

## SURPRISE VALLEY YOUTH CAMP GROCERY LIST

### Cereal

1-Trix

### Pop-Case of 12

1-Diet Orange  
1-Diet Grape  
1-Apple Sauce (46 Oz)  
1-Dawn Dish Detergent  
1-Pancake Syrup (24oz)  
1-Paper Towels  
1-Large Can Cut Green beans  
1-Large Can Whole Kernel Corn  
1-Large Bag Plain potato Chips  
1-Peanut Butter (16.3oz)

### Styrofoam Items

1-Package 8oz Cups  
1-Package 12oz Cups  
1-Package Dinner Plates  
1-Package Dessert Plates  
1-Package Cereal and Salad Bowls

## Surprise Valley Youth Camp Dates For 2011

[www.surprise-valley.net](http://www.surprise-valley.net)

First Junior Week June 19-25, 2011  
Second Junior Week June 26-July 02  
Director for both weeks Dewey Miller

Senior Week July 10-16, 2011  
Third Junior Week July 17-23, 2011  
Director for both weeks: George Erwin  
For a registration form see Roger!

### Camp rates For 2011

This year it will cost \$60 for those who pre-register and \$70 for those who register on opening day.



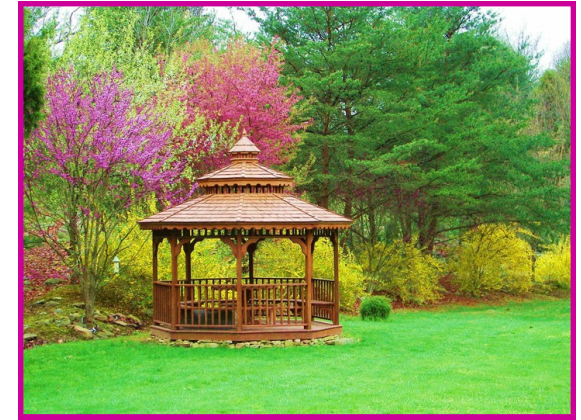
**Men's Business Meeting!**  
June. 12, 2011 @ 5 pm

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Al-len Mooney; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Debbie Boggs; Johnnie Blaylock Lewis Blaylock & Barbara Hill. **Health Problems:** Virgil & Emma Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Roy & N. Compton; Jean Walden; Sonya Radford; Shirley Coburn; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams; Gene Booth and Wanda Rowe. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** All hospice patients; Debbie Jones family; Diane Hal-eston eye problem; Billy Myers-Depression; Zack Holland-profound brain damage; Rex "Jimmy" Backus heart and lung problem; Tony & Robin Hodges-personal problems; Mini Mills-Broken elbow and knee. Sue Anderson-therapy; Don Hill-cancer; Vanessa Yeager-Vehicle accident and she is in ICU at Charleston General Hospital; Tammy Hodges-cancer; Calvin O'Donnell- in the PCH-pneumonia; Dosie Branscome-Heart problems; Brooke Steele-surgery on her heart at Duke in 2 1/2 weeks; Raymond Myers-breathing problem. Brandon Grove-back broken; Katie Hensley arthritis; Larry Scott-health problems; Sandy Pennington-Kidney problems; David Burton-ruptured blood vessel in his brain; Shelby Lindsey-fibromyalgia; Beth Kosinar-baby was born at 25 weeks-needs intestinal surgery; Tom Whittington-both cancer. Madsion Pennington-temp fluctuation. Darla Pitzer-sinus infection. . **Alzheimer's:** Zella England; Mary Lou Thomas, & Leo Hamby. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care; Ethel Pitzer- Country View Assisted Living; **Military:** Zachary McConnell.

**Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendar:  
Vacation Bible School July 27-29, 2011; Mini-Gospel Meeting July 30-31, 2011.

## Church of Christ



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## Exhorter June 5, 2011



### One Nation Under God?

By Ben Bailey

How shocking it was to hear the ninth circuit court of appeals declare the unifying force of our Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional. The phrase "One nation under God" has now been declared politically incorrect and religiously offensive. How far will our nation go from God? Did we not learn from September 11? The only way this nation will ever stand and prosper is to be under God's control. The atheist, skeptic and cynic are trying to push God out of our country. Yet many who claim to believe in God are breaking down this nation's spiritual fiber by the way they live. What does "One nation under God" really mean?

