



## Welcome Summer!

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## Staying Alert

Your mind is a muscle. It needs to be stretched to stay sharp. It needs to be prodded and pushed to perform. Let it get idle and lazy on you, and that muscle will become a pitiful mass of flab in an incredibly brief period of time.

How can you stretch your mind? What are some good mental exercises that will keep the cobwebs away? I offer three suggestions:

**READ.** You may be too crippled and too poor to travel—but between the covers of a book are ideas and insights that await the joy of discovery. William Tyndale was up in years when he was imprisoned. Shortly before his martyrdom he wrote to the governor asking for:

A warmer cap, a candle, a piece of cloth to patch my leggings. . . . But above all, I beseech and entreat your clemency to . . . permit me to have my Hebrew Bible, Hebrew grammar and Hebrew Dictionary, that I may spend time . . . in study.

The powers of your perception will be magnified through reading. Read wisely. Read widely. Read slowly. Scan. Read history as well as current events . . . magazines and periodicals as well as classics and poetry . . . biographies and novels as well as the daily news and devotionals.

Don't have much time? Neither did John Wesley. But his passion for reading was so severe he made it a part of his schedule—he read mostly *on horseback*. He rode between fifty and ninety miles a day with the book propped up in his saddle . . . and got through *thousands* of volumes during his lifetime. Knowing that reading attacks thickness of thought, Wesley told many a younger minister either to read—or get out of the ministry.

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**TALK.** Conversation adds the oil needed to keep our mental machinery running smoothly. The give-and-take involved in rap sessions, the question-answer dialogue connected to discussion, provides the grinding wheel needed to keep us keen.

Far too much of our talk is surface jargon . . . shallow, predictable, obvious, pointless. Talk is too valuable to waste. Leave the discussion of people and weather to the newscasters! Delve into issues, ideas, controversial subjects, things that really matter. Ask and answer "why" and "how" . . . rather than "what" and "when." Probe. Question. Socrates was considered wise—not because he knew all the answers, but because he knew how to ask the right questions. Few experiences are more stimulating than eyeball-to-eyeball, soul-to-soul talks that force us to *think* and *reason* through specifics. For the sheer excitement of learning, talk!

**WRITE.** Thoughts disentangle themselves over the lips . . . and through the fingertips. How true! The old gray matter increases its creases when you put it down on paper. Start a journal. A journal isn't a diary. It's more. A journal doesn't record what you do—it records what you *think*. It spells out your ideas, your feelings, your struggles, your discoveries, your dreams. In short, it helps you articulate *who you are*.

Who knows? Your memoirs might make the bestseller list in the future. And speaking of that, why not try writing an article for your favorite magazine? Editors are on a constant safari for rare species like you.

by Pastor Chuck Swindoll

Scriptures: [1 Kings 4:29-34](#); [Proverbs 2:1-10](#); [4:5-7](#); [Isaiah 26:3](#); [Romans 8:5-11](#); [12:2](#)

## WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

### June

6<sup>th</sup> Lynda Kolehouse & Teri Hook  
13<sup>th</sup> Jackie Teja & Nancy Redd  
20<sup>th</sup> Teri Hook & Barb Knight  
27<sup>th</sup> Nancy Eveland & Marilyn Davis

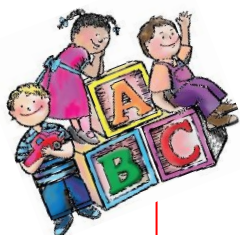
### July

4<sup>th</sup> Sharen Franklin & John Smith  
11<sup>th</sup> Betty Sutton & Kim Schaefer  
18<sup>th</sup> Sue Walta & Carianne Smith  
25<sup>th</sup> Mary Helmus & Jackie Teja

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

***If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Susan Foust at 231-652-1237 as soon as possible.***

If you would like to serve in our church nursery, please see Shelly Werner for a Safe Church policy and form.



# ROMANS 13 AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES...



Over the past few months now, I have been shocked on how many clergy are misusing Romans 13 for a justification for following our government as it deals with masks, etc. I thought it was time to set the record straight on what the verse is saying, as well as what it does not say.

Romans 13 is one of those classic clobber passages, used to make sure we are all being obedient citizens, which historically has led Christians into all kinds of problems — here it is:

*“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities...” (Romans 13:1)*

His fellow Bible-writer, Peter, wrote something very similar:

*“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority...” (1 Peter 2:13)*

I call these clobber passages because they are too often used to crush dissent, stifle protest, and discourage civil disobedience. But, we live in times where dissent is more important than ever. There is backlash everywhere you turn - Christians arguing over what we can and cannot do, what we should or should not do. It seems both sides of this issue can come up with their own justification for either submitting to the mask or not wearing one.

