



- **July 4—**
Independence Day
- **July 26—**Fellowship
Dinner (if allowed)

Volunteers Needed

- For Sunday School teaching rotation—see Gean or Amity
- For table decorations—sign up sheet

• **DONATE ONLINE @**
vccloveland.com

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Gospel...	2
Small Groups	2
Bible in a year—reading plan	3
Birthdays & Anniversaries	3
What Do You See in Your Clouds	3
Brain Workout Corner	4

What Is the Gospel?

by *Burk Parsons*

The nineteenth-century Princeton theologian Charles Hodge said, “The gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust its riches.” The gospel is absolutely fundamental to everything we believe, and it is at the very core of who we are as Christians. However, many professing Christians struggle to answer the simple question: What is the gospel? When I teach, I am astounded by how many of my

students are unable to provide a biblically accurate explanation of what the gospel is, and, what’s more, what the gospel is not. If we don’t know what the gospel is, we are of all people the most to be pitied. For, if we can’t explain the gospel, then we can’t proclaim the gospel in evangelism so that sinners might be saved, and we in fact may not be saved ourselves. In our day, there are countless counterfeit gospels, both inside and outside the church. Much of what is on Christian television and on the shelves of Christian bookstores completely obscures the gospel, thereby making it

(Continued on page 2)

What Do You See In Your Clouds?

By: *Oswald Chambers*

**Behold, He cometh with clouds. —
Revelation 1:7**

In the Bible clouds are always connected with God. Clouds are those sorrows or sufferings or providences, within or without our personal lives, which seem to dispute the rule of God. It is by those very clouds that the Spirit of God is teaching us how to walk by faith. If there were no

clouds, we should have no faith. The clouds are but the dust of our Father’s feet. The clouds are a sign that He is there. What a revelation it is to know that sorrow and bereavement and suffering are the clouds that come along with God! God cannot come near without clouds, He does not come in clear shining.

It is not true to say that God wants to teach us something in our trials; through

(Continued on page 3)

"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand "
Ephesians 6:13

Philippians 4:1

"Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. "

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. "
I Corinthians 15:58

Gospel...

(Continued from page 1)

another gospel, which is no gospel at all. Since Satan cannot destroy the gospel, as J.C. Ryle wrote, "he has too often neutralized its usefulness by addition, subtraction, or substitution." It is vital we understand that just because a preacher talks about Jesus, the cross, and heaven, that does not mean he is preaching the gospel. And just because there is a church building on every corner does not mean the gospel is preached on every corner.

Fundamentally, the gospel is news. It's good news—the good news about what our triune God has graciously accomplished for His people: The Father's sending the Son, Jesus Christ, God incarnate, to live perfectly, fulfill the law, and die sacrificially, atoning for our sins, satisfying God's wrath against us that we might not face an eternal hell, and raising Him from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the victorious announcement that

God saves sinners. And even though the call of Jesus to "take up your cross and follow me," "repent and believe," "deny yourself," and "keep my commandments" are necessary commands that directly follow the proclamation of the gospel, they are not in themselves the good news of what Jesus has accomplished. The gospel is not a summons to work harder to reach God— it's the grand message of how God worked all things together for good to reach us. The gospel is good news, not good advice, just as J. Gresham Machen wrote: "What I need first of all is not exhortation, but a gospel, not directions for saving myself but knowledge of how God has saved me. Have you any good news? That is the question that I ask of you."

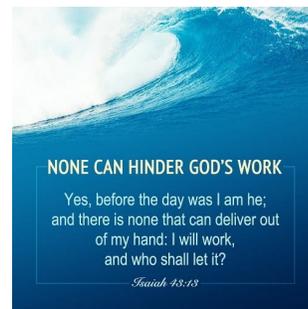
Bible Study & Fellowship Groups

Day	Time	Contact	Location	Current Study
Mondays	5:30 pm	Young Adult Ladies Hannah Zentz	Hannah's house	Summer break, softball league
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Guys Jared Zentz	Ralph & Christy' house	Summer break, softball league
Tuesdays	6:00 pm	Women Laura Cormos	At church	Romans
	6:00 pm	Men Ken Hettinger	At church	Sunday Sermons

Bible in a Year - Reading Plan

July

1: 2 Kings 1-4	12: 2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12	22: Isaiah 31-34
2: 2 Kings 5-8	13: Micah 1-7	23: Isaiah 35-35
3: 2 Kings 9-11	14: 2 Chronicles 28, 2 Kings 16-17	24: Isaiah 37-39, Psalms 76
4: 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24	15: Isaiah 13-17	25: Isaiah 40-43
5: 2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25	16: Isaiah 18-22	26: Isaiah 44-48
6: Jonah 1-4	17: Isaiah 23-27	27: 2 Kings 19, Psalms 46, 80, 135
7: 2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26	18: 2 Kings 18, 2 Chronicles 29-31, Psalms 48	28: Isaiah 49-53
8: Isaiah 1-4	19: Hosea 1-7	29: Isaiah 54-58
9: Isaiah 5-8	20: Hosea 8-14	30: Isaiah 59-63
10: Amos 1-5	21: Isaiah 28-30	31: Isaiah 64-66
11: Amos 6-9		



Also found in the YouVersion Bible App as the Blue Letter Bible "Chronological" plan.

