PREPARE COMMUNION***

February - Zack and Beckie Tanner March - Jerry and Pam Collier

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Williams * February 16 - Loretta Carson

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Pancake Mix * Sugar * Hair Spray (non-aerosol) * Cream of Celery Soup * Men's Stick Deodorant * Snack Bars * pick up date March 23

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance - 126 Contribution - \$4106

FOOD PANTRY

FEBRUARY ITEMS: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP Canned tomatoes/sauce and cereal. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:

February 9 - Bill Pruitt Luke Worley February 10 - Alexis Smith Ron Garner February 11 - Ronnie Moore February 13 - Chase Burch Tim Woods February 14 - Helen McGowan Jeff McGowan February 15 - Morgan Pfeffer



Birthday

February 16 - Ernie and Kay Wiley

Bible Trivia:

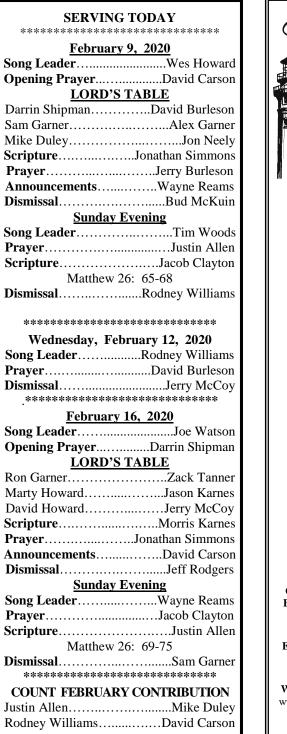
How did Michal, David's wife, help David to escape the king's messengers?

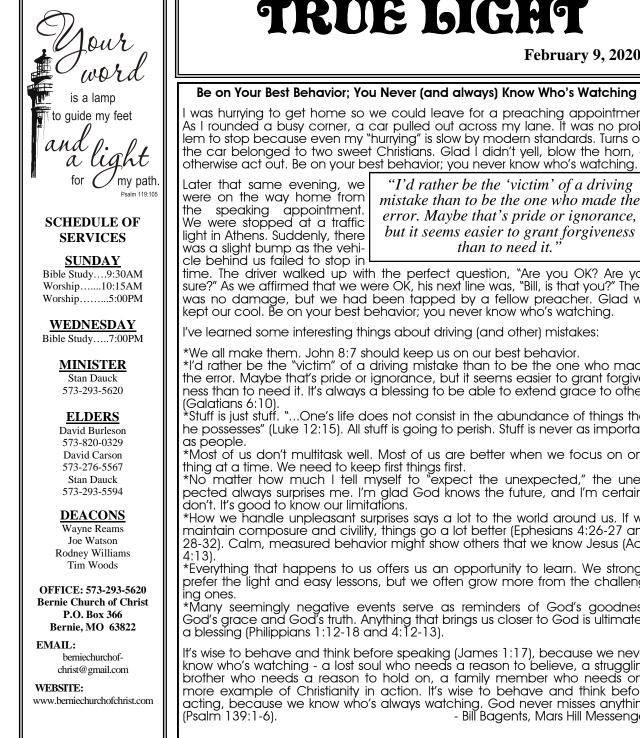
Last Week's Answer:

Happy Anniversary:

Esther 8:7 is the longest verse in the Bible.

While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch. Patience Strong





TRUE LIGHT

February 9, 2020

Be on Your Best Behavior: You Never (and always) Know Who's Watchina I was hurrying to get home so we could leave for a preaching appointment. As I rounded a busy corner, a car pulled out across my lane. It was no problem to stop because even my "hurrying" is slow by modern standards. Turns out the car belonged to two sweet Christians, Glad I didn't vell, blow the horn, or

Later that same evening, we were on the way home from the speaking appointment. We were stopped at a traffic light in Athens, Suddenly, there was a slight bump as the vehicle behind us failed to stop in

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time. The driver walked up with the perfect question, "Are you OK? Are you sure?" As we affirmed that we were OK, his next line was, "Bill, is that you?" There was no damage, but we had been tapped by a fellow preacher. Glad we kept our cool. Be on your best behavior; you never know who's watching.

I've learned some interesting things about driving (and other) mistakes:

*We all make them. John 8:7 should keep us on our best behavior. *I'd rather be the "victim" of a driving mistake than to be the one who made the error. Maybe that's pride or ignorance, but it seems easier to grant forgiveness than to need it. It's always a blessing to be able to extend arace to others (Galatians 6:10),

*Stuff is just stuff. "...One's life does not consist in the abundance of things that he possesses" (Luke 12:15). All stuff is aging to perish. Stuff is never as important as people.

*Most of us don't multitask well. Most of us are better when we focus on one thing at a time. We need to keep first things first.

*No matter how much I tell myself to "expect the unexpected," the unexpected always surprises me. I'm alad God knows the future, and I'm certain I don't. It's good to know our limitations.

*How we handle unpleasant surprises says a lot to the world around us. If we maintain composure and civility, things go a lot better (Ephesians 4:26-27 and 28-32), Calm, measured behavior might show others that we know Jesus (Acts

*Everything that happens to us offers us an opportunity to learn. We strongly prefer the light and easy lessons, but we often grow more from the challeng-

*Many seemingly negative events serve as reminders of God's goodness, God's grace and God's truth. Anything that brings us closer to God is ultimately a blessing (Philippians 1:12-18 and 4:12-13).

