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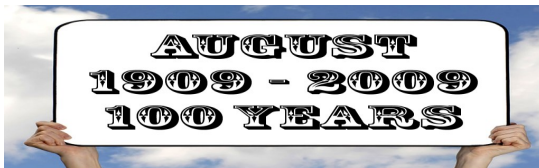
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Have you ever noticed how losing 1 hour can affect you so much? It seems like the days have gotten longer by at least 6 hours. The full effect of daylight savings time will not be here for a while. I know it is taking me a long time to get over the loss of 1 hour of sleep. I must be getting older. I usually always make the statement, why do we need to have daylight savings time? It seems to do nothing more than cause us to set a lot of clocks. After taking a closer look, maybe there is some good to come out of this.

Most of us seem to get into a rut and form habits when we do everyday tasks. If you don't believe me, take a second to think about something you do everyday. How about taking a shower? I'll bet you have the same pattern of shampooing, conditioner, soap, etc. and I'll also say it is such a habit that you most likely think of other things while that is going on. How about driving a car? Do you think about the gas and brake or is it out of habit? We all have something that we are very comfortable with. The bad part about a habit is we tend to forget how to do the task completely right. In the military, we were taught to depend on a checklist while performing tasks, why? It is simple; you forget things. I have seen people seriously hurt and even killed because they got into a habit and then forgot a step.



Maybe that is one of the good things with having daylight savings time; we have to rethink about things because of the change in daylight. We now have to factor in more or less light than we were used to. It causes us to break habits and rethink things. How about when the earth was destroyed by a flood? God forced man to rethink his ways and to break his habits. Jesus was born, then was crucified for our sins and resurrected. This was a new beginning and another chance for man to think and change his habits. God usually gives us something that will cause us to stop and take a look at the way we are

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England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be,

saved by the bell or was considered a ..dead ringer..



Goode Thoughts



I am an unapologetic news junky. I watch the television news when I can, I read it on the internet, and I receive two daily papers and a news magazine. I have this insatiable desire to know what is going on in the world and to try to understand and make sense out of it. The latter effort is usually an exercise in futility since a lot of news is beyond comprehension but that does not stop me from trying.

Arizona Citizen.



Because I am a news junky, the prospect of losing the newspaper industry is disconcerting. The 146 year old, Hearst published Seattle Post-Intelligencer is on the rocks. Its competitor, the Seattle Times, is also in peril. Another Hearst paper, the 144 year old San Francisco Chronicle is not far behind. Colorado's Rocky Mountain News ended its 149 year history in February. The Tucson Citizen, the paper that reported the gunfight in the OK Corral, will be closed by the end of March. Albuquerque lost its Albuquerque Tribune last year.

Admittedly, some of these will show up in some electronic form but this just ain't right! There is nothing like sitting down with a newspaper and a cup of coffee relaxing in the murder and mayhem of the world. Think of the ease of carrying a newspaper on an airplane or to a doctor's appointment and redeeming the down time by catching up on the news. Are you going to drag around a laptop for that? For goodness sakes, how are you going to have a sitcom without the father figure sitting in the recliner, nose in newspaper, ignoring the drama and crises of the family?

Some believe the loss of the newspaper is not just the loss of a medium; it is the loss of news. Joel Kramer, a former editor and publisher of the Star Tribune is quoted in a New York Times article as saying, 'It would be a terrible thing for any city for the dominant paper to go under,

Goode Thoughts *cont...*

because that's who does the bulk of the serious reporting (As cities go from two papers to one, talk of zero, March 12, 2009).' It is the newspapers that employ many of the cadre of reporters that snoop around in every corner of the world digging out the hard to find or define events of significance. Who will replace them?

I know that, even as I whine, other forms of news reporting are already filling in the gaps left behind by newspapers, and, in many ways, are precipitating the newspaper's demise. After all, this is not the first major shift in news reporting. Television reporting radically changed the way people received the news yet today we take it for granted.



