



Grace Christian Assembly

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To:

Thought

Courage is like a kite:
A contrary wind causes it to rise.

Unknown †

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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 p.m. †

Grace School of the Bible Classes

Day	Time	Subject	Teacher
Thursday	7 p.m.	 302, Old Testament (Start with Ezra)	Ben Morgan
Friday	7 p.m.	 203, New Testament (Gen. Epistles & 4 Gospels Correlated)	Arthur Eggers
		 101, 102, 103 Doctrine	By Correspondence
		 401, 402, 403e, 403i, 403j Prophecy	By Correspondence



Grace School of the Bible

*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver
Proverbs 25:11*



Reason is
unnecessary when
faith is present

Scripture Mind-Benders (Faith or Reason?)

by Mary M. Bodie

“He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.” [JOB 26:7]

Job utters a statement here that bends the scientific mind. How can God hang the earth on nothing? It defies the logical thinking of man, and yet we must agree with Job that it is so. As far as the natural mind can comprehend, there is nothing that holds the earth in its orbit. There are many things about God that we cannot understand with our natural wisdom. God has set it this way so that we might take spiritual truths by faith. Reason is unnecessary when faith is present. We read, in Hebrews 1:3, that He upholds *“all things by the Word of His power.”*

There is another statement concerning **Abraham** that defies scientific explanation and it is found in Romans 4:17:

*“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, **who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**”*

When God chose Abram out of idolatry, He did not look at the present man and his capabilities. He counted the things that were not as though they had already happened. It seems to me that He deliberately chose an idolater in order to express His matchless grace. He also chose a man who had a barren wife because He delighted in doing the impossible.

The promise of a son came when Abraham was 75 years old; but it was not until 25 years later that he saw the fulfillment of that promise. By that time, he was physically unable to reproduce and his 90-year old wife was barren. What could God do with such a couple? **He did exactly what He had promised;** He gave them a son, Isaac...the miracle child. Abraham and Sarah believed that God was able to do as He promised. They staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but were strong in faith, giving glory to God:

“²⁰ He[Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” [ROMANS 4:20-21]

There were others who believed God was able to do the impossible. We read of **Moses**, who *“By faith forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as **seeing him who is invisible.**”* [HEBREWS 11:27]. This is scientifically impossible. How can we see someone whom we cannot see!

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**A merry heart
doeth good...**

Mangled Measurements

Half a large intestine = 1 semicolon

1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz

Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarse
power

453.6 Graham Crackers = 1 pound cake

365.25 days = 1 unicycle

1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig
Newton

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Scripture Mind-Benders (Faith or Reason?) continued...

Here again, that all-important facet of the Christian life enters—faith. By faith, Moses saw God, and believed that it was He who had spoken to him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

The **birth of Jesus**, the Son of God, is another one of God's great mysteries. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary and told her she should bear a child, she answered, "*How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*" The angel answered, "*The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*" [LUKE 1:34-35] Mary barely had time to digest this startling news, before the angel announced, "*and, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.*" [LUKE 1:36-37] Luke states the reason for such miraculous doings: **God loves to do the impossible**. He challenges our faith with staggering possibilities.

There is another unexplainable event that defies scientific discussion—the new birth (being “born again”). How can God take a person who is dead in trespasses and sins, an alien and enemy of God, and transform that person into one of His children? How can God reproduce His divine life in the body of a mortal? He does; and faith believes the impossible.

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" [JOHN 3:7-8]

Jesus, God's Son, made this “new birth” possible when He hung upon the cross at Calvary. He was suspended between earth and heaven. He was, in a sense, “hanging on nothing.” God had to reject Christ because He was being made sin for our sakes. The earth had rejected Him and would not have Him in its presence. By this ignominious death, God wrought a great victory! Jesus used Satan's own weapon—death—to defeat him and bring life and immortality to mortal creatures! All of God's impossibilities are made possible through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Believe God! He does not ask for understanding or great reasoning power. **He asks for faith!**

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." [2 CORINTHIANS 5:7] †

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Yummy Snowflakes

Ingredients

Flour Tortillas
Powdered Sugar
Scissors

Note: An adult is needed if a child is making the snowflakes.



Instructions

1. Gently fold the tortilla into quarters (don't crease it, or it will tear).
2. Cut pieces out to make cool snowflake designs when you open it up! (You might want to practice that part with paper first.)

—Here's where the adult comes in.—

3. Fry the tortilla until crispy.
4. Take out of frying pan and sprinkle with powdered sugar.
5. Let cool slightly before eating.

That's it!

