



Senior Heartbeat



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Bible study will focus on Luke 11

By Dale Oden

Summer has arrived in Louisiana and across the nation. Record heat has been recorded in just about every state.

Let me tell you a way to “beat the heat” here in Ruston. Plan to attend our Senior Adult Summer Bible Study, Aug. 18-21 (Sunday night-Wednesday morning).

This is always a wonderful time of in-depth Bible study. Our friend, Argile

Smith, will be with us again from Biloxi, Miss. For the past eight years, Dr. Smith has blessed us with his insightful and inspiring look at the scriptures.

This year, he will be using the theme, “Teach Us to Pray: A Study of Luke 11.” In a recent phone call, Dr. Smith asked me to encourage you to read the eleventh chapter of Luke several times before Aug. 18. I know we will be in for a treat

when he comes to share from that passage. His wife, Connie, will be with us for the four days. The schedule for the week is:

• Sunday night 6:00 p.m.

• Monday - Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

All sessions will be held in the Chapel. We will have coffee/doughnuts available for refreshments and lunch for all who attend on Monday and Tues-

day (fried fish on Monday and hamburgers on Tuesday).

Come join us for the Bible study and fellowship. Invite someone to join you. It would be great if we could have 200+ in attendance!

I’ve been working on programs for the next few months.

Our guest for our September meeting will be Becky Brown from Richland, Miss. Becky is a graduate of Louisiana College (where she was a classmate of Rick and Jonann Byargeon) and New Orleans Seminary.

She is also friends with Reggie Bridges and family (she baby sat Abigail for them while he was in the seminary).

She is a writer, musician and church staff member. Some of you may be familiar with her writing for the E-Thoughts devotions on the Internet. Her Dad was pastor of Downsville Baptist Church several years ago.

In October, Dave St. Andre will sing for us. Dave is a faithful member of

Temple’s Sanctuary Choir and has a beautiful voice.

In December, Hannah Parker (daughter of Jonathan and Jennifer, granddaughter and of Jerry and Pam Moore) will present a selection of Christmas music.

Hannah is a vocal performance major at ULM in Monroe. She, too, has a beautiful voice. I am still working on the program for November.

The year 2019 is now half over. There are now only 10 months until our trip to see the “Passion Play” in Oberammergau, Germany.

We will depart on May 26 and return on June 6. This play is only presented every 10 years and has been seen by millions of people. It is a wonderful spiritual experience!

I am approaching a deadline on confirming tickets for the performance of the play. If you think you or anyone you know might be interested in going, please contact me as soon as possible.

Some questions to ponder

From JokesClean.com

Why does rain drop but snow fall?

What disease did cured ham have?

What’s the difference between unique and very unique?

We put in our two cents, but only get a penny for our thoughts. Who gets the extra penny?

When do you become important enough to be considered assassinated and not just murdered?

Can you cry under water?

Who decided that a round pizza should be put in a square box?

When you get to heaven, are you stuck for eternity wearing the same clothes you were buried

in?

Why did we put a man on the moon before we realized it would be a good idea to make luggage with wheels?

Why are actors in movies but on television?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast?

Why does grass grow where you do not want it and not grow where you do?

Why do we say we slept like a baby when they wake up every two hours?

Why do we pay to get to the top of tall buildings, then pay to use binoculars to look at things on the ground?

If a deaf person goes to court, do they call it a hearing?

— From Fred Benefield



Chuckle Corner



How to deal with Jehovah's Witnesses who come knocking on your door:

A young, well-dressed man knocked on the door of a pastor's home, and said, "Hello, sir, I'm a Jehovah's Witness."

The pastor said, "Come in and sit down," offered him a cup of coffee, and asked, "What do you want to talk about?"

"Beats the heck out of me!" the young man replied. "Nobody ever let me in before."



A new patient waiting to see the doctor asked the other patients in the room how much the doctor charged.

"If this is your first time to see

her, the charge is \$50," another patient replied. "But thereafter she charges \$25 per visit."

When the new patient was called in to see the doctor, he greeted her with a smile and exclaimed, "It sure is good to see you again, Doc."



