

The Encourager



February 16, 2020

Welcome Guest

We are so glad you've come for worship today! Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

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Sunday Service's

Bible Study 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Afternoon 2:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class

11:00 am

Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

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Correspondence

In Home

Food Pantry

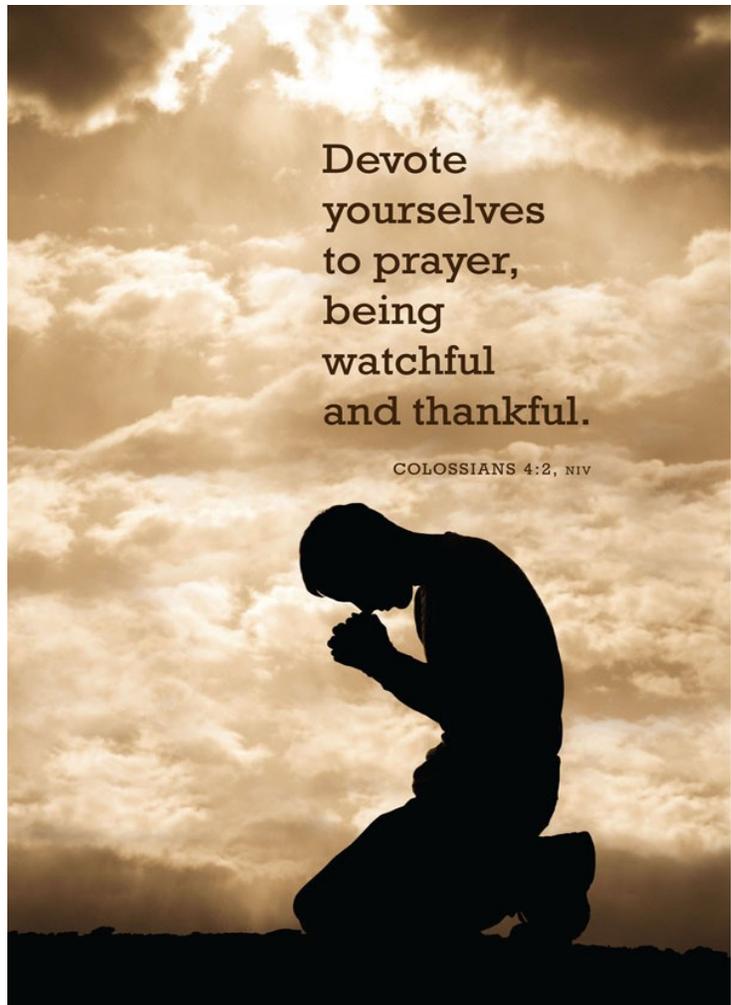
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Devote
yourselves
to prayer,
being
watchful
and thankful.

COLOSSIANS 4:2, NIV

Remember In Prayer

The Lord's church
Linda Sullivan
Hayden Tewalt
Sharon & Danny Derflinger
Bob Baleskie
Kenny Henderson Jr.
Joel Jones
Bobby Jo Henderson
Doug & Carol Ritenour
Kevin Smith
Kathryn Efaw
Patty Gribben
Pat Derflinger
Mildred Bean
Patrick McCary
Martha Wright
Ruth Martin
Beverly Figgins
Kim Wines
Warren Myers
Beverly Warrick

Ed Floyd
Angela Hollins
Scott McCool
Ruth Brooks
Rick Steele
Michael Michelucci
Mary Steele
Adam Selb
Linda York
Robert Robinson Jr.
Dolores Williams
Jamie Shell
Keith Smith
Hazel Prouix
Doris & Donald Jones
Missionaries
Our Military
RSW Jail Ministry

Our Homebound

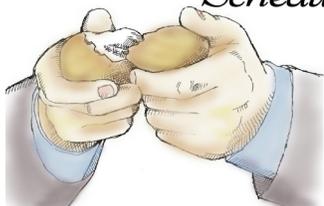
Hazel Clark
Nancy Barnes

Those Battling Cancers,

Debra Lawson
Aiden Thompson/ 13
Micah Brue/ 17
Haywood Seal
Shelly Long
Valerie Tewalt
Ann Derflinger
C.R. Newlin
Priscilla L.
Jeff Pingley
Wendy Willoughby
Robert Jenkins
Kathy Ludwick
Shirley Williams
Phylcia Smoot.

