

Weekly Newsletter

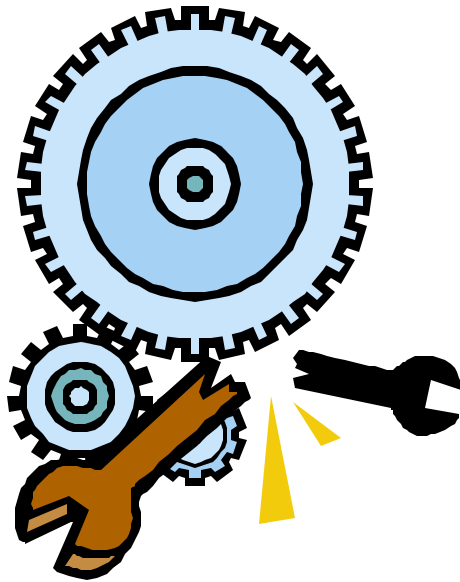
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Brokenness

By Steve Higginbotham

You finish the phrase: "If it isn't broken..." You're probably right. I'm sure most of you finished the line by saying, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it." And that's the way most of us would respond. However, if the Lord were to finish that phrase, it might go something like this: "If it isn't broken, break it."



At least that's how he would respond if he were talking about the human spirit and the human heart. Before we can be pleasing and useful to God, we must be broken; broken *by* the weigh of our sin and broken *of* our pride.

The psalmist said, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart; These, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Most things in life function best when they're not broken and don't need to be fixed. However, there are a few things in life that must be broken in order to be fixed. Give it some thought.

Don't Forget!

Family Bible Bowl

Sunday, December 10

CHRIST IN Youth

David Burluson, Youth Minister

Have you ever seen the artist on TV with the fuzzy hair? . You know, the guy who stands in front of a canvas with his color palette and paints? Bob Ross was his name. I understand he died a couple of years ago, but they continue to air his television show, teaching people how to paint.

While I could do without his comments about "happy clouds" and "happy trees," I have been amazed at his abilities. In a period of 20 minutes, this man could transform a blank piece of canvas into a beautiful work of art. On many occasions, I would see him make a stroke with his brush and think, "Aw, he's really made a mess with that stroke" only to be proven wrong. What seems to be mistaken strokes, eventually blend into something beautiful.



Don't you think it would help us if we could remember this when it comes to the working of God in our lives? At times, God allows things to happen to us that appear to us as though no possible good can come from it. Sometimes events may even make us feel that God has blundered with our lives. But as a skillful artist, He eventually brings first one and then another influence to bear upon it until something purposeful begins to emerge.

When life is a bit ugly, hang in there. Don't change the channel on God too soon. If you do, you may miss something beautiful.

— Steve Higginbotham

Just How Sure Are You?

By Steve Higginbotham

At this time of the year, much is said about the birth of Jesus. Soon you will see nativity scenes in yards, advertisements of Christmas pageants at area churches, and church message boards will contain sermon titles dealing with the birth of Jesus. In spite of how much people think they know about the birth of Jesus, I am amazed at how little some really know. You see, many people believe as fact, what is actually fiction. Maybe we're guilty of the same thing. Do you think you know the story concerning the birth of Jesus? Take the following quiz and see how you do. (The answers are on the next page. Wait! Don't look at the answers until after you've answered all the questions yourself.)

1. True False The Bible says that an appeared to Joseph to inform him concerning the birth of Jesus.
2. True False The Bible says Michael the archangel appeared to Mary to inform her that she was going to have a child.
3. True False The Bible says Mary had other older children, besides Jesus.
4. True False The Bible says Jesus was born in Jerusalem.
5. True False The Bible says Mary and Joseph were warned to flee to Judea because King Herod wanted to kill Jesus.
6. True False The Bible says that three wise men came to see Jesus.
7. True False The Bible says the wise men brought three gifts to Jesus.
8. True False The Bible says the wise men were kings from the Orient.
9. True False The Bible says Herod wanted to kill Jesus.
10. True False The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger.
11. True False The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.
12. True False The Bible says an angel appeared to the wise men saying, "Peace on earth and good will to men."
13. True False The Bible says the shepherds returned home another way after visiting Jesus, for they feared Herod.
14. True False The Bible says Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, but had traveled to Jerusalem for a census when Jesus was born.
15. True False The Bible says the wise men worshiped Jesus.
16. True False The Bible says a halo shone above the head of the new born infant, giving testimony of God's approval.
17. True False The Bible says an innkeeper told Joseph and Mary that there was no room in the inn, thus they went to the manger.
18. True False The Bible says the translation of the word "Immanuel" is "Savior."
19. True False The Bible says shepherds were present on the night of Jesus' birth.
20. True False The Bible says wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.

