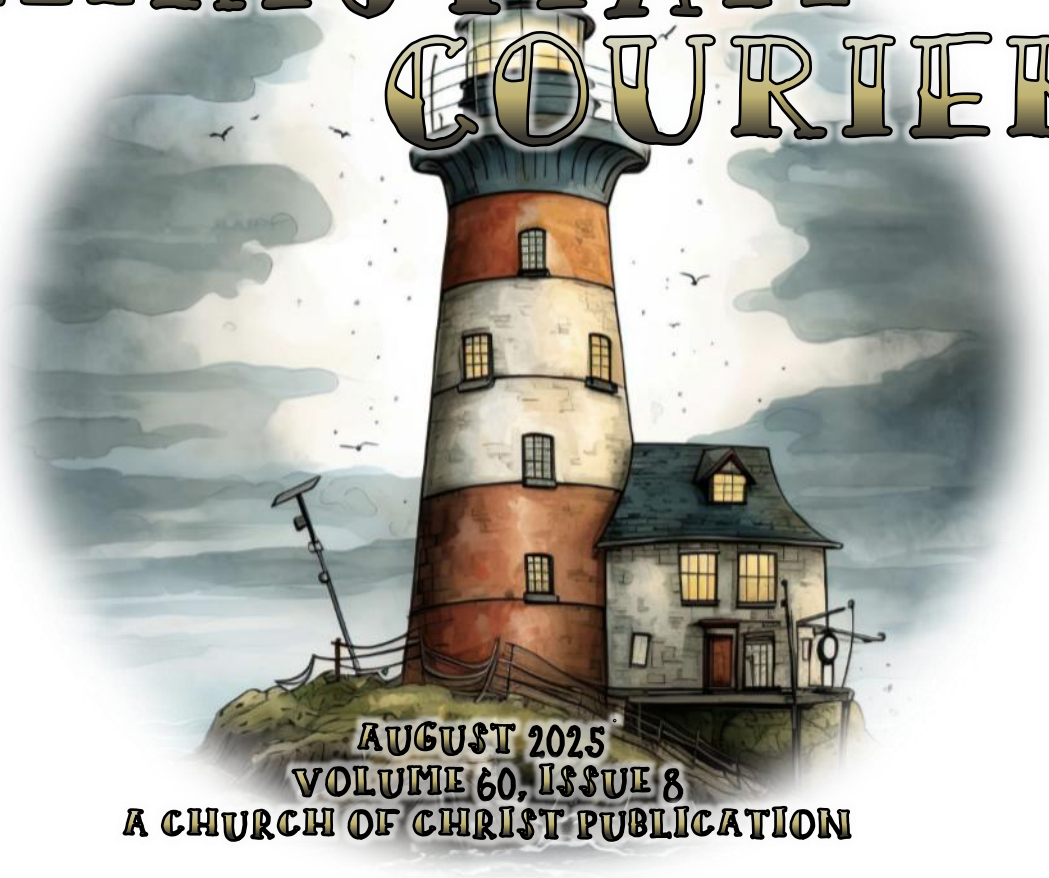
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LITTLE LIES

SUBTLE DECEPTIONS THAT DULL THE SOUL, PT 1 OF 3

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Some sin doesn't scream at us. It whispers little lies. These lies don't necessarily knock us off track with a single blow, but they can erode our spiritual footing over time.

- They minimize and promote wrongdoing.
- They promise you'll do better next time.
- They question your motives to endure and be your best.

And if you listen long enough, you may start to believe them…

And when they've had their way, they don't leave us wounded — they leave us dead: Not always in body, but in spirit; In purpose; In connection.

That's why we stay watchful! That's why we stay honest!!

Reading:

James 1:14-15, "*But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. [15]Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*"

But James doesn't dress it up. He speaks plainly, because he loves us too much to let us stay confused.

He tells us that temptation doesn't come from nowhere — it's born from our own desires.

He then continues with what happens when we aren't vigilant and allow these temptations to ripen into the rotten fruit of unrighteousness.

In this 3 part lesson, we will explore four "categories" of these ***Little Lies***, each with a few examples accompanied by a scripture or two that debunk the lie and realign our spiritual walk with God.

Diversion Lies

Shifts focus away from the real issue

Sometimes the most dangerous lies aren't the ones we tell others — they're the ones we tell to change the subject. Diversion lies don't aim to deceive outright; they aim to distract. They're the spiritual equivalent of sleight of hand: "Look over here, not there." We use these to dodge discomfort, deflect conviction, or delay truth. But every time we reroute the issue away from the light, we reroute our hearts away from the truth. Sometimes diversion feels safer than exposure — but it's a detour that doesn't lead us home.