Technology is amazing. Years ago, it took forever to pump \$20 worth of gas. Now it's almost instant.



Church sign: "Respect your parents; they passed school without Google."

—From *The Joyful Noiseletter*

Leader sets a good example

A rider on horse-back, many years ago, came across a squad of soldiers who were trying to move a heavy piece of timber.

A corporal stood by, giving lordly orders to "heave." But the piece of timber was a trifle too heavy for the squad. "Why don't you

help them?" asked the quiet man on the horse, addressing the important corporal.

"Me? Why, I'm a corporal, sir!" Dismounting, the stranger carefully took his place with the soldiers.

"Now, all together, boys — heave!" he said. And the big piece of timber slid into place.

The stranger mounted his horse and addressed the corporal.

"The next time you have a piece of timber for your men to handle, corporal, send for the commander-in-chief."

The horseman was George Washington.

—From *The Sword Scrapbook*

A Teacher's Reward

*A builder builded a temple;
He wrought with care and skill —
Pillars and groins and arches
Were fashioned to meet his will;
And men said when they saw its beauty:
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O Builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."*

*A teacher builded a temple;
She wrought with skill and care —
Forming each pillar with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None saw the unceasing effort;
None knew of the marvelous plan;
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.*

*Gone is the builder's temple —
Crumbled into the dust —
Pillar and grain and arches
Food for consuming rust;
But the temple the teacher builded
Shall endure while the ages roll —
For that beautiful, unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.*

—Author unknown



"I'm a perfect little angel while I'm asleep, Sir. It's being awake that causes me trouble."

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Thank You!

Dale Oden recently received a thank-you card from the people who presented the May program about blue-birds.

The printed portion of the card says, "Many thanks to you. Just wanted to let you know how much you're appreciated."

A handwritten note adds, "On behalf of Evelyn & myself, thank you for having us & allowing us to share our birding knowledge with your group. Thanks, as well, for the 'love' gift. It will go a long way to defray expenses."

The card was signed: Sheryl Bassi, LBBS

God will overcome discouragement

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions. — Hebrews 10:32

By Ann Clark

Have you ever received a word from the Lord that gave you the exact direction or expectation you needed? If so, let me guess what happened next. Suddenly — BOOM! It seemed like all Hell broke loose! The craziest circumstances erupted, seeming to directly challenge and assault that word and direction you had just received from God!

If that described what you've gone through or what you are going through right now, be encouraged. You must be right on track! A spiritual fight usually does occur when you've been specially illuminated to the plan God has for your life.

The writer of Hebrews tells us that sometimes spiritual conflicts accompany a word of divine direction, and they are normally not challenges of little consequence that can be easily overcome with minimal effort. In fact, the enemy's attacks are usually the kind of trials that require all of your determination to hold fast and not give up. Such an attack seems to throw you into one of the greatest fights and challenges of your entire life! You feel like you've just entered the ring and are competing for the prize!

The word "afflictions" used here means suffering that affects the mind. This isn't talking about mental sickness; rather, it points to a war in your soul or an attack on your mind. You can be sure that if you take a stance of faith in response to a word you received from God, every possible negative thought will come against your mind. Not only will the devil try to use people and circumstances to thwart the plan, but he will also affect your mind with all kinds of negative thoughts and accusations. He'll do everything he can to talk you out of doing what God has called you to do.

So, if you have received a word from God for your life, or even a

direction for yourself that you were seeking wisdom on, let me ask you:

- Did you go through a huge ordeal yourself after you felt you had received this word or direction?

- Did you feel you were thrown into a fight that came to challenge what God seemed to have revealed to you?

- Did you find that your mind and emotions were assaulted with the thought that could never happen; accusations that no way that could come to pass for you; and fears that "did you really hear from the Lord" or understand that direction correctly?

If you have been or are in this place right now, then be encouraged! This is probably your clearest signal that you have received a real word and direction. You must be right on track, because the devil is terribly concerned about what will happen if you act on what God or the Word has revealed to you.

Don't back down. Don't surrender to the enemy's attack on your mind, his attacks against your body, his challenges to your finances, or his assaults on your relationships. Regardless of how much resistance he tries to bring against you, don't you dare back up on that word God gave to you.