My concern over government interference during this pandemic is that if we don’t get this right, we could easily find ourselves treading the path of the German church under Hitler’s Nazi government. In those days, too many good citizens – good Christians! - stood by while their vulnerable neighbors were crushed by the governing authorities.

So, let’s take a closer look at these passages. After Jesus’s death and resurrection, King Herod was super mad and arrested some of the believers, including James and Peter, and put them on public trial. The night before the trial, an angel of the Lord woke Peter up, removed his chains, opened the prison doors, and led him out the main gate of the prison. Yet, after escaping from jail where he had been imprisoned for breaking the law, Peter went on to write in a letter:

*“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to the governors, who are sent by Him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.”*

And similarly, while Paul was in Damascus, he escaped from a strongman city governor, who was trying to arrest him, by concealing himself in a wicker basket and having himself lowered down the city wall through a window. Then after reaching safety, Paul wrote a surprising letter:

*“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities which exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.”*

From the Pastor (continued from page 3)

So are Peter and Paul hypocrites, asking Christians to do as they say, but not as they do? Though these passages have been used to maintain the status quo (ever since the Emperor Constantine became a so-called “Christian” and made it the official religion of the Empire), there is a big disconnect between Peter’s and Paul’s actions and the way we have traditionally interpreted their words.

The key to understanding is in the word “submit.” The Greek word *hupo-tasso*, which has been translated as “submit” or “be subject,” literally means to arrange stuff respectfully in an “orderly manner underneath.” This simple meaning of “social orderliness” would have been understood by original readers, but it is a little obscured in our English translation.

This word is used in Ephesians 5:22 to encourage husbands and wives to submit to one another, and it reflects God’s concern for order and respect. Here’s the main point – Paul and Peter believed that governing authorities are necessary for keeping the peace. The laws of the land that police are given to protect the citizens. God is a God of order – not anarchy or chaos.

But here’s where we go wrong. There’s ANOTHER word, *hupo-kouo*, which is best translated as “obey,” which literally means to conform, to follow a command, or to kowtow to an authority as a subordinate. Peter and Paul could have used this word, “obey,” but they chose not to. Used 21 times in the New Testament, *hupo-kouo* always suggests a hierarchical context, as in the relationship between children or slaves and their parents or masters (Eph 6:1 and 6:5).

And so here’s the most important thing to remember - in the New Testament Greek, to *submit* does not always mean to *obey*! They are two separate actions or postures. Though Paul, Peter and other followers of Jesus deliberately disobeyed laws that were in conflict with God’s commands, they still submitted to the authorities by accepting the legal consequences of their actions. It is all about accepting the consequences at times for our stances.

Suffice to say, many moral people are willing to break laws that are wrong and unjust. This is nothing particularly new. As far back as the book of Exodus, the Hebrew midwives refused to carry out the Pharaoh’s repugnant order to murder newborn babies. The first people who sought to worship Jesus, a trio of spiritual gurus from Asia, deliberately disobeyed the orders of King Herod, a criminal offence punishable by death (the first recorded act of civil disobedience in the New Testament). Many of the disciples ended up in prison.

As Christians, the law cannot be our ultimate moral guide. Slavery was lawful. The holocaust was legal. Segregation and apartheid were legally sanctioned. Many of today’s laws are created to protect corporations rather than people. Simply put, the law does not dictate our ethics. God does. But when convicted clergy break unjust laws you won’t see them struggling to avoid arrest. You won’t see them acting violently or promoting chaos. In fact, they gladly submit to the legal consequences of their actions. They show us the way to interpret Romans 13 as Peter and Paul meant - if we break an unjust law to highlight and protest its injustice, we should be willing to submit to the punishment for breaking such laws, so that we demonstrate our respect for the role of government in general. This does NOT mean we should not stand up against these government mandates. If, God forbid, we are still here when antichrist rules, you better believe it will be important to stand against mandates given by a demonic leader.

With all of this said, I believe we are living in a time when the authorities will make a mandate to see how many people will follow in line. If what we have seen over the last year is any indication, most people (even so-called Christians) would follow as sheep led to the slaughter.

We do not follow a God of chaos, each doing whatever we want, but a God of order and respect for one another and the governing authorities. There are times when we, as followers of Christ, will be called upon to stand up with a holy ‘NO!’ in the face of evil and injustice. The trick will be discerning between the two. Romans 13 does not undermine that posture - it informs it.

In this issue:

# Words of Wisdom from BOB



## WEATHER

Growing up as a farm boy in the early 40's, the only news we received was from an old radio. For a farmer, planting and harvesting times were very important, and predicting the weather was somewhat of a challenge. Paying close attention to the older farmers and their wisdom, I was able to pick up a few tips.