The bottom line is that the news will always leak out. There will always be a thirst to hear and a thirst to tell. It is also true with the news we know as the Gospel, the good news. Ways of communicating change but the need to tell and the need to hear remain. The churches' ways of communicating have changed not just down through the centuries but down through the short one hundred years of Central Baptist Association. Revivals used to be (and in some areas still are) a dominant way to broadcast to communities the good news. Now it is through websites and podcasts. Preaching was exegetical and fire and brimstone. Now it is storytelling and relational.

Like with me and newspapers, we believe that the medium we know and grew up with is the best way to communicate. The truth is the best way is the way that allows people to hear. Uncork the news; let it go where it will go, celebrate the harvest that comes with the hearing.

1909 - 2009

Ken Hoode



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- 10th Good Friday ~ office closed
- 12th Easter
- 13th Library Meeting
- 15th Tax Day
- 16th Executive Board
- 17th Block Party Training
- 21st Annual Missions Tour / CBA Bible Drill
- 22nd Admin Professionals Day
- 23rd VBS Training



2009

Mission Tour

APRIL 21

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

First Spanish/Fruit Avenue Baptist Church

812 Fruit Avenue

Albuquerque

(1 block south of Lomas at 8th Ave.)

EVERYONE WELCOME

Bring: Non-perishable items for the food pantry

\$5.00 for lunch

Park in back

If you're bringing a group, phone 344-7711 so we know how much lunch to fix.

Church Library Ministry

The Church Library Ministry invites you to their next meeting April 13th at 1:00. They will be meeting in the Baptist Foundation conference room. The discussion topic will be on Reading Clubs.





Church Happenings!



Cottonwood Church

Cottonwood church had a problem, but one they were happy to have. They outgrew their facility. Cottonwood searched and searched for about 18 months for a larger place to meet. God made it clear where to go, when only one place came open, E. Stapleton Elementary School in Rio Rancho. Stapleton opened its doors and formed a partnership with the church that has been working well. Cottonwood is learning to be a mobile church. Several new people have stepped up to take on the task of setup and teardown for the services. Pastor Dan says he is very happy with the way they are growing and the connections that being in a school bring. They are still in need of a 3/4ton truck, so if you can help please let them know. 792-9191.



God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear....

Acts 10:40, NRSV



First Baptist Church of Albuquerque

FBC of Albuquerque started holding it's morning services on the Westside, January 4th. They are currently meeting in Petroglyph Elementary School until their new building is completed. The AWANA program and evening services have been meeting at the school for quite awhile, with some exciting times. The FBC staff is excited at the new possibilities associated with the move to the Westside. Since moving, new families have helped to grow the current congregation. While FBC is looking forward to moving into their new building, they are happy with the growth and changes associated with the move. If you would like more information about FBC, please call 247-3611



Mar. Riddle Answer

Find the hidden tiger ~

The words "The Hidden Tiger" are in the tiger's stripes!!!

Biblical Treasure Answer

February

I am musical ~ Psalm

Signatures of Declaration ~ On the Declaration of Independence there are 56 signatures = 56

MCMLXXXII - MCMLXXIX and + I ~ 1982 - 1979 = (3) and plus 1 (4) = 3 & 4

Psalm 56: 3 - 4 ~ When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?



A New Beginning *cont. from page 2*



doing things. Do you take that look or go back to habits?

The CBA is fast approaching it's 100th anniversary and throughout those years, we have had to stop and take a look at how we are ministering to the association. After a lot of prayer and planning, sometimes we have had to make some pretty sharp directional changes in our operations. In doing so, we have had to break a lot of habits and ruts in the way we are doing things.

When this happens, it is scary because they go against our trends and what was considered normal. The future itself will bring new and exciting times for all of us and yes we will have to make more changes. As God reveals His plan to us, we need to be able to adapt to the changes and what is in store for us. No matter what that plan may bring, good or bad, it is always a chance for a new beginning.

Biblical Treasure

The following are clues to a bible verse. Solve the clues to find the verse:

A fist unfolded

This squared is gross

Sodium's atomic

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