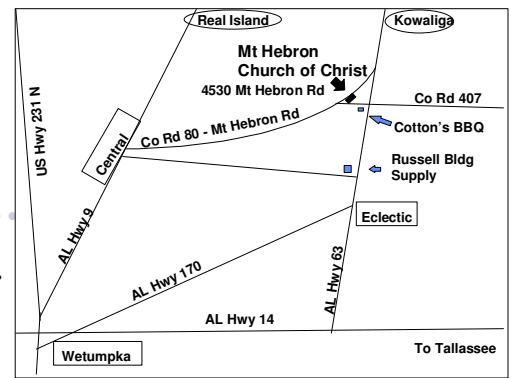


# Neighborly News

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## Why should I? A great way to live

- Why should I say “I can’t” when the Bible says I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13)?
- Why should I lack when God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)?
- Why should I fear when God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7)?
- Why should I be weak when the Lord is the strength of my life (Psalm 27:1; Daniel 11:32)?
- Why should I feel like a failure when I am a conqueror in all things through Christ (Romans 8:37)?
- Why should I allow Satan supremacy over my life when He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)?
- Why should I lack wisdom when God gives wisdom to me generously when I ask for it (1 Corinthians 1:30; James 1:5)?
- Why should I accept defeat when the Bible says that God always leads me in triumph (2 Corinthians 2:14)?
- Why should I be depressed when I have God’s loving kindness,

compassion, and faithfulness to give me hope (Lamentations 3:21-23)?

- Why should I worry when I can cast all my care on God who cares for me (1 Peter 5:7)?

*“And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

*- Christ (John 8:32)*

- Why should I be in bondage when the truth has set me free (John 8:32)?
- Why should I feel condemned when there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)?
- Why should I feel alone when Jesus is with me always, even to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)?
- Why should I be discontented when I can be content in all my circumstances (Philippians 4:11)?
- Why should I feel worthless when Christ values me (1 Corinthians 4:5)?
- Why should I have a persecution complex, knowing that nobody can be against me when God is for me (Romans 8:31)?
- Why should I let the pressures of life bother me when Jesus has overcome the world and its tribulations (John 16:33)?

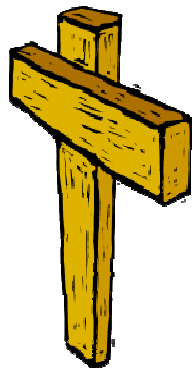
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**Come and visit us**  
**Sunday**  
**Bible Classes 10:00 AM**  
**Worship Services 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday**  
**Bible Classes 7:00 PM**

—adapted from Herb Patnaude

*“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” —John 10:10*

## GOD’S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

God's Grace	- Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	- Romans 5:9
The Spirit's Gospel	- Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	- Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	- Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	- Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	- 1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	- James 2:24
Christian's Hope	- Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	- Revelation 2:10

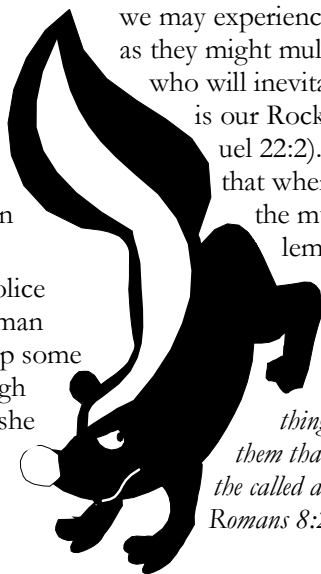


“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

## I've got a skunk in my basement

A little old lady called the police station begging for help. "I've got a skunk in my basement!" As a solution, the policeman told her to crumble up some bread and make a trail of the crumbs up the stairs, through the house, and out the door. The policeman then instructed her to leave the house for an hour.

An hour later the lady called the police again. "I need help!" The same policeman asked her, "Ma'am, did you crumble up some bread, make a trail up the stairs, through the house, and out the door?" "Yes," she replied. The policeman asked, "Then, what is the problem?" The lady cried out, "I now have TWO skunks in my house!"



Problems are inevitable. But as sure as we may experience problems, and as sure as they might multiply, there is a God who will inevitably see us through. He is our Rock and Deliverer (2 Samuel 22:2). We can know assuredly that when we face problems—or the multiplication of problems—God will take care of us. Be patient, be positive and have faith in Almighty God!

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" — Romans 8:28*

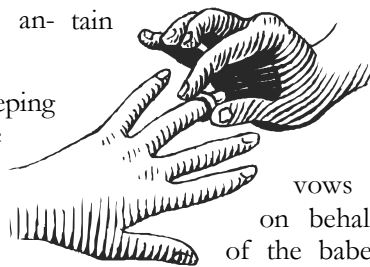
## Can one be married without consent?

I have a dear preacher friend who is not married.

She will, of course, answer, "I do."

While considering his marital state, and the awful misery he must be experiencing, I thought perhaps it would be better if he were married. I have happened upon a plan that would accomplish my desired end, and thought I might share it with our readers.

I will then ask my sleeping brother, "Do you take this woman to be your wife?" Unable to answer for himself, we will permit the woman to answer for him. I will then pronounce them husband and wife, awake my friend, and inform him of his good fortune!



Some afternoon, while he is sleeping, I will get some fine Christian lady to accompany me, along with the necessary witnesses, to his home. We will quietly sneak in and, while my friend in sleeping, I will put the question to the bride-to-be:

"Will you take this sleeper to be your lawful wedded husband?"

Ridiculous you say? Absolutely. But is there any difference between the procedure in our imaginary intentions and what is done in the modern-day practice of infant baptism? I think not! There is not one single infant upon whom the rite of baptism is pronounced, that is aware of what is taking place. Sponsors (usually the parents) take cer-

vows on behalf of the babe, for which there is not one shred of evidence in the New Testament to authorize such a practice. When will we learn that only those who believe and confess the name of Christ before men are viable candidates for obedience in the watery grave of baptism.

Think about it. —Tom Wacaster

*"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ... Mark 16:16*

## Star performer on a winter circuit



Go almost anywhere in the suburbs or the country and you will see chickadees. A full-grown chickadee seldom weighs more than half an ounce, about the weight of an ordinary letter. Inside that tiny body is a heart that beats close to 500 times a minute, so fast that through a stethoscope its sound is practically a buzz. Its body temperature ranges around 105 degrees, which accounts for that high-tension activity.

On a cold day a chickadee needs its own weight in food to keep the inner fires burning. Its feathers, which make it appear the size of a sparrow when they fluff out, help hold warmth, while the dark back and head gather additional heat from the winter sun.

This bird is a lively personality! It can be a ham actor, a bully, a wheeler or an acrobat. It loves a human audience and comes to the dooryard feeder as much for companionship as for a snack. As an entertainer, the feathered song-and-dance performer gets, and deserves, top billing on the winter circuit of the dooryard feeders.

*"And God created... every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good" — Genesis 1:21*