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From Where I Sit...

"Jesus Solves The Puzzle"

I love to see a puzzle come together, however I'm at a distinct disadvantage when I have no picture to guide me. Puzzle's without pictures are a real mystery. God's dealings with His people are like a puzzle. As we look back from our vantage point, we have a picture to guide us to understand what the total image is to look like. The mystery is revealed, and all the pieces of the puzzle just fall together. Back in the Old Testament it was still a hidden mystery. The picture was more difficult to understand.

The wisdom of God is a marvelous thing. His wisdom in generations before Christ came was a hidden "mystery" (See **Ephesians 3:2-5; I Corinthians 2:7-8; Romans 16:25-26**), that involved the salvation of all mankind. The revealed "mystery" came in the "fulness of time" when God sent forth His Son (**Eph. 4:4**). Jesus stepped into the pages of history to work the eternal purpose of God (**Eph. 3:10-11**), and the church, in that purpose, declares His manifold wisdom.

God sent the news of His "mystery" out into all nations that, now, in Christ, "Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6). Christians would do well to focus on *"the riches of the glory of THIS MYSTERY among the Gentiles; which is CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY."* (Col. 1:27). He was preached by Paul in order to present *"every man perfect in Christ Jesus"* (Col. 1:28).

There it is!! There is our hope!! There lies the answer for the inner, crying needs of man---Our Hope For Glory!! JESUS IS THE ANSWER TO MAN'S HUNGER FOR GLORY-- FOR SPIRITUAL PERFECTION / SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT/ SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT!!!

Man's nature yearns to be like God. We contend that man has a yearning---a spiritual hunger that needs satisfying. David, in the long ago, said: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." (Psalms 42:1). A spiritual side of man longs for spiritual excellence, for the perfecting of the soul, for a union with God. There is a thirst that can not be quenched easily, and will not be quenched by the artificial sources of enlightenment in the world.

A state of Spiritual death results when one is separated from God who gives and nourishes our spirit. The Gentile world had experienced that separation for centuries (**Eph. 2:11-13**). They were not privileged to share in the covenant relationship that produced promise or hope. And of their own selves they were not able to come back into God's spiritual presence. No amount of ritual can bring life back into a spiritually dead soul. It takes the divine intervention of the Father of all spirits. Thanks be to God He has now called those who were not a people (**Romans 9:25; Hosea 2:23)**.

Even as these Gentiles had a longing for spiritual things, and pursued them idolatrously, the majority of this world's population has some religious concept of spirit-beings and of an afterlife in some form. Many cultic world religions have formulated concepts of the exaltation of man to a higher realm. There is, evidently, a world-wide longing for some extraordinary spiritual connection. In spite of the atheistic impact on the modern mind, man doesn't really want it that way. He's hungry for more. Thanks be to God that He has unveiled the mystery, and shows us the way to be conformed into the image of His dear Son. If you don't enjoy this relationship, consider very seriously the wonderful benefit of becoming a Christian today.

.... Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Pray Healthy catheterization and stint put in on Thursday to correct a 95% blockage on the front side of his heart. Please pray

that he will continue to improve.

Marge Paine Broome, Terry's stepmother, asks for prayers of the church for her grandson and his wife, David and Robin Gable. Robin was diagnosed with cancer in her chest cavity. They have a six year old son and are desperately asking for prayers. 2246 Neal Gap Road, Summerville, GA 30747

Robert Lemaster, son of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster, has had covid and a stroke recently and the family would appreciate prayers.

Peg Gough will be undergoing medical tests and would appreciate prayers.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Ed Clavson Charlotte Vinson David Nickell Martha Foster Deborah Wacker Tammy McGuire Rachel Underwood Irene Gist **Ginger Myers** Harold Reynolds **Nellie Spring** Tommy Young, Jill Russell's brother. Nettie Murrah, mother of Tracy Brumley Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769. Roger Alley, son-in-law of David and Margaret Crawford. Leroy Armstrong, Holly Cobb's father. Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley. Ron Gardner, father of Joel. Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton. Rick Wadkins, father of Misti Myers, 24 Sumner Dr., 35769. Terry Shelton, cousin of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, 1113 Co. Rd. 68, Scottsboro, AL 35768 Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, 1930 Co. Rd 107, Scottsboro, AL 35768 Brenda Wininger, aunt of David Precise. Hillary Broome, Terry's brother, 2151 Alexander Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tn 37130. Lyndal Brumley, daughter-in-law of Jo Reed & Tracy. Melanie Lanier, daughter of Ron Graham. Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Oct 9	-	Sack Sunday
Oct 15	-	Fall Festival, 10 AM - 2 PM
Oct 16	-	All Church Fellowship Meal Potluck after morning services
Oct 20	-	TWIGS, Woods Cove @ 5:30 PM, sign up on bulletin board

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All youth ,7th and up, are invited to the Area-wide devo @ Plainview Church of Christ on Sunday, October 9th. The church van will be leaving parking lot @ 4 PM and returning around 8:30 PM.

Area-Wide Devo



The annual Fall Festival is quickly approaching and we need volunteers to sign up for booths, registration, and food. Festival will be outside in parking lot on October 15th from

10 AM to 2 PM. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board between the two foyers. If you wish to donate money towards food or prizes, you may give your donation to Chad or one of the Elders.



