

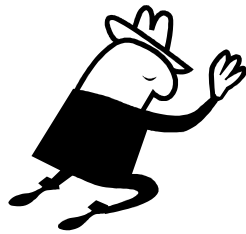
Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper

Worn-Out Knees

On February 26, 1829, a Jewish boy named Leob Strauss was born in a cottage in the Bavarian village of Bittenheim. As a young man, Leob changed his name to Levi and wound up in California, where he opened a textile company in San Francisco. One day a gold miner walked into Levi's shop and assailed the young merchant. "Look at these," said the miner, pointing to his pants, "I bought 'em six months ago, and now they're full of holes!" When Levi asked why, the miner explained, "We work on our knees most of the time." "What you need is some really strong material." replied Levi. "We have some canvas. It's used to make tents. If we make your trousers out of canvas, I'm sure they won't get holes." A tailor was called, and presently the miner had a set of trousers--and the rest is history. Soon miners across the West were wearing Levi Strauss's

jeans. (borrowed from Stephen Van Dulken)

THOUGHT: Christians should have the same problem that plagued that miner--pants with worn-out knees--for we ought to do most of our kingdom work on our knees. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:14)



Sermon Notes:

"Let's Focus On The Cross of Jesus Christ"

I. Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:21-25.

- Jesus Christ! Jesus means "God saves". . . Christ means "the anointed one of God."
- The last three years of His life He spent doing ministry. (Matt 20:28)
- The symbolism of the cross that represents His death.
- Death by crucifixion was the most despicable, . . . Form of death.
- Create a word to explain the pain of the cross "excruciating"
- After the person died on the cross, the body left to rot.
- The Cross is GOOD NEWS.

II. Jesus Died! Why is that Good News?

- Paul summarizes for us why the cross is good news in 1 Corinthians 15:1ff.
- The Doctrine of the Atonement is under attack today. We cannot shy away from the cross!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 6th Labor Day Picnic @JB Williams Park in Glastonbury.
- September 9-11th Serve at the shelter
- September 12th Fellowship groups
- September 19th Congregational Potluck
- October 3rd Leadership Meeting @4:30

AREA EVENTS

- Sept. 16-18th Gander Brook Ladies Retreat
- Sept 23-25th Gander Brook Men's Retreat
- Sept. 26th 7 Enemies of the Home-series @ Waterbury C of C
- Oct. 8-10th Ladies retreat @Timothy Hill Camp

* See the bulletin board for more information

Welcome To Our Worship

If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guest. We ask that you fill out the PRAYER REQUEST CARD in the packet you received as you entered and please drop it in the collection plate. We hope that you are encouraged and grow closer to God as a result of being here today.

Church Address:

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Assembly Times

Sunday:
Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday: Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.
*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday eve.
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PRAYER LIST

Our Manchester Family

- **Becky Todd** (waiting for heart transplant).
- **Eleanor Arey**— Crestfield rehab
- **Ken Arey**—St Francis Hospital—fluid problems
- **Anne Rideout**—Hartford Hospital.

Family & Friends

- **Don Bennett** – Northside Minister-(cancer)
 - **Chris Kelley**—Jean's son (serious condition)
 - **Trudy Wright**—Marsha Adams mother (cancer)
 - **Helen Chase**—Mike's mother (receiving Chemo).
 - **Richard Chang's** mother—heart surgery
- **The Stafford's daughter, Jill**, medical procedure on Sept 8th in North Carolina.

Those Traveling

- **Robert and Holly Klein family** gone out west.
- **Toimi and Candi** are in Nashville.
- **Jim & Jodi Dean**—Haiti
- **Charlie & Mary Brown**—Ohio

Those looking for employment:

- **Richard Chang**.

A new **ladies Bible class** will be starting in the church library for those ladies who are available on Tuesday mornings. It will be from 10 to 11 A.M. starting September 7. Contact the church office for more information, or just come to class on September 7.



Women's Fellowship

September 26th has been designated as the **Sunday to take pictures for the directory**. If you have joined this congregation within the last year and have not had your picture taken, please make an effort to take advantage of this make-up day. Dick Courtney will be in the first classroom on the right immediately after worship. If you have any question see Dick.

Greetings from the peach state!! We wanted to let you all know that we have made it to Georgia and are settling in well. The weather here has been nice and we've made use of the pool quite a few times :) Caleb is growing quickly and learning to swim. He is having a great time at Grandma and Grandpas, and he and his little sister are getting spoiled! So are we of course :)

This place is huge, and our GPS has come in handy many times, although we have still managed to get lost with it on!