Names on sick list may be removed after a time
if not notified to keep them on prayer list.

Communion Schedule



Serving Today

David Born *
Tim Tewalt
Isaac Pepin
Bill Adams

Song Leader

Eugene Tewalt a.m.
David Born p.m.

Scripture Reading

Arthur Candenquist

**If you can not
serve, please
ask another to
take your
place.**

March

Linda Adams 3/6
Joshia Pepin 3/9
Janet Jones 3/11
Valerie Efaws 3/13
Bob Baleskie 3/25
Cindy Callaway 3/27
Nancy Barnes 3/31



Bob & Deorah
Baleskie 2/27

Times and Events are subject to change after posting in Bulletin.

Ladies & Men's Meetings Today after Fellowship Meal. Please stay and participate in voicing your ideas, or plans you'd like to see happen here in Front Royal. Together we can get things done.



Please bring in your old eyeglasses and place them in the plastic tote in the front foyer. They will be taken to a charity that helps those in need of eyeglasses.



School Supplies for **February**:
Composition Notebooks



Pick up your **Bible Call sheet** at the **information center**. This is a great way to help spread the gospel.



**Pancake Syrup,
Instant Potatoes,
Ramen Noodles,
Dry Cereal, Grape Jelly**

Don't forget to check out the **Special Needs Students** list on the **Announcements** bulletin board. This is an ongoing ministry, please, see Deborah or Vickie for more information.



Jesus As The Passover Lamb

IT WAS A SACRIFICIAL DEATH

Philippians 2:5-8

1 Corinthians 5:8,

1 Peter 3:15^{NKJV}

2 Corinthians 5:14-15^{NKJV}

Luke 9:23,

IT WAS A SUFFICIENT DEATH

Hebrews 9:19-22

Hebrews 10:1-4

1 Samuel 15:22

Romans 12:1,

IT WAS A SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH

(1 John 2:1,2

1 Peter 2:24

1 Peter 3:18,

. 2 Corinthians 5:21

CONCLUSION:

Romans 8:1-2,





A Kiss

Greet one another with a kiss of love. I Peter 5:14- There isn't much to do when you are waiting in

line at Wal Mart. I never have disciplined myself to have a book or something to read to fill these moments. In a nearby line, a young father was holding the baby, mother found the opportunity to give their child a loving kiss, but afterwards found it a little too wet, didn't matter to the baby who gave a toothless smile to mom, who waited for a clandestine moment to wipe the drool on her sleeve. Love has its limits!!

Gloria made a friend of a schoolteacher when we lived in Herndon; the friend was a member of the Disciples of Christ. She told of a day at school that a little girl who always wanted a kiss from the teacher at the end of the day, had a terrible bad cold and should have stayed at home but here she was on the way out the door for home and waiting for her kiss. Teacher moved in to give the kiss and to avoid the germy tiny lips she swiftly turned her head, she was too late - the little girl was a bit faster and planted one on the teacher's mouth. Teacher got a cold and now out for a couple of days.

History cannot tell us where the kiss came from, its' origin remains a mystery. A kiss from a friend, spouse or stranger can really render us defenseless. Statisticians note we spend two weeks of our lives kissing, burning 20,160 calories and exposing ourselves and others to billions of bacteria. A kiss can land on the

lips, cheek, or a ladies' hand or a friend's neck any time, anywhere, even underwater; it's a uncontrollable human physical expression of released emotion. Beware, for in Indiana it is illegal for a mustached man to habitually kiss others; in Hartford, Connecticut, a husband can't kiss his wife on Sunday and at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, it is a crime to kiss a stranger. from FACTS ABOUT KISSING

A kiss is: an expression of psychological closeness. In the Old Testament , it was an honor for your father to ask you for a kiss *Gen. 27:26* . It was a custom used for greeting *Gen. 29:13* , for good-by *Ruth 1:14* . We acquaint it with the return of the prodigal son *Luke 15:20* . It was part of the conferral of kingship *I Samuel 10:1* and sadly of betrayal *Luke 22:47* . The Bible uses this word 46 times.

