

WORLD PRAYERS - It will not do to celebrate Christmas before it comes... Christmas 99% anticipation, most remaining:
SEARING LOVE TO DEAR HEART - RUBY/JOAN/JULIE/ALMA/JOYCE/JERRY/JANICE/LINDA/DORIS/BRENDA
IMBUCK - We send Buck and Jim Season Greetings **VIRGINIA** - Hip slow recovery and feels little better, thanks HG for their prayers. **RONNA** - Donna has soft tumor in her back has MRI scheduled/waiting on go or no go with toe amputation.
SCHWENKE - Steve Schweinke, John/Dolores' son-in-law's mother Jeri Schweinke, being moved to rehab/will be making some hard decisions for her future. **JOHN BOYD SLORES** - My beloved oldest sister Francine Emma Dee Hill passed away last Friday. Precious memories how they linger, our favorite family song "Blest Be The Tie" **MARY** - Out-patient knee surgery last week went well. **BORTHY** - Many health problems/keep in prayer. **DALE** - On vacation this week.

THIS & THAT

THE WEEK - PICK UP SEARCH FOR TRUTH CARDS - HAND OUT EVERYWHERE YOU GO

WINTER DINNER NEXT SUNDAY

LABEL ACTION FELLOWSHIP - This Friday 6th @ Savanna Banks 6:30pm. Christmas Carols/Party/Pot Luck.
WOMEN'S ACTION FELLOWSHIP - This Friday 6th @ IHOP Sand Springs 6:30pm.

LEAD ME TO SOME SOUL COMING JAN 1ST - Jerry will explain on Jan 5th HQ's approach in 2014. Christians are to be workers in the vineyard of the Lord and "bear much fruit" (Jno.15:8). Guess what we are not doing this work as we should. Thus the reminder and effort of starting over coming in January. The parable of the fig tree (Lk.13:6-9) drives home the point of what will take place to God's children who do not bring forth fruit. While every Christian is not expected to do the same thing, they are expected to do things within their ability or abilities (Matt.25:14-30). Observe carefully God's description of one that does not use their ability: "Thou wicked and slothful servant" (Matt.25:26). It is implied that great growth is an indication of God's approval, when the very reverse may be true. Billy Graham appeals to the masses by standing for nothing doctrinally. Some of the fastest growing congregations among us fill their pulpits with 20 minute "after-dinner" speeches that would be acceptable in any denomination in greater Tulsa/Sand Springs area.

WORD OF THE WEEK - 2nd JOHN - It is not clear whether the Elect Lady is a church or a person. "Lady" may even be her name, instead of her title. One is inclined to think that it is a real lady whose hospitality John had shared in his mission travels and whose children he knew. He touches on the favorite topics like truth, love, walk, commandment. He calls the antichrist the Doctetic Onostle who denies that Jesus came in the flesh. He makes the teaching of Jesus the standard of orthodoxy. He forbids acquiescence in and fellowship with such heretics. John hopes to visit her soon.

TIP OF THE WEEK - Heads Up One More Time - Cell Phone - Telemarketing will be calling and it will be charged to your phone bill if you answer phone call. Look before answering, if ya don't know number don't answer, and to prevent this each phone you own needs to be added to National no call list at this number. **1-888-382-1222**

WHAT SHOULD I TEACH MY CHILD ABOUT BAPTISM - Most children have been to a wedding, or at least have seen the pictures on the wall of Mom and Dad's marriage ceremony. Baptism is a believer's wedding ceremony, Eph 5:32, picturing Christ as the bridegroom. When we become a part of the church, then we are in a sense getting married to Christ.

MEMOR - Attending a wedding a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

POWER FOR TODAY - Even on our best days, the contrast between God and us is stark. Still, He chooses us. He wants us saved. Why? Because of faithfulness. Not yours or mine, but His.

WHAT WILL WE LEAVE BEHIND? - We leave hopefully a faithful spouse, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and siblings. We can't make their decisions, but we can influence them if we start early. Proverbs 22:6.

BLACK SHEEP & BARREL - Black sheep were regarded as less valuable than white sheep and to the superstitious in by-gone days they were seen to be carrying the mark of the devil. From this developed the idea of the 'black sheep' as being a disgrace to his or her family or close community.

