

Places in the Old Testament

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Assyria	Edom	Jerusalem
Babel	Egypt	Judah
Babylon	Gilead	Nineveh
Bethel	Horeb	Samaria
Canaan	Israel	Shechem
Eden	Jericho	Sinai
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Today's Sermon..... MY RESPONSE: God's Love
Next Week's Sermon..... Fathers: Their Rightful Place
Sunday Adult Bible Class... The Pattern
Sunday Night..... Apostle
Service Times: Sunday: Bible Class..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship:.....11:00 a.m.
Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:..... 7:00 p.m.

“We can complain that roses have thorns, or rejoice that thorns have roses.” Abraham Lincoln

Coldwater Church of Christ

June 10, 2012

Welcome to our services!

We have several new additions to the prayers list. Please remember all of these in your prayers:
Marvin's brother, Tom, has pancreatic cancer.
Mareva Cregor has been sick lately.
Tom's step-father, Dick, had back surgery last week.
Joyce Fosdick had a pacemaker put in.
Paul and Roxanne Cox's son, Bruce, had knee surgery.
Sharon Keifer is having problems with pills not working.
Joyce Aker's friend, Karen, has a disease damaging bones.
Wendi Baker has volunteered to make up Sunshine Baskets to give to suffering individuals. The first will go to a 12 year old boy. If you'd like to help, please put your donations on the front pew. These should be small things like candy, notepaper, etc.

We are pleased to announce that the Baker's have placed membership with us. Welcome Bakers!
18 of us enjoyed a visit to the zoo and a picnic yesterday.
The Fair work is coming up fast. There is a sheet on the bulletin board to sign-up for your time slot(s). We are in need of workers so please sign-up for one or more slots if you are able.
For the last few years Loretta has collected bread money to purchase bread and buns for Dave's camp session. We are seeking donations again this year. If you'd like to help out, please give your donations to Loretta before the start of Dave's session on July 8th. \$88.00 was given last year. Thanks so much.

The Schultz Lewis commodity item for this year is paper products (paper towels, toilet paper) and powdered laundry detergent. The pick up time is in July.
You are all invited to Andrea Medlen's graduation open house on June 23rd. An invitation is on the bulletin board.
We will have a church picnic at Parkhurst Park on June 30th at 4 p.m. hosted by the Bakers. Please bring a passing dish.
The 20th Street Church of Christ is hosting a VBS July 18-22nd for Preschool-6th Graders. The times are daily from 6-8pm, Saturday 10-Noon, and Sunday 9:30-Noon. To Register: Call-269-963-1082

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars....

1st Sunday night- Devotion: singing, prayer service
3rd Sunday – potluck – no evening service
4th Sunday Night - Youth Group
3rd Friday- 3:00 pm - Elder’s Meeting
June 23 - Andrea Melden’s open house
June 30 - Church Picnic-Parkhurst Park-4 p.m.
July 8-13 - Dave’s Camp Indogan Session
August 5-11 - Fair Booth Work - need workers
August 19 - Sunday Evangelism Day
August 25 - Give-Away Day

*****Prayer List*****

Tom Keifer – Marvin’s brother – pancreatic cancer
Bruce Cox –Paul and Roxanne’s son – knee surgery done
Karen – friend of Joyce Aker – disease damaging bones
Dick Trine – Tom’s step-father – cancer-recent back surgery
Shirley Flaucher – continued therapy
Joyce Fosdick – colon problems- pacemaker installed
Loretta’s Aunt Goldy – lung cancer- no treatment
Sharon Keifer – liver cancer – treatment slowing
Diane – Ruth’s daughter –chemo treatments
Thad – Beth’s son-in-law – foot infections - healing
Charles Scott’s father – stroke and heart attack
Dorothy Janusz – mother - and family problems

Prayer Box Requests

Know Your Bible TV . 10:30 pm Mon-Thurs.on channel 19

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Steps of Salvation

Hearing Rom 10:14, 17 Believing Acts 16:31
Repentance Acts 2:38 Confessing Acts 8:36-37
Being baptized Acts 2:38 Faithful unto death Mt 7:21

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Like A Rose!

Roses are beautiful and come in many colors. They are very fragrant and lovely to hold, but must be handled with care because most varieties have thorns. A gift of roses is often an expression of LOVE and someone has said, "A life with love will have some thorns, but a life without love will have no roses."

God has provided us with a deep capacity to LOVE. However, that means we also have the capacity to hurt deeply. Though LOVE may remain faithful and genuine, it still sometimes hurts. Even when we consider the LOVE our Lord has for us, this is true.

In Paul's letter to the church at Philippi we read. . .

"(2) And walk in love, AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF up for us, a fragrant offering and SACRIFICE to God." (**Ephesians 5:2**)

Jesus' LOVE was the basis of fulfilling the Father's Will by enduring the cross for us. That LOVE was also associated with "a crown of thorns" (**Matthew 27:29**) placed on His head. In the expressing of that LOVE was not only some physical pain, but also the risk of rejection. However, the possibility of rejection did not stop our Lord from carrying out the act. We too should not allow the possibility of pain to keep us from LOVING.

As John noted. . .

"We LOVE because HE FIRST LOVED US." (**1 John 4:19**)

Just as God chose to love us first (**1 John 4:10**) -- with the desire for us to appropriately respond to His LOVE -- so we are to LOVE others as well. LOVE is powerful. May we therefore focus on what can bloom in spite of the thorns that may prick us.

Have a great day SHARING IN GOD'S BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET!