

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel awoke one morning to read his own obituary in the local newspaper: "Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who died yesterday, devised a way for more people to be killed in a war than ever before, and he died a very rich man."

Actually, it was Alfred's older brother who had died; a newspaper reporter had bungled the epitaph. But the account had a profound effect on Nobel. He decided he wanted to be known for something other than developing the means to kill people efficiently and for amassing a fortune in the process. So he initiated the Nobel Prize, the award for scientists and writers who foster peace. Today he is more widely known for the Nobel Peace Prize than he is for inventing dynamite. Nobel is quoted as saying, "Every man ought to have the chance to correct his epitaph in midstream and write a new one."

As I read this quote, I was hit with an arresting thought: My obituary has not yet been written. Whatever it is that men think of me, I still have the opportunity to make it better. Whatever mistakes I have made in the past, the possibility still exists for me to correct them. Whatever it is that I have yet not done, but should have, I still have time. As long as God gives me life and liberty, I can make of it something meaningful and lasting. As long as I have breath and desire, I can do my part to improve myself, my family, my neighborhood, the church, even the world.

Of course, the best thing that could ever be written in our obituary is that we were a faithful Christian. And if you awoke this morning and are able to read this, there's still time to make sure that is the case.

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:15-17, ESV).

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*Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY*

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**Pray for our
Minister search!**

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

October 17, 2021

Be People of Light!

God is light. He is perfect and there is no darkness in Him. "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." (1 John 1:5)

Jesus is light. Jesus has shown us the way out of darkness. By following Jesus we may be freed from the darkness of this world and receive life. "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Through Jesus we have hope and can be freed from the darkness of this world and be part of the true kingdom of light. "always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation." (Colossians 1:12-15)

We have a duty to live as people of light. "For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true." (Ephesians 5:8-9)

We must turn from the ways of the world that are sinful and dark. The sin of this world must be left behind if we are to be pleasing to God. "If we claim that we have fellowship with him but keep living in darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth." (1 John 1:6)

The world continues to live in darkness and needs the message of light, the Gospel that the bible proclaims to all who will listen. They must change before it is too late. Before God's judgment comes upon them. "And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed." (John 3:19-20)

Brad Tolbert, *Weevils for Christ*

Memory Verse

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:21

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Carolyn Cook's brother has passed away. There will be no memorial.

Roger Harris will have outpatient surgery Oct 18th.

Jeannie French had carotid artery surgery and will have knee replacement surgery.

Mignon Griffin is in Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock dealing with health issues.

Judy Purvis's (Fern Baker's mom) angiogram went well. No stints were needed, and she was able to go home.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

There will be a bonfire for the teenagers at **Becky and Kerry Rice's** house on Saturday, October 23rd.

Jerry Keene of Corpus Christi, TX will be our guest speaker Sunday, October 24th.

Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 30th at 10AM-Noon here at the church building. If you would like to help, there are sign up sheets in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - *Worship livestreamed at 10:30 with guest speaker Dillon Rabb*
Small Study Groups this evening at 5:00.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger Harris... Joe Moore...LaVerne Potter...Rita Stiles... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Neva McKeown... Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis... Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Wes Honnell... Tina Jacks... Mike James... Tina Jarvius... Johnny Jeter... Jerry Lawrence... Shirley Majors... Austin & Andrea Oesch...Judy Purvis... Christy Rice ... David & Loyce Ray.. John & Christine Riddle.. Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Homer Shirey... Katie Strickland... Elizabeth(Moore) Stepanovich(du e in Dec.)... James Walton... Wayne Witson.. William Woods...Sue Woodward...Gerald Wright... Robert and Sue Thomas...Donald Dinger...Deane Johnson...family of Joe Thompson...family of Atley Johnson... Jeanie French... Mignon Griffin...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Today!** 17 Joel Thompson
Oct. 19 Sara Newton
23 Janet Staudinger
Valerie Thompson
24 Jerry Smith
29 Kelly Koonce
Mark Sponaugle
Ryan Thompson
30 Jim & Barbara Dyson
Nov. 2 Lane Usry
3 Marty Baker
4 Shawna Cook
8 Jim Dyson
9 Angela Naron

Oct Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 18 Haggai 1-2
19 Zechariah 1-4
20 Zechariah 5-7
21 Zechariah 8-10
22 Zechariah 11-14
23 Malachi 1-4
24 Matthew 1-4



BIBLE ACROSTICS

Trivia: there are a number of acrostics in the Bible, appearing in the original Hebrew. Psalm 119 is one of these.

G.R.A.C.E. (God's Riches at Christ's Expense): We have received all of God's riches at Christ's expense (Christ died for this).

M.V.P. (Memorize, Verbalize, Personalize): Memorize a scripture, say it out loud. Then personalize it, putting yourself in the setting.

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A very ambitious soul created acrostics for each book of the Bible. Each book has a word or phrase describing the content of the book, and each letter of the word or phrase starts a description of each chapter in order.

For example, the book of Jonah is described by the acrostic "F.I.S.H.". This stands for "Flight from God's presence", "Intercession from within fish", "Sackcloth worn in Ninevah", and "Human failure of Jonah". Each one of those describes chapters 1-4 of Jonah in order.

Use the following link or QR Code to read more about it:

<https://tinyurl.com/BibleAcrosticBooklet>



Attendance

Bible Class71
Sunday AM Worship.....90
Sunday PM Worship.....84
Wed. Evening66
Contribution.....\$4,240

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the
Lord's Way

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Oct 17 Becky Rice
Oct 24 Laura Smith
Oct 31 Laura Smith
Nov 7 Janet Staudinger

Ladies October Duties

Cards: Terry Boykin
Food: Jill Curtis
Jennifer Knight