GRANT - A. M. Burton was not a preacher, but he was one of our giants. He was the founding president of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Nashville. Burton's gave 90% of his income to the Lord's work. He provided a life-time salary for Marshall Keeble that allowed that great preacher to devote his full time to preaching and soul-winning.

LIFE IN AMERICA - Dec 1884: Washington Monument completed the construction of an impressive monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington.

NAME OF JESUS - GOOD SHEPHERD: John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

STATESIDE/OVERSEAS - NO SUPPORTED/INDIGENT IONES - Back from India for R/R before returning in late January. Has some health problems picked up over there. Please keep in prayer.

BIBLE QUIZ - Jacob holding what @ birth? - Name of Isaac wife - What book " All we like sheep have gone astray?"

BRAIN TEASER - A man hiked through the woods with his dog and saw three coyotes, six wolfcubs, seven bunnies, nine squirrels and thirteen chipmunks. How many total feet were there?

WHO IS IN CONTROL? - Sinatra's song, "My Way," is often requested at funerals. So from the beginning of adult life to the end of it, many say, "I make my own choices-nobody tells me what to do." Self-will disqualifies a man from the eldership (Titus 1:7), as it does one from being a true Christian (Philippians 2:3-5). One must submit unto God" (Romans 10:3).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain. Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deut 31:6

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION - Cut & Keep - 1Cor.14:15 - What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

Salvation Army Kettle-PASS IT UP! WHY?

It doesn't bother my conscious one iota to pass up the little red kettle that the Salvation Army has as you enter stores. Many feel obligated to give something or be looked upon as being cold and calloused as was Scrooge. Yes the people that man these kettles always greet you, and try to have eye contact also. This makes folks uncomfortable or feel guilty, thus they give cheerfully. Unfortunately, many Christians do not know anything about the Salvation Army. They think it is on a par with the Lions Club or someone other like organization. The fact is, the Salvation Army is a denomination; a man-made organization and not the church of our Lord!

William Booth was a minister for the New Connection Methodist Church in England. He began working in the slums of London's East End. His objective was to combine social functions and preaching in meeting the "whole man." Because his followers were not accepted in the Methodist Church he organized under the name of the Christian Mission, and in 1878 he changed the name to the Salvation Army. With the changing of the name, Booth began setting up his organization on a military pattern. Mission stations became corps, members were designated as soldiers, evangelists became officers, and converts were seekers. Of course, it is not surprising that Booth became the "general of the Salvation Army. He reasoned that it was "just as valid to build an army of crusaders to save souls as it has been to send armies to recover a sepulcher." (Handbook of Denominations, Frank Mead, Salvation Army, p.202) :

One can learn of the Salvation Army's statements of doctrine by reading The Salvation Army Handbook of Doctrine. Observe the difference in what the Salvation Army teaches and what is recorded in the Bible.

HERE IS THE WHY NOT TO GIVE

Salvation Army: Refer to themselves as the Salvation Army, a designation NOT found anywhere in the New Testament for the Lord's church!

The Bible: Church of Christ (Rom.16:16), church of God (1 Cor1:2), etc.

Salvation Army: Accepts both the Old and New Testament as their rule of faith.

The Bible: The old law was nailed to the cross (Col.:2:14).

We now live according to the New Covenant of Christ (Gal.3:19-25; Heb.9:12-17).

Salvation Army: Repentance and faith are the conditions of salvation.

The Bible: Faith in Christ (John 8:24), repentance (Luke 13:3), confession of Christ (Matt.10:32) and immersion "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

Salvation Army: Believes in total depravity and free will.

The Bible: Conversion is a process of teaching (Acts 2:8,10). Infants are sinless and not born totally depraved.

Salvation Army: One must be regenerated by the Holy Spirit -"speaks directly to men."

The Bible: Every case of conversion e.g. Acts 2:8,10, shows that the Holy Spirit works only through the Word of God to convict and convert.

Salvation Army: Total sanctification and holy living.

