

## Work For God - Do The Best You Can

**WORLD PROVERBS** - May rains have such narrow shoulders they will get anywhere.

**SENDING LOVE TO DEAR HEART** - BECKY/DON/DORTHY/JOI/JOHN/DOLORES/BEN/SANDY/DALE

**JIM & BUCK** - Pray for HG prison ministry, thanks Jim/Buck for your efforts. **MARY** - Dolores' sister, Mary, over pneumonia **JIM/DONNA** - Had chemo port installed last Tue. **JANICE** - Improving/ walking some/Son plans to stay in OK to take care of her. **JESSIE COUNT DOWN** - 41 left/ Her brother Les, has blood infection. **LENA** - Sends her LUV.

**RAYMOND** - His brother, Jay Bill, ICU will be in rehab before going home. **JOHN BOY** - Back on steroids Boo! Hiss!  
**SUSAN** - Reoccurring back ouches/had shot. **MARK** - Bonnie tries to communicate/ kids putting in garden for Mark so he want be jumping fences. **VIRGINIA** - Hip/Back shots some better. **ROY/TERRI** - Roy sleeping problem/Terri on excursion.

**CARIBBEAN CRUISE** - Lenn/Shasta/Brandon/Savanna/Taylor/ @ Key West Florida with blue skies/blue water/white sand.

### THIS & THAT

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

## ONLY 3 DAYS OF SCHOOL LEFT THEN SUMMER

**LADIES ACTION FELLOWSHIP** - Last Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jessie/Center / 6:30PM/ Pot Luck/Banco/Gift anything

**MENS ACTION FELLOWSHIP** - Last Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Hideaway Plaza Tulsa Hills / 6:30pm

**GARY JONES MISSION 2 INDIA - MAY (SEWING KITS)** See list to buy in foyer These kits are being used in training both girls and boys how to sew their own clothing. These children have nothing except what Christian provide at MSV. The elders encourage you to help a child grow up in all the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is being taught by Christians.

**WORD OF THE WEEK** - HOSEA : Within seven months after Jeroboam died heavy tribute had to be paid to the Assyrians during the reign of Menahem, and his son and successor was assassinated after " brief reign. Into this struggling humanity, God sent Hosea as his spokesman.

**TIP OF THE WEEK/SKIN CANCER PREVENTION** - For both sexes, longer you smoke, more likely you'll develop nonmelanoma skin cancer. 20 yrs of puffing/skin cancer double compared to nonsmokers. Quitting lowers risk of all kinds of cancers.

**HEALTHY WEIGHT** - If you eat at restaurants or fast food establishments, do so three times per week or less.

**WORD KHAZE** - Contentment : Satisfaction, happiness, pleasure, gratification, and ease.

**HUMOR** - A WOMAN asked her husband, "Could you please go out and buy a gallon of milk? And if they have avocados, get six.", the husband returned with six gallons of milk. "Why did you buy so many?" his wife asked. "They had avocados."

**PARAPROSDONIA** - Are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

**KIDS IN CHURCH** - Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

**BIBLE FACTS** - Shortest book 2 John, Longest Psa, Longest chapter Psa 119, shortest verse John 11:35, Longest Esther 8:9

**POWER FOR TODAY** - Mystery why God wants a relationship with us. Nevertheless, throughout the OT God sought to interact with mankind. God chose this relationship, and it still is. Eph 3:12 gives us permission to come commune with Him.

**TEMPTATION WAR** - Americans polled - Abandon family 25%, Abandon church 25% Become prostitute 23% Give up citizenship 1% Withhold testimony/let murderer go free 10% Would kill 7% Put children up for adoption 3%

**LIFE IN USA** - Two Rivers, on Lake Michigan, has 28-square-foot state historical sign. States ice cream sundae started 1881

**BIBLE DOCTRINE SELF-RIGHTEOUS** - We must be made righteous by the gospel of Christ and live separated lives. When one accomplishes such they do so by the gospel. Those who are self-righteous invent their own standard and become more exacting than God (Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 9: 10-12).