Righteous. The phrase one nation under God inherently means that we must be like God. God is wholly and completely righteous (1 Pet. 1:15, Heb. 12:14). Therefore, we as a nation must strive to be a righteous people. Solomon declared, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

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*Services:*  
*Sunday:*  
Bible Study: 9:30 AM  
Worship: 10:30 AM  
Bible Study: 6:PM  
Wednesday: 6:PM

*Serving Communion:*  
Don Hill  
Darrell Fletcher  
Don Davis

*TV Programs on Sunday*  
*In Search of the Lord's*  
*Way 7:30 am*  
*INSP Channel*

*The Gospel of Christ*  
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The only way our nation will be an exalted and wonderful place to live is when its people strive to do what is right in God's eyes. However, there are many practices in our nation that are a sinful reproach to God. For example, when we legalize abortion in our country we are no longer righteous (Prov. 6:16-19). When we allow homosexual marriages and lifestyles to be acceptable God is not pleased with us (Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:26ff). When gambling, immorality, and all kinds of filth are popular are we really one nation under God? Let's strive to put away sin and be a righteous people!

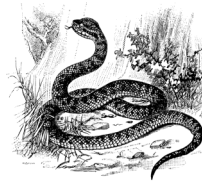
**Biblical.** To be one nation under God necessarily means we are under His word. The founders of our constitution and pledge of allegiance based much of their text upon teachings from the Bible. It is long overdue for our country to go back to the Bible for instruction. If we really want our country to be under God we must let God's word be over us. This means that each citizen must live his life by the word of God. It means that we should look to the Bible for the characteristics of a good political candidate. It also means that we should look to God's word as the legal standard for moral and ethical issues. The Bible must be the main textbook for everything our nation does!

It is heart rendering to see a time when our judicial courts try to overthrow God and the religious foundation of our nation. But what may be even sadder is the fact that many already have taken God out of our country by the way they live and act. Did the courts really take God out of our pledge of

allegiance or had we already removed Him? If we have already removed God then let's repent and put Him back over our nation. The only way this nation will ever survive these trying times is to strive to be righteous and biblical. May God give us the strength and courage to accomplish this!

### SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY

By Dennis Curd



Sometimes it is said that Christianity is simple. That thought is usually inspired by

Paul's statement to the Corinthians: "I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 Cor. 11:3). Simplicity there doesn't intend to convey the idea that Christianity is simple like one, two, three, but rather that it is simple in focus and honest in its position. But what does that mean?

Christians, like all down-to-earth regular folks, are honest people. They play by the rules, take care of themselves, and aren't out to get anybody. This very passage describes such a person, Eve. She and Adam were as innocent as they come, and because of that Satan took the opportunity. Like Eve, anyone who isn't expecting an attack is open to one. Satan on the other hand, more subtle than anyone else (c.f. Gen. 3:1), didn't play by the rules and was out to hurt everyone. It may be hard for good folks to believe that there are those who do that, but they need to face up to the fact that there are.

Christianity is simple focused and en-

couraging to the mindset of trust and honesty, but it is not a system that should create vulnerability. Jesus told His disciples that they were to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16). Jesus blends the best traits of Satan and Eve into the proper weave. Subtlety and deception are the results of wisdom that is from the world. Wisdom from God, however, has the ability to see danger and prepare for it. Eve had a dove-like nature, but she was unwise and unprepared for her attacker.

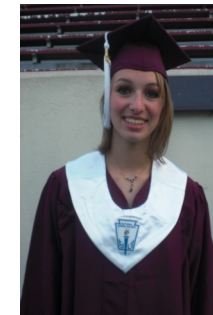
Paul is making that precise point in the passage cited at the beginning. He is warning those brethren not to be corrupted from the honesty and genuineness of what they had in Christ. Satan is always looking for weaknesses so that they can be used to bind and hold. Paul wanted those brethren to use their wisdom to see these attack points and simultaneously not to lose their simple hold on faith. Failure to do both will result in Satan's victory just like it did in Eve's case.

Jesus predicted that "The children of the world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). He isn't saying that's what ought to be, but what is often the case. The decency and honesty of Christian values can lull us into a false sense of security if we fail to re-member the enemy we face. We are to be wise to the dangers of evil without ever compromising the simplicity of Christianity's blessings. While some things about Christianity are simple, maintaining a balance between innocence and wisdom is anything but simple!



Elouise Rowe 06/01  
Justin Begil 06/03  
Gary Jones 06/03  
Evelyn Dunn 06/07

## Congratulations!



*We would like to congratulate Kayla Hazelwood on her graduation June 3, 2011. Kayla graduated with honors and was recognized*

*for her many accomplishments. Kayla is a member of the National Honors Society, the Virginia Tech Honor Band and the West Virginia University Honor Band. Kayla also received superior ratings at the Mercer County All County Band Performance. She is also an award winning field conductor for the BHS Marching Band for the field show, "The Mask of Zorro". Kayla enjoys English and Literature. Several of her writings were selected for Laurel Leaves. We are very proud of Kayla's accomplishments during her four years of high school. Congratulations! Kayla has received several scholarships and will be attending Bluefield State College in the Nursing Program. We wish you a happy and successful future.*