Snow never tasted so good! †

Today Perhaps

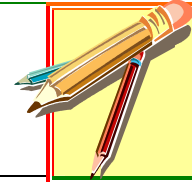
This year, perhaps, the Lord will come;
O heart of mine, rejoice.
For soon the listening skies, now dumb,
Will hear the Bridegroom's voice.

And should it really be this year,
Then on no distant day,
The Lord of glory will appear
To take His Bride away.

This year! Perhaps this very day,
The dead in Christ will rise;
And we, who for His coming pray,
Will join them in the skies.

"Caught up" to meet Him in the air
From darkness into light;
His glory and His name to share!
Perhaps today—tonight!

Faith Bible Quiz



Activity

See how many you can answer before looking up the verse (which provides the answer).

1. Faith is something hoped for and evidence of things not seen. — Hebr. 11:1..... True False
2. The unjust shall live by faith. — Rom. 1:17 True False
3. Faith should be placed in the wisdom of men. — 1 Cor. 2:4-5..... True False
4. A faithful person will abound with blessings. — Proverbs 28:20..... True False
5. All things should be asked in unwavering faith. — James 1:6 True False
6. By God's gift of grace, we are saved through faith. — Eph. 2:8..... True False
7. Faith is the helmet in our amour of God. — 1 Thess. 5:8..... True False
8. People must have faith when listening to God's Word for it to benefit them. — Hebr. 4:2..... True False
9. The victory that overcomes the world is everyone who has faith in the Son of God. — 1 John 5:4..... True False
10. It is written in the Bible that it takes large amounts of faith to remove mountains. — Matt. 17:20..... True False
11. The Gentile's daughter was healed because of the mother's faith in Jesus. — Matt. 15:25-28..... True False
12. Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood because of her faith. — Matt. 9:20-22..... True False
13. Jesus said that tithing and faith were the weightier matters of the Law. — Matt. 23:23 True False
14. The apostles wanted the Lord to increase their faith. — Luke 17:5 True False
15. Jesus healed a blind man because of his faith in faith. — Mark 10:49-52..... True False
16. Peter preached that faith in Jesus Christ could heal. — Acts 3:16..... True False
17. Jesus saw the faith of a group of people and healed a man of cancer. — Matt. 9:2 .. True False
18. Abraham had great faith in God's promise to him. — Rom. 4:19-21 True False
19. God performed great wonders and miracles through Jason because of his faith — Acts 6:8..... True False
20. Paul commended a church that continued to have faith even while being persecuted. — 2 Thess. 1:4..... True False

Days of the Week...Christian Style

Unknown

Monday — Wash Day: Lord, help me wash away all selfishness and vanity, so I may serve with perfect humility through the ahead.



my
you
week

Tuesday — Ironing Day: Dear Lord, all the wrinkles of collected though the may see the beauty in



help me iron out prejudice I have years so that I others.

Wednesday —



Mending Day: O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday — Cleaning Day: Lord Jesus, help me all the many faults I have been secret corners of my heart.



to dust out hiding in the

Friday —



Shopping Day: O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday — Cooking Day: a big kettle of with clean, kindness.



Help me, my Savior, to brew brotherly love and serve it sweet bread of human

Sunday — The Lord's Day: O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I spend the day, and the rest of my life, your presence. †



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in

We're often told to "let go & let God." So what does it mean? Consider this:

Let Go & Let God

To "let go" does not mean to stop caring; it means, I can't do it for someone else.

To "let go" is not to cut myself off; it's the realization I can't control another.

To "let go" is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands but God's.

To "let go" is not to try to change or blame another; it's to make the most of myself.

To "let go" is not to fix, but to be supportive.

To "let go" is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to make their own way.

To "let go" is not to be protective, it's to permit another to face reality.

To "let go" is not to deny, but to accept.

To "let go" is not to nag, scold, or argue, but instead to search out my own shortcomings and allow God to correct them.

To "let go" is to fear less, and love more. †

Preparing for the Unexpected

*AARP Bulletin (Joseph Hearn)
and
Dispatch Tribune
(Carol Blanchard)*

What to Keep Where

AARP Bulletin, October 2005

None of us can prevent the unexpected, but putting your life back together again is much easier if you have all the pieces. Now is a good time to sit down and review your “affairs.” Some questions to ask are:

(1) has your marital status changed? (2) Has the value of your assets changes significantly? (3) Have you altered your insurance policies? (4) Have you changed jobs? (5) Has your health recently changed? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you need to update your plans.

Your **computer** is your “storage vault,” have an up-to-date firewall and anti-virus software. Consider copying your plan documents onto a CD or a USB flash drive. You keep your plan documents in a **fireproof safe**: Consumer safes are rated to withstand heat and flames for only about 1 hour. After that, even if the safe is intact, the internal temperature could rise above 350°F and any paper inside incinerates (happened on 9-11). A **safe-deposit box**: As a general rule, don’t keep anything in this box that may be needed in an emergency, such as powers of attorney, because safe-deposit boxes may not be accessible 24 hours a day and may be sealed temporarily after the box owner dies.

