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WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING?

In recent weeks I've asked Steve Ohnmeiss and Dave Lantz to summarize the previous Wednesday's Awana lesson during the children's message in the Sunday worship service. This serves two purposes: it's a reminder for the kids and it's a way to let the congregation know what is going on in Awana children's ministry. (And thank you for your giving, which helps make that ministry happen!)

I thought I'd use this column to do the same for the Wednesday evening adult Bible study that follows Awana. We are currently studying the Book of Romans—the Bible's main explanation of the Christian gospel. In chapters 9 and 10 we are wading in some deep theological waters. In chapter 9, Paul discusses divine sovereignty in election. In chapter 10 he shifts the focus to human responsibility in faith. Thinking about these two truths can lead to headaches. But living by them leads to peace and fruitfulness. We looked at this comment by Charles Simeon, a key person in church history as the long-time pastor in Cambridge, England:

"When I come to a text which speaks of election, I delight myself in the doctrine of election. When the apostles exhort me to repentance and obedience, and indicate my freedom of choice and action, I give myself up to that side of the question . . . As wheels in a complicated machine may move in opposite directions and yet serve a common end, so may truths apparently opposite be perfectly reconcilable with each other, and equally serve the purposes of God in the accomplishment of man's salvation."

It has been said that Simeon lived his day on the basis of chapter 10 and slept at night on chapter 9. It's a pattern many, including Paul, have followed. May our study in Romans help us live more that way as well.

Shalom,

Peter C. Wilson

The Changing World of Mormonism

By Gerald and Sandra Tanner

A book review by Jim Lewis

The Tanners are former Mormons who wrote this book after exhaustive research. It is an intriguing expose of the shifting sand that the Mormon Church is constructed upon.

Joseph Smith, the author and originator of the Mormon religion, was a confidence man whose translation of an ancient Egyptian papyrus created the book of Abraham, a part of the Mormon bible (prior to the discovery of the Rosetta stone that enabled scholars to decrypt Egyptian writing). The Rosetta stone proved the illegitimacy of Smith's translation.

This book revealed many intriguing aspects of Joseph Smith's personae. One of these is the use of "seer stones" to make predictions/revelations. Smith's revelations included descriptions of the beings that inhabit the moon, among other interesting tidbits.

The precepts of Mormonism include the concept that good, obedient Mormons can, after death of their earthly body, go on to become equals to (the Christian) God with their own world to be the "god" of. Other interesting tidbits include their views on plural marriage, the three "heavens" (celestial, terrestrial, and telestial {a word made up by the Mormons} kingdoms), and the relationship between Mormonism and Masonry.

This book is long (560 pages) and goes exhaustively into some aspects of the religion. That said, it also contains many very interesting facts about the origin and evolution of the Mormon religion. It gave me a greater understanding of the Mormon religion, its origins and current structure.

This book is the property of Pastor Pete. Contact him if you would like to borrow it. I recommend this book for anyone who would like an interesting window into the world of Mormonism.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE - Now that you know the story of "Stone Soup," let's not hoard! Share by bringing cans for this project. At last count, 101 cans were stacked at the front of Fellowship Hall. Can we pass last year's total of 253? We will collect through Sunday, November 21st.

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If you have any news, updates, articles of interest, or upcoming events that you would like others to know about, please submit this information to Helen Yoas for the December 2010 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to cut expenses, the Church Council has decided to change the way we send our newsletters. Previously, the church paid an annual "Bulk Mail" fee of \$150 plus approximately \$35 for each mailing. We are now handing out the newsletter to those attending the worship service and mailing only to those unable to attend. **If you'd prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please email CalvaryCourier@gmail.com with "subscribe" in the subject line.**

2010 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Ben Mazzullo, Kathy Temple, Deb Titus, Emily Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle

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B – Birthday A - Anniversary

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<i>Sun</i>	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor's Day Off <i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and <i>Wed</i> Prayer	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting 8 AM-12:30 PM - CLI <i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	1	2 Election Day	3 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother's Morning Out	4	5 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	6 12-3 p.m. – Clark's Housewarming Party
7 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) Thanksgiving meal following worship service 3:00 p.m. Assoc. Mtg. B – Jack Hopkins	8	9 A – Keith & Melissa Cumberland (11-9-02)	10 B – Ken Meckley, Sr.	11 Veteran's Day B – Dave Lantz	12	13 B – Larry Green
14	15	16 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	17 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother's Morning Out A – Tim & Candy Clark (11-17-01)	18	19	20
21 BROWN BAG SUN. Bring a bag lunch and stay after church.	22	23	24 <u>No AWANA</u> B – David Snyder, Jr.	25 Thanksgiving B – Christopher Clark A – Ben & Karen Mazzullo (11-25-65)	26 B – Gail Telesca	27
28 1 st Sun. of Advent “catch up” offering	29	30 B – Scott Schearer				

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