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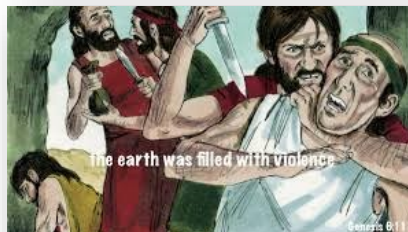
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Earth Filled With Violence

By: Jerry Fite



Moses, guided by the Holy Spirit, wrote, “And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” (Genesis 6:11). Two facts characterized the world right before God destroyed it with the flood: First, people throughout the earth corrupted their way before God. Second, personal moral decay violently affected others. Cruel wrongdoing by one damaged the life of another. Many lives were ill-affected by the corrupt walk of mankind. God connects corruption of character with wide-spread violence, when He said, “*The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth*” (Genesis 6:13).

Violence characterizes our world today. Men, women and children are suffering in various parts of the world where war is rampant between nations. Certain governments are manifesting cruelty to their own people in depriving citizens of needed food, while some leaders are poisoning their citizenry with gas. Personal violence is occurring in the privacy of the home where a husband abuses his wife by blackening her eye with his fist. It is not just wrong doing, it is violent wrong doing.

Teenage children are experiencing violence through online video games. Over 90% of children play some type of video game today. 97% of those entering their teenage years (ages 12- 17) are engaged in video game playing. Some of these games capture the young mind in first person activities. Blood and gore, impalement and torture and profanity and prostitution flood the ears and mind through the eyes of high definition reality.

Young people, growing up in a violent world, are carrying out violent acts on their own classmates. While many debate whether violent video games cause a troubled teenager to violently take the lives of classmates, one effect is certain: young minds are being desensitized by violence. Numbness occupies the place where the conscience once held court.

The root cause of violence filling the earth, is not the abundance of guns, the lack of laws or proliferation of violent videos, but the refusal to walk in the ways of God.

Leaders of governments can starve and poison their own people because they are governed by greed and power. They do not follow the righteous ways of God in caring for and helping the vulnerable of their citizens. They “*judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them*” as they focus upon monetary “rewards” and become “*companions of thieves*” (Isaiah 1:23).

A husband knowing his body is physically stronger than his wife’s, honors the difference by exalting her, not knocking her down (I Peter 3:7). The man who strikes out at his wife with his fist, has first corrupted his way before God.

When young or old follow in the pathway of God, they will think on righteous ways that are praiseworthy before God, not on cruel ways that dishonor one with notoriety (Philippians 4:8). Pre-meditated murder has no place in the godly mind that knows all mankind is created in the image of God (Genesis 9:6). Remember, violence fills the earth, when men first corrupt their way before God.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020

Announcements: Phil Young
Sound Room:
Usher:

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: (7th) ~Phillip Young ;
 (14th) ~ Richard Jennings; (21st) ~ Mark Jennings;
 28th ~ Phillip Young

Sunday Prayers:

June 07:
 A.M. Kevin Simmons
 Hunter Jennings
 P.M.

June 14:
 A.M. Jim Gann
 Caleb Jennings
 P.M.

June 21:
 A.M. Paul Ormon
 Mason Simmons
 P.M.

June 28:
 A.M. Thomas Wall
 Martin Crotts
 P.M.



Lord's Supper:

Head: June 7th ~ Terry Stubblefield; June 14th ~ Jason Jennings;
 June 21st ~ Phil Young; June 28th ~ Randy Wall

Scripture Reading:

June 07 — Owen Clayton
 June 14 — Clay Jennings
 June 21 — Clayton Hill
 June 28 — Jackson Coggin



Wednesday Prayers:

June 03 —
 June 10 —
 June 17 —
 June 24 —

Usher:

June 07 — Jason Jennings
 June 14 — Mark Jennings
 June 21 — Shane Crotts
 June 28 — Kurt Clayton

Lock:

June 07 — Jason Jennings
 June 14 — Mark Jennings
 June 21 — Shane Crotts
 June 28 — Kurt Clayton

Security:

June 07 — TBA
 June 14 — TBA
 June 21 — TBA
 June 28 — TBA

* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let
Randy Wall know before service time!

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Live Streaming of Worship Services

Many churches are now streaming their worship services over the Internet (as we are doing here at Col-legevue). This is a very beneficial thing to those who are unable to attend the assemblies due to illness, a sick family member, weather hindrances, etc. Lots of folks have commented that this is a real blessing when they are unavoidably absent from the church services. We agree that this is a good thing.

However, there are those who have warned – sometimes jokingly, other times seriously – that people might begin to purposely stay at home. Instead of going to the trouble to get dressed, make the trek to the church building, sit on somewhat uncomfortable pews, maybe while wrestling unruly children – just stay home in your ‘comfy pants’ with a cup of coffee in hand and watch on your computer, phone, or smart TV. Why not!?!

