

The Encourager

September 12, 2021

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm

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How Well Do You Know the Real Enemy?

Many names, one enemy!

Fact #2: The Enemy Goes to Church. Satan has moved into many of congregations of the Lord's church. He has positioned his emissaries in their leadership.

He accomplishes more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat. He infiltrates by falsehood rather than by an all out frontal attack. His lies can resemble the truth. **Ezekiel 28:14-15** For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. **2 Corinthians 11:13-14**

Fact #3: The Enemy Wants to Meet Your Needs. Where in the Bible do you read that the church meets your needs? Yet people will say, "I wish I could find a church that meets my needs!"?

Don't give your tongue to the Enemy. He uses it to destroy the fellowship of the saints! After all who are we to resemble? Who do we imitate?

Fact #4: The Enemy is a Supreme Forger. Do you believe that the Enemy's work is easily recognizable? Can you distinguish his emissaries—because the counterfeit product and the genuine article can look very much alike! His whole program or mode of operation is to emulate God so that people are easily deceived. That's why it is so vital that Christians know and understand the Bible, the scriptures, and God's plan for man to be saved. Saints, be as Paul tells **Continued on page 4**

Collecting: coats, hats, gloves, and socks now for the Vets. Until last of October, see Bill Adams.

10:00 Sunday morning Bible Study is on King Saul
1 Samuel 26

2:00 pm. Services will be on "Making Disciples".

Wednesday Bible Study "Resisting Satan"
Come and learn more about this enemy of God's people.

Starting in October, Engage curriculum from Bible Study Guide for All Ages will begin.

A Teacher's Meeting
To introduce the new material, **September 18th @ 11:00** a luncheon will be provided.

R.S.W. Jail

Please be praying for souls to be saved.

The Blood Drive for October has been cancelled.

HIGHLIGHTS

PROMPTS

MON
EZRA 1-3

- King Cyrus of Persia Helps Israel
- Record of Exile Returnees
- Rebuilding the Temple

Why would a foreign, pagan king help God's people?

TUE
EZRA 4-6; PSALM 137

- Rebuilders Face Opposition
- Psalm of Mourning in Babylon

Why was God not taking away more struggles from the returning remnant?

WED
HAGGAI 1-2

- A Call to Rebuild
- A Blessing on the New Temple
- God Corrects Behavior
- Belief/Hard Work Encouraged

Reread 1:5-6, known in lore as the Curse of Haggai.

Have you ever experienced it or known anyone who did?

THU
ZECHARIAH 1-7

- Return to God's Comfort
- Two Visions
- God Will Protect
- Five Visions
- Justice/Mercy Tops Fasting

Zechariah prophesied at the same time as Haggai.

How is Zechariah's overall tone or message different?

FRI
ZECHARIAH 8-14

- Blessings for Jerusalem
- Judgment on Israel's Enemies
- Prophecy of the 2nd Coming
- God's Care for Judah
- Multiple Visions
- Vision of the Day of the Lord

Much of these passages visualize the Messiah's First and Second Coming.

What passage struck you most meaningfully?

SAT
ESTHER 1-5

- Queen Vashti Disobeys
- Esther is Made Queen
- Haman Plots to Destroy Jews
- Esther Prepares a Banquet; Haman Rages

As an exiled Jew, Esther hid her identity.

Have you ever wanted to hide something about yourself, or your faith especially?

Why?

SUN
ESTHER 6-10

- Mordecai Honored by Xerxes
- Esther Exposes Haman's Plot
- Xerxes Acts
- The Jews Strike Back
- The Final Tribute to Mordecai

The saying "you reap what you sow" applies here. What happens when you plot evil?