A secular song says: You must remember this, a kiss is just a kiss, a sigh is just a sigh. The fundamental things apply , they still say "I love you!", on that you can rely, no matter what the future brings. The world will always welcome this, as time goes by.

A favorite -since I am aging: *Gen.48:10 "Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them."*

the Psalmist's advice is: *"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."* 2:12



Lesson 288

Men of Benjamin

Judges 21

Bible Quiz:

1. Why did God not destroy the Israelites whom He saw worshipping the golden calf? Exodus 32:11-14
2. Why did the Pharisees want Jesus to heal the man with the withered hand? How did Jesus feel? Mark 3:1-5
3. Why was the multitudes crowding Jesus at the Sea of Galilee? Mark 3:9-10
4. Why could Samson not defend himself after the locks of his hair were shaved? Judges 16:20
5. Whom did Micah say had taken his mother eleven hundred pieces? What did she say and do? Judges 17:2-4
6. Which of the following is not mentioned as being included in Micah's house of gods: (a) an ephod, (b) household idols, (c) Moses' law, or (d) a priest. Joshua 17:5
7. Yes or no, did the five spies from the tribe of Dan find land, which they believed they could conquer for themselves? Joshua 18:8-10
8. What did the 600 armed men of Dan take from Mich in Ephraim? Judges 18:17
9. Seven hundred of Benjamite soldiers were (a) right-handed or (b) left-handed. How skilled in battle were these men? Judges 20:16
10. On the third day of battle, how did Israel destroy Gibeah in Benjamin? Judges 20:37-40

Additional Scripture:

1. Paul's plans—2 Corinthians 1:17

According to the Dictionary:

1. Shiloh—was a city in Ephraim where God's tabernacle was located from the time of Joshua until the time of Samuel.

Questions:

1. Why did all Israel gather at Mizpah? Judges 20:1-6
2. Yes or no, did the sons of Benjamin listen to their fellow Israelites and give the wicked men of Gibeah, who had killed the concubine, over to Israel to kill? Judges 20:13
3. Seven hundred of the Benjamite soldiers were (a) right-handed or (b) left-handed. How skilled in battle were these men? Judges 20:16
4. Did the sons of Israel inquire of God each time before going against Benjamin? What was God's answer each of the three times? Judges 20:18, 23, 27-28
5. How many days did Israel destroy Gibeah in Benjamin? Judges 20:37-40
6. On the third day of battle, how did Israel destroy Gibeah in Benjamin? Judges 20:37-40
7. Yes or no, were all the men of Benjamin killed? All the women? Judges 20:47; 21:16

Application: on seeking God's will—Judges 20:28

Bible Quiz:

1. Moses had to (a) encourage or (b) restrain the people concerning their gifts for construction of the tabernacle. Exodus 36:6
2. What could the Israelites see, when the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle? How did the Israelites know when God wanted them to pick up camp and travel? Exodus 40:34-38
3. What should be the results of letting your light shine? Matthew 5:16
4. Yes or no, did Micah promise to pay the Levite for being a priest in his house of gods? Judges 17:10
5. Why did Micah want a priest of the tribe of Levi in his house of gods? Judges 17:13
6. What did Micah do to get his gods and priest back from the soldiers of Dan? Judges 18:26
7. What did the people of Dan call the city which they conquered for themselves? Judges 18:29
8. Why did all Israel gather at Mizpah? Judges 20:1-6
9. How many days did Israel lose against Benjamin before they won? Judges 20:21-29
10. Who did not assemble at Mizpah? Judges 21:8

Additional Scripture:

1. Jesus had close human relationships.—John 11:3;13:23

According to the Dictionary:

1. Bethlehem—means “house of bread.”
2. Barley—was the first crop harvested each year in April and May. Wheat harvest was in the summer and was grown primarily for animal feed, but was also eaten by the poor.