Grab-And-Go Case

- Will and/or trust documents
- Power of attorney
- Insurance policies
- Contact list
- Recent investment statements
- Recent tax return
- Copies of birth/marriage certificates
- Social Security cards
- Passports & other identity documents
- List of prescriptions you take
- Emergency cash
- Safe-deposit box keys
- Copy of driver’s license
- Computer user names & passwords
- List of checking/savings account numbers
- List of credit card number & company information

Safe-Deposit Box



- Copies of will and/or trust
- Copies of power of attorney
- List of insurance policies
- List of financial account numbers
- Family birth, marriage, & death certificates.
- Adoption papers
- Citizenship papers
- Military service records
- Loan agreements
- Certificates of deposit
- Real estate deeds
- Vehicle titles
- Mortgage paperwork
- Stock and bond certificates
- Inventory of home contents (photos/list)
- Jewelry/precious metals
- Employment contracts/business agreements

Friend, Relative, or Adviser

- Paper or digital copies of documents in your Grab-and-Go Case
- Your emergency contact information (including e-mail and cell phone)
- Contact list of heirs and advisers should something happen to you

Review and Understand Your Credit Report






Dispatch Tribune, October 15, 2005

In the U.S., **credit** is growing in importance—it controls the granting of everything from home loans to car loans to insurance rates. Bad credit, a stolen identity, or inaccurate credit information can sabotage all three of these things. Federal law entitles consumers to **1 free credit report (CR) each year from each of the 3 credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion**. You can access all 3 bureaus at www.annualcreditreport.com. If you have active credit (cards or loans), check your CR periodically. Get your CR at least 1 time and make sure your identifying information is correct and that all of your accounts are reporting accurately. A missed payment stays on your credit record for 7 years! When looking at your CR if you notice  your credit cards you don’t recognize, or  a lot of credit has been opened in your name...this should throw up a **Red** flag to you...check these out with the reporting credit bureau.

Note: You can request 1 report every 4 months, each time from a different credit bureau.

Acquiring your **credit score is rarely free**, unless you are turned down for a credit card; the rejection letter will inform you which credit bureau supplied the CR and you can then request a free copy of both your report and your credit score from the reporting credit bureau. Monitor and check your CR just as you would your physical health. †

O, give me the faith of the fathers,
 O, give me the the joy it doth bring,
 And the vict'ry where nothing ere' bothers,
 Of its power and triumph I'll sing.
 Pg. 229, Grace & Glory songbook

-  **Communion** —Follows the Sunday a.m. service.
-  **Fellowship Lunch** — In church basement following 3rd Sunday's morning service.
-  **Prayer Coffee & Work Day** — Meet in the church basement.
-  **Choir Practice** (open to all who sing) — Meet at the piano right after Sunday service is over for about 15-20 min.
-  **Scrapbooking** — Meet in the church basement every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening. †



- ☆ **Chili & Soup Fellowship Dinner, January 15th**—Contact for January dinner is Joy Wilson.
- ☆ **Sing** at Harrisonville, contact Greg Gilliam for details.
- ☆ **Fellowship meetings** begin again in March 2006; details at a later time.
- ☆ **Minister's Convention, May 2-3, 2006**, at the Beams of Light church in Sapulpa, OK; contact Glenn Hunt for details †

Rejoice and Be Glad

Birthdays

John Mooneyhan -- Jan. 1
 Paul Fellers -- Jan. 16
 Arthur Eggers -- Jan. 28

Anniversaries

No January Anniversaries

Note to Church Members: If your birthday or anniversary is wrong or is not on the enclosed Birthday/Anniversary list, please contact Joy Wilson.



Praying for One Another



- ↳ Our Church, minister, and teachers
- ↳ Unsaved loved ones ↳ Peace of Jerusalem
- ↳ Families and cities affected by storms/earthquakes

Who to Pray For	Their Need
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Cancer: _____	George Berry, Greg Gilliam's Uncle Marvin, Sharon Gravitt (Royalty) Roger Roberson, Steve Scott's friend
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Encouragement: _____	Rusty Hartzler, Tim Lee, Mary Louise Pearson, Aaron Wilson
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Loss of Sight: _____	Marlena Eden, Bill Lee's Co-worker
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Nursing Home: _____	Richard Anderson, Joyce Simpson, Edith Stokes
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Pastors Needed: _____ KC, Kansas; Harrisonville, MO

Salvation: _____ Dieter & Julika Krause (Elfie Rouse's cousins), Ron Waterman (Sarah Winkler's boyfriend)