It's wise to behave and think before speaking (James 1:17), because we never know who's watching - a lost soul who needs a reason to believe, a strugaling brother who needs a reason to hold on, a family member who needs one more example of Christianity in action. It's wise to behave and think before acting, because we know who's always watching. God never misses anything - Bill Baaents, Mars Hill Messenger (Psalm 139:1-6).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 11: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Mary Ada's in Portageville. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer; we will take the van, and will leave the parking lot at 10:45. Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls. Desserts will be needed. **February 16:** Eddie Cloer with Truth for Today will be our guest speaker

Looking Ahead

Mary and Martha meeting February 17 at 6:30 in the fellowship room. Cindy Burleson is the hostess

Nursing Home Crafts February 28 at 2 p.m. at Malden Nursing and Rehab. Volunteer help is always appreciated

Challenge Youth Conference February 28-March 1 at Pigeon Forge. The theme is "Power: Word, Spirit, Cross, God." The cost is \$50 - please give your money to Stan or one of the elders

Spring Quarter begins March 1

Area Wide Singing March 8 at 2 p.m. at Fruitland church of Christ

Inspiration 2020 March 13 and 14 at Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker Lonnie Jones. The theme is "Connected"

Gospel Meeting at Bernie March 29-April 1 with guest speaker Jim Faughn. Start praying now for a successful meeting

Summit Youth Rally at North Heights church of Christ in Batesville AR June 5-7. Spencer Furby is the keynote speaker

Bible Word Search: APOSTLES / DISCIPLES Vacation Bible School 2020 BJNKFDEAZTETGDM YATOSKLMWHDHKDS MSRIOPSEXAIOFSK SPMTHZHPHDEMTFB O O C A H T Y V X D E A N H W NNETTODJIADSSEP SURARPLPREECUYM SAMBIHHOXUBUHAG TOIRACSIMSELPTL TTNHSOZFLEZNUSB NLUMTPLIRIWALAT HRJQTTZIADPQBXP NHOJGCANDREWRMW year. UMWJFJWMRRDJDWF HXYSUSWLPKROREP

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JOHN	PHILIP	BARTHOLOMEW
THOMAS	MATTHEW	James ALPHAEUS
THADDAEUS	SIMON	Judas ISCARIOT
MATTHIAS	PAUL	

Due to conflicting events, Vacation Bible School will not be the last week in July as it usually is. The elders would like your input as to which works better for you: The week of July 12 or the week of

Vacation Bible School

August 9. Schools in

Missouri won't start before August 24 this

Are you using our new online directory yet? To access it from your phone, download "Instant Church Directory" from the app store. You will be asked for your email address (use the one you gave for the directory) and a password that will be your own. Easy, peasy.

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Max Terrill is at Southeast Hospital in Cape and is not doing well * Trish Baldwin will have knee replacement surgery February 17 * Sonja Mays is in Southeast Hospital with a flesh eating infection. She had to have two toes removed * Sharlette Watson * Bettie Thurston remains at the Lutheran Nursing Home in Cape following ankle surgery * Judy Duley is improving * Pansy Zimmerman is not doing well * Bob Jones (Karla Jacques' dad) remains at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis Gary Young (Josh Young's father) remains in St. Francis with pneumonia and other medical issues * Curtis McClard is still battling infection in his ankle * Goldie Kirkpatrick had her right carotid artery opened Wednesday. It did not go as well as expected. She is expected to be able to return to rehab tomorrow * Helen McGowan needs prayers that a kidney can be found soon * Gary Cagle (22 year old Gideon man who disappeared February 1) * Chase Becker, newborn requiring heart surgery

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(congregational)

Louella Akers * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Jerry Burleson * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Kevin Mickey * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Waynetta Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Jane Smith * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Woody Wood * Darrell Zimmer-man * Pansy Zimmerman *

... Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much..... James 5:16. Prayer is a special blessing. Help us keep our prayer list up to date by letting Amy know of any prayer requests or updates you would like to have in the bulletin



Tom Provance Gene Rowland Traci Suiter (poor health) Paige Tanner (congestive heart failure)

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden: Cypress Point: Winchester Place: Winchester Nursing Home:

Elwood Rush. #6 Sue Flowers #208 Travis Cooper, #205

Joy Watson #8

Lois McKuin #218 **Ridgeview Living:** Marty Watson #107

Shirley Johnson #225 Max Terrill #207 Isaac Wheeler #201

Crowley Ridge Nursing: Fern Botsch, #103

AT HOME: Pam Claeys, Scott & Judy Flannery, Gayle Rodgers, Pansy Zimmerman

Cancer Kristi Altman Roxanne Carson Sherry Chambers Dale Eaton (improving!) Carole Eubanks

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(non congregational)

Bill Fitzpatrick

Peggy Hampton

LeAnn Jacques

Tommy Jacques

Annette Lumsden Phil McKuin Ponna Mahan

Kim Goins

Pam Jeralds

Andy Kelley Connie Lemmons

Bob Jones

Paula Mason Betty Nicholson Donnie Rawlings Gerald Robertson Deanna Rogers Bobby Thornton **Other Health Issues** Megan Brenna DeeDee Burch

Mary Burke (poor health) Renee Goodman (serious health issues) Clyde Jacques Lola Johnson (kidney) Beckie King (MS) Nikki Lawrence (migraines) Sonja Mays (poor health) Alvin Miller (poor health)