



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

*Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## **But these Rules Don't Apply to Me**

*Written by Steve Ridgell*

I am actually amazed that it does not happen more often. I am talking about injuries in the playground areas of restaurants. Here are the three things I most often see: someone gets their fingers stepped on by someone wearing shoes; a big kid knocks down a smaller one; someone gets knocked down when they went the wrong way up the slide. What is amazing about that is that almost every playground has three common rules: take your shoes off; no one over a certain height or age is allowed in; go up the stairs and down the slide.

So, almost every accident is because someone did not follow the rules. Why? Sometimes they may not know the rules, and no parent takes the time to read the rules to them. Some families think they know better how to protect their kids. They do not want their child playing without shoes so they endanger others. Maybe they think the rules do not apply to them, so they can climb the slide any way they want. Others think the playground was surely put there solely for their family's enjoyment. So it does not matter if their child is too old or if they do not follow the rules.

And we wonder why there are accidents and children get hurt. It reminds me that we adults are the same way in our "playground." God made us. He gave us a way to live that would benefit us and those we share this world with. But every day we witness selfish behavior, cruelty, abuse, greed, and addictive behaviors. Maybe some do not know about the way we were designed to live. Others think they know better how to handle life than the One who made us. Others think these ideas should apply to everyone else but not to them. And there are those who think the universe revolves around them, so they are free to live any way they choose.

Is it any wonder that our world is such a hard place?  
God's blueprint for life will work for you, for me, and for all of us.

### A Great Lesson on Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while explaining stress management to an audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, "half empty or half full?" She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile.

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden -- holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up tomorrow."

*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (1 Peter 5:6-7)*

"Let us restore in 2024."

### Family News

- Our condolences are extended to **Dwayne and Lisa Porter** in the recent death of Lisa's son.
- **Nina Wharton**, Susan Dennis' mother, has been moved to Pleasant Springs Nursing Home for rehab.
- **Angie**, Jimmy and Vicki Jones' daughter, continues to need our prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment.
- **Jerriann**, Robert and Pat Slone's daughter, was taken to the ICU last week.
- **Casey Vandiver** and **Micha Whitworth** are to be united in marriage on Saturday, Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin County Alliance in Mt. Vernon.
- HRR pantry item for February is laundry soap.

*We need volunteers to sign up to be in charge of the fellowship building for our covered-dish luncheons. The list is on the bulletin board.*

Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns. Phil. 4:8

### Good Advice for a Happier Life:

1. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
5. Never buy a car you can't push.