

Bethel church of Christ

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February 19, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Why?

We often think of young children as being the source of the long chain of "why questions." Yet, there are times in our lives as adults when we may be as consumed with why questions as are some young children. Such occasions are usually surrounding events such as a catastrophe in our own lives or the lives of those we know or hear about in some form of media news. It is no secret that the why questions consume news reporters, police investigators, and even contractors repairing home damage. In many cases, it is critical to answer the why questions in order to take the next appropriate step in accomplishing some remedy to a problem. For example, a carpenter would be very frivolous in his efforts to replace a floor without first determining why it rotted out. He must first determine if there was a water heater leak or some other plumbing issue, or termites eating the wood, or a roof leak, etc.

We thus often regard determining the answer to the why questions as our foremost priority in our response to a problem. You can probably even recall various Bible examples of circumstances where the why questions were posed in response to a problem. Jesus was asked by His apostles why the blind man begging in front of the temple was blind (John 9:2). Quite likely Paul asked God why he had to suffer with a "thorn in the flesh." Paul cites God's answer as being, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*" (II Corinthians 12:9) And perhaps Paul asked God why his dear friend and diligent helper, Epaphroditus, was allowed to nearly die. (Philippians 2:25-30)

In reading II Corinthians 12:6-10, you find that Paul concluded that he must accept his circumstance and live in such a way as to be stronger because of the infirmity. "*For when I am weak, then I am strong.*" (Verse 10) I believe Paul's example and the preservation of this aspect of his life are providentially intended for us as the crucial means to answer many of our own why questions. I also believe that

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directory:

Please update your contact information for the new directory in the back.

Men's Business Meeting

will be tonight after services.

Bible Class Topics:

Sunday morning - Ephesians

Wed evening - Revelation

Adam's Rib

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact

Flower Request - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187 (c)

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Howell Todd

Serving: Eric Horne

Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Devotional: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Howell Todd

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back and
worship with us soon!

Please call to inform us of News
items or Prayer Requests that need
to be in the Bulletin:

Kyle Richardson - 495-7106

Dorthy Jean Smith - 444-5437

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we may often find no other answers this side of eternity to some of the why questions. I believe it critical that we demonstrate our trust in the Lord and grow in our faith to accept His will and providential guidance to work things out for the good – no matter how hard it might be for us to now understand. What is our level of faith and leaning upon God when everything seems to be going perfectly well? We then tend to see no need for dependency upon God. Let us use our hardships and struggles as did Paul as the prompt to lean upon God and have greater strength than we would have had without that prompt.

Howell Todd

Richardson Missions Update - Jamiaca

The two weeks in Jamaica this year was the best we have had. Seventeen team members total conducted 86 Bible Studies with 2 baptisms. About 13 went forward after the seminar on Thursday and a few wanted to become a Christian. Thaddus, the preacher there, will work with them after we left. The first week was the V.B.S. almost 100 kids attending. The subject this year was "Traveling with Paul". We ended that week with a weiner roast for older children and had 35 kids. They were so excited all week and looked forward to coming.

Brad Harrub conducted a Marriage Seminar the second week with many visitors. Up to 135 were present one night. The schools in Jamaica teach religion and welcomed Brad to talk to the children. He visited 3 schools several times. Oh if only the U.S. would welcome God into our schools! Walking down the streets you never get far without setting up a Bible study and sometimes several in one block. Many people we were studying with came to the night meeting and word spread how wonderful it was and invited more people. Many tired team members when two weeks were over but how excited everyone was with our results. Several did not want to leave the country. It is hard to get a relationship growing with a Bible study and then have to leave. But Thaddus and the members there always work very hard after we leave and follow up on the. The communities know Thaddus very well and we can tell he is out often.

Thank you so much for helping us "Go". It is a wonderful country with people searching for the Truth. If you are able to help us with the mission work please let us know. God Bless you all for the help you are giving us. In Christian Love,

Michael and Diane

* The full letter is on the back bulletin board and includes many pictures. Take a look!

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - *cancer*
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - *cancer*
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Thompson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - *inoperable condition*
Joe Allen
Bonnie Richardson - *cancer*
Linda Kay Edwards - *surgery recovery*
Dylan Speck - *kidney problems*
Haily Speck - *melanoma*
Edna Forbes
Jackie Wright

February Birthdays:

21st - Edna Forbes

24th - Delores Wright

"Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power."

Psalm 21:13

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What king's name can be spelled the same forward or backward.
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who said: "I know that my redeemer liveth"?
A - Job. Job 19:25

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Romans 15-16
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 28-31
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	Judges 12-16
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 21-23
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 15-16
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 40-44
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Matthew 20-22

God's Plan

I was once told that as time goes by
Everything changes with no reason why
Explanations we won't receive
We're just told we must believe

The Lord has a plan for each of us
This I Believe - This I Trust
Doctor-Lawyer-Teacher-Wife
Lord what's your plan for my life?

Explanations I don't expect
Just some guidance down the right track
Show me Lord your plan for me
I ask this of you while on my knees

Praying to you helps me to see
The wonderful plan you have for me
The Lord has a plan for each of us
This I Believe - This I Trust

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