



# COALVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Pen:

As I read [Psalm 1](#), several examples from the Bible come to mind. One is Lot, Abraham's nephew. With [Psalm 1:1](#) in mind, note [Genesis 13](#): So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other. ([Genesis 13:11](#))

*Lot "walked in the way of the ungodly."*

Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD. (13:12–13)

*He "came and took his stand among sinners."*

And in [Genesis 19](#): Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. (19:1)

*He now lived among them with his dwelling in "the seat of the scoffers."*

How different was Joseph! He refused to allow the daily grind of compromise to take its toll even though Potiphar's wife continued to make her sensual moves. Please stop and read [Genesis 39:1–12](#). The man literally ran from her alluring advances. [Psalm 1:1](#) assures us we will be happy many times over if we check the first signals of compromise with evil. Happiness is maintaining unblemished, moral purity.

The ancient song goes on: "But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night" ([Psalm 1:2](#)).

This verse begins with "but," a word of contrast. While the first verse was negative, this is positive. In contrast to compromise and erosion, the godly believer occupies himself with God's Word.

Why does David mention the Law here? Because in order to change our path of living, we need an absolute standard, clear direction. God's Word gives us that sense of direction. We understand the Law to be a reference to God's written Word, the Bible ([Psalm 119:9](#)). The psalmist claims that the godly person "delights" in the Lord's Word. He doesn't look upon the Word as irksome or a burden or an interruption in his day. Rather, day and night he meditates on it.

**Verse 1** gives us a promise of happiness; **Verse 2** provides the means for experiencing it. Now **verse 3** declares the end result:

He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

**I think it important that we shall be something rather than do something as a result of delighting in and meditating on God's Word.** Without any fanfare, yet surely as the rising of the morning sun, we shall become treelike in four specific ways. We will be:

1. **Planted**—fortified, stable, rooted, solid, and strong
2. **Fruitful**—production naturally follows being planted and growing
3. **Unwithered**—even during days of difficulty, the treelike soul is undaunted

4. **Prosperous**—fulfills the goals God has designed for his life

Someone rightly said: "The roots grow deep when the winds are strong" (see [Jeremiah 17:5-8](#)). Let me encourage you today to maintain a pure, uncompromising walk; delight yourself in His Word, and you'll grow into a stable, reliable "spiritual tree."

**There is no shortcut to spiritual growth.** Like physical growth, it occurs on a daily basis, depending upon the food and proper surroundings. With the right kind of spiritual diet and climate, you can experience "happiness many times over." The truth is... compromise and its erosive effects can be checked.

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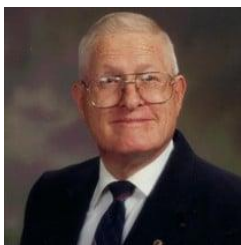
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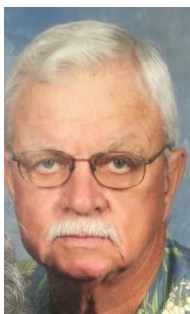
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*Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the family and friends of*



Kay Sterling Carlow who passed away on July 31, 2021.

and



Johnny "Jay" Page, Jr. who passed away on August 20, 2021.



Just by chance if you've been on summer vacation from deep, committed prayer life now is the time to totally submit. Get totally clean, totally die to self, and bring all your self – sins to the cross for crucifixion. This is how each of us should present ourselves as clean, sharp, effectual, two-edged weapons in prayer in the hand of our Mighty Awesome God. **Prayer cannot be separated from a lifestyle of total obedience.**

We desire to see more of God's glory for all the world, in ourselves and our churches. We, as God's soldiers, will exercise our spiritual authority to invade the enemy's territory. We will unite together as God's children to stand firm in **prayer, fasting, pray God's word over every situation, call on the names of God, ask for discernment and knowledge of strongholds, listening and hearing God's voice accurately.**

**Sometimes it is more important to praise God than to pray.** God desires our praises, honor, and adoration. When we praise God we focus on God and beyond ourselves and hold onto His love. This builds faith. **When we start our prayer time with praises we experience Christ in the throne room of our hearts.**

Bro. Len has invited each of us to come to the sanctuary Wednesday evenings for prayer. **Do not go AWOL. You are part of this important team.**