The Cracked Acorn

Carson van arsdall

Boomerang

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Condolences to: the McCool family and friends on the passing of Scott. Also, to the York family and friends on the passing of Linda York. Memorial Service 5:00pm Today

Brenda Born, Bob Baleskie, Virginia Wright, Sharon Derflinger, Danny Derflinger, Linda Adam, David Born, Carol Ritenour, Gail Tewalt, Bonnie Kerns, Anthony Kerns, Freddie Funk, Paul Sullivan, Bobby Jo Henderson, Kenny Henderson Jr, Rita Mullins, Ruth Martin, Pat Derflinger, , Mary Steele, Gloria Kinney, Buddy Adams, Charlie Alder, Stephanie Steed, Sue Adams Brenda Ridgeway

Those Battling Cancers

Jody Saffelle
Shelly Long
Debra Lawson
Aiden Thompson
Micah Brue
Valerie Cash
C.R. Newlin
Priscilla L.
Jeff Pingley
Wendy Willoughby
Robert Jenkins
Shirley Williams

Matthew 19:19 ^{NKJV} 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " -

Exodus 20:12 ^{NKJV} "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Nowadays everything comes either already assembled or in a kit with easy to put together instructions, usually in at least three languages. The early kits used to brag the final product was easily produced using a 4 year old child. Yet, you the adult, soon found out it did indeed take a child to get the final 3 or 4 pieces together. I have attempted model airplanes and cars but my interest was recently pricked when I saw a boomerang kit, of course, easy to assemble.

What is the secret of a boomerang and what are its mysteries. I have learned not to be lured by temptation of an easy product. Most of us have heard the song "My boomerang won't come back." You want your boomerang to come back or do you? We have all thrown sticks and this was probably done eons ago to bring home the family meal. The oldest such type "boomerang" dates to Poland at 18,000 years ago. The people living then did not want theirs to come back, only today, the ones we see are manufactured for people to have fun at picnics and special events. Research shows the flight of these special sticks employs a complicated branch of mathematics.

If you are having dreams about boomerangs it could indicate you are wondering about your reactions with other individuals, and whether the results are positive or negative. In our society the boomerang has become a cliché for a miscalculation recoiling on its maker. Early in WWII, the first torpedoes were

equipped with primitive metal detectors and many times the torpedoes would curve and home in on its own mother ship, the boomerang effect.

Recently I heard a song that said "God's love is like a boomerang."

I am sure God wants His love returned through us His children.

If we were to love others unconditionally (as we should) without any doubt about how it would be returned, the whole world would be a much better place. Imagine if you could, no war or crime, all the hate of today gone!!!

Life is like a boomerang-



for if you crave love you must give it out cast away the hate, resentment and grief speak the word of Love throughout.

Life is like a boomerang-

if you believe you can you will but if your belief is nothing but idle words you forever will stand still.

Life is like a boomerang-

to succeed you must believe success simply wishing will not do it for the Divine takes nothing less.

Life is like a boomerang-

Love all, forgive and bless and God will give you what you need for He wants nothing less. (poet Ellen M DuBois)

An example of our love -Great Hymns of the Church#406

I love thy Kingdom, Lord the house of thine Abode

The church our blest redeemer, Saved with His own precious Blood.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Tabitha Anderson
9/2, Nellie Evans
9/6, Eliza Anderson

9/24, Olivia Lichliter 9/23,
Mason Clark 9/28



Jacob & Abby
Lichliter 9/2

The Callaway's
9/30

in **2 Timothy 4:2** " *Preach the word be ready in season and out of season...*"

Fact #5: The Enemy Detests the Down-and Out. Satan doesn't work in the gutter, he works with the upstanding, with the respectable, someone who is of community standing, church leaders, these are Satan's areas of operation. Remember, Satan appears as an angel of light, it means he wants his followers to appear kind, gentle, and accommodating. To be into diversity, pluralism, and political correctness, more than anything else be tolerant! Which can include all forms of sexual perversion, to no prayer in public schools, too using the media and Hollywood to spread his works! The answer to social problems is not to keep God out of public life; it is to let God back in. Satan is most often found with those who prefer to think themselves gods.

Next week: The Enemy Disguises Falsehood with Truth

Depression: A VERY Human Dilemma



LAUGHTER

Proverbs 15:13

THE LITTLE THINGS

Proverbs 15:17

The Lord

Proverbs 15:16

Matthew 16:26

