

GARBAGE

Our nation has been concerned about the school shootings, and rightly so. There are many theories about the cause. Some say that it is because of too many guns, and would like to take all of our guns away. Others think that it's a mental problem of the shooters, which is probably right. The theories go on and on.

Have we ever stop to think that it could be the garbage that is being fed to young people? We can never legislate morality; people will do what they want to do. We give shots to our children against diseases, insist that we have pure food and drug laws, and we even have laws against spreading garbage around. We are careful about that kind of garbage, yet we are bombarded by garbage through the mail, in our movies, and TV.

When people are fed a constant diet of garbage, what can we expect in return? Many of you will remember the expression, "GARBAGE IN—GARBAGE OUT", until we get rid of the garbage that is making people sick, there will always be the social problems that is being experienced.

“. . . whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—think on the things" (Phil. 4:8).

-Floyd

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THE REMINDER

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.....10:00 A. M.

Worship..... 11:00 A. M.

Afternoon.....1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Bible Class..... 6:30 P. M.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME
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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor's card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Ryan (Jessica's son - neurofibromatosis,, Kyle and Brad Young-health issues, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael- health issues, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart issues and cancer, also John and Dorothy Callahan their care givers, Bettie Fell-stroke, Larry Rogers-stroke,Rita Blair, Phillip Hickson, Linda Thrall's mother), Patsy Robertson, Walter Mullins.

PRAY for our congregation and the efforts to reach the lost. Let us all work together to make the church the best it can be, and remember to pray for our fall meeting with Mike Bonner.

SPECIAL DAYS: July 8th, presentation on World Bible School.

June 17th, presentation of the church's Disaster Relief Effort Inc.

JUST FOR THE RECORD Last Week Last Year

SUNDAY:

Bible Class

Worship

Evening

EVENING

Bible Study

CONTRIBUTION

14 12
26 21
17 10
15 10
\$859.00 \$1147.00

WORDS OF WISDOM

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark, the real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light!

Back in Grandpa's day there was something to make you sleep. They called it work.

BACKSLIDING

It has probable been years since you have heard the word mentioned. Would it surprise you to know that backsliders are the fastest growing group in the religious world today.

Though they never have meetings and no organization to recruit new members, this group continues to grow. There are large numbers of them that live in every community, and even in Arenas Valley, there are backsliders.

If you feel somewhat inclined to get in on this movement, there are steps you can take to become one of the best backsliders. It will take time. You are not going to become a first rate Backslider overnight. It may take you several months or maybe a year or two to become one.

To become a Backslider you must first of all be saved by repenting and submit to baptism for the remission of sins. Only those who are genuinely born again and have experienced a new life in Christ have anything to slide back from.

Let me suggest some things that will make it easier for you to become a Backslider. The best way is to find someone to blame for your backslidden condition.

1. Blame it on the church people. If they don't call on you or encourage you is a good excuse to become a Backslider.
2. Blame it on the preacher or the Elders of the church. After all, they don't understand what your spiritual needs are.
3. If the elders or preacher tries to encourage you to be faithful consider this as church discipline. This will help eliminate the sense of conviction and make your backslidden condition more pleasant.

These suggestions will help you become a backslider if you are not one already. If you are already a Backslider, let me congratulate you. You are stumbling block to others, a disgrace to Jesus, and one of the best helpers the devil has. This was your goal, wasn't it?

--Floyd