If you hadn't received a true word from the Lord, there would be nothing for the devil to challenge! This fight you are facing is the greatest evidence you're right on track! Just hang on, and don't give up! You're clearly headed in the right direction!

Prayer: Lord, as I take a stand of faith in response to that word I have received from You for my life, I realize that Satan may try to use negative thoughts to war against my mind. Thank You for alerting me to the fact that the devil may even try to use people and circumstances to thwart Your plan. But I also thank You that Satan cannot stop Your plan from coming to pass! With Your Spirit illuminating my mind, I know I will be able to discern the attack of the enemy and successfully resist each

and every attack! I pray this in Jesus' name! Amen.

Hidden Treasure

'Twas long ago I read the story sweet of how the German mothers, o'er the sea, wind in, throughout the yarn their girlies knit,

Some trinkets small, and tiny shining coins,

That when the little fingers weary grow,

And fain would lay aside the tiresome task,

From out the ball will drop the hidden gift,

To please and urge them on in search for more.

And so, I think, the Father kind above

Winds in and out the skein of life we weave,

Through all the years, bright tokens of His love,

That when we weary grow and long for rest

They help to cheer and urge us on for more;

And far down within the tall we find,

When all the threads of life at last are spun,

The grandest gift of all — eternal life.

—From *Leaves of Gold*



"Pastor, this is Sister Myrtle. Is this a bad time?"

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Congratulations!!!

August Birthdays

1	Bobbie Sue Lann	11	Kathy Frasier	20	Harriet Jones	25	Jan Martin
1	Joe Rainer	11	Maribel McKinney	20	Lee Loflin	25	Kirk Reynolds
1	Gerald Cobb	12	Ancie Parkman	21	Renee Branton	26	Pam Morris
2	Bill Cox	14	James Jones	21	Tom Kilpatrick	26	Steve Rogers
2	Randy Frasier	14	Ronnie Wiggins	21	Ron Riley	26	Carole Boyd
4	Patsy Plummer	15	Wayne Fleming	21	Deborah Seal	27	Gloria Gullatt
5	Dianne Volentine	16	Philip Jones	22	Mickey Slaughter	27	Jane Andrews
6	Don Gay	16	Ann Windsor	22	Terry Ewing	27	Paula Hamilton
6	Dianne Ginn	16	Lynda Blick	22	Shirley Cobb	29	Mark Faulkner
6	Lois Hitt	17	Lynn Hawkins	23	Ed Aston	30	Bill Gullatt
6	Debbie Holloway	17	David Butler	24	David Abernathy	31	Dwight Anderson
7	Pamela Bunn	17	Randall Murphy	24	Rob Shadoin	31	Carolyn Burton
8	James Adams	17	Cindy Wilday	24	Jennifer Terzia	31	Bernie Johnson
9	Molly Neal	19	Cathey Kavanaugh	25	Dianne Davison	31	Brenda Theodos
9	Lynn Rodrigues	19	Mack Blake	25	Jon Anne Winstead		
10	Brenda Robinson	20	Stan Cronk	25	Margie Grigsby		

August Anniversaries

7	Joy Carol and Keith Rowe (1971)	15	Marsha and Sam Holland (1982)
8	Betty and Jack Cox (1953)	17	Jessie Mae and James Frazier (1957)
9	Carole and Francis Carson	17	Beverly and James Adams (1962)
10	Antionette and James Anderson (1962)	18	Deborah and Loy Seal (1973)
11	Frances and Billy Rich (1967)	18	Sandra and Marion Powell (1967)
12	Lynn and Jodie Williams (1967)	18	Brenda and Jimmy Robinson (1967)
13	Joyce and Joe Gaido (1966)	22	Martha and Tom Stinson (1968)
14	Betty and Wayne Parks (1964)	25	Margaret and Tom Thompson (1962)
15	Pat and Bill Attebery (1959)	28	Luann and Richard Moore (1960)

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary added to the lists published each month in Senior Heartbeat, please call the Church Office (255-3745).