Questions:

1. During what period of history did the events of the book of Ruth occur? Ruth 1:1
2. Where was Elimelech and Naomi’s home? Why did they and their two sons move to Moab? Ruth 1:1-2
3. Whom did Naomi's two sons marry? Ruth 1:4; 4:10
4. What happened to Elimelech, Mahlon, and Chilion in Moab? Ruth 1:3, 5
5. When Naomi started to return home, what were her instructions to her daughters-in-law? Describe both Ruth and Orpah’s responses. Ruth 1:7-18
6. What did Ruth say about Naomi’s God? Ruth 1:16
7. What season of the year did Naomi and Ruth go to Bethlehem? Ruth 1:22

Application: on close human relationships—Ruth 1:16-17

What Can the Righteous Do?

When the Supreme Court announced its decision that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, many Christians have been *disturbed, disappointed, and perplexed*. Indeed, what can the righteous do? We should bear in mind, however, that the Supreme Court decision is not the only anti-Christian influence in our secular society. Homosexuality was already forcing its way into the public square. Moral standards have been steadily declining. Worldly philosophies have tended to dominate educational institutions. Consequently, the question must be asked about society and culture in general. *What can the righteous do?*

First, Christians must continue to live their faith regardless of what the world does. Remember that the grace of God that brings salvation teaches us *“that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”*

Titus 2:11-12.

The Lord knew we would face temptations, hardships, and pressures from the outside world, but we are exhorted to be *“faithful unto death”*

Rev. 2:10.

Second, we must remember that the church has always been counter-cultural. We were never meant to be *“like everyone else”* or to blend with the culture of the world. *“Love not the world or the things that are in the world”* **1 John 2:15**. Jesus was largely an outcast from society, although *“the common people heard him gladly”* **Mark 12:37**. The leaders *“took counsel together to put him to death”* **John 11:53**. Christians were not popular with the Roman government, and history tells us that several were put to death, including Peter and Paul.

Whatever the government decides to do, keep in mind that *“our citizenships is in heaven”* **Philippians 3:20**.

Third, we may have to suffer persecution, Paul declared, *“Yes and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”* **2 Timothy 3:12**. We sometimes sing, “Ready to suffer grief or pain,

Ready to stand the test.” Do we sing with sincerity? Have we considered the meaning? Are we really “ready to suffer”? Compared to the early Christians and to some Christians around the world, we have had it pretty easy. We are free to assemble and worship. We are generally unmolested for teaching the truth. No one harms or threatens us. What if the government became antagonistic to our faith? First-century Christians often had to meet in secret. Peter proclaimed, *“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf”* **1 Peter 4:16**. Let us hope and pray that persecution does not come, but we know that many have suffered for their faith.

Fourth, we must support the government wherever we can. Christians want to live in peace.

“If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men” **Romans 12:18**. We are to obey the laws of the land. *“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether it be to the king, as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well”* **1 Peter 2:13-14**. If Christians are commanded to do that which is contrary to the will of God, then, of course, *“We ought to obey God rather than men”* **Acts 5:29**.

Finally, we must prepare ourselves. The battle was cast long ago. *“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. . . For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* **Ephesians 6:10, 12**.

We must never forget who we are. We are Christians, disciples of Christ, followers of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The presence of righteous people will help to preserve our nation. *“And let us not be weary in well doing”* **Galatians 6:9**.

Moral standards have been steadily declining.

Love always trusts, always hopes and always remains strong. Love never ends. These three things continue forever! Faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Trace the words below.

Faith, Hope
and Love



Draw a picture of you with someone you love.



Love Is Kind

Love Is Patient

Name _____