



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - July 30, 2023

"Biblical Statistics"

by Troy Spradlin

Almost every male I know is prolific in sports statistics, team lineup names, or some other athletic-related data. If not sports, it will be something like cars or other objects, certain types of hobbies, or even special skills. Whatever their preferred subject might be, you can count on them to tell you the who, what, where,



why, how, and when of anything you want to know about it. Who won the World Series in 2016? They know. Who received the Heisman Trophy in 2007? They can tell you! In fact, they can cite all the names, events, types, amounts, ratios, power, weight, distances, years, and so forth simply because they not only love watching and participating in their preferred avocation, they love talking about it, too! Oh, and women do the same thing - sometimes it might be sports; otherwise, it will be something in which they have a keen interest. The bottom line is, people love talking about their favorite passion or pastime, so they know all the details. ... So. Many. Details.

For me, I like automobile racing; every kind of car racing. I remember several years ago, I was going to watch a race with some of my Christian brothers from South Florida. One was our associate preacher. He liked racing, too. We were all excited about the race. Along the way, we stopped at a restaurant. Of course, started talking about this driver and that driver, car setups, what team was in contention for the championship, which engine manufacturer was best, what kind of tires they might use, and the condition of the track. A whole lot of generally useless knowledge was being spouted by all ... except the preacher.

I finally asked him, "Brother, are we boring you or making you feel left out with all of this car racing jargon we're throwing around?" He smiled and responded, "No. It's all very interesting. I just don't know all the stats, standings, and data you guys know." I then said, "Oh. Well, don't worry. You will pick it up eventually." Again, he smiled and said, "No. I don't think so. I like racing, but I much prefer to know 'Biblical stats' instead of racing stats. I can't tell you who drives what car or what team is which, but I can tell you who all the Apostles are, who the prophets and kings were, name the books of the Bible, and so forth."

I don't know how that affected the others who heard what he said, but it felt like a gut punch to me. It made me realize just how little Bible knowledge I actually possessed at the time (this was before I decided to enter ministry). I had a mountain of sports data internalized that in reality, didn't do anything for me except give me something to talk about with a few other people. How much more critical is having God's word internalized in like manner? Knowing who the people are in the Bible and what they did, what lessons can be gleaned from their stories, and where to find them within those holy pages is far more critical to my soul than any sports trivia! From that day forward, I determined to start focusing on Bible knowledge more.

So, while there is nothing wrong with having favorite sports teams, hobbies, or some other passion, is it taking up more room in your heart than God and His Word? How many of the Apostles can you name? What was the message of each of the prophets? Do you know the prophets? Which king ruled in the Northern Kingdom and which in the Southern? These are just a few of the "Bible Statistics" with which we should be filling our minds. There won't be a test in the end, but it will certainly bless your life to know.

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT
AFTER CHURCH
August 6 | Webb's

Gulf Coast
Area Wide
Devotional

August 13th
Azalea City

L2L Kickoff

AUGUST 27TH
AFTER PM SERVICES

"I am not ashamed"
ROMANS 1:16

PARENTING
SEMINAR
DECEMBER
1-3

YG PARENT
MEETING

August 6 | 5 pm | Teen Room

YG BIRTHDAY
NIGHT

Wed. August 16
5 pm in the FH



BIG EVENT REMINDERS



FUEL Retreat @ GCBC
November 10 - 12
6th - 12th grade
Sign-up by October 8th

exposure
YOUTH CAMP

Exposure Youth Camp
December 27 - 30
All ages are welcome
Sign-up by October 8th

JANUARY 12 - 14

MARGARET STREET
MARRIAGE RETREAT

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119:9-10

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Mike Brown - stroke, recovery (former mem)
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - prayers, mealtrain
- Gale Broadfoot - knee surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Harrison Freeman* - burn damage, recovery
- Tara Henry* - procedure, recovery
- Terry Jennings* - medical complication
- Wendy Mauell* - broken foot, recovery
- Larry McDaniel*-SH ICU, kidney issues
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - back injection, recovery
- Gloria Vonada* - foot surgery / recovery

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Beaver family -loss of Terry (PaceCoC)
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Arva Fisher/family*- loss of brother, George
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of brother, Guillermo Deir
- Scott Shanahan - loss of father, Kevin
- Vonada family - loss of Troy*
- Whittle family - loss of Rick (preacher)

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Ashley Gingerich* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Mike and Addie Frahm* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Sharon Ates - recovery (Gallagher*)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John Broadfoot - health
- Winston Burnham* - health
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- Janice Carter* - tests, waiting on results
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - recovery - heart failure
- Donald Hamilton-surgery, recover (McGriff)
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Barbara Helms* - health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Elsa Nunes* - health, fell in the past. recovery
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Smith -cleft palate (J.English*)
- Jan Whitney* - heart procedure, recovery

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick*)
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* - spread to her spine
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Pat Deforest*
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JULY 30

MORNING

Opening Prayer Jake Newcomb
 Song Director Paul Lipford
 Sermon Casey Bearden
 "Carrying our Cross"
 Scripture Reading Chris Davis
 Matthew 27:27-54
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Jennings Judsen Jennings
 Cooper Jennings Brody Crider
 Seth Crider (Balcony)
 Comments Rhett English

EVENING

Opening Prayer
 Singing
 Scripture

 Comments

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Chandler family
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters Mason Chandler
 Secure Building Casey Bearden

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Summer Series Sam Ford
 *Moses and The Plagues*
 Song Director Stephen English
 Opening Prayer Rick Bartenan

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 142
 AM Worship 202
 PM Worship 138
 Wed. Night Bible Class 154
 Contribution \$8,493

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa for Bible studies, meetings, etc.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.

BENEVOLENCE



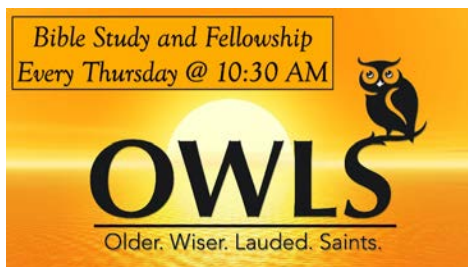
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FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 8/8 @ 9:30 AM
 Preparing Boxes:
 8/9 @ 5:30 PM
 8/10 @ 9:30 AM
 Distribution : 8/10 @ 2:30 PM
Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

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