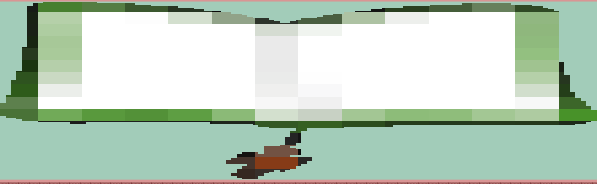


**Today's Sermons**  
 Morning: "God's Immutable Laws"  
 Evening: "Trust in the Lord"



81. Is there anything in the New Testament about any members of Paul's family?
82. What preacher served another preacher as a son serves a father?
83. Who "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat?"
84. What are first recorded words of Jesus?
85. Who asked: "What shall I do then with Jesus?"
86. Give at least ten names for Christ.
87. Who wrote: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever?"
88. Is the word "come" used very often in the Scriptures?
89. Give at least two places where you find a list of the apostles.
90. Did Jesus ever Marvel?

**Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions**  
**Did you get them all?**

71. No. In Jerusalem. Galatians 1:18.
72. No record of it.
73. Yes. Isaiah 40:22; Luke 17:34-36.
74. No. 1 Corinthians 15:18.
75. About 22 years. Colossians 1:23; Romans 10:18.
76. Josephus says they were 37 feet long; 12 feet thick and 18 feet wide.
77. No. John 20:30-31; John 21:25.
78. Luke. 2 Timothy 4:11.
79. Red, sorrel, white. Zechariah 1:8; 6:3-2.
80. Paul's. Acts 23:12-15.



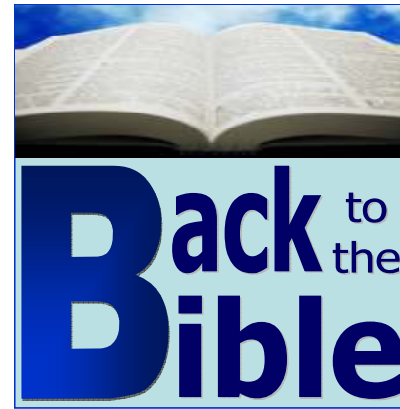
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Sunday  
 Bible Study:..... 10:00am  
 AM Worship:....11:00am  
 PM Worship:.....6:00pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program  
 Sunday:..... 7:30am  
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I read a story on Foxnews.com about a military course that was cancelled on the basis that it violated the separation of church and state. (Excuse my technical language, but that is baloney!) I am not going to comment more on that case; you can read about it at the link below. However, I did like the following quote from Commander Daniel McKay, a retired U.S. Navy Chaplain:

"History will prove that if you stay true to God's wisdom, it will serve us well and it has served us well." McKay said it's possible that parts of the military are trying to play "all sides of the fence - trying to take a middle-of-the-road approach." That, he said, is a mistake. "If you stay in the middle of the road, you become road kill," McKay said, urging the military to stay true to what the Founders established. Read more at <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/08/03/air-forces-suspends-christian-themed-ethics-training-program-over-bible/#ixzz1U4YFkSf1>.

We have all seen it. The poor animal, a possum, a deer, a squirrel, or maybe a dog or cat, is stuck in the middle of the road with traffic coming and just does not know what to do. Way too often they make exactly the wrong move and are struck by a vehicle. I hate it when I hit an animal, no matter what kind (except maybe a snake, I have a very strong prejudice against snakes). Yet, sometimes it is unavoidable, and then a living creature becomes, for lack of a better term, road kill.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PREACH & EAT

Today, Following morning worship.

## MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Tonight, Following evening worship.

## LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Tonight, Following evening worship.

## FELLOWSHIP GET-TOGETHER

Saturday, December 10, 6 pm. At the home of Bill & Linda Powers.  
Men – Bring a gift for a man; women – for a woman. Price limit \$10.  
Bring finger foods, drinks, etc.

## SINGING – MARGATE REHAB

Monday, December 12, 6:30 pm.

## Please Remember in Prayer

John Barker Family

Emileigh West

Andrew Canup

Lindy Hiatt

Kendra Mabe

Tosha Miller and baby

Karissa Stanley (job)

Steven & Jessica Winters

Susie Bright

Jean Miller

Thanks for Answered Prayers

Annie Ham

Grover Howell Family

Mable Vannoy

Mary Nell Osborne

Ronnie Sturgill

Ethel Matkins

Jesse Matkins & Family

Clayton & Vivian Winters

Jim & Amanda Winters

Nell Shepherd (hospital)

Dora Vickers

Kaleb Davis

Edgar Wilcox

Tulsa Howell

Karen & Tulsa Adams

Junior & Ina Anderson

Lisa Arnold

Kiana Miller

Savannah Bedenbaugh

Everett & Louise Morefield

Alice Turnmire (new job) ☺

Mozelle Powers (hospital)

Nathan Canup

Jasmine Grant

Blake Wilcox

Staying in the middle of the road is not a good goal. It is a dangerous and often fatal decision. It amazes me how often it has become the standard in today's pluralistic society, and even in religion. Joshua, with his "as for me and my house" speech; the apostles with their stand, "We must obey God rather than man," and "there is no other name under heaven, given among men by which we must be saved," etc. would be frowned upon greatly today. We are encouraged and rewarded for sitting on the fence. The only thing we are permitted to stand against is taking any kind of stand.

Seems to me that this is exactly what Jesus is talking about through the inspired writer John, when He speaks of the church at Laodicea (Revelation 3:15-16). "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth." God opposed the false teaching and false living of several of the churches of Asia to whom He had John write, but this church, the Laodicean church, was the one that He said made Him sick. It sat on the fence. It was not really for or against anything. It was just there.

I am not a "the-sky-is-falling" kind of person. However, I will tell you that there is a concerted effort to remove anything religious from the public arena. As that becomes more successful, it will begin to bleed into removing it from our own private lives. There are groups that are out there with that one goal in mind: the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, (the group mentioned in the article cited) is an example. Freedom From Religion Foundation is another. The claim to simply want to separate church and state is shown time and again to be false. Groups like this will only be happy when religion is destroyed in our society. The following quote from [www.atheists.org](http://www.atheists.org) is an example of the attitude of these groups: "American Atheists is not afraid to point out that which is true: religion is ridiculous. Mythology and religion are synonymous, and none is better than another. Religion is malicious, malevolent, and unworthy of respect."

We have to stand for the truth about God and of God. We cannot back down and compromise. We have to get out of the middle of the road. No, that does not mean be hateful. No, that does not mean to go out looking for a fight. It does not mean having a haughty, condescending attitude. But it does involve standing uncompromisingly in the face of fierce opposition. It does involve realizing that we have a truth that must be told, a message that must be delivered and a stand that must be taken. We cannot hide in fear and stand in the middle of the road.

To paraphrase, Cmdr. McKay said, 'If we stand in the middle of the road, as far as religious faith and doctrine, we will become road kill in the wake of political correctness and militant atheism. We will lose our rights to practice religion in our country without interference.' We might anyway, but we cannot stand idly by and take it without a fight.