

The Encourager



February 23, 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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Food Pantry

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*We have
waited for him,
so that he might
Save Us.*

ISAIAH 25:9, NRSV

Remember In Prayer

Travis & Cari
Linda Sullivan
Sharon & Danny Derflinger
Bob Baleskie
Kenny Henderson Jr. recovering
from hand surgery.
Joel Jones
Bobby Jo Henderson
Doug & Carol Ritenour
Kevin Smith
Kathryn Efaw
Patty Gribben
Pat Derflinger
Mildred Bean
Martha Wright
Ruth Martin
Beverly Figgins
Kim Wines
Warren Myers
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
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 & Events are subject to change after posting in Bulletin.

Ladies, mark your calendars for **March 7th** for a **Woman's Breakfast**. Will be doing a special project for the nursing homes in our area.



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**



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

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, The Spotless Lamb of God

John 1:29, Hebrews 9:11-14; Hebrews 10:1-10; Leviticus 16

HOW DOES LEVITICUS 16 HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS?

Leviticus 23:26-28

WHAT IS MEANT BY ATONEMENT

Romans 5:8-11

Ephesians 1:7

John 1:19-23

A SACRIFICE WITHOUT "DEFECT"

Leviticus 1:2-3

Isaiah 53:9

1 Peter 2:22

2 Corinthians 5:21

HIGH PRIEST OFFERING HIMSELF AS THE SACRIFICE

Hebrews 9:7-14

Hebrews 10:1-10

Travels

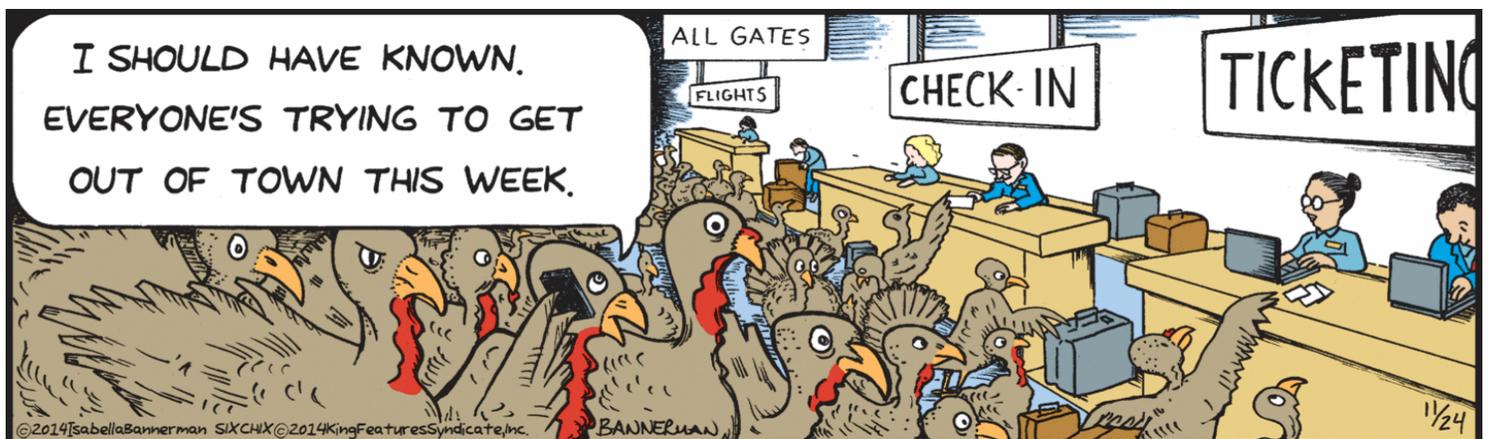
"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace & to mutual edification." Romans 14:19, NIV

Much of the world beyond our borders do not have the advantages many of us have grown up with. Few have been exposed to the ever changing technical advances that have changed the landscapes of our childhoods. I was fortunate to have work requiring travel in countries other than my own. In passing through many small towns & villages in Brazil, Ethiopia, Iran, & New Zealand, I saw about the same picture. Other than New Zealand, I could not speak their language. I did see that others had a daily life & probably had the same desires, hopes & dreams we all have. There was the same chicken that ran across the road & the same thin dog that lay in the front yards of all the countries. Children tried to play in the road or had a car tire hung from a tree limb for a swing. I asked our liaison officer in Iran about all the loud music coming from the record stores. "What are they singing about?" He replied it was all about lost love, pain, & hopes for a better life." My travels were a number of years ago, but I venture to say time in most of the third world countries is caught in a moratorium. If one were to travel there in 50 years or 100 hundred years, much of the daily life & condition will still exist. The Ethiopian land near the Red Sea is a harsh area & supports only those who can live off herding goats & coping with the searing heat & dry conditions. Brazil is a large country, much bigger when you travel into the interior & everyone will ask you the same question I heard at every truck stop, "Why are you here?" I guess they thought I was a crazy

person to leave the the USA. to travel to a place where electricity ,telephone , & refrigeration were limited.

