

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Howell Todd

**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd

**Lord's Supper**

**Presiding:** Kyle Richardson

**Serving:** Eric Horne

Austin Horne

**Preaching:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Austin Horne

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Austin Horne

**Preaching:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Wednesday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Kyle Richardson

**Devotional:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Serving Next Sunday:

**Lord's Supper:** Ken Grandstaff

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Opening Prayer:** Brian Horner

**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Children's Home Donation:

Please donate money for  
perishable items.

### God's Plan of Salvation

**Hear** the Word

(Rom 10:17)

**Believe** in Jesus

(John 8:24)

**Repent** of your sins

(Luke 13:3)

**Confess** faith in Christ

(Rom 10:10)

Be **Baptized** for forgiveness of sins

(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**

(1 Cor. 15:58)

### TEAM MEETINGS

**Correspondence** - Sunday evenings

after worship see Kyle Richardson.

**Visitation/Bible Study** - For

assignments see Brian Horner.

**Member Care** - Regarding Member

needs contact Kyle Richardson.

**Flower Request** - Please call Lynda

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## Bethel church of Christ

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

### Mistakenly Crediting God

It seems that our culture is filled with mistaken credits to God. By that, I mean that God gets the blame in every ill circumstance of natural disaster. Yes, such events are typically referred to as "acts of God." No doubt, even your insurance policy uses this terminology to describe the same. Then, in many situations where a tragic accident occurs and someone suffers serious injury or death, people will be asking silently or aloud, "Why did God allow this to happen?" And when an evil person commits a terrible act of violence toward one or more other people, various ones question why God allowed that evil to occur. And finally, there is a common saying even among some Christians: "I was providentially hindered." I contend that in each of these circumstances, people mistakenly credit God. People are making claim that an event or circumstance is the result of the workings of God.

No doubt, you'll remember that Satan never received credit in the life of Job when calamity struck him -- even though Satan was indeed the source of the ill circumstances. And when people violate the natural laws God put into place to govern this physical existence, there will be natural consequences. If one jumps from a tall building and lands on the sidewalk below without his fall being slowed or his body being protected, death will ensue. The man died as a result of his own actions -- accidental or deliberate. God did not cause the outcome. When a father falls asleep while driving and runs off the road into a bridge overpass, he and his family may all die. Again, God did not do this. As for natural disasters, they are also a part of the natural laws God created to govern this physical world. Yet, God does not engage in causing hurricanes, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, earth quakes, etc. Those who exercise God-given free will to commit sinful acts which harm others are not being routinely thwarted by God. God did not create us with free will and then promise that He will intervene every time we exercise it to bring about harm to others. God did not promise us that He will intervene every time we violate natural laws that will otherwise result in serious injury or death. And finally, when we have occurrences in our lives which prevent us from being able to engage in some good action such as attending worship service, it is not that God caused it. Thus, the Christian must not be

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saying that he was providentially hindered. Perhaps someone long ago came up with this expression from the life of Paul. Paul certainly was providentially hindered from his ongoing efforts to persecute Christians. He was stopped in his tracks by the bright light and thundering voice on his travel to Damascus. See **Acts 9**. And perhaps, providence is not the right description even of this intervention. Providence is better used to describe how God causes things to work out for the good eventually in the lives of His children. **Romans 8:28** "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

To summarize, it must be with caution that we attribute credit or blame to God for ill circumstances. As Christians we are bombarded with false attributions such as those mentioned above. Thus so many fail to recognize how benevolent God really is. Because of these cultural issues, it is an extra challenge for us to enable people to see the good and loving nature of God when calamity ensues.

Howell Todd

### The Children of Isreal

A boy listened closely as the teacher read the Bible. "May I ask a question?" he asked. "Sure. Go ahead. Ask your question," replied the teacher. "Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea-the children of Israel built the temple-the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?"

### Bible Riddle

"Jehovah is salvation" this name proclaims;  
It is synonymous with three other great names.  
It was worn with grace by a prophet great,  
Who prophesied long but met a sad fate.

He spoke during the reign of kings — at least four,  
And wrote a book that also the name bore.  
Many songs and poems came from his hand,  
As he told how the Jews would return to their land.

Of the promised Messiah he freely wrote,  
And from him now many preachers quote.  
He was the father of 2 sons, the husband of one wife;  
A great statesman, preacher and prophet 'til end of life.

If the name of this man you cannot tell,  
God's book you surely have not read well.  
(last week's answer: Job)

**"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."**

Matthew 5:13

### Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	Philippians 1-2
Monday (The Law)	Leviticus 7-9
Tuesday (History)	1 Kings 19-22
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 75-77
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 7
Friday (Prophecy)	Ezekiel 13-18
Saturday (Gospels)	Luke 15-16

### WEIGHTED-FOUND WANTING!

Of what real value is your soul? Weight it against all treasures, pleasures, honors, position, fame, prestige, popularity and happiness. Which is of more value? Where do you place your priorities in life? Jesus set forth the true value of the soul in that great question: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (**Mark 8:36-37**). His divine evaluation is that your soul outweighs the whole world and everything in it!

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### 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 Richardson  
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  
Janice Garrett  
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister

### In Christ We Have:

- A love that can never be fathomed.
- A life that can never die.
- A peace that can never be understood.
- A rest that can never be disturbed.
- A joy that can never be diminished.
- A hope that can never be disappointed.
- A glory that can never be clouded.
- A happiness that can never be interrupted
- A light that can never be extinguished.
- A strength that can never be overcome.
- A beauty that can never be marred.
- A purity that can never be defiled.
- Resources that can never be exhausted.

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### This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Which was older  
Moses or Aaron?  
How much?  
Check back next week for  
the answer!

### Last Week's Trivia:

Q - What man was  
buried more than  
two hundred years  
after he died?  
A - Joseph. Gen 50:26  
Josh 24:32