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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, October 19, 2008

BIBLE STUDY..... 10 a.m.
"Gospel of Luke"

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16

MORNING WORSHIP..... 11 a.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
"The Parables of Jesus"

Psalm 139: 1-6

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.
You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O LORD,
You know it altogether.
You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it.



O Lord, our Lord how excellent Thy name
How excellent is Thy name in all the earth
Who has set Thy glory above the heav'ns!
We'll praise Thy holy name for ever, evermore

O Lord, our Lord how excellent Thy name
We will praise Thy name for evermore
We will laud and magnify Thy name for evermore

Forever, and ever
We will magnify Thy name
Amen, Amen, Amen

H. R. Palmer

News & Notes

Welcome Visitors. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we would like to welcome you and hope you will stay for a while after service.

Please pray for our members who are away:

- **Mark Harris** - in South Carolina
- **Matt Wells** - at sea for a few weeks
- **Jason Henderson** - travelling for work

Others who need our prayers:

- Dema Franklin
- Martha and Ken Holloway
- Daniel Hoskins father, Benjamin
- Brian Adams

October Birthday: Eusebio (Jun) Ongsioco (31st)

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where the Bible is the source of faith, where Jesus is Lord, where Christianity is a way of life!

20 Books of the Bible ANSWER

Someone showed me this story and re**MARK**ed that there were twenty books of the Bible hidden here. He challenged me to find them. Still, this things a lu**LU**, **KE**pt me loo**KING** So hard for the longest time. Some of you will get bogged down with **fACTS**, others are hit by them like they are some kind of **REVELATION** or something. You may get in a **JAM**, **ES**pecially since the names are not capitalized and often leap the spaces between words. This makes it a real **JOB** to find them, but it'll provide **A MOST** fascinating few minutes for you.

YES, THERE are some really easy ones to spot, but don't get a big head because **TRUTH**fully you'll soon figure that it takes most federal **JUDGES** and preachers **NUMBERS** of hours to find them all. I will admit tha**T IT US**ually takes a minister to find one of them and that is not uncommon for there are two loud **LAMENTATIONS** when it is pointed out.

One lady says that when she is confronted with puzzles like this, **she BREWS** a cup of tea to help her concentrate better, but this gals a real **PRO! VERBS**, noun, and all that stuff are her thing.

See how well you can com**PETE**. Relax! There really are twenty names of Bible books in this story. If you fail to find them, there's a penalty. You have to go fly a kite, sit on a bana**NA**, **HUM** the Battle Hymn of the Republic, or **HOSE A** dog (a mean one). Get to it!

There were loud lamentations over the twentieth book. I am reminded that the name **ECCLESIASTES** meant clergyman and the story lists both preacher and minister.

He Knows You By Your Name

Randy Hohf

John 10 is such a great chapter. Here Jesus describes himself as the “door” through which the sheep enter into abundant and eternal life (**Jn 10.7-10**), and as the “Good Shepherd” who leads them in and out of the sheepfold and into pasture (**vs. 11-14**). The sheep hear his voice (**vs.3**) and know his voice (**vs. 4**), and the shepherd knows his sheep by name (**vs. 3, 27**), and the sheep know him (**vs.14**). He lays down his life for his sheep (**vs.11,15**), and no one will snatch them out of his hand (**vs.28-29**).

There is much to contemplate here, but what stands out to me right now is that our shepherd knows all of his sheep by name. The Good Shepherd has intimate knowledge of his sheep. A name is expressive of who a person is. When we hear someone's name, we do not think of the sound of the word, nor of the arrangement of the individual letters (such as R-A-N-D-Y), but of the person and who they are. There must be something really special about this, for God said to Moses: “*I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight*” (**Ex 33.12,17**). He seems to be saying that Moses was special in God's sight. It suggests friendship and intimacy. God knows us fully (**1 Cor 13.12**). This is likewise reminiscent of Ps 139, in which David speaks of God searching and knowing him, of God knowing his words before they are spoken (**vs.1-4**), of God knowing and forming him while David was yet in his mother's womb (**vs.13-16**). David said that such knowledge is too wonderful for him (**vs.6**). How true! To contemplate God knowing us by name is at the same time both frightening and comforting, both humbling and elevating. It can be frightening that God knows my every thought and motive, yet comforting that he loves me anyway – not just mankind, but me personally. It is humbling to think that the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe would care enough about lowly me to know my name, yet elevating to know that I am so important to him.

Think about how difficult it is for us to remember names. How many times has someone been introduced to you by name, which only a few minutes later you have forgotten? How embarrassing it is when you have to ask someone their name when you should know it! On the other hand, how does it make you feel when someone you hardly know and perhaps have not seen for a long time remembers your name? Doesn't it make you feel like you are important at least to that person? We all love to hear our name spoken, don't we? What if the President were to see you in a crowd and call out your name? Wouldn't that make you feel good? If you are one of Jesus' sheep, then he knows your name and he will never forget it. You are vitally important to Jesus. He knows far more about you than simply your name, however. He knows you, through and through. He watches over you as a shepherd watches his sheep, and he will let no one snatch you out of his hand.

“Let your light shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

Matthew 5:16