Reading in Matthew 16:2-3, we find Jesus used the red sun in the morning as a warning of bad weather approaching; likewise, a red sun at night brings fair weather. In Luke 12:54-55 Jesus tells us to be ready for rain from the clouds gathering in the west.

When you have given up on the weatherman's forecast, here are a few tips you may practice.

- **Whippoorwill** - As he sings, put these lyrics to his tune: "*Get your corn in, Get your corn in.*" He only sings this tune a few evenings in late spring.
- **Oak Leaves** - When they are the size of a squirrel's ear, it is time to plant corn.
- **Mackerel Sky** - Never leaves the earth 24 hours dry. Reading Psalm 8:4, it is referring to mackerel skies.
- **A rainbow seen in the west** - Get ready for rest, meaning a storm is coming.
- **When tulips and dandelions** are closed in the morning, rain is on it's way.
- **When pine cones** are closed, it is the rainy season.
- **If it rains** before 7 a.m., it will quit by 11 a.m.
- **If a cat washes** behind his ears, sneezes, or snores, it is sure to rain.
- **Count the number of times a cricket chirps** over a 14-second period, then add 40 to it and that will be the temperature.
- **Smoke rising** straight up means fair weather, but smoke swirling around and back to the ground means foul weather is on its way.

There are many more wonderful jingles that agree with God's creation –  
Don't let science destroy or overrule HIS AUTHORITY.

Just for fun, have you ever wondered where God keeps the snow in hot weather?

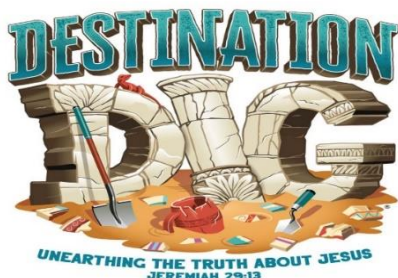
(to be continued...)

## Vacation Bible School at Woodville Community Church

July 12 through 16, 2021 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For preschoolers through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The theme is...



VBS wraps up with a **Program and Picnic**  
Friday evening, 7/16/2021.  
**Save the Date - You will not want to miss this Dig!**

Please contact Karen White to preregister  
your child, or to help out in any way.  
231-519-9488





# June 2021



**Sunday**  
 WORSHIP SERVICE  
 10:00 a.m.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:45 a.m.

**3rd Monday**  
 BOARD MEETING  
 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
 WOMEN'S  
 BIBLE STUDY  
 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday**  
 NIGHT SERVICE  
 6:30 p.m.



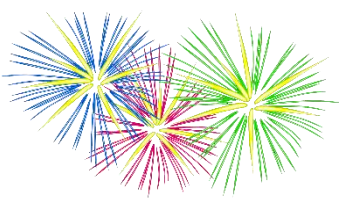
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Greeters for June:</b> <i>Don &amp; Susan Foust</i>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	<b>3</b> Praise Team practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Elders' Prayer Time
<b>6</b> WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study Men's Monthly Night Bible Study	<b>9</b> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	<b>10</b> Praise Team practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Elders' Prayer Time
<b>13</b> WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	<b>17</b> Praise Team practice	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Men's Monthly Breakfast
<b>20</b> <i>Father's Day</i> WORSHIP SERVICE	<b>21</b> Board Meeting	<b>22</b> Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	<b>24</b> Praise Team practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Elders' Prayer Time
<b>27</b> WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE			



- ### June Anniversaries
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis & Mary Helmus
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Clint & Shelley Cook
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Harry & Gail King (60 years!!)
  - 18<sup>th</sup> John & Polly Byers
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Duke & Lori VanderArk
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Larry & Barb Miller
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Deb Thorne

- ### June Birthdays
- 9<sup>th</sup> Vic Berkompas
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Ginny Vandermate
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Bill Walta
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Susan Foust
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Joziah Smith
  - 18<sup>th</sup> John Smith
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Patrick
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Doornbos
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Bethany Derks

Items on this calendar are subject to change



# July 2021



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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:45 a.m.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00 a.m.

## Tuesday

WOMEN'S  
BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

## Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Greeters for July:</b> <b><i>Dennis &amp; Mary Helmus</i></b>				1	2	3 Elders' Prayer Time
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11 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday School	12	13 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study Men's Monthly Night Bible Study	14 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	15 Praise Team practice	16	17 Men's Monthly Breakfast
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25 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday School	26	27 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	28 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	29 Praise Team practice	30	31 Elders' Prayer Time



## July Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup> Charlie & Jenna Minor  
27<sup>th</sup> Sky & Gabriela Pike

## July Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Renee Jensen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brittany Hurlbert  
9<sup>th</sup> Char Yonker  
11<sup>th</sup> Robert McLane  
16<sup>th</sup> Deb Fisher  
16<sup>th</sup> Deb Thorne