"Why am I the only one taking this seriously?"

Comparison becomes a substitute for communion. We measure others to avoid meeting God ourselves.

Luke 10:40-42, "*But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. [41]And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: [42]But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*"

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This lie masquerades as spiritual zeal but often conceals a restless heart. In this passage, Martha's frustration isn't just about workload; it's about the perceived imbalance, a subtle indictment of both Mary and Jesus. Her comparison becomes a barrier to communion. Rather than joining Mary at the feet of Christ, Martha measures Mary's devotion against her own effort, hoping Jesus will validate her grievance. But Jesus gently redirects her: the issue isn't Mary's inactivity, it's Martha's distraction. When we fixate on others' spiritual seriousness, we risk missing the invitation to spiritual intimacy ourselves. Communion is not earned by effort or comparison — it's chosen, like Mary chose the "good part." And it's available to us, if we'll only stop measuring and start partaking.

"*If I can only fix them, I won't have to deal with me.*"

Externalizing the struggle keeps us from doing the hard work of internal healing.

Mat 7:3-5, "*And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*"

Jesus' words in Matthew 7 expose the irony: we're always eager to fix others while ignoring the deeper work within ourselves. The beam in our own eye isn't just a flaw — it's a barrier to clarity, compassion, and true spiritual growth. Externalizing the struggle feels productive, but it's a detour from the transformation God invites. Real vision begins with inward honesty.

"*I'm just tired — that's why I'm off.*"

Fatigue becomes a cover for spiritual drift. We blame the body to avoid confronting the soul.

Galatians 6:9-10, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*"

Tiredness is real — but it's not always the root. Galatians 6 reminds us that weariness can mask a deeper drift. When fatigue becomes our default excuse, we risk neglecting the soul's condition. Paul urges perseverance not just in action, but in heart. The call isn't to ignore exhaustion, but to discern whether it's physical or spiritual — and to keep sowing good, even when we feel off.

Next month we'll delve into Part 2 of 3 and talk about **Rationalization and Identity Lies.** We'll discuss some examples, and discover what we can do about them according to God's Word.

Love & Blessings
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Notes & Letters

Hello to all our brothers and sisters,

Just a short letter to check in with our friends and family in Christ. It is already mid August and the heat is on in Yuma. My son Jeff came to Alpine in July where we are for the summer to have me marry him and his now wife Missy, a beautiful and sweet lady and proud to call her a part of our family of Davis. It was a pleasure to be able to marry them in the name of God, a beautiful wedding at my Sister Diane and Bruces home in alpine. Jeff and Missy have been a together for a couple of years now. They both participate with our church group that we do by a telephonic app, This is a good way to reach those that have no other way to attend our circle of the Church of Christ. It's not quite the same as being in a regular church but they can hear the true word of God, they sing and do communion in their home.

We have also had some worrisome days, first my Sister and brother in law, Diane and Bruces son Fred had to be taken from Alpine, Az. by ambulance to Phoenix to have a pacemaker put in, about a four hour trip. Then Bruce had to make the same trip for the same reason, to replace his pacemaker also by ambulance, both are back in Alpine and are doing well. Next, I have had to travel to Yucaipa, Ca for some testing to be done on me for some problems that are concerning me, hoping to get some answers this next week, 8/19/25. We are staying with our son Dennis II in Yucaipa as he is close to the hospital where the testing will be done.

Now for our Yuma congregation, they are doing well as of right now. My cousin Joseph Davis has been travelling making the rounds starting in Cedaredge at their meeting, didn't get to hear his lesson but I know it was good to hear, Joe is a good speaker. I believe his next stop was in Aztec, Nm and spoke there as well. Lorenzo, Texas was his final stop and then headed back home to Yuma. My cousin Robert is scheduled to hold the LAbor Day weekend's meeting in Stillwell, Oklahoma. Robert and Joe are both very good speakers and Yuma is blessed to have them. I've spoken about our grand son in law, Keith Kerwin, is still doing well there in Yuma. Keith is married to Jennifer that most of you have met when she travelled with Susie and I several years ago. Speaking of meetings, we will be making our plans for our meeting for ***** soon, they should be around the same time frame that we always have it, early March. So think about coming to be with us. I know that I don't have to ask but please keep us in your prayers as we are having some health issues. Our prayers go out to all you.

