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Sunday - December 17, 2023

Speed Limit Signs and Romans

by Troy Spradlin

Suppose you are driving down the road and suddenly realize you have no idea what the speed limit is! You have traveled that road many times before, but just never paid attention to what the speed might be. Let's also add that you look down at your speedometer and it says you are moving at about 50 miles per hour. So, you know exactly how fast you are going, but you simply do not know what the law is for that particular road. You don't see a sign anywhere, so you just continue to drive the speed you are going. To your own conscience, that speed seems right. After all, it's what you have always done and since there is nothing saying otherwise, you go on about your business.

Now, let's suppose that sometime later, you are traveling down that same road, but this time, several large, easy-to-read signs that say, "Speed Limit 35" have been posted all along the roadway. What do you do? Do you continue to drive the same speed you have always driven, because that's what seemed right to you, or now that you know what the law is for that street, do you start abiding by it? This is a pretty simple concept to understand. You have to make a choice. Obey or not obey.

This is the same concept that Paul is trying to help the brethren understand at the church in Rome. In Romans 3:20, he writes, "...for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Then, in Romans 7:7 he explains, "I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'" It is

the same application as the speed limit sign. You did not know that you were breaking the law by speeding until you were told what the law was by that sign. The sign is simply relaying the message of the lawgiver and the one who will enforce the law. It is implying that if you want to avoid being pulled over by the police and then appear before a judge, then here is what you must do, drive no faster than 30 miles per hour on this particular road. Simple. The Bible relays a similar message to us about what the Lawgiver and the One who will enforce it expects from us. He expects us obey to His commands (Acts 5:29; John 14:15; Heb 5:9; 1 John 2:3-5), or face punishment (Rom 2:16).

We could continue to expand this analogy by supposing that there were some people who just naturally followed the law and were already driving 30 mph, even though they didn't have the signs (Rom 2:14). But now that the signs have been posted, then they too, must keep the law or face the consequences. They cannot appeal to a time before the law was given, because that law or agreement is now old and has been put away (Col 2:14). There is a new law that they must follow (Luke 22:20). They also do not have any authority to change the signs (Rev 22:18-19), even though some people will try to say you don't have to obey what the sign says (Rom 16:18; 2 Pet 2:1).

Yet, despite all that, "you have become dull of hearing" (Heb 5:11) and just don't really understand the law, so you keep breaking it (cf. Rom 6:1). Even after several policeman have warned you (cf. Rom 3:21), it still hasn't quite "sunk in" that if you keep breaking the law, you will be punished (Rom 6:16). After a while, the judge decides to send his son out to give you an example to follow (cf. John 3:16, 13:15; 1 Cor 11:1). He gives him authority of the law (Matt 28:18). So, his son explains the law to you in detail, using language that you can easily relate to (Matt 13:10-11). He then drives down the same street as you, using a vehicle just like yours and follows the law perfectly, without fault (cf. Heb 4:15; Eph 1:9). You heard him, you learned from his example, and now you know exactly what it is you are supposed to do. Therefore, if you go and break the law again, knowing what you now know, will the judge excuse you for your ignorance? No, he certainly won't! (cf. 2 Peter 2:20-22)

Hopefully, this little analogy will help you remember what Jesus Himself said about God's message to us, "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin" (John 15:22).



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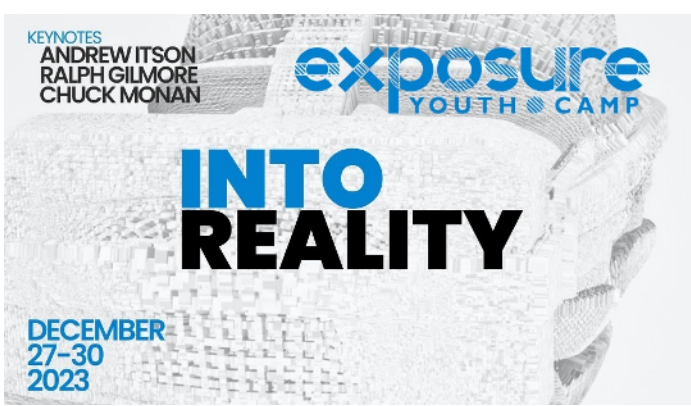
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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

Psalm 95

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."