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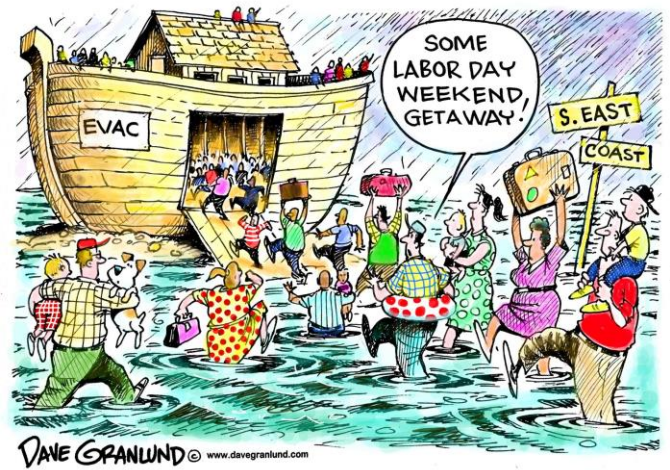
**The Senior Luncheon for September has been Cancelled.**

# CORNERSTONE

Greetings from Cornerstone! We hope you are staying cool in the oppressive heat that we've been having and you all are staying as healthy as possible. Soon we'll see a change to Fall and cooler weather...and with that will come our fall sidewalk service. Mark the date: October 3rd; we hope you will attend.

In the meantime, we'd like you to consider a bulletin announcement that has been running the last couple of weeks. It is the one speaking of various committees in our church that are in need of volunteers to fill some vacant positions. This is such a great opportunity to not only serve a church that tries its best to serve you, but also to provide your own valuable assistance and input to help shape and guide Coalville to new levels. I think we all want to see our church thrive, especially in these difficult times we've been experiencing through sickness and unrest. Quite possibly you could be the missing piece that pushes us over the top. Please pray about and consider involving yourself; our church could use you! God Bless.

*Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3:23-24*



### Labor Day Puzzle

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**Birthdays**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Monthly Events**  
**Scheduled Meetings**  
**Weekly Events**  
**CLC – Christian Life Center**  
**FH – Fellowship Hall**

**S – Sanctuary**  
**CC – Corvette Club**  
**CW – Contemporary Worship**  
**TW – Traditional Worship**  
**AB – Administrative Board**  
**BS – Bible Study**  
**CB – Cornerstone Band**

**DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers**  
**JAM – Children’s Ministry**  
**Pm – Prayer Ministry**  
**PM – Prayer Meeting**  
**UMYF - Youth**  
**YA – Young Adults**

September 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Backpack</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> Mac & Cheese 12 <sup>th</sup> Peanut Butter 19 <sup>th</sup> Sm. Cereal 26 <sup>th</sup> Chicken Noodle Soup	<b>Blessings</b>  Mac & Cheese Peanut Butter Sm. Cereal Chicken Noodle Soup		<b>1</b> Greg & Kim King  6:30 PM, PM, S	<b>2</b> Beth Ludlow  10:30 AM, Pm, FH  6 PM, CB, S	<b>3</b>  7 PM, AA, FH	<b>4</b> Lori Dearman
<b>5</b> 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S  Kim Smith Kathy Thoda  4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	<b>6</b> Steve Robbins  3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC  6 PM, CB, S	<b>7</b>  5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	<b>8</b> Ayden Artechie Charlotte Trepagnier Chenoa Trepagnier Hanna Weston Abi Yennie  5:30 PM, PM, S 6 PM, BS, FH & S	<b>9</b> Misty Ray Kay Gonzales 10:30 AM, Pm, FH  6 PM, CB, S	<b>10</b>  7 PM, AA, FH	<b>11</b> Kenneth Yennie
<b>12</b> 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S  George Ray  4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	<b>13</b> Mark Hepler Janna Householder  3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC  6 PM, CB, S	<b>14</b> Rita Byrd  5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	<b>15</b>  5:30 PM, PM, S 6 PM, BS, FH & S	<b>16</b>  10:30 AM, Pm, FH  6 PM, CB, S	<b>17</b>  7 PM, AA, FH	<b>18</b> Dylan Slade Herbie Ludlow
<b>19</b> 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S  Cindy Slade  4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	<b>20</b> Laura Grimes  3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC  6 PM, CB, S	<b>21</b>  5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	<b>22</b>  5:30 PM, PM, S 6 PM, BS, FH & S	<b>23</b>  10:30 AM, Pm, FH  6 PM, CB, S	<b>24</b>  7 PM, AA, FH	<b>25</b> Lisa Joiner
<b>26</b> 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S  Colleen Nellums  4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	<b>27</b>  3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC  6 PM, CB, S	<b>28</b>  5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	<b>29</b>  5:30 PM, PM, S 6 PM, BS, FH & S	<b>30</b> JoAnn Penton Brooke Trochesset 10:30 AM, Pm, FH  6 PM, CC, CLC 6 PM, CB, S		