With Christian Love,
Denny and Susie Davis

Greetings to all!

We would like to take a few moments to update congregations on the recent family camp in Colorado and upcoming events.

First, a huge thank you is extended to all those who attended camp this year! What an uplifting time! Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Washington congregations were present. Informative bible studies on evangelism, lessons, fellowship, singing, along with so many great Christian friends, and more helped to make this camp a great experience for all in attendance! As usual, we left camp totally exhausted, but our hearts so full of the richness of Christ's love. Gathering with the church has a way of refocusing our priorities, strengthening us, and encouraging our walk with Christ.

What a blessing! Dates for camp 2026 are being discussed and we'll make the announcement as soon as approval is given.

Lord willing, the Broken Bow congregation will hold its fall meeting on the second weekend in November (Nov. 7, 8, 9). Tentative plans are to have guest speakers from congregations across the U.S. We are looking forward to hearing the messages presented, singing, fellowship, and meeting in our new location.

Please continue to pray for those experiencing health and personal issues, as well as for congregations to grow in knowledge and number.

2 Timothy 4 (KJV) "*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*"



In Christian Love,
The Broken Bow Congregation



Milk of the Word

Number studies 4: The number of man "**6**"

By now I hope I have piqued your curiosity about the numerology in the word of God and its meaning. There are a lot more numbers to consider studying, and I hope that you do, for it is very fascinating. The series I have been working on here have been summarized portions. But there is still a lot on each number still to find. Now to the meat of this one, the number 6.

Genesis 1:26, 31. directly signifies 6 representing the nature of man. What is the nature of man? Well less than perfect. In the bible 7 represents perfection and completeness. Genesis 2:2-3. We will go over this next issue. But 6 falls short of that. So does man. Romans 3:23, Ecclesiastes 7:20, Isaiah 64:6. All state that without God, we are not perfect.

Due to this imperfection, we are to labor 6 days, but rest on the 7th. Exodus 20:9- 11. Genesis 3:17-19 explains that after the original sin, our labor became strenuous. Being less than perfect spiritually, we have to study hard, work hard, and fight off the ways of the world and the devil. Ecclesiastes 2:11, Psalm 127:1, Isaiah 26:12, John 6:63, Matt 26:41, Gal. 5:17 shows that not all our works as humans stand up to the standards of God. and without him, they never will. A good example is Jesus and the 6 pots at the wedding. He did what man couldn't by turning the water into wine. John 2:6-7.

Revelation 13:18, directly states that the number of the beast is also the number of man. But let's think of the other ways it is directly related to the man. Take on which day man was first created .and think. 666. It's a false trinity. But also the number of our hubris. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Romans 1:22, 1 Corinthians 1:19-20.

In conclusion, though there are more points I could touch on with this number, I wanted to point out that the number 6 represents imperfection, the essence of falling short, and our nature as humans. Just remember the 7th day is the sabbath, perfection. And without the lord, there is no rest, no completeness. Matthew 11:28-29.

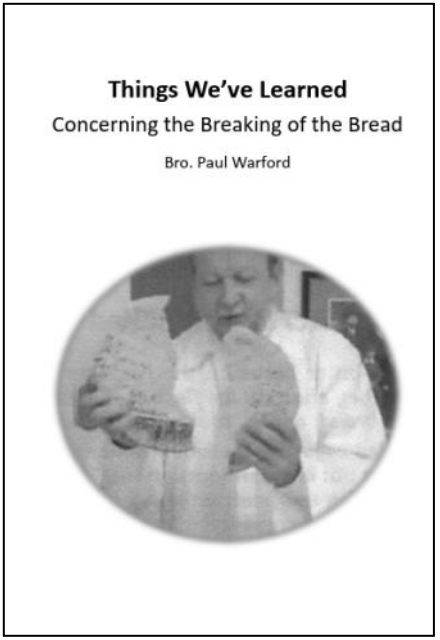
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Study Pamphlets



Things We've Learned

Bro. Paul Warford

An in-depth study of the breaking of the loaf, exploring the sacred continuity between the Lord's Supper and Passover traditions of the early church.

We have acquired **Bro. Ellis Foresman's** Study of Revelation and reproduced it in book form. If you'd like a copy, we'd be happy to mail you one! It is also available as a PDF at https://1CupHistory.Church!

