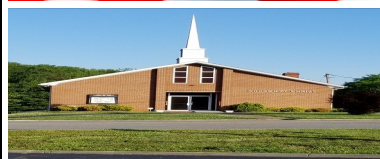




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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

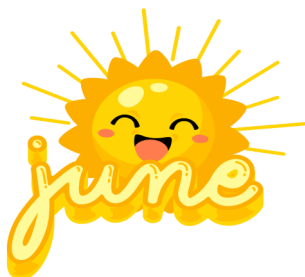
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Ticks Are Bad This Year!

I received a notification on my phone the other day that ticks are bad this year. According to the news report, tick bites are sending Americans to the emergency room at the highest rate in nearly a decade, with cases more than doubling the historic average by mid-April.

When I received that notification, my first thought was, "Aren't ticks always bad?" I can remember when I was a kid, hearing my grandpa say, "Well, the ticks are bad this year."

Has there ever been a good year for ticks? If you or your animals get bitten by a tick, it's bad—especially with all the diseases they can carry.

Then I thought about how ticks are like sin. Isn't sin always bad? Is there ever a good day for sin? Sure, sin can be fun and pleasurable for a season, but then we get hooked—and the fun and pleasure end. James 1:15 explains it this way: "Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." Sin is a lot like ticks; they both can latch onto a person, start small, and cause significant harm, even death if not removed quickly.

God had a plan to deal with our sin problem. Peter and the apostles proclaimed that Jesus Christ died and was raised from the grave for the sins of all people, but we must take action to respond to Jesus' death and resurrection.

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In Acts 2:38, Peter says, “...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Paul, in Acts 26:20, shared that he “...declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.”

The Bible teaches that once we have repented and have been baptized, we must keep on performing deeds in keeping with repentance—meaning we don’t willingly keep on sinning and allowing sin to keep harming us. Just as we check for ticks after being outside, Christians must constantly examine their lives through Scripture so we will not allow the sins of this world to attach to us again. Second Corinthians 13:5 puts it this way, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!”

There are no good tick bites, just as there is no “good amount” of sin we can keep doing—because sin, left untreated, leads to death.

—Mark T. Tonkery

Did God Create Evil?

When one has grown accustomed, and properly so, to think of God as kind and good and capable of no evil, one is shocked to read: “I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am Jehovah, that doeth all these things” (Isa. 45:7). In what sense does God create evil?

The Bible shows there is more than one kind of evil. Moral evil (as, murder, theft, lying, etc.) is wholly foreign to the One who is “pure” (1 Jn. 3:3). “A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is he” (Deut. 32:4). The prophet Habakkuk (1:13) considered God’s character above reproach: “Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and that canst not look on perverseness.” The inspired James affirmed that: “God cannot be tempted with evil” (1:13).

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 26:31-35

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "Jesus said, 'All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this ____.'"
2. "I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be ____."
3. True or False: Jesus said He would go before the disciples into Jerusalem after His resurrection.
4. Peter said, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not ____ You!"
5. Jesus told Peter, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me ____ times."

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If he is the personification of love (1 Jn. 4:8), his possessing evil seems impossible. Moral evil, then, is beyond God.

But there is what might be described as disciplinary evil, and of it God claims to be the author and creator. When God sends enemies to level a wicked city it is a discipline from heaven. "Shall evil befall a city, and Jehovah hath not done it?" (Amos 3:6). Evil defined as punishment is what Jeremiah affirmed about the city of Jerusalem: "Lo, I begin to work evil at the city which is called my name; and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be utterly unpunished" (25:29). The sword and famine are examples of God's disciplinary evil: "Behold I watch over them for evil, and not for good" (44:27). "Evil is come down from Jehovah unto the gate of Jerusalem" (Micah 1:12). "Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks" (Micah 2:3).

The context of Isaiah 45:7 points to a commission from heaven sent to the yet unborn Cyrus, king of Persia, to march forth subduing kingdoms before him. A disciplinary evil God would be sending upon many nations, and Cyrus would be heaven's instrument. Therefore, in no wrongdoing, but in holy discipline, God does "create evil."

—Hugo McCord



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The Nerve of That Guy

My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 in the morning. Can you believe that? Luckily for him, I was still up practicing my trumpet.





Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Multiple health concerns.

Randy Gauldin. Recent surgery.

Gary Hollandsworth. Upcoming surgery.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Clayton Hylton. Prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Terry Mason. Recent pacemaker surgery.

Carol Pace. Recent mini-stroke & Colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

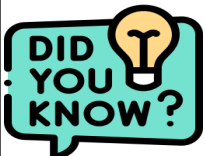
Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Kevin Wyatt. Recent hospital visit. Heart failure.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



June Birthdays!

20TH KAREN
LOVELL

21ST PETE LOVELL



June

Anniversary!

21ST PAUL &
SHERRY LIRETTE



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on June 27th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



July 4th Celebration!

Our 4th of July cook-out is on Saturday, July 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall.



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on July 25th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch!

We will be hosting a Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, July 26th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.

Pizza/Movie Night!



Our next Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, August 1st! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

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