The Ripley Reminder



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Service Times Sunday Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday Morning 10:20 AM Sunday Evoning 5:00 PM

Sunday Evening ······ 5:00 PM Wednesday Evening ···· 7:00 PM

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David Cook Michael Harrison Mark Martindale

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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so ye have us for an example.

((Philippians 3:17)

Many have learned an important lesson about purchasing an item which requires being put together before use. Of course, a sheet of instructions usually accompanies the product.

I first learned this as a young man following my father's skills in constructing whatever he needed to complete a need. It was not unusual for me to get lost on page one of the instructions which came with the project, as I followed my Dad's example in construction.

In getting started putting pieces together, I discovered the importance of following the instructions. Paul urges us in the passage above to "follow the instructions" by emulating Him and other godly people. Maybe we can come up with our own way of doing things, but we, and God, will like the results better if we just follow our Lord's instructions.

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE

"He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he who tells lies shall not terry in my sight." (Psalm 101:7)

The phrase, "O, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive," is a line from the poem, "Marmion, by Sir Walter Scott written in 1808. It's meaning is that when we start lying, or deceiving others, it often leads to complicated situations. The act of deceit can lead to a web of lies that becomes increasingly difficult to unravel. The quote is frequently used to describe the destructive consequences of lies and the impact on people's lives.

The Scriptures have several strong warnings about the dangers of lying. For example: ". . . all liers shall have their part in the like which burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8) Again, "A false witness shall not go unpunished, and he that speaks a lie shall not escape." (Prov. 19:5). Then, "Wherefore put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor for we are members one of another." (Eph. 4:25)

To strengthen our resolve against telling falsehoods, we must frequently pray, ". . . "Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression." (Psalm 19:13)

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MOTHER'S DAY

Moses said, "Honor your father and mother, as the Lord God has commanded you." (Deut. 5:16) Paul wrote, "Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise. . ." Eph. 6:2) Prov. 31:28 states, "Her children rise up and called her blessed."

Our entire nation has made a practice of honoring mothers since 1907! This was the year that Anne Jarvis called her friends together to honor her mother, who had passed away a year earlier.

The next year – and for years following – with the help of some religious groups and non-profit organizations, the idea quickly spread until a bill was brought before the U.S. Congress to have a specific day set aside on which the entire nation would pause and thank the Good Lord for the mothers of our entire nation!

With the approval of the House and Senate, "Mother's Day" was given national sanction to occur on the second Sunday in May every year.

Most of us cannot remember a time when - as a nation -we did not observe the second Sunday in May as a designated day to especially honor the nation's mothers.

Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying, "All that I am, or ever hope to become, I owe to my angel mother!"

- M Is for the million things she gave to me.
- O Means only that she is growing old.
- T Is for the tears she shed to save me.
- H Is for her heart of purest gold.
- E Is for her eyes with love light shining.
- R Means right and right she will always be.

Put them all together and they spell

MOTHER—The word that means the world to me!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ann Akins is in the hospital. Please pray for her at this time.
- Billy Hugh McBryde, Laura Green's father, received a good report at his checkup. Continue to pray for him as he continues with maintenance treatments.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Peggy Wallis, Johnnie Jumper, James Nunnally, Lindsay Garrison, Pattie Box, Barry Grisham, Everette Hurt, Jr., Brenda Koon, Carol Smith, Ali Rae Barkley, Cora Chills, Jacob Johnston, Austin Wentz, Lori Chapman, Jan Rooker, Trey Smith, Lenox Kennamore, Clem Edge, Don Smith, Monica and David Woods, James Allen Johnston, Ann Akins, Billy Hugh McBryde, Tommy Simpson, Carol Porterfield,, Phil Young, Edward Willingham, Alan Britt, James Schmidt, Heather McSwain, Harriet Willis

Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- We rejoice that Bailey and Jackson Harrell were baptized last week. We want to rejoice
 with this good decision that they have made and welcome them. Let's all strive to be
 examples and an encouragement for them.
- VBS will be June 16-19. Sign-up lists are on the table in the foyer for those willing to help.
- Family Fellowship Meals on Wednesday nights will resume in August.
- Leslie Caviness and Kat Mann will be keeping the nursery.

May we always be thirsty for the things of God and follow His heart.

Worship Service May 12, 2024	
Welcome	Mark Martindale
Song Leader	Nathan Stanford
Opening Prayer AM	Michael Harrison
Read Scripture	Hayden Kuhl
Lord' Supper AM	Cole Chapman
	Mike Hurst, Dan Shappley, Mike Bennett,
Closing Prayer AM	David Hudson
Opening Prayer PM	David Cook
	Barry Grisham
Closing Prayer PM	
Ushers	Johnny Carter