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** - Don't ever let someone tell you that you can't do something. Not even me, you need to dream.

**STATESIDE/OVERSEAS - NO SUPPORTED/SEARCH/TOO LATE** - Now that Harley has left, we have received six packets from men looking to fill the position. Two applicants have been contacted for follow up discussions/working to schedule them a visit. Our intentions/find man committed/ long stay/developed congregation.

**LANGUAGE FROM KIDS** - Never underestimate . . . the power of termites.

**LOCK STOCK & BARREL** - Anyone trying to maintain appearances or keep on the social level of their neighbours has been 'keeping up with the Joneses' In 1913 a cartoon series began to be syndicated in newspapers throughout the USA based on the attempts by the artist, Arthur R. (Pop) Momand, to keep up with his neighbours. It was he who invented the phrase.

**MAN'S WAY OR GOD'S WAY** - Investigating Presbyterian - One cannot fall from God's grace; it is an utter impossibility.

**BIBLE**: Judas Acts 1:25, May fall/ Heb 12: 15; I Cor 10: 12. Some did fall Gal 5:4, Paul feared he might fall I Cor 9:27, Will be taken out of the kingdom, Acts 2:47; Jo 3:3-5; Ma 13:41. We labor in hope of eternal life. Titus 1 :2.

**NAME OF JESUS** - AUTHOR AND FINISHER : (Heb 12:2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**MIRACLES HAD A PURPOSE** - Ex. 10:1,2 That I may perform these signs of mine that you may know that I am the Lord

**BIBLE QUIZ** - Which apostle call rock of the church - What is the lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.

**BRAIN TEASER** - A man can make perfect counterfeit bills. They look exactly like real ones, they're made of exactly the same materials, made the same way, everything. So perfect, one could pretty much call them real bills. One day he successfully makes a perfect copy of another bill. However, he gets caught when he tries to use the copy. How is this possible?

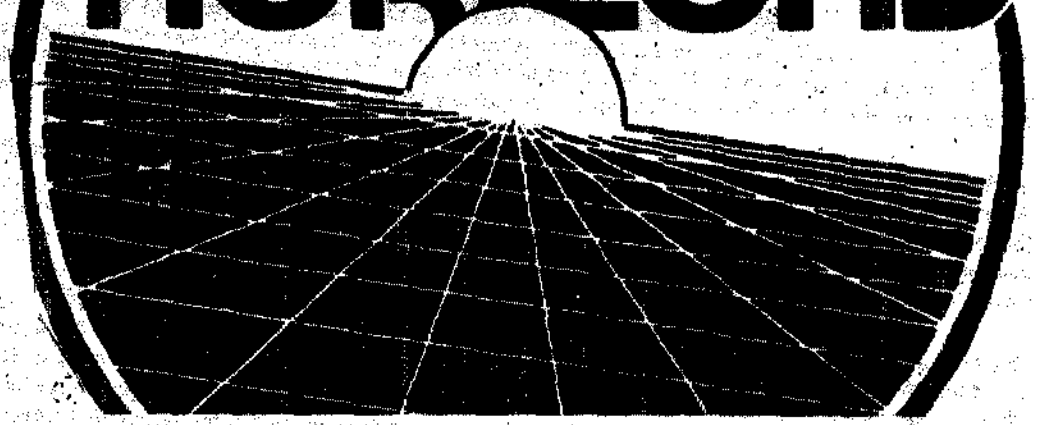
**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** - The best way to get the last word is to apologize. If you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor! Proverbs 6:2,3

**WEEKLY MEMORIZATION** - **Out & Keep** - Acts 8: 37 - 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 16: 31 - And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.



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# EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS



## AMERICA (STILL) NEEDS GOD

by Dalton Key

(I penned the following article under the title, "America Needs God", in 1994. I leave it to you to answer this question: have things gotten better or deteriorated further in the ensuing 19 years?)

