

## For Our Information

JoBeth Henderson is doing a little better, but still dealing with the flu.

Joyce Venable had high blood pressure problems Wednesday. She is still not feeling well.

Jonathan Simpson's father has been in ICU because of pneumonia, but was to return to a regular room Saturday evening.

Paula Laubach is still ill and several others are still recovering.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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## Store It In My Heart

The characteristics of true charitable love expressed in the first seven verses of 1Corinthians 13 ought to be the goal of each one who serves the Lord. The Apostle considers charitable love as a better way than gifts of healing or tongues. His point in the first few verses speaks to the need to exercise charitable love even as we go about teaching and living among our brethren and those in the world. No matter our activity it must be governed by this charitable love.

This charitable love, as described in the later half of this passage, is selfless. It looks to the needs of others and has a focus on helping them see God and Truth. It does not ignore sin, but approaches sin in others with an understanding of our own weakness. We need charitable love, giving our self for others. It is what God expects. It demonstrates Christ.

# Seeking His Righteousness

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## Wisdom From Unlikely Sources

### Ben Smith

Wisdom is very important in the Christian's walk, but where does wisdom come from? **James 1:5** tells us where to find the answer: *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*

Does this mean all we have to do is ask? Of course not! Throughout the New Testament, there are examples of people studying to find wisdom, like the Bereans (**Acts 17:11**) and Timothy, as he was directed by Paul in **2Timothy 2:15**. However, God has



*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**Proverbs 1:7**



## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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made ways for us to get wisdom through His creation also. An example of this is found in **Proverbs 30:24-28** (ESV). *“Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer; the rock badgers are a people not mighty, yet they make their homes in the cliffs; the locusts have no king, yet all of them march in rank; the lizard you can take in your hands, yet it is in kings’ palaces.”*

Ants are one of the smallest creatures on earth, but they are also one of the hardest working creatures on earth. This isn’t the first time Solomon mentions ants in **Proverbs**. In **6:6-8** we’re told not to be lazy, but to be more like the ants who keep working until the job is finished. In both passages, ants are described as creatures to look ahead and prepare for days to come. As Christians, we are to do the same. We don’t know how long it will be until our eternal winter begins, so it’s important that we’re prepared today and every day.

Rock badgers (also called conies) are medium-sized rodents that take refuge in rocky terrain. When clans are feeding, a small group of guards keep watch over them. If danger appears, the guards will squeak to alert the clan to take shelter in the rocks. From this, we know that we are also weak, and we need to take shelter in our Rock, who is Jesus. He has provided guards for us through the appointment of elders. They alert us to dangers and keep watch over our souls.

Unlike other insects that follow the leadership of a queen, locusts have no ruler. Locusts are very

## Store In My Heart

### 1Corinthians

#### 13:1-7

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

organized and methodical, though. Solomon says that they *“all march in rank.”* As Christians, we must work together to fight the armies of Satan and feed on fields of spiritual food. We also must watch each other each step of the way and help each other grow. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. How do Christians fight the armies of Satan? Each of us works together to do a part.

Lizards are small creatures that are easy to catch. You would think that they would be extinct because they’re easy prey, however you can find them all over the world from the smallest shack to the largest castle. Christians are like this as well. Christians have been persecuted throughout history, yet you can still find them all over the world.

Don’t worry about being caught in Satan’s trap. Boldly go into the world and spread the good news of the Gospel of Christ. These four creatures seem insignificant, but we can learn important lessons from them and from all of God’s creation. Ask for wisdom like Solomon did and always be on the lookout for wisdom from unlikely sources.

(Speaking of wisdom from unlikely sources, most of you probably recognize this author by his name. Young Ben speaks with clarity and wisdom in his analysis of this passage. Often we overlook opportunities to learn because the source does not fit our idea of where learning can be found. In our quest for knowledge and wisdom let us never overlook the lesson because of the teacher. If it is an opportunity to learn Truth, let us always seek to learn all we can. Learning draws us closer to God and Heaven. DLH)