We are so blessed to have a family in Manchester and we love you all. We have found a really nice church home at the North Atlanta Church of Christ and are in the process of getting to know people. We are convinced God has a plan for us down here and we are looking forward to serving him in capacities we can. It's our new mission, our new location that God has driven us to and we won't forget all the mentoring and guidance you all gave us that will help us we serve Him here.

There are events and chapters in your life that you will forever remember, and our time with you, our family in the north, will always be a happy place in our hearts. Thank you for the six years of love, guidance, encouragement, and growth opportunities you gave us all. We miss you all and look forward to coming back up as often as we can to see you all. You have family in Atlanta too :)

Send us some snow this winter! **In Christian Love,**
Graeme, Heather, Caleb and Emma Davidson

WEEKLY RECORD 8/29/2010

Bible Class	170
Morning Worship	267
Evening Worship	79
Wednesday Evening	97
Offering to God	\$6,537.15

Today starts the New Adult Bible Class Year **New books and class room assignments are available today. If you have not been participating in these wonderful classes, this would be a great opportunity to join in. If your name does not appear on the new roster, please feel free to join any class or see Jim Lietz for an assignment.**

September 19th, Dr. David Burks, President of Harding University will be our guest speaker, followed by a Congregational Potluck. Baked hams and Roasted turkeys will be provided, others please bring the following: last names-A-K—dessert and 1/2 doz. Dinner rolls. L-O—tossed green salads or jello salads and 1/2 doz. Dinner rolls. P-Z—Hot potato dishes or hot veggie dishes and a 2 liter bottle of soda pop.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Song Leader— *Phil Stice*

Elder's Prayer—Toimi Martikainen

Communion Scripture—*Phil 2:1-11*

Lord's Table

Offering

Scripture— *1 Peter 2:21-25*

Sermon "*Let's Focus On: The Cross*"

Announcements— *Arnie Holmes*

Closing Prayer— *Eugene Brewer*

Children's Bible Time —TBA

Toddler's Bible Time— *Shanna E./Mikayla S.*

Evening Lesson: *God's Agonizing Testing of Abraham* *Genesis 22:1-18*

NEWS AND NOTES

- **Anne Rideout** is in Hartford Hospital in critical condition and needs our prayers for her recovery.
- Congratulations and welcome to **Michelle John-Sebastian**, who was baptized on Wednesday .night.

Ladies, mark your calendars

What: Ladies' Night Out : Fiesta Games

When: Friday Oct 1, 2010 at 6:30pm

Where: Large Fellowship hall at the building

Cost: \$15

Ladies come join us for a fun night of games, food, and fellowship! Tickets are \$15. Please give your money to Lindsey Bahler or Gail Bouffard. Make checks out to "Church of Christ."

Come to the "Beautiful Feet" meet:

Calling all saints interested in praying for, participating in, encouraging the saints regarding, and general planning & logistics for Honduras 2011. Chris & Sharon Costa will host this meeting of the saints in their home on Monday evening, September 13th @ 7 pm. Light desert & refreshments will be served.

"How *beautiful* on the mountains are the *feet* of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, . . ." Isaiah 52:7

ANTHONY'S CORNER

Though we call it "Labor Day", actually it is a day in which we honor those who work hard throughout the year with a day of rest from that labor. However, whereas the average laborer looks forward to a day or two of rest each week, it is much different for the people of God. According to the book of Hebrews chapter 4, verses 9-11, we read that, "***There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.***" In other words, as we remain faithful to the Lord by means of obediently doing His will, we can look forward to a rest that will last throughout eternity. Though we cannot look at our labors in the kingdom of God as being the means by which we earn our way to heaven (see Ephesians 2:8-10), the work we do for the Lord is still of the utmost importance. Not only do our labors reflect our faith in God (see James 2:18), but also the level of appreciation we have for what the gospel of Christ has done for us. The apostle Paul certainly reflected this sentiment as he wrote these words to the church at Corinth, "***But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain, but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.***" (I Corinthians 15:10) So on the eve of Labor Day 2010, I would encourage you to keep laboring for the Lord as He has given each of us a variety of gifts which may be used in His service. As much as I look forward to being with you as we celebrate Labor Day with a picnic tomorrow (Lord willing), I know that we anticipate even more that Sabbath rest promised to the people of God as we take an eternal time out in order to experience the eternal joy reserved for those who have labored in the Lord's vineyard.

To all the ladies,

Thank you so much for throwing me a bridal shower at church. The fellowship hall was so beautiful, the food was outstanding, and it was so wonderful to get to spend time together, and get to know you better. Your love, support and generosity is so appreciated and the shower made me feel so special. I am truly blessed to be a part of such an extraordinary church family. Thank you again.

With love and gratitude,

Marla D'Amato