Here's why not: Live streaming on the Internet does not offer the benefits of being with other worshippers. There are no interactions, no warm greetings, no relationship building as we converse with one another. There is no *“teaching and admonishing one another”* in the singing of songs (Col. 3:16) – for while you can sit at home and hear the singing, no one can hear and thus be taught and encouraged by you. It's not possible for you to participate in the mutual edification that worship is designed to accomplish (Heb. 10:24,25) unless you are present. The earliest Christians knew the advantages of personally joining with other saints. This started on ‘day one’ (Acts 2:41-47) and continued even in the face of terrible persecution (Acts 5:41-42). They surely would not have opted for an easy, ‘stay at home’ option. Neither should we.

Live streaming is a great thing, but let us be careful not to abuse the opportunity. To deliberately forsake *“the assembling of ourselves together”* is wrong (Heb. 10:25) whether you watch via the Internet or not. Think!

- by Greg Gwin

PRAYER LIST



Eleta Grimmitt, was released from the hospital this past Thursday. She does not have pneumonia but will be having dialysis 3 time a week. She is praying that will improve.

Billie Joe Garner, is improving and was released from the hospital this past Saturday.

Bill Lyon, his health continues to decline. Please remember *Bill* and *Grace* in your prayers.

Ron Griggs continues to recover at home. He is having a difficult time.

Sloan Family as they continue to mourn the loss of William.

Expectant Mothers:

Kelsey Petrowski: boy, Aug.

Erica Crotts: boy, Oct.



Continue to Remember:

Richard Adams, Molly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmitt, Phillip Haynes, Andrea Hill, Janie Huggins, Ronnie Miller, Elizabeth Phagen, Jerry Robbins, Shannon Sciara, Levi Smith, Josie Tidwell, Charles Ulmer, Angela Victory, Nicki Weaver, Donnie Wilson

Shut-Ins:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, Sue & J.D. Stroud

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Price Senter

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



I've Learned...

to examine to contents not the bottle.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 03..... Zac Conquest

June 06..... Perry Jones

June 08..... Madison Gann

June 10..... David Clayton

June 11..... Christy Wall

June 12..... Collett Cross

June 12..... Kenesha Sweezer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 03..... Ronnie & Linda Griggs

June 04..... Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield

June 12..... Rex & Jennie Bell

June 12..... Martin & Erica Crotts



NEW ADDRESS

Peggy Miller has a new address. She and her son James Carter have moved to 1346 CR 86, New Albany, MS 38652. Please make this change to your directory.

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

Sunday, June 7th, we will have Paul Mower from Monticello, AR as our guest speaker. He will be trying out for our minister position. He will be bringing our morning lesson at 10:30. His wife Cathy will be joining him. Please make every effort to be present or join in on live stream.

BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

We had in the upper 70's present for our morning worship the past two Sundays. It was so good to be back together again, even if it was by social distancing and wearing face masks. We are making every effort to keep our building safe. Several of our members are not ready to face the uncertainty of the dangers involved in meeting in group activities. We understand their hesitation and encourage them in every way to use their good judgment in dealing with their own continuing health problems. Please remember to check in on those who are not able to be out and encourage them often through cards and calls.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

MINISTER

Shaler Grigsby....Youth/ Assoc.
256-263-9137
 Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Tim Dye.....316-2527
 Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163
 Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260
 Mark Jennings...731-609-3309
 Randy Wall 316-9255

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Owen Clayton
 A.M. Prayer....Kevin Simmons
 Closing.....Hunter Jennings
 P.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 Wed.....
 Wed.....
 Lock.....Jason Jennings
 UsherJason Jennings
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OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....
 Sunday A.M.....
 Sunday P.M.....
 Wednesday.....
 Contribution.....
 Budget.....\$4,095.92

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“I Study My Bible Like I Plow My Field”

A farmer explained: “I study my Bible like I plow my field. Oftentimes when I’m plowing or breaking new ground, my plow will get hung under a root, and if I’m going at a pretty good clip it will really jar me. But I don’t get mad and beat my mule and burn my plow. No, I just back up a little, ease over the root and get on with my plowing. Next time around I’ll probably hit that root again and it still shakes me up, but I don’t quit farming. I just back up, ease over the root and keep on working. Pretty soon I have hit that root so many times that it’s loose and the first thing you know I plow right through it and don’t even notice it. I’ve got it shook loose. That’s the way I study the Bible. When I come upon a hard passage, it might shake me up a little bit, but I don’t throw away my Bible and quit the Lord on that account. I just ease over it and keep on studying. The next time I read that passage I jar it a little bit more. I keep on doing this until finally, because of information that I have gathered from other parts of the Bible I am able to jar the passage loose. I understand it.”
 - selected

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Tim. 2:15