You are no doubt all too aware of America's continuing moral decline. The evidence is both overwhelming and indisputable. You may be unaware, though, just how far and how swiftly we have slipped. William Bennett has recently released, through the auspices of the Heritage Foundation, "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators" - a statistical portrait of the nation's behavioral trends since 1960. His findings are alarming.

According to Bennett's study, the population has increased 41% while violent crime has jumped 560%. Divorces have quadrupled. The teenage suicide rate has risen 200%. Illegitimate births have increased 400%. Today 30% of all births and 68% of black births are illegitimate.

What has gone wrong?

Consider these questions carefully. During the past thirty-four years, have we as a nation drawn closer to God or have we slipped farther away from God? Have we placed a greater emphasis upon the Bible or have we neglected the Bible? Have religion and spiritual matters generally been advanced or have they been pushed aside in favor of secular concerns? Are our families attending worship services, praying, and reading the Bible more often or less often now than families did a generation ago?

The answers are painfully obvious.

We are reaping what we have sown. The Bible has been right all along: "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34.)

The solution to America's most pressing problems may be found within each of us, in a renewed and determined commitment to put God and His will first in our lives. As His people, we don't need more government. We surely don't need more selfish greed or self-promotional grandstanding. What we need is what we've always needed.

We need God.



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## **ATHEISTS OFFER PORN FOR BIBLE CAMPAIGN**

Atheist students at the University of Texas at San Antonio are offering pornography to any student over the age of 18 who turns in Bibles or other religious texts. The atheists maintain that porn is no worse than what is written in religious materials, and they call their promotion "Smut for Smut." A university spokesman says the campaign is legal and there is no plan in place to stop it.

## **PAUL'S PORTRAIT**

Archaeologists excavating a catacomb near the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome have discovered a portrait of the Apostle Paul dating back to A.D. 300. Paul is said to have been martyred around A.D. 65 reportedly beheaded. A sarcophagus found under the basilica was dated to the first or second century and is thought to be that of the apostle. Skeptics of the Bible continue to explain away repeated finds that support the integrity of the biblical manuscripts, and this is another in a series of recent finds that make that difficult to do.

## **EARTHQUAKES, SUFFERING, AND GOD**

We have all been saddened by the devastating earthquakes that have ravaged many places in the world. Atheists continue to assert that these tragedies are incompatible with belief in God, because if a benevolent God existed He would not allow such things to take place. This view ignores a variety of facts: The areas struck by these earthquakes are located along active fault zones that are constantly generating earthquakes. These earthquakes are part of the system that recycles rock materials and forms new landmass and soils. We continue to ignore the fact that dangerous places should be avoided and special efforts should be taken to safeguard life in such areas. Much of the massive loss of life happened because of human greed. Buildings had been built without obedience to code or rules for construction. In areas where such buildings were not dominant the loss of life was minimal. If Christian values were applied, much of the pain would have been averted. In spite of the causes of the pain and destruction, it has been Christians who have addressed the needs in these areas most profoundly. Prior to the earthquakes very little was being done by anyone to address the poor conditions in earthquake countries and this neglect contributed to the suffering that we all observed. If you do not have a purpose for life, then no explanation of a tragedy is satisfying. The Bible gives an explanation of why God created human beings and why He gave us choices. That understanding precludes God micromanaging mankind and his environment.

## **HEALTH BENEFITS OF FAITH**

There have been a lot of bogus studies trying to link prayer to healing and church attendance to freedom from disease. New data from Duke University and Texas Tech does provide some startling numbers about faith and health. Hospitalized people who never attended church have an average stay three times longer than people who attended regularly. Heart patients were 14 times more likely to die following surgery if they did not practice a religion. Elderly people who never or rarely attended church had a stroke rate double that of people who attended regularly. People who are more religious tend to become depressed less often. If these studies came from a fundamentalist source, they would be quickly dismissed. Hearing them come from major medical universities does suggest the data needs to be looked at carefully and not just dismissed as religious propaganda.



"If it's okay with you, I'm going to use the short form."



The inevitable finally occurred — a potluck with nothing but baked beans.



"If summer had Christmas it would be perfect."