



Newsletter

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If you see this online, it will remind you of our baked potato feast on Wednesday, the 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. If you failed to sign up but still want to come, call Nita so she can put you on the list. Come enjoy the fellowship.

Jack has two more Wednesday evening lessons in his Old Testament series. Then we

will be blessed by a series Lyndon is preparing for us.

Lyndon will also preach for us this Lord's day and teach the 6 p.m. Sunday study. Gene and Nita are headed to the high country for one more week of vacationing.

Anna Street charter member Maurice McClish passed away on Sunday morning. Funeral arrangements are pending at the time of this writing.

Wardell was back home briefly last weekend, but he's headed back to Eagle Nest. Virginia really is going to Alaska. Just a couple of weeks later than we said. She flies north on the 17th. Ben and Connie Parks plan to spend the next two weeks in the Seattle area that they love so much.

Missy Evans got back home several days sooner than we expected. It was good to see the Evans clan Sunday. Louise Rogers is now at Arbors (407) and looking much better. The Smiths are surgically focused this week. Jenelle will see her doc about possible shoulder repair. Their daughter Jeannine hopes to get the metal rod installed again in her leg on the 15th. Barbara Huguley is still waiting for her surgery date.

Several change cans for High Plains Children's Home were turned in Sunday. When yours is full, just leave it on the table in the church library. They'll pick them up at the end of this month.

Worship Assignments for This Lord's Day

In charge, Danny Sr.; Prayer, Jim; Reading, Gaylord (John 9:1-7); Bread, Jeff; Wine, Bryce; Serve, Cole, Danny Jr..

Nuggets of Wisdom

By Dr. Joe Barnett

"You can't change yesterday, but you can poison today by worrying about tomorrow."

"You can't conquer what you refuse to confront."

"You never finish what you never start."

"Sometimes it's now or never."

ISSUES OF LIFE

A Day Late

The Associated Press reported that on May 17, 2017, police in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, arrested a 38-year-old father named Cecil Kutz on charges of child endangerment.

According to the report, when troopers broke into the Kutz home, they found three children alone in the house: a 1-year-old boy in a playpen, a toddler locked in a plywood cage, and a newborn girl in a baby seat. The baby was one day old.

Police learned that the mother of the children had given birth to the baby just the night before. The next morning when the new mother began to bleed extensively, she was hospitalized for surgery.

Somebody tipped off the authorities that the children had been left in the house without a caretaker. When the absentee father returned home and was arrested, however, he refused to divulge where he had been.

When I first read this report, the event was still too fresh for anyone to know how all of this would eventually turn out legally. Nor do we know yet whether extenuating circumstances came to light to reduce the charges.

AP did report that the older two kids were being cared for by child welfare and the infant was being evaluated at a hospital. But it was too early to know just how the charges against Cecil Kutz would play out.

If the original charges do stick, that father could be facing some serious penalties. As he should, if anything short of dire emergency made him leave those vulnerable kids alone without care.

One more time, though, this sad story causes me to find as much fault with our present legal system as with the apparently derelict dad.

I don't know the fine lines in Pennsylvania law, but in several nearby states just a day before he was charged with endangering the child, Kutz and his wife could have elected to have their infant murdered medically and the courts would have nodded their approval.

How can this be just or fair? How did our child-protection laws get so convoluted that a parent can legally kill a child one day but go to jail and face serious criminal charges for putting the same child at risk just a day later? This baffles me.

How can the setting and rising of the sun—the passing of just twenty-four hours in this case—so totally change the legal status of that baby?

By Gene Shelburne