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Sunday:	
Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	
Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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1 Peter 2:7

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Our Feelings

A friend was commenting on his page his concern over the fact that instead of asking people today "What do you THINK" about any particular topic, we instead ask "How do you FEEL" about the topic. He received many responses. I added the following which I would like to also share with you because this has long been a concern and pet-peeve with me.

"I have been concerned over this change for many years. We transitioned from believing there is a such thing as objective truth, a right and a wrong, understanding and misunderstanding. Since there is now only "my truth" and "your truth", thus no actual truth, we can only "share" our feelings about topics." "Feelings are important and valuable but they are no substitute for thinking, nor do they take priority. We should not base our thinking on how we feel about the topic under consideration. We should base our feelings on what we believe is true about the topic after study and thought."

"Some years ago, Malcom Gladwell wrote a best-seller "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" which contends that our gut feeling and intuition often tells us the truth immediately and without the need for thought."

"In response, Michael R. LeGault wrote "Think: Why Crucial Decisions Can't be Made in the Blink of an Eye." He contends that Gladwell only looks at one side of decision-making without taking into account the critical-thinking process. He claims that the US is morphing from an Age of Reason to an Age of Emotion. As a result, Americans have become politically polarized, giving up on using logic and reason in favor of relying on ideology. We have come to think something is true because we believe it, not because there is evidence to support it."

"The Apostle Paul regularly "reasoned with" people from the Scriptures. God said, "Come let us reason together (Isa. 1:18). Let's use our feelings to strengthen our resolve after first reasoning, studying and thinking about what is true. What I think is not a substitute for Scripture (not the wisdom of man over the wisdom of God), but without thinking I will not understand Scripture or anything else for that matter."

"Everyone has a right to their own opinion, but not their own facts." (Daniel Patrick Moynihan)

"That's how I feel about it!" :) - *David West*

Raising Kids

I heard someone say a few days ago, "See, that just goes to show you that you can raise your kids in church all you want to, but....." and it literally shattered my heart. All because that kid had made a mistake. All because that kid's sin was brought to light.

Let me just tell you..... We don't raise our kids in church so they can grow up perfect. We don't raise our kids in church because it magically makes them unable to sin or holier-than-thou.

We do however raise our kids in church so WHEN they mess up and WHEN they fall short, they know just who to run to. So they know that their Lord and Savior will NEVER leave nor forsake them no matter how big or small their mess up might be.

So they know their Heavenly Father will always leave the 99 if they are that ONE that needs saving.

So they will know what grace is like and give it out freely.

So they will know the unconditional love of their Father and love those around them just the same regardless of anything else.

So they know that there is absolutely NOTHING in this world they could do that our Saviors blood hasn't already covered.

I will never apologize for raising my children in church. I will never apologize for making sure our family makes church a priority over anything else. Because it's more than just a song and a sermon. It's more than just a memorized Bible verse in Sunday School. →

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Beth Cunningham** has been in the hospital but is now at fighting an illness a home **Larry Hill** (brother of Phyllis Harris) is now home from the hospital..... We were glad to see **Francis Jones** able to be here last week after shoulder surgery... **Pat Spencer** received a good report recently. We're happy for her!.... **Karen Livesay** has also been having a tough time and needs our attention... Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home.. **Bob** and **Jean Evans** are also confined at home... **Rhea Vines** is recovering from surgery at her son, Roger's, house... **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village... **Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Pray for these!

BEREAVED. We share in sympathy with **Virginia Bishop** in the loss of her brother, Harold "Dean" Eugene Merritt. His funeral was conducted yesterday.

YOUTH TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP! We had our first class on June 3 on learning to make an outline. Next class will be early in July at the Weavers'. Get on board and pray for our young people.

GOSPEL MEETINGS (Mark your calendar!)

JULY 17-21 STONERIDGE - VBS!!

August 3-4 - 10th Annual Ladies Bible Study - Hwy 5 Mountain Home

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am.

JULY BIRTHDAYS. 6th - Sharon Parrish; 7th - Kathy Blackford; 10th - Evyn Cassidy, Teddy Horton; Addison Parnell, Almon Williams, Belva Williams; 13th - Jeff Ladyman; 16th - Paul Pierce; 18th - Sarah Stevens; 22nd - Kristie Lands; 23rd - Kaelyn Suell; 27th - Karleen Sheets; 28th - Konor Erickson

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It's for when this cruel world we live in comes knocking on their door, they personally know the solid rock on which they stand. -**Cheri Connor-Zacharias**

PARENTHOOD: If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!

The smartest advice on raising children is to enjoy them while they

are still on your side.



