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Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & A Time of Fellowship!



Every year we work to conclude the years activities with a wonderful time of fellowship with all of our ministers and a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner to show our appreciation for all.

This year will be a little different from previous years.

For our final services of 2021, we are planning another three day Camp Meeting gathering.

The schedule will be as follows:

*Thursday, November 4th
at 7:00 p.m.*

*Friday, November 5th with services at
10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, November 6th ending after
the 10:00 a.m. service.*

Immediately following the morning service, we will conclude the meetings with our **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** and a time of fellowship!

We will be providing everything for the Dinner, including plenty of turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, and rolls.

We will also be providing a variety of pies, cakes and other desserts!

Due to the danger of spreading the Covid 19 virus, we will not be using carry-in dishes and foods.

Masks and hand sanitizers will be provided to anyone who desires to use them.

We will also be looking for volunteers to assist in the preparations of the meals and serving duties in order to limit exposure.



Rooms will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.



Many singing and preaching CDs are still available by Rev. Leslie and Margaret Buckner. Next month we will provide a more complete list.

This month's featured Singing CD

Rev. Leslie Buckner Sings

How comforting to still be able to hear this familiar voice.

Here is a list of the songs on this anointed CD.

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| 1) I'm Using My Bible For A Roadmap | 6) Blow Ye the Trumpet |
| 2) Too Much To Gain To Lose | 7) I Saw the Light |
| 3) Paul's Ministry | 8) Coming Soon |
| 4) There's A Higher Power | 9) Life's Railway To Heaven |
| 5) On the Wings of the Great Speckled Bird | 10) March Around the Throne |
| | 11) The Great Speckled Bird |

This month's featured Book by Rev. Leslie Buckner

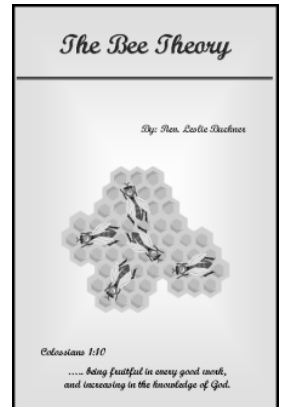
The Bee Theory



Rev. Leslie Buckner has authored numerous booklets based on the anointed preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

Content Overview of The Bee Theory:

Unbelievers will not commit to a church hive loaded with depressing gossip, backbiting, and troubled issues. They are already suffering with that in the world system. We should do as the "HONEY BEE" does. Keep our problems within the hive. Solve your personal problems at home or in private counseling sessions with the pastor. Solve your church problems within the church at private meetings. Never take church issues out to the world!



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The June Camp Meeting was a wonderful time of refreshing, renewal, and deliverance. Everything worked together very smoothly and the presence of God was genuine. We are assured that every message was directed of the Spirit of God.

This was the closing message on Saturday morning and was ministered by Rev. Debbie Roberson, the Corporate Secretary of Bible Way Association.

God's Work is Teamwork!

From a message preached at the June 2021 Camp Meeting

*The original text was read from **Exodus 18:13-27** and is a significant foundation for this message.*

I believe the directions Moses received here in this passage in Exodus were not just advice from his father-in-law but instruction from his God.

Valuable Quotations

A message seen on a wall plaque said, "If I had it to do all over again, I'd get some help!"

President Woodrow Wilson wisely said, "We should not only use all the brains we have but all that we can borrow."

President Lyndon Johnson said, "There are no problems we

cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves."

I'm sure you've also heard that behind every able man and woman, there are always other able men and women. These statements are scriptural; this is what the Word of God teaches us.

I believe that God's work is Teamwork.

A popular song says, "Me and Jesus, we've got our own thing going, me and Jesus, we've got it all worked out." I don't sing that song anymore because I have learned that it's God's will that there be Teamwork in our families, workplaces, ministries,

churches, Bible Way Association, and the Kingdom of God. In the New Testament, the word “together” is splashed everywhere. The word “fellowship” is there time after time. God’s work is Teamwork.

God is a Team

For example, though I’ve never been able to wrap my brain around it, “God” is “The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost,” each with unique work, yet in complete unity. God is Trinity. That Trinity is a team.

God and Man are a Team

Even in the beginning, God said, “Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.”

So we see God wanting man to join the team. **Genesis 2:4-7** reveals that one purpose of the creation of man was because *“there was not a man to till the ground.”*

Ezekiel 22:30 shows us an example of God looking for a man to cooperate with Him to make up the hedge and stand in the gap before Him that He should not destroy the land. Once recently, during a stressful, labor-intensive season in my life, I believe I heard the Lord say to me that He needs “boots on the ground.” So I was encouraged, realizing anew that I was on assignment here in my “neck of the woods” with an important mission in the work of the Lord.

