

Boyce Baptist Cross-Currents

Church Newsletter For Week of August 2, 2020



**BOYCE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Welcome to Week 20 Of Our Newsletter

From The Pastor...

Hardly did we realize that the last time we gathered in our sanctuary, it would be the last time we would gather with P.T. in our midst. But then, isn't that the reality that concerns each and every one of us? We as children of the living God, know and understand that each of "our days are in His hands."

God bless those of you who made it a point of coming out to either the family visitation time last Sunday for P.T.'s family as well as the memorial service Monday morning. The church was well represented and God was honored.

While we cannot choose to be reckless with our safety ("Do not tempt the Lord thy God."), we also do not need to be paranoid with fear and paralyzed with anxiety with regard to all that is going on around us in the world today.

PLEASE continue to practice all the safety measures recommended by the CDC! Even if you have doubts about the information we are receiving, we do not have the right to be irresponsible either with our own health or the health of those around us. It is important to establish this foothold in the biblical doctrine of being "our brother's keeper" because when we do return to our sanctuary, part of the initial precautions as we reestablish in-person worship will the requirement of wearing a mask throughout the entire service with social distancing and no handshakes or hugs allowed. REGARDLESS of your personal views or skepticism, these basic precautions will, at the very least, recognize the sensitivities of others.

By way of information, Lucy Luttrell has been taken back to Hilltop Assisted Living. And she is the featured "member video greeting" for this week.

The replacement of the siding on the parsonage is now complete. The next phase of work on repair of the porch is next on the agenda. I am thanking God for those of you who have made the extra sacrifice of contributing to the expenses of these long overdue repairs.

Please have a blessed week!

Pastor Ben

Our Prayer List

*Annie Chapman, Faith Coffelt,
Jeremy Deens, Lillian Gable,
Bud and Audrey Graves,
Roger Haines,
Dennis and Kathi Hall,
Keith Hall, Tommy Hall,
Charlie Kearns, Barbara Kelly,
Lucy Luttrell,
Linda Miller, Joe Nail,
Jake and Amber Olson,
Jeffery Rosenberry,
Lawrence and Miriam Payne,
Audrey Sprouse, Arthur Strosnider,
Johnny Van Ness, Sue White*

Our Missionaries

*Our Men and Women of the
Armed Forces. Police, EMS And
All First Responders*



*God Bless
Your
Faithfulness*

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Record of Offerings for August 2, 2020

Offering	\$1885.00
Parsonage Repair	\$500.00

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Let's stay
connected.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

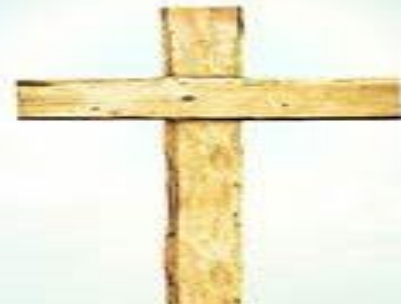
Look into any healthy church, and you will find believers who are actively serving the Lord as well as some who are not. But Christ's church was never meant to resemble a sporting event with a few participants on the field and many spectators in the stands. Although some may be uninvolved because of apathy, there are many Christians who just feel inadequate. But a believer's limitations are no excuse, because God has provided everything we need to serve successfully.

On our own, every one of us is ill-equipped because human strength and talent are insufficient for service to God. Therefore, the Lord has given each of us specific divinely empowered abilities called spiritual gifts to use in doing the work of Christ. We can't choose for ourselves what our gift will be; this is the prerogative of the Holy Spirit. He alone knows exactly what He wants to accomplish and enables each of us accordingly.

The Spirit's gifts are to be used for the common good of the church. Though given to us, they're intended for the benefit of others. Our responsibility is to start serving, and in doing so, we will begin to discover how unified the body of Christ really is.

While the pastor of any church is certainly the primary under-shepherd, the Holy Spirit expects every one of us to "bear one another's burdens" and to be "our brother's keeper" and so fulfill the law of Christ. Some of you are already about this effort by making calls, sending cards and other acts of kindness. While this is important even in good times, it is especially important in this time of physical separation. Now in our 20th week of our church's shutdown, the fellowship we once enjoyed almost seems a distant memory. We can keep that joy of fellowship alive by making the proactive effort to "Stay Connected"

God bless You!



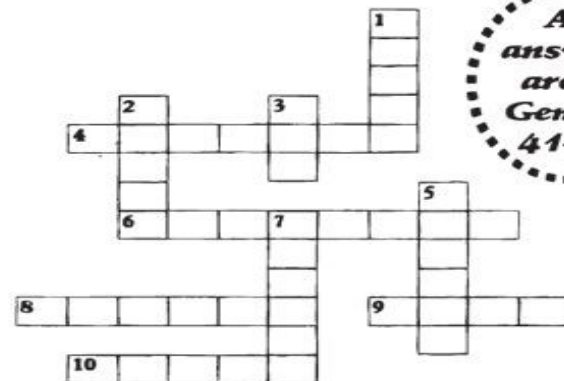
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BibleWise

JOSEPH

How much do you know about Joseph?
Try the clues below to fill in the crossword



All
answers
are in
Genesis
41-44

CLUES

ACROSS

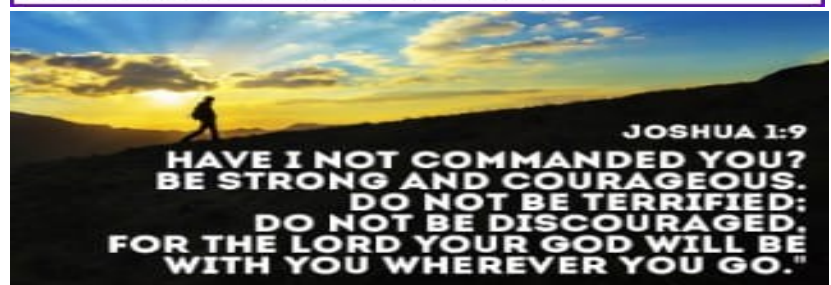
- 4 Another word for a feast
- 6 Joseph's younger brother
- 8 There was a _____ in Canaan
- 9 The brothers wanted to buy _____
- 10 The brother who offered to stay while the others got Jacob

DOWN

- 1 The country Joseph lived in
- 2 Joseph's father
- 3 This was found in Benjamin's sack
- 5 He was put in prison while the others got Benjamin
- 7 The governor of Egypt

What was the name of the Captain of Pharaoh's guard?

Ian Brown. Along the Puzzle Trail. Greenville: Emerald House, 2001.



JOSHUA 1:9
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DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED,
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE
WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.