

Those to remember in prayer

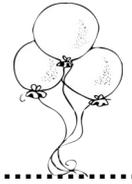
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| Al Emery | Adam Neill |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | June Rhines |
| May Seigworth | Terry Evans |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | Judy and Ethel |
| Linda Reichart | Florence Homolek |
| Allison Park | Ruby Bradd |
| Stephanie Moore | Gary Mumford |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |



Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Joe's mother was admitted to the hospital yesterday with heart pain. Thankfully signs showed she did not have a heart attack and does not have Covid-19. She was dehydrated and is hopefully getting the liquids she needs now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Evan graduated live stream acknowledgement from OVU yesterday with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with emphasis in Christian counseling. He as well as Randy and Pam are very proud of this accomplishment. A live ceremony will be August 22. Congratulations!
- There is a sign-up sheet on the back board for mowing duties this summer. There are also a few blanks left on the communion/cleaning list as well. Please consider donating your time and sign-up.
- There will be a men's business meeting after evening services. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries
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5/22 – Toby Fulmer

Memory Verse of the Week

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27

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Bible Question of the Week

What island was John on when he wrote the Revelation?

Last week's question and answer:

What was the name of Jacob's daughter?

Dinah, Genesis 30:21

Spotty Headline Puzzles

Fill in the missing letters of the "headline," which relates to a Bible story. Then unscramble the letters you've added to the headline to form a name which is the object of the headline.

LUNATIC HAS THOUSANDS ANIMALS

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Spiritual Landmines

by Douglas Hoff

Imagine you are hiking through the forest. You see something sparkling in the distance. and decide to leave the trail to find out what it is. After some time, you come to a tall chain link fence with signs posted on it which say **DANGER! No Trespassing – Landmine Test Facility – Violators Will Be Prosecuted!** Oddly enough, you see a section of the fence has been cut and pulled back leaving a hole large enough for a person to

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crawl through and a well worn path through the mine field. There are no signs of explosions. Instead, in the middle you see what appears to be bars of gold stacked in a pile with no one guarding them.

Would you assume there was no real danger in entering the restricted area since it appears many others have done so apparently without harm? Would your curiosity and desire overcome your concern for safety leading you to investigate the unattended pile of gold? Or, would you turn back to your hiking trail realizing you are not authorized to enter the mine field. Besides, you think to yourself, “Who wants to get blown up?”

Thankfully, we have a loving God who has marked the place of spiritual danger for us with warnings found in His word. It’s as if He put up a sign at the boundary of safety that says, **DANGER! No Trespassing – Spiritual Landmines Ahead – Turn Back For Your Safety! Violators Will Be Judged . . . (Your Loving Heavenly Father)**

As Christians journey through life they are told to walk the path of life and light (Matt. 7:13-14; 1 John 1:7). The way of sin and darkness leads to eternal death (Rev. 21:8). We are never authorized to go beyond “the fence” (2 John 9). We may be tempted to take what seems like a “slight” diversion from the well marked path of life. At first, we believe there is no danger in leaving the path a little. We think we can always get back to it quickly. Eventually, the way back becomes harder to see and it is easy to get lost as we wander away. Finding our way back is so much easier the sooner we make the proverbial U-turn.

What causes a soul to continue toward the fence? The Bible tells us sin has its pleasures but they are short lived (Heb. 11:24-25). Satan however does not believe in truth in advertising. He wants people only to see the appeal of sin, not the negatives. Land mines are buried just below the surface but the danger is very real. We need to see the true nature of sin through the eyes of faith.

Imagine the person at the fence thinking, “No one will know that I trespassed and stole the gold.” However, that poor soul failed to notice the security cameras that are constantly monitoring the facility. Man does a good job deceiving himself into thinking God does not see what we are doing even though there is an all seeing Eye up above (Prov. 5:21-22; Heb. 4:13).

Willful sin has rightly been called spiritual suicide. Satan will not tell you it is actually fool’s gold in the mine field. How can we be successful in fighting temptation? “Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Always look for the way of escape God promised and provides – and then flee! (1 Cor. 10:13; 6:18). If you find yourself in the spiritual minefield repent and leave at once for your soul’s sake.



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, May 17th, 2020

Serving Today

Announcer:	Scott
Song Leader:	Allan
1 st Prayer:	Don
Table:	Rod
Serving:	Mark, Dick, Chuck, Don, sub: Doug
2 nd Prayer:	Gary
Scripture:	John
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Dick

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Scott
Song Leader:	Rod
1 st Prayer:	Allan
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Doug

Wednesday Night Song Leader

5/13 – Dave H.
5/20 – Rod
5/27 – Allan