I Corinthians 3:9 *For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.*

What an incredible privilege that the God who created the universe and, as He is still continually working, chooses us to work and labor with Him on His team! Has God done anything since He created humankind without working with and through us? Notice the scripture said, “we are labourers *together* with God.” God works through each of us individually, but His perfect will is that we individuals team up “together” in unity, pooling our gifts, talents, and resources working with God together. If you think your ministry is all about you and you have it all covered, is that really God’s plan for ministry?

Jesus Worked with a Team and still does!

One of the first things Jesus did as He began His earthly ministry was to select a team, and that team has continued to grow throughout the centuries. Though He was God in human form, He didn’t go solo. He wasn’t a one-man-band or a lone ranger. He immediately got help. Jesus modeled for us “How to do ministry.”

Mark 3:14 *And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.*

Notice that not only did he choose these partners so they could learn from Him and He could empower them to carry on His ministry, He also chose them so “*that they should be with Him!*”.

Notice that in the day Jesus prophetically rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, He wasn’t the one who went to retrieve and prepare the donkey. He gave that assignment to His disciples.

When He had the last supper with His disciples, He wasn’t the one that prepared and served the meal. The disciples were given the task of preparing the supper.



When He was about to be crucified, and his heart was exceedingly sorrowful, He didn’t go alone to the garden of Gethsemane to pray; He asked His disciples; His friends; His ministry partners, “tarry ye here, and watch with me.”

Even after His ascension until now, He still has a team. He’s still sending His disciples on assignment! You, and you and you; team up together with Jesus. He said, go, but I’m coming with you!

Mark 16:20 *And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

What Jesus modeled during those three and a half years of ministry was “Teamwork”. No matter how anointed and gifted you are, you can’t do successful ministry all by yourself. It’s not God’s plan.

Paul and the Other Apostles Worked as a Team

Paul mentions nearly 40 ministry partners in Romans 16 alone. Others are mentioned from time to time as the Holy Ghost placed him into partnerships and ministry teams. Several of the epistles were written from Paul and his ministry partners, such as Timothy.

Paul was a team-player!

I love what he wrote to his friends in Romans.

Romans 1:11-12 *“For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; ¹² That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”* Proverbs also says, *“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”*

The Great Commission has always required many participants!

“Go ye” is plural. We have our parts to play that intermingle with all the other parts.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.⁷ So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.



A well-known Christian financial expert and author, Dave Ramsey, told a story about the **Belgian Draft Horse**. This particular breed is known for its size and strength, weighing in at 2,000 pounds, standing nearly 6 feet tall, and capable of pulling 8,000 pounds in competition.

When yoked together, a team of two can pull not just 16,000 pounds but 24,000 pounds. Two Belgian Draft Horses can pull

three times the weight of one. Further, if those two horses are raised and trained together, they can pull as much as 32,000 pounds, that’s four times the weight a single horse can pull!

Teamwork can achieve greater results. As scripture tells us, one can chase a thousand, but two can put 10,000 to flight. Don’t try to go solo; you’ll stay low.

We all must have our personal relationship with our Lord. But as He leads, we must learn to follow His lead and instructions. We find that our assignments always lead us to intertwine with the work and roles of others.

Another example of “How to do Ministry”

If you aren’t familiar with Nehemiah’s mission to rebuild the broken-down walls of Jerusalem after the people’s return from captivity in Babylon, you may want to read that entire story. Here we will point out how a tremendous feat was accomplished in 52 days by the people standing next to each other and working together.

Nehemiah 3:1-4 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even



unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.² And **next unto him** builded the men of Jericho. And **next to them** builded Zaccur the son of Imri.³ **But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.**⁴ And **next unto them** repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And **next unto them** repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Mesheza-beel. And **next unto them** repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

When God puts a call on your life, He does not expect you to fulfill it all by yourself. Just look around and see who He has placed **next to you** for you to work with; you'll find them if you look for them. Be careful not to dismiss people too quickly. Be open to God's choices for you. It's important to honor people because the people in our lives that we honor will be drawn to us with all that they're carrying. Also, the people we dishonor will be repelled from us along with all the gifts, talents, resources, and blessed relationships God may have intended to support our ministry and life's journey. At the same time, we also would have enriched their life and calling!

Let's be careful not to take seemingly chance connections for granted. I believe in God connections; Divine connections.

The Bible says He puts the solitary in families. I believe, He also puts pastors and people together in churches. He puts churches in connection with associations, such as "Bible Way", for their mutual benefits. He knows who fits together. We find ourselves here connected in this Association of ministers and churches, and I do believe by God's design.

