



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

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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Tattletales, the Devil, and You

By Steve Ridgell

One of our dogs is a tattletale. She is small, cute, and has a very loud excitable bark when something sets her off. And nothing sets her off like when our Golden Retriever does something he should not. If he sticks his nose in the trash, she gets about six inches from his face and starts barking as loud as she can. If he puts one paw on the couch, same thing. If he does anything he is not supposed to do, then she lets him, us, and everyone in earshot know about it.

You have known people like that. They want to be sure everyone knows about every mistake you have ever made. It is as if their greatest joy in life is to see someone get in trouble. Tattletales want to get people in trouble, see people "get what is coming to them," and make sure everyone knows about it. You see them among children on the playground and among employees in the workplace.

There is even a tattletale who wants to be sure God gives you what you deserve for all the wrong choices in your life. A prophet named Zechariah tells about it in the book he wrote in the Bible. In Zechariah 3, he describes how Satan is standing before God to accuse one of the priests of God. But before he can tell on him, God cuts him off. God tells Satan that He has snatched this man out of the fire. God reminds this priest that He has taken away his sins. He has his dirty clothes removed and is then dressed in clean clothes.

That is not just a story about a priest. It is a story about me, too. I should be thrown into the fires of hell. Satan will be sure to tell God everything I did wrong. He will want me to get what is coming to me. And God will stop him. God has taken away my sin because of Jesus. He has snatched me out of the fire. Satan the tattletale cannot tell God anything He does not already know

about my life. But because of Jesus, I do not get what I deserve. I get mercy. You can too.

On The Lighter Side

Did you know:

- Our eyes are always the same size at birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Cats have over a 100 vocal sounds while dogs only have about ten.
- If you stretch a standard slinky out flat, it measures 87 feet in length.
- At the latitude 60 degrees south, you can sail all the way around the world.
- The ball on top of the flagpole is called a “truck.”
- The book of Esther is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God.

More importantly, did you know that God loves you and wants to have such a relationship with you that you will be saved? He provided us with His inspired word to show us what to do. Not only that, He sent us His Son to show us the way. The New Testament teaches for a person to become a Christian, they must Believe in Him (John 8:24), Repent of their sins (Luke 13:3), Confess their faith publicly (Romans 10:9-10) and be immersed into His death by Baptism to have their sins removed (Acts 22:16). At that point, the Lord adds them to His church, which is the saved (Acts 2:47b). This is simply the beginning of living a life of faithfulness. Now this is something really worth knowing. ~Larry

“Let us restore in 2024.”

Family News

- **Bill Money** is scheduled for nose surgery on Wed., January 31. In addition, we want to extend our condolences to Bill in the death of his aunt.
- **Linda Robertson** and family have been sick.
- **Kenlea Bolton’s** brother-in-law has a serious eye infection.
- **Sandie Martin** is having migraine headaches.
- **Amanda Davis’** father has a 90% heart blockage.
- **Susan Dennis’** mother fell and broke her hip.
- **Robert and Pat Slone** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at next week’s luncheon.
- Next Sunday we have a covered-dish luncheon following the morning service.

Upcoming Events

- The church in Mt. Vernon is hosting a “Make Me A Servant” workshop next Saturday and Sunday.
- Beginning Feb. 4, the church in Pattonville is hosting a gospel meeting with Otis Knight speaking.

“A Letter to an Aspirin Company”

Dear Sir:

You manufacture aspirin tablets that relieve suffering, colds, and fevers. The mixture used in your tablets makes it possible for people to get out of bed and fight off headaches, muscle spasms, and bad nerves.

However, I have noticed an amazing phenomenon. Your little magic tablets work wonders on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. **BUT**, people who take them on Sundays seem to get little if any relief. Usually the pain is so severe and unremitting on Sundays that they cannot make it to worship and can’t even consider Bible classes. Generally, Sunday illnesses are aspirin-resistant.

I have been puzzled by this mystery. Is it possible that you might be able to examine the chemical formula for your tablets and put in an ingredient that will work on Sundays?

We sacrifice and “get up” to go to sporting activities, work, to the deer lease, to the lake or golf, but the slightest excuse keeps us away from Bible study, worship, fellowship, and spiritual responsibilities. Let’s remember the words of the Hebrew writer, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* (10:25)

Yours for Better Aspirin,

A Puzzled Preacher