- Oct 9 Area-wide Devo, @ Plainview @ 4PM
- Oct 15 Fall Festival, 10 AM to 2 PM
- Oct 16 Rosewood & Shut-Ins Singing,@ 1:30 PM ALL AGES
- Oct 21-23 Fall Retreat, 7th 12th, sign up on bulletin board
- Oct 23 Trunk or Treat after PM services
- Oct 30 Young Men's Training Night

~Lads to Leaders Calendar~

- Oct 9 Providers and GIFTS Classes
- Oct 12 Bible Bowl Practice @ 5:30 PM
- Oct 26 Bible Bowl Practice @ 5:30 PM
- Oct 30 Young Men's Training Girls Song Leading @ 5:00 PM Bulletin Board @ 3 PM
- Nov 6 Provider's Gardner's House @ 12:30 PM Scrapbook Work Day @3 PM



Dear Friends, Thank you so much

Thank you so much for your expression of sympathy you sent for John's funeral. We sincerely appreciate the visits, cards, and prayers. Most of all, we thank you for your love and care for our dear Melba.

> The Family of John Reeves, Merbil, James, and Rebecca

PUPPET PROGRAM - October 9, 2022

Narrator - Trey Russell

Teachers - Bandy, Erica, Cynthia, Chantel, Wendy

Puppets - Tyler, Tatum, Stone, Patton, Eliza, Ruby



Do you have a sweet tooth?

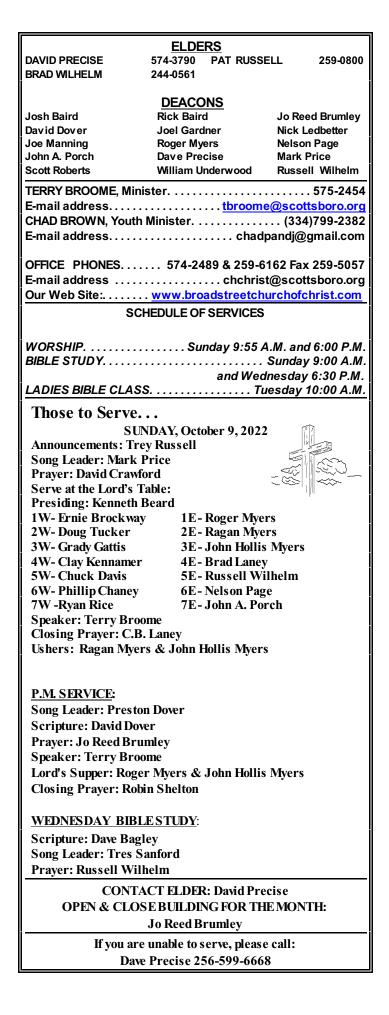
I love desserts! However, I enjoy eating meat, vegetables, and potatoes, too. I have often said my problem is not that I am too picky, but rather that fact that I pretty much like everything! I like all types of food. However, when I am really hungry for a proper meal, I should never reach for a candy bar. Often times, it might taste good, but all that sugar on an empty stomach would not give me the nutrition that I need. It might taste good in the moment, but I would regret that decision if that's all I ever ate.

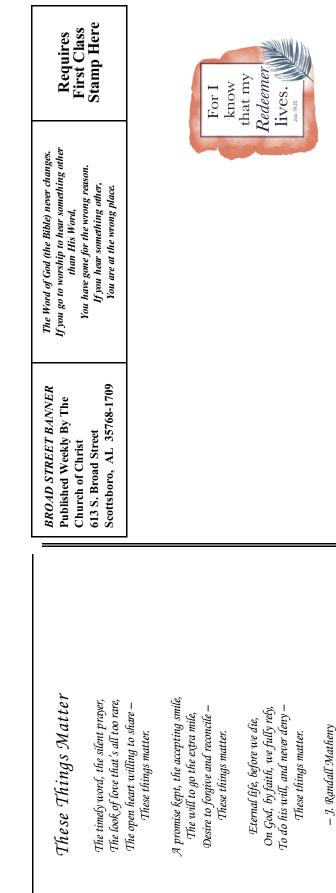
Similarly, when I am part of a Bible study or worship service, I should not always strive only for something that tastes good, but rather, first, I should make sure I am eating a proper meal. Basically, I should want something substantial before I worry about it tasting good. Now, don't get me wrong, I think we can and should strive to have both! However, they are not equally important. Basically, I should make sure I'm consuming a balanced diet of GOD'S truth before I worry to much about how it tastes. And when I teach a Bible class or preach a sermon, I try to be both nutritional and tasty! But, I need to make sure I'm speaking GOD'S truth, first!

To sum it all up, don't go to a Bible study or worship service with your arms crossed waiting for someone to brighten your day and make you feel good. But rather, go into a worship service ready to worship and encourage others. Go in to a Bible study ready to study, learn, and grow! And hopefully, you'll be fed a proper diet that will give you what you need, if you're willing to eat your vegetables. Before you know it, you may realize you love vegetables and meat and they become like a dessert because you are hungering and thirsting after righteousness!

Psalm 1:2; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:92-99; Romans 7:22;25 ~Chad







via Bulletin Digest