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Yes, having “come to know” HIS LOVE, let us forever believe it. Let us help others come to understand it is for them too if they will also unite their life to the Father in Christ. May we never question how much God truly does LOVE us.

Have a great day LIVING LIFE APPROPRIATELY RESPONSIVE TO GOD’S GREAT LOVE!

Carl Hanson - Via - TeenMail

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If your faith will not take  
you to worship, what  
makes you think it will  
take you to heaven?



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It’s There for Just That Purpose!

In 2001, a woman filed a federal lawsuit in Minnesota (Engleson vs. Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce). seeking to recover for injuries she suffered when she tripped over an orange traffic cone. The lawsuit was dismissed in November 2002 by Judge Donovan Frank, who said that since the very purpose of the bright orange traffic cone is to warn of imminent risk, citizens should not need to be warned that they are approaching bright orange traffic cones. [Engleson v. Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Civil No. 01-1072 (D. Minn), 11-28-02].

People never cease to amaze me. They say things and do things that, quite frankly, are idiotic! How many people need to be told what an orange traffic cone is for? It’s there for a purpose, for safety.

The same is true of the Bible. God has provided it in part for the purpose of safety; to safely lead us out of sin. But how many people, like the woman who sued because who tripped over the orange traffic cone, deride God’s Word because after reading it they realized it was pointing out their sins. And because they don’t like that, they put God’s Word on trial, in hopes that someone will put a label on it that says. “Warning! This book will reveal the worst things about you!”

Like the woman and the orange traffic cone and the people that scoff at God’s Word because it revealed too much of their sinful ways I have to say, “Wake Up! It’s there for just that purpose!”

“Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.” (Philippians 3:15)

Randy

**Worship And Study Opportunities**

**Sunday:**

Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
Worship.....10:30 A.M  
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**.....Leroy Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Eric Sharum

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....80  
Morning Worship: .....106  
Evening Worship: .....  
Wednesday Ladies' Class:.....  
Mid-Week: .....  
Contribution: .....\$6,966.60  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,752.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer .....Bryan Cain  
Closing Prayer: .....Brad McKinzie

Scripture: .....Kenneth Gregory

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Weldon Flanagan  
Closing Prayer: .....Klaus Mueller

Scripture: .....Tyler Brandon

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Keith Parrish  
Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez

Scripture: .....Caleb Sharum

**PRAYERS:** Earline Gregory is doing good after her knee replacement surgery on Friday, October 8th in Okla. City.

**SYMPATHY:** We express our deepest sympathy to Howard Parham and Sherry Riner and all the family of Virginia Parham who passed away on Friday, October 8th. Virginia's funeral was on Wednesday here at University.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** A special note of thanks to our church family during the recent loss of my grandmother. Your cards of sympathy and words of comfort were much appreciated. We also want to thank the church for the lovely ivy. We love you all, Randy & Kim

**THANK YOU** for prayers and cards on Levada's behalf. Glen

**THE ELDERS** have agreed to send Sarah Byrd a one time support to go towards her mission work in Germany. If you would like to add to this please give your donation to one of the Elders by this Sunday, October 17. Thanks

**MNFTM** is this **Monday, Oct. 18th** at 6:00 p.m. at the Student Learning Center.

The ladies who are providing cookies this Monday are:

- Jeanette Ball
- Janna Barrington
- Jo Blair
- Cathy Brennan
- Karee Curtis
- Kay Fox
- Karen Bender

**WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** grocery truck will be back in **December**.

**Shopping List:**

- Cheez Its
- Fruit Snacks
- Chili No Beans
- Candy Bars/Gum
- Capri Sun/100% Juice
- Tropical Fruit/Pineapple
- Potato/Tortilla/Frito Chips
- Honey Buns/Debbie Cakes
- Tub Margarine/Stick/Squeeze Parkay
- Hidden Valley/Catalina/Italian Dressing
- Grated Cheddar/American Sliced Cheese

**NON-FOOD:**

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Styrofoam 16 oz. Cups
- Styrofoam Divided Plates

**PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES ON THE FOOD ITEMS.** At first just bring items (non-food) or items that will not expire before next February

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, James Bolton, Joslyn Burch, Tim Doughty, Donna Fletcher, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Peggy Leverett, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Chesley & Jeannie Montague, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Kimberly Taylor, Juanita Turner, Dwaine Zacharias, Erin Bryan, Lauren Caldwell, Johnny Fitzsimmons, Donna Flower, Jason Hamlin, Sally Hayes, Dortha Adler, Marvin McCathern, Keith McIntyre, Paige Mitchener, Geraldine Nettles, Adam Ray, Chuck Ray, Martha Smith, Shirley Mueller's aunt, Wanda & niece, Emily.

Believe It!

Some things are so amazing they are hard to believe. Such good things can happen to us that we exclaim, "I can't believe it!" And though those may be the words we use, WE DO BELIEVE because we are experiencing it. Perhaps our view is such because we know we didn't deserve what we had received. Or we may have simply been amazingly surprised at the great kindness extended by another. Being overwhelmed as if it were a dream, we are greatly encouraged because WE KNOW it is real!

As John addressed the relationship we can have with God, he encouraged..."(16) so WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (17) By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world." (1 John 4:16-17 ESV)

Isn't GOD'S LOVE amazing? Even while we were still sinners God demonstrated HIS LOVE by sending His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10) Living in Christ we are the recipients of God's blessings both now and for eternity. It is not presumptive to acknowledge the salvation God has said is ours in Christ. TO KNOW was one of the reasons for which John wrote (1 John 5:13) and that knowing should fill us with confidence as we move through each day God provides.

Every blessing and promise of God is a declaration of HIS GREAT LOVE for us. Through God's Word He has told us HE LOVES us. Through His work of redemption God has demonstrated how much HE LOVES us. And the fact He wants us to remain in a covenant relationship with Him and to abide (dwell or live) in us also reveals how much HE LOVES us; the closeness of the relationship He desires to exist.

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