Here's my point...If we can be misinformed about something as fundamental as the birth of Jesus, what makes us think we cannot be misled regarding other religious matters? Friends, make sure your faith is not based on what others have told you is true, but rather make sure your faith is based on what you know to be true from your own personal study of God's word.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Judy Riley is being treated with medication and will not be going for treatment as previously expected.
- Tommy White underwent tests on Tuesday at the Centennial Hospital in Nashville. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Caroline Watkins is in room #364 at the Community Hospital. She has pneumonia. Prayers have been requested.
- Continue to remember Evelyn Alls and her family in your prayers.
- Continue to remember: Jesse Abney, Mary Anderson, Ellen Bale, Wendell & Lena Britt, Shawn Bryant, Linda Cable, Ruby Cloyd, Dorothy Coffey, Pauline Cole, Marie Denton, Jamison Dugard, Jim Dunaway, Ruth Elliott, Lucy Byrd Every, Eddie Gerald, Eugene Harlow, Sally Henry, Fred Hensley, Amanda Hinton, Caden Hodges, Carl Hutchinson, Preston Jolly, Stacey King, Jeanette Krume, George McKinley, Frankie Pace, Linda Pedigo, J.C. Polson, Cindy Proffitt, Robert & Nina Richardson, Todd Rodgers, Shelley South, Dixie Strode, Sherry Tabor, Ronnie Walker, James Williams and James Wooten.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Lura McDonald. She passed away Monday, November 20. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 24, in Gamaliel. She was the great-grandmother of Allison Brinkerhoff and Whitney Williams.

Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for all the prayers, kind words, thoughts and cards during my recent illness. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers.

Judy Riley

Restoration

Julie Page responded to the invitation at the Sunday evening service requesting prayers on her behalf. We are proud of Julie and want to honor her request and keep her in our daily prayers.

Area Singing

The Columbia Church of Christ, 501 Jamestown Street, Columbia, KY, will host a Singing on December 1, at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

Annual Parade Dinner

The annual Christmas Parade potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 5:00. Following the meal we will be able to watch the Christmas Parade as it make its way down South Green Street. Everyone is invited to attend.

Visitation Teams

Members of Visitation Teams #2 & #3 are reminded that the items for their upcoming Christmas project need to be left at the church building no later than December 3. Items may be left in the Conference Room.

Family Bible Bowl

Our Family Bible Bowl will held Sunday, December 10. The written exam will be given during the Bible Class period. At 2:00 in the afternoon teams will be participating in Quick Recall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Holiday Potluck

Sunday morning, December 17, we will have a potluck meal following the morning worship service in the church basement. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy this period of fellowship.

Answers To Steve's Article On Opposite Page
 1. True; 2. False; 3. False; 4. False; 5. False; 6. False; 7. True;
 8. True; 9. False; 10. False; 11. False; 12. False; 13. False; 14.
 False; 15. True; 16. False; 17. False; 18. False; 19. True; 20. False.

Sunday Morning, December 3, 2006

Deacon in ChargeRalph Dunbar/David Gray
 AnnouncementsDarrell Pitcock
 Song LeaderDavid Fant
 Opening Prayer.....Robbie Fudge
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the TableSam Bulle
Billy Pritchard
 Serving the AssemblyGary Brownfield
Wendy Frazier
Jim Kessler
Darrell Miller
 Serving the BalconyAllen Peden
Alan Beals
Jewett Steenbergen
 Closing Remarks.....Scott Bradford
 Dismissal Prayer.....Chris Page
 Greeters (Front Door)Tom Edwards
Georgia Edwards
 Greeters (Back Door)Runell Riddle
Sherian Gray
 Greeter (Side Door)Mary Frances Peden
 Assistance (Back Door)Larry Baldock
 Umbrella (Back Door)Ronnie Turner
 UshersGlen Birge
Guy Simmons
 Usher & Serve BasementJeff Harp
Tony Shirley
 Count ContributionMark Bowman
Randall Bray
Jonathan Dugger
Walter Smith
 Nursery Attendant.....Dottie Ritter
 Bake BreadLora Pritchard
 Bus DriverNick Pace
 Pick Up Attendance Cards.....Connor Birge
Tanner Wright

Sunday Evening Service

AnnouncementsDarrell Pitcock
 Song LeaderDavid Fant
 Opening Prayer.....Doyle Coffey
 Lesson.....Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the TableRob Cofer
Lynn Beals
 Dismissal Prayer.....Glenn Pritchard

Wednesday Evening Service

Song LeaderWalter Smith
 Prayer.....Mike Martin

**If Unable To Serve,
 Please Contact The Deacons In Charge**

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Worship Times:

Sunday Bible Study9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Ladies' Class10:00 a.m.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance397
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