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Thought for the Month

Although resentment can spiritually devastate more Christians than just about anything else, **PRIDE** and **FEAR** can be two of our worst enemies. How? Let's take a closer look...

Pride tells us that we're already good enough, that we've already passed the test, that we've already done what's necessary for eternal life and won the approval of The Almighty. This smugness stems from our ego—that self-assured voice that insists, **I don't need to strive.**

Fear reminds us that we can't ever be good enough, that we won't ever pass the test, that we will never win anything from Him. This cowardice also stems from ego, just in a negative sense—that terrified voice that whimpers, **I'm just not good enough.**

But what does God's word say about these? Pride is directly and very explicitly addressed here...

Proverbs 16:5, "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord..."

And Fear, when it leads to unbelief and spiritual retreat, is no small matter...

Revelation 21:8, "But the fearful ... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone..."

Both lead us away from grace, growth, obedience, each other, and God. They pull on us from different directions, ***sometimes at the same time!*** When this happens, our beautiful soul is caught in the middle and can be torn, and ripped away from that which is good and righteous. But truth and grace welcome us back, when we're willing to listen, turn around, and get back on the right path...

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My daughter and her two sons. I'm so happy & proud! -Bro. Jesse Warford

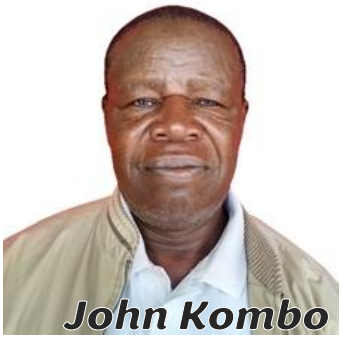
NEWS FROM ABROAD

KENYA UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

The Church of Christ in Kenya is glad to greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our cell group and fellowship meetings have been so successful. We are happy to announce that the congregation at Barut Church of Christ is growing each and every month; we have received new members who have joined and worship with us.

During our fellowship meetings we discussed more about the Church and its Doctrine. We had two main lessons for discussion at each home we visited.



1. What is the church
2. Concerning the worship of the church

i) Preaching (Matt 10:27; Acts 10:22)
ii) Praying (Matt 21:21; Mark 1:35; James 5:16)
iii) Giving (1Cor 16:1-2; 2Cor 9:6-7)
iv) Singing (1 Cor 14:15; Eph 5:18-19)
v) Lord's supper; (Luke 22:14 -20; 1Cor 11:23-26)

In most people's minds, the church is the building. The Greek word translated "church" in our English New Testament comes from a word meaning "the called out" speaking of the people. One of the best definition I know of "church" is found in Acts 8:1 and Acts 9:1. In Acts 8:1, it says that persecuting "the church" In Acts 9:1, we read where Paul was persecuting, "the disciples of the Lord." Therefore, "the church" and "the disciples of the Lord" are the same thing. Amen!

At the end of our Bible lessons during the meetings, we agreed that the church is not a building. Also we know for a fact that the scriptural name of the church is "Church of Christ".

Attached are some pictures taken during the meetings.

Your Brother in Christ
John Kombo





TANZANIA UPDATE

Brothers and Sisters,

We greet you all by the love of our Lord who joined us together through his blood to become one body. We are doing fine while keeping on doing his will.

For the past two weeks we have been studying with denomination known as "The Church of Apostle Paul" this group believes that there is no baptism. They stand with 1 Cor.1:17, Where Paul said that Christ did not send him to baptize and so they believe that baptism is not important for salvation. Someone can go to heaven without baptism.



But through the authority of the Bible we taught them and told them that it does not work that way. Proving to them with many passages which tell us that baptism is essential. They had nothing to support what they believe. For the outcome of this, we have set a date of meeting them at their church building and after that there will be some of them who will obey. However, the past five days we visited the orphanage as we do always. Providing them with rice and beans they also love candies and so brother Lazarous bought some for them. We pray that they will have a home and stay in one place. This will be easy for us to care for them. We thank you all who involves themselves in supporting both Mission work and the Orphanage. Indeed the community appreciate and they say that this is the right religion when they see vulnerable children the church helps. And I admit that this make it easier for us when we reach them by the gospel. One time we heard someone says that "what they teach is what the bible say and I'm about to join them." When I heard this statement, I told him that you are welcome but can we sit down and talk more, he agreed. I started by showing him passages that say we don't join the church but when we become Christians; we are added to the church. I let him read the passage by himself.