The Bible: Those who become Christians are set apart from the world, and are to live holy lives (1 Pet.1:16). One does not live a life of perfection, if so, why repent (1 John 1:7-9; 1 John 2:1)?

Salvation Army: Eternal life for the righteous and everlasting punishment for the wicked.

The Bible: True, according to Matt 25:34,41,46 and Rom.3:23.

Salvation Army: Baptism is not essential to salvation.

The Bible: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Note also Acts 22:16, and 1 Pet.3:21.

Salvation Army: Use instruments of music in worship.

The Bible: The only kind of music authorized in New Testament worship is vocal music (Eph.5:19; Col.3:16).

Salvation Army: Have women preachers as well as men preachers.

The Bible: Women are forbidden to take dominion over a man (1 Cor.14:34; 1 Tim.2:11-12).

Salvation Army: Do not observe the Lord's Supper.

The Bible: Matt.26:26-29; 1 Cor.11:23-30 and Acts 20:7 sets forth that Christ instituted the Lord's Supper, and that it is to be weekly observed by the saints.

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THE COMET IS COMING

Best time to view will be on Dec 26th all night long.

GLOBAL WARMING ON MARS

Data on Mars has come from the Viking orbiters of the late 1970s, the Mars Global Surveyor of the 1999-2009 period, and recent probes to Mars. Air temperatures have increased as much as 40 C at the south pole of Mars, but there is a general warming taking place with average temperatures increasing nearly a degree during the observation period. Changes in Mars' albedo (light reflected from the surface) of as much as 10 percent have been recorded. This change is probably due to dust storms. Solar changes are also a possible cause. The major point here is that global warming is not just human caused, and the natural causes are highly complex. Mankind certainly is a catalyst in all of this, but oversimplifications on all sides make picture fuzzy at best.

ARTIFICIAL LIFE CREATED?

Dr Craig Venter claims that he has made artificial life. Venter has been called "the world's greatest scientific provocateur" and he has had his own company which was involved in mapping the human genome. What Venter did was to take the DNA of a bacteria that infects goats called Mycoplasma mycoides and put fragments of its DNA into yeast which makes a synthetic copy of the original DNA. This artificial DNA is then put into a bacterium which grows and divides creating two daughter cells one of which has the artificial DNA. The other bacterium are killed allowing the one with the synthetic DNA to multiply. This is claimed to be artificial life. It is not the creation of life. Actually it is like taking various parts of cars from different models and assembling them into a new car and saying we created a car. We did not create anything, we just re-arranged the parts. The process is actually dangerous, because no idea of what new life form will do. It is not creation of life in any sense of the word.

BLACK HOLES

A great deal has been said in the media about Stephen Hawking admitting that he was wrong about black holes. It has been interesting to watch how different groups have responded to this. Some have assumed he was saying that there were no such things as black holes, and others have thought that Hawking had proven parallel universes. In reality what Hawking admitted was that some of his theories proposed some 30 years ago were not correct and that other physicists have better ideas. The ideas involved are in quantum mechanics and have to do with theories about black holes. They do not deny black holes, but rather how they function and how human theories might explain them.

BIBLE CODE NONSENSE CONTINUES

Michael Drosnin continues to crank out books claiming that there is a code in the Bible and that if you crack the code you will find out that the Bible predicts everything from getting rich, the election coming in 2014, to the World Trade Center catastrophe. Bible Code II is an expansion of the 1997 version and, like the old version, makes a series of claims. The first point we want to make is that a prediction is easier to make after it has happened. Showing in 2004 that the World Trade Center event was going to happen is a case of hindsight being 20/20. Brendan McKay, an Australian mathematician, has shown that a person can find nine political assassinations that have happened in the novel Moby Dick if he uses the same methods that Drosnin used. The Bible Code books are pure fraud and need to be recognized as such by the Church of Christ.



Frosty's friends warned him about the rains, but in the end he decided to go ahead with the laser eye surgery.



"Are you prepared should one of you melt?"

"About those 14 elves listed as dependents .."

BTA - Two. The man has two feet. The rest of the animals have paws.
Bible - Esau's heel Gen 25:26 - Rebekah Gen 24:67 - Isaiah 53:6