# 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

**D** ack on the farm, I remember that when something broke down, my father would get out his toolbox and make  ${f D}$  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, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

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Schedule of Services:	Local Works of Faith:	Foreign Missions:	Subscribe to our YouTube Cha
Sunday	Sunnybrook Children's Home	Guyana, South America	Vancleave Church of Christ Digita
9:00 AM Bible Class	Gulf Coast Bible Camp	India	Ministries
:00 AM Worship Local Food Pantry			
6:00 PM Worship Annual Youth Events			Local Wi-Fi Network Access:
	Back-Pack Buddies		SSID: 2Wire029
Wednesday: The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)			Key: 399572302
6:00 PM	Every Sunday at 6:30 AM		E-mail: vco_christ@att.net
Prayer, Bible Study, D	Pevotional		

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

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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 rum 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember him in prayer.

Others: \_

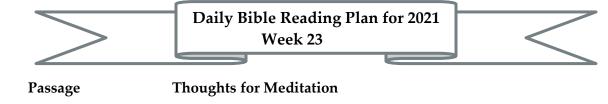
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Previous prayer requests and announcements may not be reflected in the above list. Please refer to earlier published bulletins for these as well as other announcements and other ministry opportunities.

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)



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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	Why was the Temple so important regarding worship of God?
	2 Chron. 2-3	
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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105