An "Association"

The primary definition for "association" is an organization of people with a common purpose and having a formal structure. Synonyms for association are friendship, companionship, connection, partnership, club, alliance, combination, and joint participation.

In Ephesians chapter four, speaking about the Church, verse 16 uses the word joint in a way I find interesting.

***Ephesians 4:16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

The Body of Christ; the Church is being built up by every joint supplying and being fitly joined to the whole.

The New Testament provides several metaphors or symbolisms to demonstrate the unity of the

Church. In Ephesians two, we are fellow citizens with the saints, and the household of God. In Ephesians six, we are an army. I Corinthians 12 teaches us we are the Body of Christ, Jesus said we are the branches, and He is the Vine. The universal Church and each local church have to work together to accomplish what God has for us to do.

I received a revelation one day while studying **Mark 6**, where Jesus and His disciples fed 5,000 men plus women and children. It was definitely a miracle that the fishes and loaves were multiplied, but it was also quite an accomplishment for His disciple to distribute to that great multitude. Verses 39 and 40 tell us how the distribution was organized. Jesus instructed them to sit the crowd down in companies; ranks of fifties and one hundreds. Later, I also read where a Barna poll was taken a few years back to determine the average size of the Christian churches in the world. There are many churches with thousands of people, but also small churches of 10 and sometimes less. The poll concluded that the average church is from 50 to 100! That's how the Lord is feeding and caring for His sheep today. I pastor in a town that has been called the city of churches. Why did God call us to start another one? Because there were still people, who weren't being fed and led. Your

church is important; my church is important. But I also believe that Associations like Bible Way are essential as well to give support, fellowship opportunities, connections, and partnerships where can draw strength from and uplift one another.

Geese formation

Here's an illustration I read by Chuck Swindoll.

Have you ever wondered why geese fly in an organized V Formation? Here is what I've learned.

On their way to a warmer climate, geese often cover thousands of miles before reaching their destination. When one lead goose gets tired, it changes places with one in the wing of the V-formation and another flies at the point.



By flying as they do, the members of the flock create an upward air current for one another. Each flap of the wings literally creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. Some say that by flying in a V-formation, the whole flock gets 71 percent greater flying range than if each goose flew on its own.

When one goose gets sick or wounded, two fall out of formation with it and follow it down to help and protect it. Those two stay with the struggler until it's able to fly again.

The geese in the rear of the formation are the ones who do the honking. Maybe it's their way of announcing that they're following and that all is well. For sure, the repeated honks encourage those in front to stay at it.

Geese teach us a lot. It is the natural instinct of geese to work together. Whether it's rotating, flapping, helping, or simply honking, the flock is in it together...which enables them to accomplish what they set out to do.

This story of the geese helping the wounded probably reminds you of this scripture in

Ecclesiastes 4:9 *Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.¹⁰ For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.¹¹ Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?¹² And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

No matter what our differences are, we must strive and work shoulder to shoulder. Ephesians chapter four also tells us to

endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of faith. Sometimes we have to work at working together. But how rewarding it is.

Psalm 133:1 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

Sequoias: the Giant Redwood trees

Trees called the Sequoia, or the Redwood trees, are said to be the largest living things on earth. They reach almost 250 to 325 feet in the air and more than 30 feet in diameter and live for 1500 years.



Each tree's roots grows down only about 4-12 feet below the ground.

While growing deeper helps many trees remain upright, the Redwood tree does not have deep roots.

But if you look around the tree, you will notice that the Redwood trees grow only in groves or bunches.

While some of the roots of these trees are only 4 feet below the ground, they are intermingled with the roots of the other Redwood trees next to them. One tree has other trees surrounding it, supporting it and keeping it strong. They are literally holding each other up! No Redwood grows alone.

We need to be individually rooted and grounded in Christ, but I believe He wants our roots to be intertwined in Him. We need one another; We need to hold one another up, support, comfort, and celebrate with one another. We need to get together, talk together, pray together, worship together, and stay together.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

We would do Brother Buckner no justice if we were to quit and disband or abandon the work, the mission, the vision he's shared with us, and that we've shared with Him for so many years. God blessed the beginning of Bible Way Association and has continued to bless all these many years. We can be confident that the good work God has begun in us; He will continue to bless as we carry on, "*not just hang on,*" by moving forward and building together in unity.

God's work is Teamwork.

We are laborers together with God.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Due to a typographical error we have republished a portion of the obituary for Karen Turner .

Karen Turner 1960 - 2021

Karen Lynn Turner, 60-year-old resident of Doniphan, MO, departed this life Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

She was born July 22, 1960 in St. Louis, MO to the late Frances (Jones) and Benjamin Holland, Sr. Karen was a registered nurse.



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