

May your Kingdom come soon. May

Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.² Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the LORD will display his glory, the splendor of our God.³ With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees.⁴ Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you."⁵ And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf.⁶ The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland.⁷ The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land. Marsh grass and reeds and rushes will flourish where desert jackals once lived.⁸ And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; fools will never walk there.⁹ Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious beasts. There will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will walk on it.¹⁰ Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness. ~ Isaiah 35, NLT

Prayer Requests

Francis Carlson: Has been diagnosed with Chiari Malformation (portion of brain protrudes into spine).

Amber & Dylan Clark: Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.

Betty Clark: She experiences pulmonary difficulty.

Jon Clark: Son of Betty, is experiencing health issues including Mersa.

Vickie Crevoi: Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS.

Elisabeth & Simon Desmond: Health & family issues.

Velvet Green: Suffers from schizophrenia and is responding sporadically to medications.

Harry Gonzales: Diagnosed with Lupus & debilitating arthritis.

Pam McNicol: Linda Sehorn's friend who is diabetic, underwent a triple bypass surgery. She is improving.

Celebrations

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays:

C.B. Sehorn	09-02
Velvet Green	09-08

No Anniversaries

OCTOBER

Birthdays:

Jaycee Sellers	10/3
Tiffany Hamilton	10/4
Patricia Hamilton	10/9
Joctavian Henley	10/10
Mary Vorheis	10/11
Jason Kirkpatrick	10/24

Anniversaries:

Merle & Joe Beth Vines	10/5
J.R. & Norma Hamilton	10/12

NOVEMBER

Birthdays:

Jody Kirkpatrick	11-07
Marvin Cryer	11-15
Steve Cryer	11-18

Anniversaries:

Francis & Roy Carlson	11-11
Reba & James Bailey	11-15

finally fulfilling our prayer of, “thy kingdom come. . . .” We will celebrate it in its New Testament Christological and eschatological fulfillment. In the Gospels, we see the themes of this festival used to point to the nature and mission of Christ. First, our Creator put on flesh to dwell, that is “tabernacle” with man.

John 1:14, “And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

In the book of Revelation we are reminded of God’s protection for His people through the difficult time of the last days, culminating in God’s 2nd and final “tabernacling”, that is, dwelling with His people for all eternity thanks to that initial tabernacling in the incarnation of the Word. His first “tabernacling” with man was a humble service, His 2nd “tabernacling” with man will be dramatically powerful!

Revelation 21:3, “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.**”

We will gather to celebrate these joyous festivities right here in the house of worship provided by our Lord. As a special bonus, we will celebrate the Sabbath of 10/11, with our famous steak cookout. You certainly don’t want to miss out on chef Weldon & Steve’s culinary magic and some terrific fellowship!

Happy Holy Days!

Jeff Booth



THE KINGDOM FUTURE

¹ Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, . . . ² For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, . . . ³ Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, *making* a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. ⁵ . . . Thus the LORD my God will come, *and* all the saints with You. ⁶ . . . ⁸ And in that day it shall be *that* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; . . . ⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be-- "The LORD *is* one," and His name one. . . . Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. . . . ¹⁶ And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷ . . . ²⁰ In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses.

~ Excerpts from Zechariah 14, NKJV

AS AMERICA FACES NUMEROUS SERIOUS ISSUES, we hope and pray that some of the political rhetoric will abate and positive action for the benefit of our country and the world will be the primary goal.

Our highest hope should be that many people of this nation will put their trust in God. “Do not put your trust in princes, *Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God” (Psalms 146:3–5).

Reliance upon the power of a government to supply one’s needs has become an addiction in this nation. May we, in this Thanksgiving season, regain a spirit of humility before God, thanking Him for His bounty and mercy. For it is God



HOLY DAY SERVICES

FESTIVAL OF TRUMPETS

Thursday, September 25th

***Celebrating the Triumphant
Return of Jesus Christ***

No C.E.P. Class /Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Saturday, October 4th

Celebrating Jesus Christ as our Atonement

C.E.P. Class at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES

1st Holy Day – Thursday, October 9th

Celebrating Jesus Christ Tabernacling with Man

Steak Cook Out

Sabbath of October 11th

Following Services

Last Great Day of The Festival

Thursday, October 16th

Celebrating Jesus Christ, Our Righteous Judge

No C.E.P. Class

Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

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A joyful heart is good medicine,
but a crushed spirit dries up the
bones. (Proverbs 17:22), ESV)

A bricklayer had an accident on a construction site and had to file a detailed report for his insurance company. This is what he wrote:

"I'm a bricklayer by trade, and on the date of the accident I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had a sizable pile of bricks left over, and rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel using a pulley that was attached to the edge of the roof on one side of the building. After securing the rope at ground level, I went back up to the roof, swung the barrel out, and loaded the bricks into the barrel. I then went to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure slow descent of the bricks. You will notice I stated in block number 2 of the accident report form that I weigh 150 pounds. The bricks, I was soon to discover, weighed slightly more than 500 pounds. My weight was not enough to keep me down. Because of my surprise at being jerked off the ground by the weight of the bricks, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded up the side of the building at a rather rapid rate of speed. In the vicinity of the third floor I met the barrel on its way up. This accounts for my broken ankle and lacerations along the left side of my body. This encounter with the barrel slowed me down enough to minimize my injuries when I landed on the pile of bricks on the ground. I'm sorry to report that as I laid on my back looking at the empty barrel six stories above me, I again lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope. The empty barrel weighed more than the rope, so it came zooming back down. This explains my broken right arm."

There's a new online support group for people who are addicted to the internet. It meets on AOL each night from 6:00 P.M. till midnight.

You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it then you got hit, . . .so never mind.

A young woman was nervous about meeting her boyfriend's parents for the first time; she wanted to look her absolute best. As she glanced at herself in the mirror, she noticed her black pumps looked a little dingy, so she gave them a fast swipe with the paper towel she had used to blot her breakfast bacon. When she arrived at their home she was greeted by the parents and their spoiled, cranky poodle, Cleo. The dog got a whiff of the bacon grease on her shoes and followed her around all evening. At the end of the evening, as she was getting ready to leave, her boyfriend's parents said, "Cleo really likes you, dear, and she is an excellent judge of character. We are delighted to welcome you into our little family."



MY WIFE AND I got to spend a few days in celebration of our wedding anniversary in Ruidoso, NM, the place of our honeymoon 49 years ago. I was reminded of a lady who on her golden wedding anniversary revealed the secret of her long and happy marriage. “On my wedding day,” she said, “I decided to choose ten of my husband’s faults which, for the sake of our marriage, I would overlook.” A guest at the celebration asked her to name some of the faults. “To tell the truth,” she replied, “I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, ‘Lucky for him that’s one of the ten.’”

To my knowledge my wife never had such a list. One thing I do know: when Jesus spoke about forgiving someone “seventy times seven” he practiced what he preached. How do I know? Because I am assured in the Scripture that he has forgiven me over and over again!

The songwriter says, “Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.” To this, Max Lucado says, “Presumptuous, you say? Sacrilegious? . . . We are presumptuous not when we marvel at his grace, but when we reject it. And we’re sacrilegious not when we claim his forgiveness, but when we allow the haunting sins of yesterday to convince us that God forgives but he doesn’t forget.”

Is it any wonder that Jesus included this statement in teaching us about prayer: “forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us”?

Stanley Jones tells of an Armenian who said to him, How can I forgive the Turks?” Jones responded to him about a young Armenian woman did just that after watching a Turkish soldier brutally kill her brother. She was a nurse, and while working in a hospital, saw the same soldier there as a patient in very serious condition. Her first thought was revenge. But she decided to forgive him. She fought for his life, nursing him back to health. The soldier recognized her from the incident in which her brother was killed; he was astonished, asking her why she didn’t just let him die. “I couldn’t, for I am a Christians, and my own Master forgave his enemies who crucified him. I must do the same for his sake.” The hardened soldier said, “If that is what it means to be a Christian, I want to be one.”

Jones adds this prayer:

O God, the wrong has entered deep into my spirit. In my own strength I cannot forgive. But I am willing. Through You I can do anything, yes, anything—even this. Amen.

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. — Ephesians 4:31-32, NLT

- ♦ Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another. —Dr. V. Raymond Edman
- ♦ We may be truly said to worship God, though we lack perfection; but we cannot be said to worship Him if we lack sincerity. — Stephen Charnock
- ♦ Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can’t be

I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Phil 4:8 (MSG)

Think on These Things

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. ⁹ As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. 2 Cor. 9:8-9 (MSG)

Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our ac-

"The blessing of the LORD makes one rich." —Proverbs 10:22

Scripture is the bank of heaven. You may draw from it as much as you please, without interference or hindrance.

~Charles Spurgeon

But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Cor. 15:57, KJV

We're the best of friends, and I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health—that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul! — 3 John 2, MSG

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Rejoice in
the Festivals
of God!

Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God and *rejoice*" (Deut. 14:26b, NIV).