Parsons Proclaimer

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WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SUFFERING?

(Boycotting God) HTH/HTH

If God protected His followers from all harm, then people would follow Christ for physical rather than spiritual reasons.

If no Christian ever got cancer, had a heart attack, suffered from a disease or was injured in an accident, would churches have any problem baptizing people? Every patient in every hospital, rehab center, and nursing home would line up at the door waiting a turn.

Jesus strongly desires that all follow Him (Matthew 11:28; 1 Timothy 2:4), but He wants followers to understand the need for the healing of the eternal soul, not just the earthly body (1 Peter 2:24).

Back to "boycotting God." C.S. Lewis observed, "A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

David wrote, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall hold them in derision" (Psalm 2:2-4).

Instead of boycotting God, let's serve Him. Instead of blaspheming, let's bless His name. Truly, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). We can trust God.

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MEN TO SERVE

Bible School Devotion 11/21/21	
Singing	Zoey Graham
Prayer	Brooks Goff
Worship 11/21/21	
Announcements	Anthony Curtis
One Hymn	-
Prayer	
Two Hymns	•
Message	
Invitation Hymn	
Communion Hymn	
Scripture Reading (1 Corinthians 11:26-29)	Jeremy Goff
Lord's Supper(Head)	Jeremy Goff, Johnny Allen
Alec Beasley, Tyler Holder, Mich	eal Parrish and Tony Phillips
One Hymn	Nick Jones
Offering Hymn	Nick Jones
Scripture Reading (2 Corinthians 9:5-9)	Jeremy Goff
Contribution	
Final Hymn	Nick Jones
Closing Prayer	Anthony Curtis
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Sunday Evening Worship 11/21/21: Thanksgiving Servi	ce, 6:00 PM
Wednesday 11/24/21	
Song Leader	Jeremy Goff
Prayer	Keith Phillips
Invitation	Jay Farlow
Announcements	Martin Klamm
Closing Prayer	Martin Klamm

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FAMILY NEWS

<u>SICK:</u> Jim Barnett is in AHC in Savannah for rehab. Caroline Pearcy broke her arm last week in a cheerleading practice.

<u>CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:</u> Tammy Aldridge, Martha Coleman, Bobby Culp, Rick Hudson, Danielle Mathis, Nancy Rainey, and Kenny Stephens.

CHECK YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1.	This New Testament prophet predicted a great drought. (Acts 11:28; 21:10-15).
<i>2</i> .	This man's wife had a frightening dream about Jesus (Matthew 27:17-19).
	Disciples were first called Christians in this city (Acts 11:26).
	Paul was once a student under this famous Jewish teacher (Acts 22:3-4; 5:28-40).
<i>5</i> .	King Og is remembered for owning what object "nine cubits long"? . (Deuteronomy 3:11).
6.	This man was chosen to take Judas' place (Acts 1:15-26).
<i>7</i> .	What was the name of the vow which Samson was under? (Judges 16:13-21).
8.	A sorcerer who was smitten blind before Paul (Acts 13:8-11).
9.	This wicked queen tried to murder Joash (2 Kings 11:1).
10.	Commander of King Saul's army (1 Samuel 14:50).



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday (Acts 3-5) Monday (Acts 6-8) Tuesday (Acts 9-11) Wednesday (Acts 12-14) Thursday (Acts 15-17) Friday (Acts 18-20) Saturday (Acts 21-25)

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Life in these United States

Freshly out of college, I was a minister at a small church in Texas. The region had been suffering a drought, and one hot afternoon a farmer and I were discussing the weather. "Those look like serous clouds over there," he said, pointing to the southwest.

"You must mean cirrus clouds," I replied, smug with my college education. "Actually, they're probably cumulus clouds."

He eyed me for a moment. "Son," he said, "there's just two kinds of clouds—them that's serious and them that ain't.

My husband and I were shopping in a garden center and overheard a woman ask the clerk if the plant she had chosen was a house plant or was better outdoors.

After a short pause, the clerk answered, "Plant it outdoors. If it dies—then it was a house plant.

ARGUMENTS

Nursing a grudge is like arguing with a policeman—the more you do it, the worse things get.

The Record Speaks						
Attendan	ce		Contribution 2557			
Wed. BS	35		Budget 3110			
SMBS	48		_			
SMW	76					
SEW	36					
Assemblies						
Sunday Morning Bible Study9:30 a.m.						
Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.						
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 p.m.						
Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.						
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