Concerning what we reported last month of may. About a denomination preacher who was preaching false and about the government and his certificate was terminated or de-registered. The government has commanded that the churches be registered again by September 15. They did what we heard them call feasibility study on the churches that goes against the law of the land and their certificates were removed and they no longer worship. So we will be registering the church in September and in December they need us to take a report on the development of the church. On this they want to know how the funds are used.

Pray for us as we do the same to you.

On behalf of
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Appreciated brothers:

I wish that the LORD it blesses in the work that they making by means of your publication to inform the brothers on the development of the churches in different places.

I comment that in the city River Green we had meetings for studies of the scriptures and also for the preparation of the preachers of different congregations.

Also attended some preachers of other cities and they contributed your knowledge of the scriptures and we achieve more motivation so that the young preachers study the scriptures.



I send 2 pictures: Brothers of the church, and Baptisms.

Your brother in Christ
Otto & Mariela Alvarez

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Guess Who???

The answer is below the Bulletin Board



(This one is just almost too easy lol…)

Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 2:18-19

Bro. Paul Warford

To the Church in Thyatira

Rev 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write

Here again the message goes to the angel or messenger of the church to be relayed to the church.

Thyatira is such an interesting city in its own right. For commerce, it seemed to be the home of many trade guilds. Many fabric workers, makers of garments, people that dyed the garments such as Lydia found an Acts the 16th chapter, leather workers, potters, and tanners were found in this city. The problem for the Christian in this city was, to get a job in one of these guilds you had to worship that guilds God and partake of the festivals where food was sacrificed to that God and do evil works that it commanded.

These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

If there ever has been any doubt in your mind who is speaking, here Christ made it perfectly clear that he himself the son of God was the one speaking. Then he gives the description of himself that goes back to the first chapter to verses 14 and 15; his eyes were like a flame of fire, which means that he could see into the hearts and souls of men, and his feet are like fine brass; showing the authority of the mighty king.

Rev 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works

The first thing we want to notice is that this part of the scripture begins and ends with Christ knowing their works. This tells us several things. The first

thing that it tells us is that Christ is omniscience. Simply put, this means he knows everything.

He knew all their works from beginning to end. In between these bookends, as I call them, are part of the work that they were notorious for doing. And for the record I don't believe this is a complete list of their works but a generalization of the works that they were doing. Let's list them out of Strongs concordance.

Charity - *love*, that is, *affection* or *benevolence*; specifically (plural) a *love feast:* - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Service - *attendance* (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary-Given in charity or alms; having the nature of alms.) *aid*, (official) *service* (especially of the Christian teacher, or technically of the *deacon*): - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

Faith - *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

This faith reminds me of Heb 11:6 "But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him:* for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

In Strongs definition where it speaks of a religious teacher, I believe that is referring to inspired religious teachers meaning the apostles.

Patience - cheerful (or hopeful) *endurance*, *constancy:* - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

and the last *to be* more than the first.

Oh, what glowing praise from Christ himself. Can you imagine Christ telling you you're a better Christian today than you were yesterday or a year ago or five years ago. That's what Christ was telling these people, your works are better now than they've ever been.



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Voices from the Past





Why?

Why don't we understand the Bible alike? Is it a lack of study? Paul told Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God, and we are certainly admonished to study just as Timothy was.

Could it be a lack of meditation? The Apostle Paul wrote, "Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly unto them." I Tim. 4:15. David wrote, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate both day and night."

Is it because we let our feelings enter in? Our feelings will lead us astray. The commandments of God are to be obeyed instead of our feelings.

What author would write so as to confuse his readers or tell us to receive something we couldn't understand? James 1:21-"Receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your soul." If we can't understand the Bible, then Christ died in vain. He died for the sins of the world, and he brought God's will unto men. If the new covenant which he sealed with his blood cannot be understood, then do we need Christ to come again and give it to us again? This would make his death on the cross in vain.

The Word of God is perfect and its author is perfect. It is thoroughly furnished and furnishes us unto every good work. (IITimothy 3:16,17) Misunderstanding God's Word then, must be the result of man's stubbornness, his holding to tradition of his openness to Satan's deceit.