The author of the following book, saw the same scene I had seen in other countries & he wrote down the following thoughts:

There was no heavy fighting around Danang (for the rest of that summer. During the daytime, there did not seem to be any war at all. The rice paddies lay quietly in the sun. They were beautiful at that time of the year, a bright green dappled with the darker green of the palm groves shading the villages. The peasants in the villages in the secure areas went on living lives whose ancient rhythms had hardly been disturbed by the war. In the early mornings, small boys led the water buffalo from their pens to the river wallows & farmers came out to till the fields. They plodded for hours behind wooden, ox-drawn plows, tilling the sun-baked hardness out of the earth. In the afternoons, when it became too hot to work, they quit the fields & returned to the cool dimness of their thatch huts. It was like a ritual: when the heat got too intense, they unhitched their plows & filed down the dikes toward the villages, their conical hats yellow against the green of the paddies. A wind usually sprang up in the afternoon, & in it the long shoots of maturing rice made a luxuriant rippling. It was a pleasant sight, that expanse of jade-colored rice stretching out as far as the foothills & the mountains blue in the distance. At dusk, the buffalo were driven back to the pens. With the same boys walking beside them & whacking their haunches with bamboo sticks, they came down the dusty roads, their horned heads swaying & their flanks caked with the mud of the wallows. (A RUMOR OF WAR, Vietnam by Philip Caputo)



Lesson 289

Naomi, Orpah, & Ruth Widowed

Ruth 1

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 & 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 & 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 & May. Wheat harvest was in the summer & 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 & Naomi’s home? Why did they & 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, & 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 & 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 & Ruth go to Bethlehem? Ruth 1:22

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

Lesson 290

Ruth Gleaned in Boaz's Field

Ruth 2

Bible Quiz:

1. Why did God send fire to consume Nadab & Abihu? Later that same day, why were Eleazar, Ithamar, & Aaron excused even though they did not follow perfectly the sin offer? Leviticus 10:1, 16-20
2. When an individual does an act of charity or prays or fasts, he should do so (a) sounding a trumpet, (b) before men to be noticed them, or (c) in secret, or (d) putting on a gloomy face. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
3. Yes or no, will the heavenly Father forgive those who do not forgive other people? Matthew 6:14-15
4. During the period of the judges, where was the house of God? Judges 18:31
5. Yes or no, did the sons of Benjamin listen to their fellow Israelites & give the wicked men of Gibeah, who had killed the concubine, over to Israel to kill? Judges 20:13
6. 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
7. What oath had the Israelites made concerning anyone who did not meet at Mizpah? Judges 21:5
8. At the end of the book of Judges, who was king? Judges 21:25
9. When Naomi started to return home, what were her instructions to her daughters-in-law? Describe both Ruth & Orpah's responses? Ruth 1:7:16
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Additional Scripture:

1. Land owners were instructed to leave a portion of the harvest for the poor & travelers.—Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22; Deuteronomy 24:19
2. Speech reveals one's heart.—Luke 6:45
3. Jesus' disciples gleaned on the Sabbath.—Matthew 12:1-2
4. Duties of a relative under the Law of Moses—Leviticus 25:25-28

According to the Dictionary:

1. Gleaning—was gathering grain from the corners of the fields & from the fruits dropped on the ground.
2. Ephah—was less than a bushel.
3. Barley—was the first crop harvested each year in April & May.

Question:

1. Who was Boaz? Ruth 2:1
2. How did Ruth intend to get food for herself & Naomi? Ruth 2:2
3. When Boaz discovered Ruth gleaning in his field, what did he tell her? Ruth 2:8, 9
4. Did Boaz show himself to be a godly man by his speech? Ruth 2:4,12
5. While gleaning in the field of Boaz, where did she eat at mealtime? Ruth 2:14
6. What were Boaz's instructions to his men concerning Ruth? Ruth 2:15-15
7. What family relation was Boaz, according to Naomi? Ruth 2:20

Application: on Godly speech—Ruth 2:4

Remembering God in the Home

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 makes it clear that the Word was to be a part of the heart & home, not only the altar & temple. How can parents help children grow up to remember their Creator, **Eccl. 12:1**? God has given parents four great tools.

Personal Example

In parenting. Moses first emphasizes person religion: *“These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy Heart”* **Deut. 6:6**. This immediately follows the law of loving God with all your heart. *Those who love God will lay up his word in their hearts* **Ps. 119:9-11**. *One who loves God loves His Bible* **Ps. 119:97**.

Our example will have a powerful influence on our children. The only question is whether it will be a positive or negative

one. A godly father realizes his children will follow him and, therefore, sets a good example for them **Prov. 20:7; Ezek.**

16:44. Solomon wrote, *“My son, give me thine heart, & let thine eyes observe my ways”* **Prov. 23:26**. We should let our light so shine before our children, that they may see our good works & glorify our Father which is in heaven **Mt. 5:16**. Parents should urge children to follow them, even as they follow Christ **1 Cor. 11:1**. When it comes to childrearing, or even grandparenting more is caught than taught!

Parents must not make the mistake the Jews made—telling others (their children) to do what they themselves were unwilling to do **Mt. 23:3-4; Rom. 2:1**. Since our children are with us so much of the time, even at casual times when our guard is down & when we are stressed, they will see how real our faith is. It

is easier for children to see the way to heaven when parents are consistently walking in that way.

It is not enough to tell children what they should do—attend all church services, for instance, or abstain from fleshly lusts—we must show them that these things matter to us. Nothing spoils the effectiveness of a good sermon like a parent who does not practice what he or she preaches. While no parent is perfectly consistent, our youth will give us the benefit of the doubt when we try as hard as we ask them to try. *Authenticity*, not perfection, is the goal in parenting.

Little eyes watch us; little feet follow us; little minds scrutinize us. Our character is a river flowing past our children hour by hour. One day our steps likely will be their steps, our thoughts will be their thoughts, & our words will be their words. *“He walked in all the ways. . . his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord”* **1 Kings 22:43**.

Be looking for the: **Next great tool to parenting & grandparenting children in next weeks Bulletin.**

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Our example in following Christ will have a powerful influence on our children.

