



Kelham Korner

KELHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

- Dale Allen—recuperation/therapy; Janie
- Bob and Judy Barker—Covid
- Bette Fehrle—vertigo/dizziness
- Justine Hoel—well-being, therapy at home
- Julia Huntley—ongoing heart issues
- Ron and Deb Meek—thanksgiving, negative report
- Glenn Myrick—health issues
- Don and Jolene Rogers—skilled nursing to get back strength
- Joni Sapp—health & well-being
- Youth and leaders—large group
- President, leaders, and representatives, mayor and council, law enforcement—health, wisdom, courage, humility

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—health
- Tom Anderson—full recuperation
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Friend of Larry Bradley, Jerry Wright, health
- Imogene Carothers—well-being
- Delores Castleberry—health
- Dick Clark—well-being
- Dee Buckmier—health
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (in Texas)—health
- Maddy Frieden, friend of Claudia
- Mark Handley's son & brother, Tracy & wife, mom—Joyce
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- J. R. Hill—strength
- Danny Imhoff—health
- Chris McEver—well-being
- Sheila Noble—unspoken
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter—bile-duct cancer
- Shirley Smith—health
- Mitzi & Clarence Warstler—health/strength
- Paul Whatley's nephew (sister Michelle's son)

Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver

Our Homebound

- Willis Bottger (Norman VA)
- Imogene Carothers, (Purcell)
- Sam & Delores Castleberry (home)
- Pat Clark (Brookdale South)
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Crowley, TX)
- Ruth Greene (Bill Long's aunt, assisted living)
- Bill Harris (son's home, El Reno)
- J. R. Hill (home)
- Billye Murrell—assisted living, Texas
- Perry Neel—Ginger Montgomery's grandfather

For addresses and phone numbers for our homebound, call the office.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

October Birthdays

- 29 Carol Handley
- 31 Bill Rohling



Remember to fill your bottles and invest in LIFE!

We counted \$930.05 collected in the baby bottles yesterday. In addition, we have two more bottle that came in late we have to count. Great job! This will bless many lives.

Stewardship for the week of 10/25/2020

Budget Receipts:	\$8,630.50
Required:	\$3,383.36
Over/Under:	5,247.14
Bridge:	100.00
Operation Christmas Child:	100.00
Falls Creek:	700.00
T.A.B.:	40.00

Online Giving

<http://www.bfok.org/give-kelham>



October—cooking utensils (spatulas, slotted spoons, etc.), flatware, sewing kits, nail kits.



FALL BACK

Next Sunday morning, the time changes.



Guess Who!

Sunday after our morning service, while one group counted the baby bottles, another group put together boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have 200 boxes made up. The Packing Party is November 13. Please mark the date on your calendars and help us get these boxes ready to ship.

Thank You!

My precious church family,
Thank you for being such a great blessing in our lives during the past few months. I really have no words good enough to express how grateful I am to have the prayers, phone calls, the wonderful Wednesday meals, and great gift cards from such caring and thoughtful people. I do not know how people survive such ordeals without a loving God to pray to and to comfort us, and a church family to turn to for encouragement and support. I can never thank you enough but please know how much I love and appreciate all of you.

Dale Allen

Pray for Wisdom and Seek It



Proverbs 26 begins by cataloging traits of a particular type of “fool” (vss. 1, 3-12). The Book of Proverbs deals with five kinds of fools in its counsel from a father to a son (4:3-4): the simple fool (pethy), the stupid and silly fool (*kecy1*), the wicked, vile fool (*nabal*), the slothful fool (*'eviy1*), and the mocking fool (*luwts*). Encounters with each type of fool carry their own dangers. Contact with the particular fool Proverbs 26 describes, the silly fool (*kecy1*), is warned against in 14:7-8:

“Go from the presence of a foolish man (*kecy1*), when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge. The wisdom of the prudent is to understand but the folly of fools (*kecy1*) is deceit.” This is sort of a parallel to Psalm 1:1: “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful” (the mocking fool, *luwts*). The silly fool, with whom Proverbs 14 enjoins contact, wastes your time and tries to mislead.

