nashville, he was chairman of the Bible
 Department at David Lipscomb College and principle speaker for the Herald of Truth radio and television broadcasts. His
 greatest contributions were his books of sermons, his tract, Why I Am a Member of the Church of Christ and the many preachers
 he helped to train at David Lipscomb College. Of his generation no man enjoyed wider love and respect from our brethren.

MARY'S ON GOD'S WAY - Investigating Seventh Day Adventist - Mrs. White came to be regarded as the voice of God, and
 claimed to have had visions emphasizing the importance of Sabbath observance. Adventists regard her as a prophetess

HEAD UP - How a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when given to the Lord, but such a small amount when you
 go shopping? That a great many want to be in heaven, but aren't willing to obey the Lord's commandments?

NAME OF LEASE - COUNSELLOR: Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be
 upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

STAYED OVERNIGHT - NO SUPPORTER/SHOULDER CO/DAVID HOWARD - We had a couple from
 Maryland visiting who is an elder at his local congregation and was overjoyed to find, what he called "a normal" congregation.
 Our attendance is staying even, as we always seek to get those who take the place of our folks when out of town or sick.

WIFE QUIZ - What's another name for sea of Galilee - Who was father of Moses - Last person to see Jesus in Bible.

BRAND TEASER - If a bottle and a cork cost a dollar and a nickel, and the bottle costs a dollar more than the cork, how
 much does the cork cost?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - No man/woman ever really finds out what he/she believes in until he/she begins to instruct
 his/her children. Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph 6:4

WEEKLY REMINDER - Cut & Keep Acts 8:36-37 - And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain
 water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all
 thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:18 - And
 immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.



THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

by Dalton Key

Our entertainment-crazed world, both in the world and in the pew, has made clear its demands: preaching that "connects," that "feels good," that "entertains while meeting emotional and social needs," preaching that isn't "preachy," with more jokes and less Jesus, more stories and less substance, more positive thinking and less mention of personal sacrifice; in short, pulpit patter which appeals more to the outer man than to the spirit.

Sadly, many of us who preach and teach have begun bending to these demands, preaching what amounts to "another gospel" (Galatians 1:6-9), and all the while excusing ourselves by whining, "But that's what the people want!"

Paul warned Timothy of the time when his hearers would not "endure sound doctrine," but with "itching ears" would "heap to themselves teachers" who would tell them what they wanted to hear. In the face of this wrong-headed insistence, however, Timothy was charged to "preach the word" and to do so "in season and out of season." (2 Timothy 4:1-4.)

Take note of the fact that Timothy was not encouraged to spend time attempting to discover what might tickle the ears of his hearers. He was not advised to consider the current societal climate and then style his sermons accordingly. He was charged, before God in view of the coming Judgment, to "preach the word."

Preachers we *must* begin anew preaching the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

And may we never forget that our primary obligation concerns pleasing God. The pleasing of men is better left to the politicians.

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GOOD NEWS—OZONE HOLE SMALLER

The size of the ozone hole on September 22, 2012, was the smallest it has been since 1990. A variety of things has contributed to this, including the warmer Antarctic temperatures in 2012.

BIG FOOT MYTH RAMBLES ON

The old adage that "if people don't believe in something they will believe anything" is seen over and over again in our so-called modern "post-Christian era." The Animal Planet TV channel continues to run programs on searching for Bigfoot, and recently much publicity came out about a press release on November 24, 2012, by a Dr. Melba S. Ketchum who said, "A team of scientists can verify that their five-year long DNA study, currently under peer-review, confirms the existence of a novel hominid hybrid species, commonly called 'Bigfoot' or 'Sasquatch,' living in North America. Researchers' extensive DNA sequencing suggests that the legendary Sasquatch is a human relative that arose approximately 15,000 years ago as a hybrid cross of modern Homo sapiens with an unknown primate species." Skeptics of the Ketchum Project have published a long list of errors in the research, and Ketchum has refused to engage in conferences and meetings with those involved in Bigfoot research. It is pretty obvious this is just a PR scam and that no valid evidence exists.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE COURSES A BUST

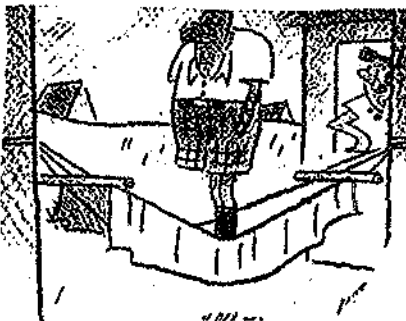
Many religious people have complained that the public schools should offer public school Bible courses to counteract atheistic teaching that permeates some public school curricula. In 2007 in Texas a law was passed allowing for elective courses, but now complaints and threats are coming to the state about the "blatant bias" found in the courses. The Texas Freedom Network has complained that the courses favor "conservative Protestantism, problematic treatment of Judaism, ... 'reflects ideological bias that America was founded as a Christian nation based on biblical Christian principles.'" Expecting the tax supported public schools to do the work that the church should be doing is not going to work, and in our pluralistic society that should be a pretty obvious reality.

THE COMET IS COMING

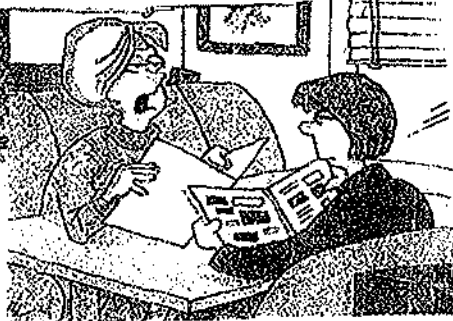
A newly discovered comet named C/2012 S1 (ISON) will swing by the earth in November 2013. This appears to be brighter than any comet that has been seen since 1680, being as bright as a full moon. The last time we had a bright comet was when Heaven's Gate cult group to commit mass suicide in 1997—supposedly so they could catch a ride on it. A comet is simply debris left over from the production of the solar system. What will be unique about this one is its brightness, but an ignorant public is likely to attach all kinds of weirdness to its appearance.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE AND CHURCH

A new study of adult children of divorce by the Institute for American Values shows that children raised in happy marriages are more than twice as likely to attend religious services as children of divorced couples. In the study researchers found children saying that people at church did not understand their pain when their parents were splitting. The need for Christians to minister in a special way to children of divorce should be obvious, but it is a neglected area.



"When are you going to learn to relax?"



"I don't think it's so much my inability to lose weight as my ability to find it."



"My husband and I are thinking of moving to Canada to be closer to our prescriptions."

BTA - Most people guess \$6, but \$1 more than \$6 is \$1.05, and if the bottle cost \$1.05, the bottle and the cork would be \$1.10, not \$1.05. The cork actually costs 2½¢ and the bottle costs a dollar more, or \$1 and 2½¢, making the total \$1.05.
Bible - Luke 11:28 - Amram Ex 6:20 - Paul I Cor 15:4-8