- Joyce Athans _____ Overall health
- Tom Brooner _____ Blood clots in legs and able to work on vehicle
- Carbondale Meeting _____ Financial needs met to build onto church
- Roy Clark _____ Weekly dialysis, needs kidney donor
- Clifford Clements _____ Outcome of biopsy
- Dana Clock _____ Weakening muscles due to MS
- Linda DeSimio's Boss _____ Oppression from boss and salvation of boss
- Mike DeSimio _____ Job that will meet his family's financial needs
- Sandy Dyer _____ Overall health
- Betty Fellers & Joe Fellers _____ Heart problems
- Evelyn Fellers _____ Restored vision from the retina of left eye
- David Fellers _____ Problems with knee
- Paul Fellers _____ Job situation & hip surgery needs
- Michael Aldridge (Bethel Hartzler's son) _____ Needs a good job
- Billy Hedger _____ Overall needs
- Harley & Helen Hunt _____ Helen (Alzheimer's), Harley (strength)
- Kurt Maxwell _____ A job in Broken Bow, OK
- John Nichols _____ Healing of heart bypass surgery (6) and perforated bowel
- Natalie McKenzie _____ Daily strength and encouragement
- Stacie McKenzie _____ Cirrhosis of the liver
- Bonnie Richards _____ Bonnie (care of Dana and needs of the KS meeting)
- Joyce Simpson _____ Therapy needs met by insurance
- Shelia Weaver _____ MS and fibromyalgia
- Gary Earl Wilane (Gary's son) _____ No surgery, trust Lord for daily needs
- Sarah Winkler _____ Needs a job

Special Requests: _____ **Bible School** students and teachers
Tracy Hanson (heart working @ 20%, under Hospice care)
Jobs for many throughout the body of Christ
Tract Ministry (L.DeSimio & S.Scott) & **Witnessing** (the Brooners)

Christina Brooner

Prayed that a job would open up...It Did! And, she often is given a ride home after work.

Don Cook

After struggling with dizziness for over a month, he was able to attend meeting the latter part of December.

Steve Scott


His company gave Steve a permanent post.









"Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness ...
have mercy upon me and hear my
prayer." Psalm 4:1 ✝



January 2006

 **Contact:** Chili & Soup Dinner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  a.m. Communion New Year's Day Kwanza Ends	2	3	4  Trivia Day	5  Bible School Classes Resume	6 	7
8  Balloon Ascension Day National Clean Off Your Desk Day	9	10  7 p.m., Scrapbooking Scrapbooking Resumes	11  U.	12 	13 	14  9 a.m. Prayer Breakfast-Work Time
15  Religious Freedom Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1929-1968)	16	17	18  Maintenance Day	19 	20 	21
22  CHOIR NOTES	23	24  7 p.m., Scrapbooking	25  U.	26 	27 	28
29  CHOIR NOTES	30	1	2	3	4	

Religious Freedom Day provides an opportunity to celebrate America's commitment to protect the freedom of religion. On this special day, all Americans should renew their commitment to protecting the liberties that make the US a country a beacon of hope. Established by G.W.Bush 1-16-2002.

Monthly Events

- ❄️ March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention
- ❄️ National Glaucoma Awareness and Eye Care
- ❄️ Prune Breakfast
- ❄️ Volunteer Blood Donor
- ❄️ Adopt a Rescued Bird



Contact: Tom & Christina Brooner

February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 6 p.m. —“Sing” at Harrisonville, MO
5 a.m. Communion	6	7 7 p.m., Scrapbooking	8 Boy Scout Day	9	10	11 9 a.m. Prayer Coffee & Work Time
12 Abe Lincoln's Birthday	13 New Year of Trees (Jewish: Tu B'Shevat)	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18
19 Fellowship Luncheon National Engineer's Week	20 President's Day	21 7 p.m., Scrapbooking	22 George Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	

Snack Food Association (SFA) is the international trade association of the snack food industry representing snack manufacturers and suppliers. Founded in 1937, SFA represents over 800 companies worldwide. Membership includes, but is not limited to, manufacturers of potato chips, tortilla chips, cereal snacks, pretzels, popcorn, cheese snacks, snack crackers, meat snacks, pork rinds, snack nuts, party mix, corn snacks, pellet snacks, fruit snacks, snack bars, granola, snack cakes, cookies and various other snacks.

Church Services and Grace School of the Bible information are listed on the front of the Bulletin. †

Monthly Events

- ♥ AMD\Low Vision Awareness
- ♥ Responsible Pet Owner
- ♥ Potato Lovers
- ♥ National Embroidery
- ♥ National Snack Food
- ♥ National Wild Bird Feeding