

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Brian Horner

**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd

**Lord's Supper**

**Presiding:** Brian Horner

**Serving:** Eric Horne

Ken Grandstaff

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Austin Horne

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

### 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:** Austin Horne

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Men's Business Meeting:

Following services this evening.

### Children's Home Donations:

Thanks to everyone for donating!

We raised \$245 for perishable items and delivered a truck load of food. It is much appreciated!

### I missed Sophia in the Directory!

Sophia Hudson

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Lebanon, TN 37090

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Birthday: Sep 18

### 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

2427 Sparta Pike, Lebanon TN 37090

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July 15, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

### Charley

I had never met Charley before. The first time I saw him, I was teaching a Bible class and he came bounding in with no want or reason, making all kinds of commotion. I don't think he meant it that way but it was just kind of his way. You know, when I think about it, no one was angry with him, they just expected it from him. I, too, had to smile at his boisterous demeanor, even though I had to stop teaching my class for a minute or two until things calmed down and got back to normal.

Charley, was a lot younger than me and I'm sure he was younger than most everyone in the room. It was soon apparent that no matter how hard I tried to continue with my Bible lesson, Charley had no intention of participating, he was going to do his own thing. Soon, everyone was watching what Charley was doing and not paying attention to me, never mind the lesson we were studying.

Tell me, what is a fellow suppose to do in a position like this? If I was on my home turf, I could have had more pull with him. I was not at home but doing some visiting teaching. My solution was to introduce myself to Charley. I couldn't believe it. He showed me affection as if we had been old buddies for years. He was very warm and friendly. You know, really it is not often you find someone that joyous to be around. I tried to get him to sit with me at the table where I was teaching from but that did not last long, he soon had everyone's attention again and was doing what he wanted to do.

Did I mention that Charley is overweight and kind of lumbered around when he moved? There at the nursing home where I was teaching, they have a large aviary, you know a big bird cage. Charley was fascinated by this. He would go from side to side, looking at the birds, talked to them and raddled the glass. So you could see the problem I was having. Once in a while some of the residents would get after him but he paid no mind.

Well, somehow we made it through class and I had time to reflect about Charley. He was normal, as far as I could tell he didn't have any mental

**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:

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handicaps, he was focused on what he wanted to do and really no one was going to stop him. Christians should have that same drive. It was ironic that we were studying Acts chapter four, where the Sadducees were upset over Peter and John and they told them to quit teaching about Jesus, their reply “..Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard.” **Acts 4:19, 20.**

Nothing outside of physically removing him from the room was going to take Charley away from those birds. He didn't care what others thought, again, good advice for the Christian. We should not be afraid of others but fight on with tenacity **Matthew 10:28.**

Maybe I should tell you one other thing. Charley is a Dachshund dog. I learned a lot from that dog that day.

David Shearer, Marshalltown, IA

### Power of The Word

Preaching has diminished through the years into basic entertainment. Modern preachers have given themselves over to the notion that people no longer want to hear an exposition of some passage from God's word. Preachers have decided that people want to be thrilled, or emotionally uplifted, or inspired by stories of human interest. Thus to keep their “jobs” as preachers, they give the people what they want.

Paul predicted this in a statement to Timothy: *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.” (2 Tim. 4:3,4)*

Much modern preaching has become only words of men and could not be categorized as the “word of God.” When the apostle Paul wrote his first letter back to the infant congregation in Thessalonica, he said; *“And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe” (1 Thess. 2:13).*

Only the word of God can perform the work of God in the minds and hearts of believers. The words of men have no power to bring folks into the righteousness of God. Only God, by means of His word can change a man into what God wants him to be.

I like the reminder given to those of us who preach...”Preach the Word!” That's where the power is, and unless we plug into that power, we will never be energized to change. Perhaps we also need to remind those who sit in the pews...”Listen to the Word!”

Guy Orbison, Jr., Durango church of Christ

### Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	Colossians 1-2
Monday (The Law)	Leviticus 13-15
Tuesday (History)	2 Kings 6-10
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 81-83
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 10
Friday (Prophecy)	Ezekiel 24-30
Saturday (Gospels)	Luke 19-20

***“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”***

Matthew 5:14-16

### Bible Riddle

Afar they watched my whole arise,  
Its summit seemed to touch the skies;  
"When all is done," the crowds exclaim,  
"Then we will make ourselves a name."

Remove a letter and behold!  
A shepherd issues from his fold,  
With blood, devoutly draws he nigh;  
Himself, alas, how soon to die.

Remove a letter still, and now,  
Before an idol god they bow;  
To wood and stone is worship paid,  
And men adore what they have made.

Remove a letter yet once more,  
And see an altar stained with gore;  
And he who built it named it thus,  
To teach a precious truth to us.  
(last week's answer: "a little cloud")

### 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

**July Birthdays:**  
**6 - Diane Grandstaff**  
**13 - Austin Horne**

#### This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Who was Nun?  
Check back next week for the answer!

#### Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who was the wife of Moses?  
A - Zipporah. Exodus 2:21