KEYNOTES
ANDREW ITSON
RALPH GILMORE
CHUCK MONAN

exposure
YOUTH CAMP

INTO REALITY

DECEMBER
27-30
2023



YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. January 17th
5 pm in the FH



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UNSTOPPABLE

GULF COAST
AREA WIDE 2023-2024
SCHEDULE

- AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC
- SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC
- OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC
- NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT
- JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC
- FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC
- MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC
- APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC



Kingdom Kids
Train Ride at Sowell Farms
December 20th | Leaving Building at 7:30 pm

All Families are welcome!
We will be meeting at Sowell Farms to ride the train together. Please note the bus is not going.
Please note it is \$20/car for entry plus \$2 per person to ride the train



2023 - 2024

Upcoming Workshops & Info

January 21: Workshop, Speech Dress Rehearsal, Registration fees due, & Pre-convention event deadline



MARGARET STREET
Marriage Retreat 2024

JANUARY 12-14 | EMBASSY SUITES | DESTIN, FL
GUEST SPEAKERS: STEVE & DEIDRA CUMMINGS, CULLMAN, AL
SIGN UP & PAY \$65 DEPOSIT BY DECEMBER 10TH

*Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.
(Same calendar with different formats available)*



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Scan this QR Code for a simple list of Upcoming Events on our website

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Cassie Buchanant* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- Caitlin Crider - back brace, upcoming surgery
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae
- Mary McGriff* - health, prayers
- Patsy Prince - septic, ICU (L.Burnham*)
- Ashley Ray* - ACL surgery, recovery
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Damiyah Scott - surgery, recovery (J.Carter)
- Lee Smith - fractured vertebrae, kidney infec.
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - loss of mom, Kandi
- Sarah Davis & family* - loss of Gigi, Norma
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Gary Good* - loss of sister
- Sherian Good* -
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Doug Lee & family* - loss of mom, Betty
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis* - The Blake (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Larry McDaniel* - Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Savannah Smith
- Seth Crider
- LizAnn Webb
- Stephen English
- Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Lily Weathersbee
- Jackson Lash
- Reed Wilson
- Caleb Owens
- Lexi Wildes

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard - aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis* - compression fracture, PT
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Gary Good* - tests
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues (Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Terry Jennings* - home PT/recovery
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Theresa McHargue - ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner - (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

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

Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024
- Ashley Thompson - January 2024
- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - June 2024

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Pat Deforest*
- Sheryl Downy - surgery (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Matthew & Ashley Gingerich* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Ashley Scott Buckley* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Scott Graham* - Baptized
- Emily Winfree* - Baptized
- Gary and Sherian Good* - Identified
- Jan Holmes* - Identified
- Mike and Addie Frahm* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified
- Allen & Heather Overton family* - Identified
- John & Holley Raley family* - Identified
- Philip and Lanya Lester family* - Identified

Congregational Planning Meeting
TODAY @ 5 PM
ROOM 303

All are welcomed!



20 SOMETHINGS
Blue Christmas

DECEMBER 18TH
 AT 6:15 PM
 BRING \$20 DIRTY SANTA GIFT

5061 AVOCET LANE
 PENSACOLA, 32514

Wear something blue



Scripture Sisters
 Reading the Bible together for Ladies

Wednesdays @ 5:45
Every Week in the Library



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

MORNING

Opening Prayer Justin Davis
 Song Director Blake Hatcher
 Sermon Chris Carter
 *Guest Speaker*
 Scripture Reading Jared Lee
 Matthew 25:31-40
 Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Gabriel Lee Judsen Jennings
 Cooper Jennings Brody Crider
 Luke McReynolds (Balcony)
 Comments Jon Raley

EVENING

Opening Prayer Jack Davis
 Singing Paul Lipford
 Scripture Mark Hitchcock
 Revelation 11:15-18
 Comments Jon Raley

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep John Pace
 PowerPoint Brooks Ann Singley
 Greeters Troy and Andrea Spradlin
 Secure Building Blake Hatcher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Holden Raley
 Opening Prayer Brett Napier

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 152
 AM Worship 193
 PM Worship 117
 Wed. Night Bible Class 166
 Weekly Contribution \$9848
 Weekly Budget \$11,280
 2023 Average Contribution \$9,615

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.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



LIBRARY NEWS

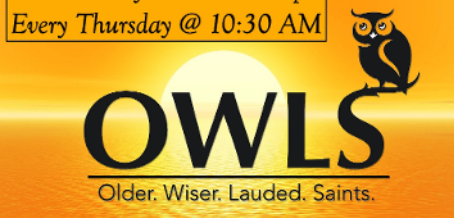
Spotlight:
Parenting and Grandparenting resources available for checkout



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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