

**GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
- Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

**List:**

**Leroy Weatherholt** had successful surgery to remove a tumor from his lung. However, other places of concern were discovered. He will have those spots removed at a later date. **Valarie Boyd** (Rhonda's sister) is suffering through several health concerns and needs our prayers.. **Barry Boyd** (Rhonda's brother) is being treated for several ailments, including severe leg and back pain. Surgery is scheduled for a future date.

**Our members:** Jeff Howerton, Paul Atkisson, Lindsay Morgan, Jim Parsons, Louis Harrod

**Others:** Jan Hogen, Barabara Matheny, David Morrow, Debbie Parker, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Gail Stein, Sandy Childress, Doris Baker, Bill Childress, Susie Burton, Fred Dalton, Norma Hurt, Vernon Johnson, Lavon Speer, Jacob Profit, Robin Miller, Lisa Tudor, Maureen Sheldon

<b><u>WEEKLY READING</u></b>		<b><u>LEADERSHIP</u></b>		<b><u>SERVICES</u></b>
<b>Mon</b>	2 Chronicles 29-31, 1 Corinthians 8	<b><u>ELDERS</u></b>	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b>Tue</b>	2 Kings 18-19, 2 Chronicles 32, 1 Corinthians 9, Psalm 67	Garry Banks	Troy Antle	Bible Study: 9:45 AM
<b>Wed</b>	Isaiah 36-37, 1 Corinthians 10, Psalm 123	David Collins	Richard Brundige	Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38-40, 1 Corinthians 11, Psalm 68	John Thompson	Matt Thompson	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>
<b>Fri</b>	Isaiah 41-44, 1 Corinthians 12		Adam Litmer	Bible Study: 7:30 PM
		<b><u>EVANGELIST</u></b>	Bill Morelan	<b><u>1st Fri. of Month</u></b>
		Adam Litmer	Jim Parsons	Singing: 7:30 PM
			Pat Seabolt	<b><u>3rd Fri. of Month</u></b>
			Adam Daniels	Bible Study: 7:00 PM
			Jamie Powell	(Finished for the time being)

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**The Blessing of Color**

In the history of the development of television, BC means before color. Before color there was black and white, and, until color television came along, black and white was quite satisfactory. But, once color television became affordable, people quickly replaced their black and white sets. Color is so much more preferable than black and white and shades of gray.

*“The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.”*  
Psalm 119:57

Have you ever tried to imagine what life would be like without color? Without a doubt color adds much more to our lives than we routinely think about. And, we have God to thank for it. Color is indeed a blessing from God. There is not a season of the year that is not blessed with a riot of color: daffodils in spring, roses in summer, mums in autumn, holly in winter. Brown tree trunks forcing one's eyes to travel skyward so that the blue sky, filtered by the tree's green leaves, might not be missed interrupt the green of the grass on the ground. Then, with our faces pointed upward we search out larger patches of blue and marvel at the white clouds, seeing all sorts of shapes in them.

Bright sunlight intensifies the colors of each day, and moonlight softens the evening's hues blending them together so that the pace of our lives might slow. Dawn can be majestic with color, and sunset so lovely that we can do little more than stare in wonder. The rainbow never ceases to capture our imagination and take us back to God's promise to Noah so long ago.

We give plants and animals names that are influenced by color: the white-tailed deer, the red fox, the rainbow trout, red maples, and blueberries are just a few examples. We cannot get away from color, and who would want to?

But, do we connect color with God? Do we thank God for the colors that so enrich our lives? Do we understand that God did not just create an environment that is functionally adequate, but He made a world that is incomparably lovely because of the colors that adorn it? May we not become

complacent about color! Color is indeed a blessing from God. Choose an hour out of a day and make a list of the colors that appear before your eyes. Your list will not be a short one.

The primary operating principle of evolutionary theory is that existing organisms are the ones most fit for survival. What advantage does the green of grass provide with regard to the survival of grass? How does the blue of the sky, or the blue-green of the ocean dovetail with evolutionary theory? Birds of all sorts fill our skies. Does the blue of the sky enhance their survival? What about birds that existed in the past? Was the sky within which they flew not blue as well?

Color is a gift from God. May we see the mighty hand of God in each and every one of His marvelous colors. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!      The Elders

### **Failures of Disciples**

By Robert Turner

When Jesus sent the twelve to introduce the kingdom of Heaven He commanded, *‘Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils...’* (Matthew 10:7-f). But on one occasion they failed in this work. Luke 9:40 says, *“And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”* When Jesus had cast out the demon His embarrassed disciples asked, *“Why could we not cast it out?”* and they were told, *“This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer”* (Mark 9:28-29). Matthew says that Jesus also charged them with unbelief (Matthew 17:20).

Afterward Jesus sought to teach His disciples about His coming death (Luke 9:44-f; Mark 9:30-f). However, they failed to understand language that is very clear to you and I. Further, we are told, *“they were afraid to ask him about this saying.”*

After that event the disciples began to dispute among themselves as to which of them would be the greatest in the Kingdom (Luke 9:49-f; Mark 9:33). Jesus was forced to rebuke them for their appalling lack of humility.

John, perhaps seeking to evade the force of the Lord’s rebuke, decided to tell Jesus how *he* had forbid a man working miracles in Jesus’ name *“because he did not follow with us”* (Luke 9:49). Jesus had to offer a further rebuke to John because of his sectarian spirit. Truth and the promotion of Christ’s cause are the

standard of judgment, not one’s social or party relations. John had the cart before the horse.

Then John and James became so indignant because the Samaritans refused to extend hospitality unto Christ that they suggested they call down fire from Heaven to consume them (Luke 9:54)! Apparently this was not one of John’s better days. Jesus rebuked them again, saying, *“You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.”*

Now consider this carefully. Disciples of the Lord failed repeatedly, and for the same reasons that our work may be affected today. They failed in their work because they lacked dedication (Faith and prayer—a setting aside of time for spiritual matters). They failed to understand clear teaching of the Lord because preconceptions and prejudices concerning the Kingdom blinded their eyes to the truth. Sure, they accepted many truths about the Kingdom, but never that Jesus was to be crucified! Such prejudices made it easy for them to fail with respect to needed humility. Misconceptions concerning the Kingdom led them to be want to be “big shots.”

A man could perform a miracle in the name of Jesus Christ and to promote the cause of Christ, earning no censure from the Lord, but rebuked by John on childish and sectarian grounds. Then James and John seemed to think they could serve the Lord with a vengeful and carnal spirit. They failed to distinguish carnal and spiritual warfare.

If those who walked with the Lord literally, hearing Him teach and seeing His wondrous works—if they could fail in these ways and for these reasons—what about us? Do we allow a carnal spirit, selfish ambitions, a sectarian concept of the church, prejudices, and lack of dedication, mar our life with failures? If it could happen to them it can happen to us. Let us watch and pray!

**Sermons:** (AM) The Second Temptation of Christ (Luke 4:5-8)  
(PM) Remembering Micaiah

**Reading:** (AM) Proverbs 18:1-12  
(PM) Proverbs 18:13-24