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Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Rick Carlberg (surgery Thursday)

Communion Preparation

August - Rowell September -October -

Birthday / Anniversary

Donald Montgomery - 4th Jill Carlberg - 14th Scott Williams - 28th Chuck and Sonja Rowell - 11th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - Luke 23:27 - 34

Closing Prayer - James Johnson



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WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Psalms Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Ephesians Bible Class // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

 			
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The Answer Is "Above" Us

By Mike Riley

The following is a description of three kinds of creatures that give us insight into life's struggles and problems:

A Buzzard

If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

A Bat

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash!

A Bumblebee

A bumblebee if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the "top", but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

Conclusion

In many ways, there are lots of brethren like the buzzard, the bat, and the bee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that the answer is right there... "Above" them (Colossians 3:1-2 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. [2] Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.")

Watching Our Words

By Mike Riley

Good grammar mattered to my grandmother. As a former English teacher, it bothered her when she heard me use an incorrect word. For instance, when I used the word "I" in a sentence instead of "me" or "who" instead of "whom." In her mind, there was a proper way to use the English language, and it made her cringe when someone violated the standard.

However, there is another kind of incorrect word usage that is far worse. It happens when Christians utter words that fall short of the standard God expects. Whenever we utter words that are considered crude, profane, or obscene — we violate God's clear standards.

Anytime we speak any form of God's name irreverently or in a way that doesn't honor Him, we displease Him (Exodus 20:7). When we joke about sinful practices, we are speaking in a way we shouldn't (Ephesians 5:12). If we participate in coarse talk (Ephesians 5:4), we bring dishonor to the name of Christ.

James tells us, "Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing these things ought not to be so" (James 3:10). As Christians, using such speech is hypocritical.

Controlling our tongue is difficult because it truly is an "unruly evil" (James 3:8 KJV), but with God's help, we can do it! For God's glory and with respect for His word, let's watch our words (Colossians 4:6; cf. Matthew 12:34-37; Psalm 39:1; Proverbs 13:3; Proverbs 21:23).