

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews Fannie Bell Warren Janelle Arrington

Others:

Bradley & Betty Glover
Hollis Cluck
The Pfaffs - Missionaries
Ruth Judkins
Diane Chopay
Vickie Wade
Craig Cook
Judy Higgins
Muril Todd
Lila Kirk
The entire Bryan Family
Karen Hudson - cancer
Diane G.'s mother - asthma

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorthy Jean is traveling to Alaska, pray that she will be safe.

Ruth Judkins is in the VA hospital in Nashville recovering from a heart attack. Pray for her recovery.

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

May Birthdays:

30 - Charles Hale

31 - Kyle Richardson

Charles Grisham

Anniversaries:

15 - Ken & Dian Grandstaff

June Birthdays:

5 - Josh Hembree

12 - Aaron Hebert

Daily Bible Reading

DATE	MORN.	EVE.
May 31	1 KI 9-10	PS 66-67
June 1	1 KI 11-12	PS 68
June 2	1 KI 13-14	PS 69
June 3	1 KI 15-16	PS 70-71
June 4	1 KI 17-18	PS 72
June 5	1 KI 19-20	PS 73
June 6	1 KI 21-22	PS 74

Bethel Church of Christ

Sunday, May 31, 2009

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday Morning -Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00

Sunday Evening - Worship 6:00

Wednesday Evening - Bible Study 7:00

Church Building Location -2427 Sparta Pike Lebanon, TN 37090

Bethel's Website - www.Bethelcoc.net

GROW TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle.

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see *Brian Horner*

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact *Mel*.

Flower Request - Please call Danise Fisher: 237-3239

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner
Song Leader: Brian Horner
Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert

Serving This Week:

Scripture Reading: Dan Higgins

Lord's Supper:

Presiding: Howell Todd Serving: Aaron Hebert

Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Mel Hebert
Closing Prayer: Bob Fisher

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Dan Higgins Preaching: Kyle Richardson Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wedensday Evening

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert
Devotional: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Bob Fisher

Serving Next Sunday:

Pres. Lord's Supper: Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Mel Hebert

Opening Prayer: Dan Higgins
Closing Prayer: William Glover

Dinosaurs and Dragons

Raise your hand if you believe dinosaurs and dragons were real. Sometimes, maybe too often, we limit God to mortal constraints and overlook His eternal and omnipotent nature. And maybe in doing so, we lose our faith that God will take care of us and will make for us a way of escape in times of temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Job was a faithful man while enduring much at the hands of Satan. Even so, he allowed his situation and worldly influences to temporarily guide his interaction with and reaction to God. In Job 30 and 31, we find Job blaming God for his troubles. "In his great power God becomes like clothing to me; he binds me like the neck of my garment. He throws me into the mud, and I am reduced to dust and ashes. I cry out to you, O God, but you do not answer; I stand up, but you merely look at me." (Job 30:18-20).

Are we sometimes like Job in our lives – even when faced with much less adversity? Do we forget who we are and, ultimately, who God is? After listening to Job and Job's companions, God tells Job that it's time for him to listen: "Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me" (Job 38:3; 40:7). And what follows in Job chapters 38-41 are some of the most awesome representations of the power and might of God written anywhere in scripture: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" (Job 38:4). "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion? Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs?" (Job 38:31-32).

But what about the dinosaurs, you ask? "Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you ...he moves his tail like a cedar...his

bones are like beams of bronze, his ribs like bars or iron...he is the first of the ways of God; only He who made him can bring near His sword...Indeed the river may rage, yet he is not disturbed; he is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth... (Job 40:15a, 17a, 18-19, 23).

Or the dragons, maybe? "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line which you lower...his rows of scales are his pride, shut up tightly as with a seal...his sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. Out of his mouth go burning lights; sparks of fire shoot out. Smoke goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth... (Job 41:1, 15, 18-21).

You see, God is the Creator of all things (Isiah 40:28) – even the magnificent behemoth and leviathan. God is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome... (Deuteronomy 10:17). God is with you wherever you go (Joshuah 1:9). God is faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9). God is the great I AM (Exodus 3:14)!

May we always reflect on the magnificence of our God and know that He is our fortress. Let's remember Paul's admonition to the Romans: If God is for us, who can be against us?

---Les Sandifer

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Who was the first city-builder? Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who had his wages changed ten times?

A - Jacob. (Gen 31:4-7)