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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

Run4Don is now accepting scholarship applications for 2022. They must be postmarked by March 31, 2022.

March 13: Zack Holmes will be giving an India report during the evening service

March 31: Happy Haven Banquet at Leslie Town Center at 6:30pm

April 16: Easter egg hunt

June 5-9: VBS here

July 17-23: JSCYC

August 17-25: PTP

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday

(We broadcast Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

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"An Unlikely Ally in the Promotion of Bible Reading"

by Eric Lyons of Apologetics Press

Longtime English broadcaster, atheist Melvyn Bragg, recently spoke at Henley Literary Festival in Oxfordshire, England. When asked about the decline in Bible reading among young people, Bragg's reaction was somewhat apologetic-like (in the biblical/defense sense). He said: "I think it is a great deprivation. What have we thrown away? One of the greatest pieces of art, work, whatever way you want to put it. It's awful. As for being too difficult, really? Honestly. We should be too good for that, we used to be the clever country."¹ Bragg even went so far as to propose that "[t]he first week of every month in every church and every school, no matter what denomination because I'm talking about culture as well as a religion, it should be read so that people have a depth to language and depth of reference, which they are without."²

Although as a Christian I have far more (eternally) important reasons for wanting the Bible read increasingly more around the world (cf. Romans 10:17), the fact is, any rational person, even unbelievers, should be in favor of Bible reading. After all, the Bible is the most well-preserved, ancient work in history. Its composition is diverse—from the laws of Moses, to the poetry of Job, to the letters of Paul. What's more, it's the greatest selling, most widely distributed piece of literature in world history. Indeed, even atheists should promote Bible reading! <https://apologeticspress.org/an-unlikely-ally-in-the-promotion-of-bible-reading-5477/>

“Were Mary and Joseph Actually Married?”

by Dave Miller of Apologetics Press

Q:

Were Mary and Joseph actually married, just not in a consummated relationship, before they travelled to Bethlehem, or had they only had the betrothal ceremony of marriage?

A:

The Jewish concept of betrothal is unique and unlike the American concept of “engaged.” Under Mosaic Law, unfaithfulness during the betrothal period was tantamount to adultery and elicited the death penalty (Deuteronomy 22:23-28; Leviticus 20:10; Ezekiel 16:38; cf. John 8:5). A betrothed couple were essentially considered to be husband and wife—as evident from the fact that during the betrothal period Joseph is identified as “her husband” (Matthew 1:20). The angel instructed Joseph: “Do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife” (vs. 20). This phrase means to “recognize her as such, and to **treat** her as such.”¹ Did he obey the angel and proceed to take her as his wife? He did: “Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, **did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife**” (vs. 24, emp. added). This action of marriage preceded Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, as McGarvey observed, “several months prior to the birth of Jesus.”² Though the couple was officially married prior to Jesus’ birth, the text makes clear that the couple refrained from sexual relations: he “did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son” (Matthew 1:25).

<https://apologeticspress.org/mary-joseph-marriage-jewish-marriages-adultery-doctrinal-matters-difficult-passages-bulletin-articles-apologetics-christian-evidences-5398/>

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

CRMC: Teresa Scott, Shelly Good, Donald Cherry, Mary Haney, Pauline Morceri

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

Liz Howell, Edith Mitchell, Oklahoma: Eden Mayfield

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Bonnie Locke, Jeffrey Jones, Shirley Allen, Johnny (Pencil) Smith

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesda: Grace Sloan, Carrol (Stick) Hensley

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

Signature Algood: Delores West

Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill

Mabry: Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, Fred Heady, Ray Pippin

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-

Prayer List:

Adele Birdwell, Anna Bell Stafford, Barbara Scott, Barbara Walker, Bradley Murphy, David & Debbie Wilson, Debbie Allen, Denise Henry, Donathan Durham brother of Crystal Scott Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Gail Bryant, Harold Flatt, Hillary Broome, Jackie Mathis, Jeanie Thomas, Jerry Wilson, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Linda Holloway, Lora Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Pam Crespo sister of Jimmy Strong, Raymond Haney,Reva Pittillo mom of Debra Inscoe, Sandy Haney, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, Shawn Staggs son in law of Tim Mitchell, Shelby Bryant, Sherri Merwine, Sherry Arms, Thomas Brown, Velma Hix

BATTLING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, Ben Young, Frances Luck, Haylee Mathis, Haylee Strong, Kayla Pippin, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian sis of RubyRoslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham,Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell

Privileged to Serve February 20, 2022

Ushers	Ronnie Martin
.....	Roy Young
Announcements	Carl Call
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Bill Coe
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Ben Gentry
Closing Prayer	Roy Smallwood
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Chris Mabery
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Burton Young
Serve	Jonathan Conner
.....	Mike Martin
.....	Jeremy Kirby
.....	Ethan Holloway
.....	Brian Trisdale
.....	Jerry Young
Alternate to Serve	Mark Collins
.....	Ronald Strong
Dismiss Classes	Roy Smallwood
Count Contribution	Jim Young
.....	Caden Fox
.....	Chris Fox
.....	Dakota Burris
Response Card	Jimmy Strong
PowerPoint.....	Chris Mabery
Live Stream.....	Blake Maberry
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening February 20, 2022

Speaker	Jim Young
Scripture Reading	Chris Mabery
Song Leader	Jeremy Kirby
Opening Prayer	Titus Anderson
Closing Prayer	Tim Mitchell
PowerPoint.....	Brian Trisdale

Wednesday Evening February 23, 2022

Song Leader	Andrew Burris
Devotional	Carl Call
Opening Prayer	Mike Birdwell
Closing Prayer	Randy Duke
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Kevin Moss

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