

# The Buzzard, Bat, and Bumblebee

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## BUZZARD



If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

## BAT



The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

## BUMBLEBEE



A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

## PEOPLE



In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up.

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**863-899-0987**

**10:20 am Worship**

**Email: [wvann@yahoo.com](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evanchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evanchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**7:pm**

## Wallpaper

By [Kevin Cauley](#)

As I type this article, I am [suffering](#) from the cumulative effect of having stayed up very late for the past several evenings. What have I been doing, you may ask, to keep me up so late? Mary Lynn and I re-wallpapered the living room this past week and we have been moving around furniture and rearranging how we live to prepare for some new living room furniture that we will be getting this coming week. The only major piece of furniture that I can recall ever having purchased in our married life is the blue couch that is now sitting in our office and so it has been a long wait for us to have such things. This was also the very first home redecorating project that we have undertaken together in the first 15 years of [marriage](#). (I can already hear the men saying, "What a blessing!" and hear the women saying, "What a shame!") So we are both duly exhausted from having completed this project this past week and we still have much [work](#) to do in rearranging the sleeping quarters for the boys and getting Eddie out of his baby bed and Austin into his own room and etcetera.

However, looking back at the project, it seems that it has been a good experience and I thought I would share a few lessons learned. First, you've got to remove the old before you can put on the new. We spent several hours simply taking off the old wallpaper before we even thought about putting up the new wallpaper. In addition to that, we appropriately prepared the surface of the wall so that the new wallpaper would stick better. God told Jeremiah: "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant" ([Jeremiah 1:10](#)). Jeremiah had to root out, pull down, and destroy before he could build and plant. There's a principle that's true for wallpaper and godly living both!

Second, a healthy dose of [patience](#) goes a long way toward hanging wallpaper. When that stuff gets wet, it's heavy and it also goes wherever it touches initially. Then you've got to peel it off again and retry until you get it right. This involved several different communication strategies between Mary Lynn and I several of which sent us in various different directions initially, but after the first five sheets were hung, we were able to develop a nice rhythm to putting the stuff up. Life is like that too. New things tend to frustrate us and cause us to rethink our situation, but with a little [patience](#) we can soon develop a successful rhythm. James said, "But let [patience](#) have her perfect [work](#), that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" ([James 1:4](#)).

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## Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks (FV) Jack Wall  
(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire  
1st prayer Judd Wall  
2nd prayer Jeffrey Burks  
Announcements: Keith Stille mire  
Singing: Mike Mallett

## Prayer List:

Naomi Wall  
Letha Sheldon  
Mildred Lovell  
Janese Lancaster  
Ruby Jones  
Lloyd Crownover  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personal

## Dates to Remember

*April 30th*  
*Fellowship Meal*  
*May 7th*  
*Mission Fund*  
*May 14th*  
*Mother's Day*



**Emma Lee Burks April 28th**  
**Connie Mallett April 30th**  
**Jana Wall Mat 18th**

- **There is a sign up sheet on the back wall for those that are interested in doing card and preparing the Lords Supper.**
- **Also please don't forget to sign the cards on the back table.**

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Finally, a good straight edge can solve a number of difficult problems. We measured, cut, hung, and cut some more and we needed a good straight edge for each step involved in the process. Of course, a straight edge is nothing more than a correct [standard](#). God gives us the correct [standard](#) in His word and it is up to us to measure and cut our lives along that [standard](#) so that our lives turn out right and we don't make a bigger mess than when we started. [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good [works](#)." Who'd of thought that hanging wallpaper could be so spiritual?