16<sup>th</sup> Gail King  
20<sup>th</sup> Harry King  
21<sup>st</sup> Mary Helmus  
25<sup>th</sup> Barb Knight  
31<sup>st</sup> Lillian Foust  
31<sup>st</sup> Marge Shoemaker



# Food For Thought...

## Delicious Black Bean Burritos

**Prep:** 10 mins

**Cook:** 15 mins

**Total:** 25 mins

**Servings:** 2 large burritos

### Ingredients

- 2 (10 inch) flour tortillas
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ½ red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 teaspoon minced jalapeno peppers
- 3 ounces cream cheese
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro



### Directions

#### •Step 1

Wrap tortillas in foil and place in oven heated to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Bake for 15 minutes or until heated through.

#### •Step 2

Heat oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Place onion, bell pepper, garlic and jalapenos in skillet, cook for 2 minutes stirring occasionally. Pour beans into skillet, cook 3 minutes stirring.

#### •Step 3

Cut cream cheese into cubes and add to skillet with salt. Cook for 2 minutes stirring occasionally. Stir cilantro into mixture.

#### •Step 4

Spoon mixture evenly down center of warmed tortilla and roll tortillas up. Serve immediately.

## KEY LIME CAKE III

This is a very moist cake. Very easy to make.  
If you like key lime, you will love this cake.

**Servings:** 30

**Yield:** 3-8

### Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package lemon cake mix
- 1 ⅓ cups vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 (3 ounce) package lime flavored Jell-O® mix
- ¾ cup orange juice
- ½ cup butter
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar

### Directions

#### •Step 1

Combine cake mix, gelatin mix, oil, eggs and orange juice. Pour into three 8 inch cake pans. Bake according to instructions on box. Allow to cool, then frost.

#### •Step 2

To make the frosting: In a large bowl, beat the butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add lime juice and confectioners sugar. Mix well.

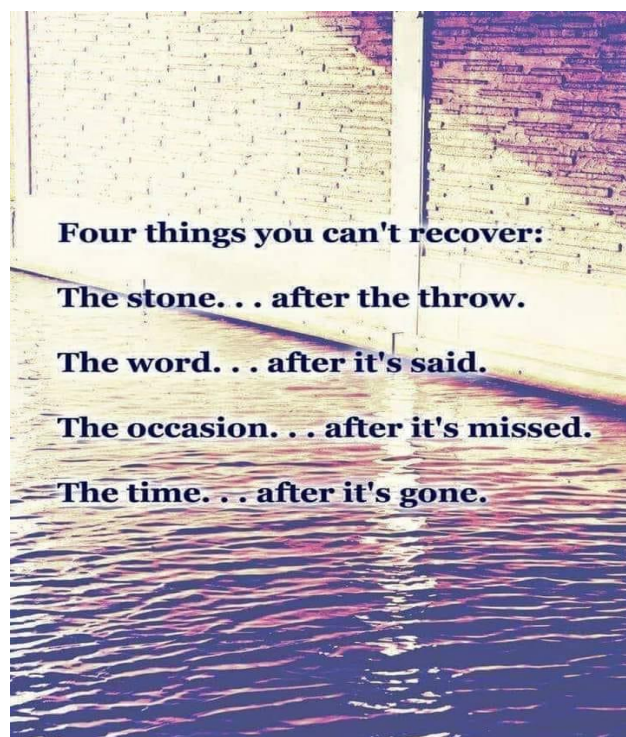


***"...A merry heart doeth good like medicine..."***

**And Thoughts to Ponder...**



Keep bringing your babies to church. They're not a distraction. A church without children is a church that will die out before long.



Bible Trivia...

What is the anchor of the soul? (Hebrews 6:18-19)

answer on last page

# ACTIVITY PAGE

## FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: SAVING FAITH

Discover the hidden words.

C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	I	T	D	R	Y	R	V
R	M	G	J	B	Z	D	V	H	U	E	N	T	G	U
C	I	E	E	L	Z	K	A	V	T	S	K	C	K	A
A	D	G	S	N	S	T	Z	I	L	C	W	Y	U	H
B	K	L	H	S	E	J	W	L	J	E	S	T	B	W
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J	C	A	K	M	E	A	I	M	U	D	K	I	S	N
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N	V	J	S	H	H	M	A	S	D	E	A	Z	O	D
C	R	E	A	T	I	O	N	E	U	H	S	Y	V	P
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J	D	W	O	U	I	G	P	M	M	N	Z	U	U	O

### Word Bank

GIFT  
JESUS  
MESSIAH  
GOD

CHILDREN  
ABRAHAM  
PROMISE  
DESCENDANTS

RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FAITH  
GENESIS  
CREATION



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Answer: *Hope*