

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st

Ruby Jones Oct. 24th

Something's Not Right

When teachers of error are praised and teachers of truth are condemned, something's not right. When compromisers of truth are commended for their "wonderful attitude" and defenders of truth are charged with self-righteousness, something's not right. When false doctrine goes uncontested and truth proclaimed is called "traditionalism," something's not right.

Yes, all of these things are going on and something's not right. Men can verbally declare their soundness all they want, but when they show more support for those who teach false doctrine and compromise the truth than they show for men who courageously proclaim and defend the truth something's not right. - **by James Hahn**

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks

(FV) Mike Mallett

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Jorge Garza

1st prayer Judd Wall

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

September 1st

Mission Sunday

September 8th

Grandparents Day

September 15th

Men's Business Meeting

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 29th

Noon Fellowship

October 6th

Mission Sunday

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon

Jorge Garza

Joyce Windham

Dora Martinez

David Jones

Tammy Parker

Anita Adams

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

Edifier

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Simple Instructions

I occasionally get headaches, and when I do, I sometimes take a pain reliever to combat them. The brand I use has a multipack carton containing the medicine wrapped in a sealed, foil package. Over the years, I have “waged a war” with the packaging, because it has been extremely difficult (for me) to tear open. If I am where scissors are available, I will use the scissors.

It just so happens that I was recently in need of headache relief and I dreaded going through the frustrating process of opening the foil with no scissors. However, for some reason, the fine print on the package caught my attention. There was a straight line across the top and the words indicated that I was to fold the foil straight along the line and then rip the package from top to bottom. Amazingly, as I followed the instructions, I was able to easily open the package. Sensing that my success might have been a fluke, I waited till I got another headache to test the process. Sure enough, I obeyed the instructions again, following them to a “T,” and it worked!

Who knew that opening the foil package could be so easy?! I just followed the simple instructions.

This reminded me of the biblical story of Naaman the leper (found in **2 Kings 5**). Naaman was a valiant warrior for his king, however, he carried the dreaded disease of leprosy. Following a recommendation from a young Israelite woman, he sought a cure from the prophet of God, Elisha. After consulting his king, as well as Israel’s king, Naaman came to Elisha’s residence. Instead of going to him and touching him, Elisha sent a messenger with instructions for Naaman to “wash in the Jordan seven times” (**2 Kings 5:10**). Instead of obeying the words of the prophet, Naaman expressed his displeasure with Elisha. That displeasure came about because he did not like the part about the washing in the Jordan River—located in enemy territory and possibly seen to be “dirty” by Naaman. He voiced his disappointment in front of his servants, who promptly gave him words of wisdom: “My father, it is a great word the prophet has said to you; will you not do it? . . . So he went and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River . . . and his skin was restored like the flesh of a child” (**2 Kings 5:13-14**).

The instructions may be simple, but sometimes, through our stubbornness, we make things difficult. Jesus asked, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’ and not do what I tell you?” (**Luke 6:46**). That is a good question!

By Lance Cordle

As Society Sows...

“Be not deceived. God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life” (**Gal. 6:7, 8**).

Life has consequences. As we sow, we reap. It is an unavoidable “law of nature,” and it holds true not only for individuals but for society as a whole.

Will Durant wrote, “A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself within. The essential causes of Rome’s decline lay in her people, her morals, her class struggle, her failing trade, her bureaucratic despotism, her stifling taxes, her consuming wars” (Caesar and Christ: A History of Roman Civilization and of Beginnings to A.D. 325, p. 655). On page 668 he attributes Rome’s downward fall to a serious decline of the native population and a rise in an alien population, infanticide (abortion), sexual emasculation (homosexuality), pestilence, revolutions, wars, epidemics, the welfare dole, moral decay, excessive expenditures on public works and amusements. How many of these would fit America?

With the erosion of spiritual and moral values in our country, can we any longer affirm, “In God we trust”? “Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (**Prov. 14:34**). Our nation was founded, and has long endured, upon a foundation of godly principles, but as we have slept an enemy has sowed tares among the wheat. Secular Humanism, occultism, nihilism and atheism are now being sown in our children’s hearts. But remember: As society sows, society reaps!

By Ron Bartanen