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jesse & Martina D	7/4	Dave & Vickie E	7/28
Jessica J	7/4	Wes W	7/29
Laura P	7/7	Colton W	7/29
Jared Z	7/11		

Clouds

(Continued from page 1)

every cloud He brings, He wants us to unlearn something. His purpose in the cloud is to simplify our belief until our relationship to Him is exactly that of a child — God and my own soul, other people are shadows. Until other people become shadows, clouds and darkness will be mine every now and again. Is the relationship between myself and God getting simpler than ever it has been?

There is a connection between the strange providences of God and what we know of Him, and

we have to learn to interpret the mysteries of life in the light of our knowledge of God. Unless we can look the darkest, blackest fact full in the face without damaging God's character, we do not yet know Him.

"They feared as they entered the cloud..." (Luke 9:34) Is there anyone "save Jesus only" in your cloud? If so, it will get darker; you must get to the place where there is "no one anymore, but only Jesus..." (Mark 9:8; also see verses 2-7).

Do you shop at King Soopers? Now you can help raise funds for Valley Christian Church and the Youth Group/Children's Ministry by linking your King Soopers card to the church's account. Please follow the directions attached to this newsletter. Laura Cormos is more than happy to help answer any questions you might have. Many thanks for your support! You are a blessing!

Valley

...personal
...practical
...positive

VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Lane Hardy
Youth Pastor Sam Hardy

Phone: 970.663.5996
E-mail: PastorLane@hotmail.com

Meeting above The Garden Room
every Sunday at 9:30 am
697 N Denver Ave, Loveland, CO 80537

At Valley we won't bore, bribe or badger you - we just want to communicate to you that God is real, and very present in your life. So we speak in terms that everyone can understand and tackle issues that everyone can relate to.

Our pastor is an exciting and energetic speaker who is able to develop messages that are personal, practical and positive. Lane clearly believes the things he tells us and you can see how God's principles for life put into practice provide us with a fulfilling life.

When you first visit Valley, we want you to be able to experience an uplifting time of worship, encouraging messages, friendly people and enjoyable atmosphere.

We're on the Web:

<https://www.VCCLoveland.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VCCLoveland/>

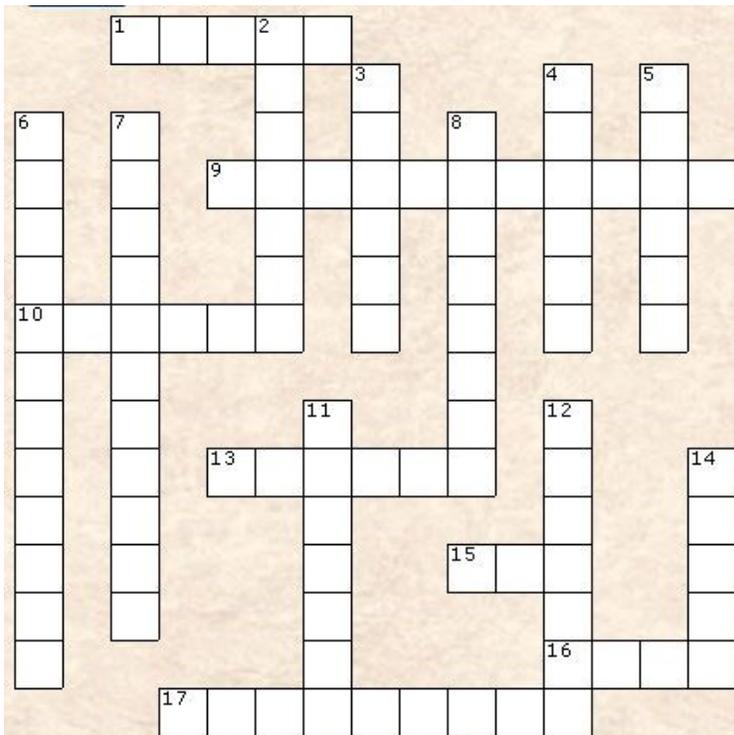
Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony.
Colossians 3:14

June
Puzzle
Solution



Brain Workout Corner

Old Testament Books Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 1st and 2nd ____
- 9 Fifth book
- 10 Tells the story of Moses
- 13 This book contains songs of David
- 15 Tells of a man who lost everything but got back more
- 16 Tells of a devoted woman who married Boaz and was an ancestor of King David
- 17 Third book

DOWN

- 2 First book of the Bible
- 3 Tells of a queen who saved her people
- 4 Tells of a man thrown into a lions' den
- 5 1st and 2nd ____
- 6 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"
- 7 This book is a love story
- 8 This book is a collection of wisdom sayings
- 11 Last book of the Old Testament
- 12 Mathematical book?
- 14 Tells of a prophet swallowed by a fish