

Vancleave Church of Christ

Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and Christian ministry

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A Father's Toolbox

by Edd Sterchi, Campbellsville, Kentucky (via Watertown, Tennessee, Church of Christ) via House to House

Back on the farm, I remember that when something broke down, my father would get out his toolbox and make the repairs. As a child, I was always fascinated by his toolbox and its contents. It seemed my father could fix almost anything with the tools inside. From the beginning, God has designated husbands/fathers as the leaders of the home. Fathers have a great responsibility in making sure the whole family goes the right direction in the name of the Lord. The Christian father needs to have his spiritual toolbox at the ready. Some of the tools he needs include the following:

- **Adjustable wrench:** Fathers must be able to adapt to any situation that arises.
- **Carpenter's pencil:** Fathers must be able to draw the boundaries for the family so that all can clearly see them.
- **Level:** Fathers must be fair and keep a level head in all circumstances.
- **Pliers:** Fathers must be able to hold everything together, even when everybody else may be losing their grip.
- **Hammer:** Fathers must be effective in driving home important truths.
- **Utility knife:** Fathers must be able to cleanly separate and remove undesirable things and influences so that they do not harm the family.
- **Screwdriver:** Fathers must keep turning their families in the right direction to keep them secure.
- **Tape measure:** Fathers must be measuring and monitoring the family's resources, priorities, and use of time.
- **Duct tape:** Fathers must be ready to apply a "quick fix" to problems so that they do not get out of hand, holding them in check until a permanent solution is found.
- **Extension cord:** Fathers must plug into the proper power source (prayer, Scripture) and distribute energy to every family member.

Fathers are important, and they must use the proper tools and take the time to build and mend the family into a strong structure for the Lord.

"...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Class
10:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

6:00 PM
Prayer, Bible Study, Devotional

Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Local Food Pantry
Annual Youth Events
Back-Pack Buddies
The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)
Every Sunday at 6:30 AM

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Prayer Requests and Announcements

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open into their cry ~Psalms 34:15

Jerry Wages: medical procedure went well, his tests and reports are all good. Prayers still welcomed.

Roberta (Bert) Medley is hospitalized with serious blood pressure issues, sepsis and is on ventilator.

Samson Wages recently had his appendix removed. Please lift him up in prayer.

Elsie Ashcraft needs our prayers as she faces some personal difficulties. Additionally, her grandson has some health issues and she as has asked that we pray for him at this time.

Virginia Mobley: doctors are still working to find the cause of her blood pressure issues.

Lou Dick: to have upcoming tests run and treatments given. Let's remember brother Lou.

Chip Quave is doing great and back to work after recovering from COVID -19. Thankful for prayers.

Brandon Ellis will be in ICU a few more days to relieve post brain surgery fluid build-up.

Brennen Perry is to have heart surgery on June 16th. Please remember him in prayer.

Others: _____

Previous prayer requests and announcements may not be reflected in the above list. Please refer to earlier published bulletins for these as well as other announcements and other ministry opportunities.

If you have any updates / corrections on any prayer requests or other announcements, please share them by sending an email to vco_Christ@att.net or simply text or leave a voice message at 601-436-0868.

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: What God controls, grows. When we choose give God control of our lives there is just no way of knowing how much growth is possible!

"...Oh, Lord GOD! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You!" (Jeremiah 32:17)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021 Week 23

Day	Passage	Thoughts for Meditation
MONDAY	Proverbs 7-9	Proverbs 8:30 might be Messianic prophecy. List the traits that describe Christ.
TUESDAY	Proverbs 10-12	Name a theme that stands out and why it is important to you.
WEDNESDAY	Proverbs 13-15	Why is Solomon's recurring theme of humility so important?
THURSDAY	Proverbs 16-18	Again, identify a theme and why its is important to you.
FRIDAY	Proverbs 19-21	Humility and the fear of the Lord. How do these two themes correlate?
SATURDAY	Proverbs 22-24	Name a theme and why it is important to you.
SUNDAY	1 Kings 5-6; and 2 Chron. 2-3	Why was the Temple so important regarding worship of God?

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105