“**Honour,**” according to Proverbs 26:1, is not “seemly” for the silly fool. “Honour” translates the word for “glory” or “fame.” Literally it means “heaviness.” “The book of Prov makes it clear that the trappings of glory without an accompanying weightiness of character was an offense to life,” according to Oswalt in the *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (Vol. 1, p. 943). Correcting this kind of fool requires harsh measures: “a rod for the fool’s back” (vs. 3). Alden noted that “fools who are encouraged might be just as destructive as snow or rain out of season” (*Proverbs: A Commentary on an Ancient Book of Timeless Advice*, p. 185). Bridges observed that this fool “neither hears the voice, nor sees the directing eyes [Ps. 32:8-9]. He will be ruled neither by reason or persuasion” (*An Exposition of Proverbs*, p. 416).

Two seemingly contradictory pieces of advice appear in verses 4-5: don’t answer a fool according to his folly; answer a fool according to his folly. Bridges explained that while apparently contradictory, the two verses offer two appropriate directions, depending on time and circumstance. In 2 Kings 18, Rabshekah, the emissary of Sennacherib, mocked and blasphemed God, but Hezekiah instructed, “Answer him not” (vs. 36). Jeremiah “turned away in silence from the false prophets” in Jeremiah 28:11). Yet there may be a time to answer the fool “according to his folly” so that silence is “not mistaken for defeat. Unanswered words may be deemed unanswerable, and *the fool* becomes arrogant, more and more *wise in his own conceit*” (vss. 5, 12). Bridges cited Job

answer to his wife’s counsel to curse God and die: “Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?” Moses became like the rebellious fools in Numbers 20:10: “Must we fetch you water out of this rock?” He then struck the Rock instead of merely speaking to it, contrary to God’s direction. We know the Rock was a picture of Christ, and Moses’ response kept him from the Promised Land. This kind of fool is unfit for service because he makes so many mistakes either through lack of care or stubborn resistance; so sending a message by this fool is to invite floods of destruction. Furthermore, as Bridges noted, “*Fools* are either unqualified for their mission, or they have their own interests to serve, at whatever cost to their masters.” An authoritative saying in the mouth of a fool becomes a jest. “Never does a *fool* appear so ridiculous, as when making a show of wisdom.”

The sling securely attached the stone, making it an instrument of death. Giving honor or position to a fool makes him a curse. Haman, promoted as the king’s right-hand man, “would have been the murderer of the chosen nation” had God not intervened through the intercession of Esther (Esther 3:1-5). The sad truth is the fool does damage to himself at the same time he damages others: “As a thorn goeth up into the hand of the drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools” (Prov. 26:9). The drunkard is insensitive to pain; so the fool has no idea when he hears wisdom.

God will judge the fool for his ignorance—for what he should have known and for what he did know but ignored. When this fool sees the error of his ways, it is but temporary, and he returns to the same old habits (vs. 11). Concluding the lesson on this kind of fool, God points his finger at him as an example, a lesson to be learned. This fool “holds himself fit to be a standard: the false persuasion that he has gained wisdom utterly precludes him from gaining it” (Bridges, p. 421). In *Poor Richard’s Almanac*, September 1753, Ben Franklin echoed the warnings of Proverbs concerning fools: To have intimate friendship “with a foolish friend is like going to bed with a razor” (<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Franklin/01-05-02-0051#BNFN-01-05-02-0051-fn-0002>).

We are coming to the end of a crazy season and a crazy year. Surely God has wisdom for us in these days if we seek Him honestly and sincerely. When Solomon became king of Israel, God told him to ask whatever he wanted (1 Kings 3:5). Solomon asked for “an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil” (vs. 9). “Understanding” translates a word that means “hearing” and “obeying.” Solomon sought to be able to discern the right from the wrong, to hear God speak. May we seek that kind of wisdom for ourselves and for those who represent us. May we and they be able to discern between wise men and fools.

Brother Gary