Eph. 4:14-"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." The Apostle Paul charged Timothy, before God to preach the Word, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine and they shall turn away their ears from the truth." (II Tim. 4:1-4)

What is the reason we don't understand the Bible alike? It is time we find out. We have been given every thing we need. II Peter 1:3-"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." - CLAUD PERIGEN

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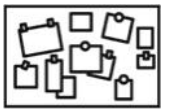
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Welcomed
Safe
Whole
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Strengthened
Purposed
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Equipped
Empowered
Anointed
Chosen
Beloved
Cherished
Treasured

Remembered
Healed
Anchored
Renewed
Glorified
Joyful
Peaceful
Faithful
Led
Covered
Lit



Bulletin Board

Prayer List

John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Sandra Hughes	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer treatments / Surgery
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Morgan McIntosh	Broken Bow, OK	Beginning cancer treatments
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Mike Schell	Montrose, CO	Cancer in both lungs
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Melanoma Cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Larry Pollan	Ringgold, TX	Heart attack & surgeries
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Battling Parkinson's
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cuming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues, back & leg pain
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Susie Davis	Yuma, AZ	Kidney trouble
Suzie Warford	Port Orchard, WA	Cancer
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery
Lavonne Walk	Gleed, WA	Health Problems
Betty McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
K.T. Widel	Gleed, WA	Broken leg (slipped on ice)
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Health Issues

Gospel Meetings

Labor Day Meeting	Stilwell, OK	Aug 29 - Sep 1, 2025	Robert Davis

Baptisms

Jaymi Warford	July 28, 2025	(Pleasant View) Stilwell, OK
Hayden Chuculate	July 28, 2025	(Pleasant View) Stilwell, OK
Conner Singleterry	July 28, 2025	(Pleasant View) Stilwell, OK

Passings

Paul Auslam Jr.	Elkins (Goshen), AR	Passed - June 2, 2025
Russell Morris Jr.	Westville, OK	Passed - July 24, 2025

Guess Who??? Answer: Ralph & Bonnie Rhodes, w/son Gary



In Loving Memory

Russell Mirt Morris Jr.

August 19, 1974 – July 24, 2025

Russell Mirt Morris Jr. the son of Russell Morris Sr. and Patricia Jane (Brown) Watson, was born August 19, 1974, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas and departed this life on July 24, 2025, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas at the age of 50 years, 11 months and 5 days.

Boonie was loved by many. He was a one-of-a-kind individual who touched the lives of so many over the years. Working in the Emergency Services he was always there for people in their time of need, whether it was for the fire department or the ambulance, where he spent the majority of his time as an E.M.T. When he wasn't serving his community proudly, you could find Boonie out by the water fishing. He also enjoyed travelling. They would pull directions out of a hat and drive until they ran out of gas, stay the night and drive back the next day. He also enjoyed playing rock, paper, scissors at the intersections to determine a direction to travel. Being able to go with no destination or schedule was therapeutic for him. He always loved children, mainly because he was a big kid at heart. Boonie touched so many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife Judy Morris of the home; his children Johannes Morris and fiancé Charlee Lewis of Shoemakersville, PA, Billy Ames and fiancé Nicole Ketcher of Westville, Vivian Pickering and husband Northe of Westville, Vanessa Smith and husband Isaiah of Lavaca, AR, and Vincent Lopez of Westville; his siblings Teresa Morris of Bella Vista, AR, Renee Morris of Stilwell, Christina Gordon of Brandon, FL, Angela Davenport of Glendale, AZ, Arnold Brandt of Topeka, KS and Toby Rhodes of Katy, TX; his six grandchildren Pryor Smith, Emmitt Smith, DeLuca Pickering, Hunter Hine, Layla Hine and Eloise Ames; and his step-mother Reba Morris of Stilwell. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.



In Loving Memory

Paul Norris Auslam Jr.

May 16, 1952

June 2, 2025

Paul Norris Auslam Jr, 73 of Elkins passed away Monday, June 2, 2025, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born May 16, 1952, in La Habra, CA to Paul Norris Auslam Sr and Etta June (Harrison) Auslam.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was Pastor of the Church of Christ in Goshen for 40 Years. He loved playing his X Box, fishing and listening to the Beatles and was an avid Razorback fan.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, LuAnn (McCoy) Auslam of the home; children, Elyssa Sheets and husband Gary of Tontitown, Josh Auslam and wife Stephanie of Springdale and Jake Auslam and wife Elizabeth of Centerton; brothers, Phillip Auslam and Timothy Auslam and wife Deanna both of Elkins; grandchildren, Makayla, Hannah, Hunter, Hagen, Caroline, Jace, Landon and Lucas; great grandchildren, Aiden and Kayson and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews as well as other family and friends.