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## **A Thing of Brass**

Christianity requires being able to discern between good and evil (Heb. 5:14). It also requires discerning between what is most important and what is, though not unimportant, of lesser importance (Matt. 3:23; 22:37). Though clear in point, many fail to realize this truth, but there are two Old Testament examples that will help us understand this better, and allow us to discern some present day applications.

Most are familiar with the story of the brazen serpent found in Numbers 21. In verses four and five we find Israel speaking out against God, and because of their murmuring God punished them (vs. 6). As usually happened when God revealed His wrath to them the people came to Moses and repented of their actions (vs. 7). Moses prayed to God on their behalf, and the Lord offered a remedy that worked in curing their snakebite and getting rid of the fiery serpents that had come among them (vs. 8-9).

Now move ahead a few years to the time of Hezekiah in 1 Kings 18. After becoming king (vs. 1-2) King Hezekiah, one of the "good kings" of Judah, removed the high places where Judah worshiped idols (vs. 3-4). Specifically he destroyed the brass serpent (vs. 4). This "thing of brass" had become an idol to Judah, when actually it was nothing more than a vehicle to enable the people to know God better; however, to them, it had become a god in and of itself.

The Ark of the Covenant is another example of Israel's failure in discernment. The Ark was overlaid with gold, had the Mercy Seat as God's earthly throne, and was surrounded by the cherubim. It was obviously a very beautiful sight to behold (Exo. 25:10-22). Furthermore, it contained many important items, not the least of which was the tablets of stone upon which the Ten Commandments were written (Deut. 10:4-5). It was very significant to Israel as a place to know God's will (Exo. 25:22), a place of entreaty (Josh. 7:6-15), and a place of atonement (Lev. 16:2, 14-17); however, it became really nothing more to them than some sort of "good luck charm." The people came to regard the Ark more as their savior rather than God Himself.

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## **Please Pray...**



**For our nation as we are going through troubled times**

**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For Todd Fulkerson** (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

**For the innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.**

**For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ** in our own time

**For marriage to stand** in our laws as God ordained it.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel**

**Toni Ruch** continues her rehab at home.

**Joni Dixon**'s had her back surgery at KDMC on Monday and was able to come home on Wednesday. She has about 6 weeks of rehab and about 4 months to full recovery. 4599 Bennett Schoolhouse Rd, Minford 45653 820-8228.

**Larry Stewart** (Patsy Graff's brother) had another surgery on Monday and is now at Golden Years Convalescent Home for recuperation and rehab.

**Brenda Kallner** had her knee replacement surgery on Monday and was able to come home on Thursday where she will be doing outpatient rehabilitation. 71 Glenn Court, Minford 45653 820-8374.

**Larry Veach** (Jamie Veach's father) has been hospitalized this week with severe pain in his neck and shoulders. He was released to come home on Saturday.

**Ralph Shaffer** (Sabrina Sims grandfather) is in SOMC with advanced cancer.

**Don Tudor** (Brandy Gampp's father) was injured in an auto accident on Wednesday.

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## **Fathers Praising the Father**

Today is Fathers Day. We have a special service planned today featuring four of our fathers in the congregation taking a few minutes to praise our Heavenly Father: Mark Villingner, Sean Higbee, Nick Gampp and Don Coriell.



# **BIBLE SCHOOL**

## **Cleaning Out the Fridge**

VBS starts tomorrow. If you have anything in the fridge that you want to keep, please get it today. We need all of the refrigerator space to get through VBS.

## **VBS Parking**

During VBS we need for our VBS workers to park in the gravel lot in back if possible to save the spots on the black top for our guests. Also, we are marking off some of the black top area around the basketball court and playground to be reserved for recreation purposes.

## **Cookies Needed for VBS**

Not only does it take lots of people to make VBS happen, it also takes lots of cookies. The sign up sheet for cookies is on the table in the foyer. For each time you sign up plan to bring 5 dozen cookies (homemade or bought). No peanut/nut cookies please. Some of our kids have allergy problems.

## **Father-Son Camp Out**

The annual Father-Son Camp Out has been scheduled for Friday, July 10-Saturday, July 11 at Ken Rase's Farm. This is open to all boys and father's/father figures. This is a wonderful opportunity to "adopt" a boy from our community.

## **Men's Golfing/Camping Trip**

Date for the golfing/camping trip is July 31-8/2. More info to come, but save the date.

## **New Playground Complete**

Finally we have everything done. The new playground is now officially open for business--we mean play. And just in time for VBS. Many thanks to those in the congregation for helping us get the old playground out of the way and the new playground installed. To Mark Gampp for heading up the project. To Ira and Josh Coriell for removing the old playground and setting up the perimeter and benches for the new. To Veach Trucking (Jamie Veach) for hauling a huge load of mulch for the base of the playground. To others who contributed money and may have helped in ways unknown to the writer. Everyone donated their time and services to the church. Thank you for your service to the Kingdom.

## **Camp Report**

Next Sunday morning at the conclusion of our services **Jack Jennings**, current board member at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp and regular member of our congregation, will be making a report about the camp here at Sunshine. We look forward to the pictures and words which Jack will bring to us showing the progress being made at our camp.

## **Sweet Monday Coming**

The next Sweet Monday will be July 6 at 7:30 theme: Garden Goodness! Our own Sweet **Irmalee Gampp** will give a demonstration on arranging wild flowers and we will also taste some garden sweets! Thanks!! Heather

## Teen Devo

At Tim and Jennifers house at 6:00 on Monday, June 29. everyone bring a 2 liter of pop and a bag of chips.

## Kings' Island Trip

The youth group will be making a trip to Kings Island on Friday, July 24. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for kids and for chaperons/drivers.

## The Calm Before the Storm

Tomorrow is the first day of VBS. Today is the calm before the storm. Thank you to all who have signed up to take on some part of VBS. The only thing greater than signing up to work is the actual doing of the work. If all of us follow through and do our jobs, we are going to have a great, memorable and God-honoring VBS. Keep praying, even the weather is looking good. Steve.

## No Spirit Club Tonight

It's Fathers Day.

## Sunshine Girls Tonight

All girls ages 9-12 in the Annex.

## No Children's Bible Time Today

We would like for all of our little people to stay in the auditorium to see and hear our fathers praising the heavenly Father.



# Coming Events

- 6/22 - 26 **Sunshine VBS**
- 7/6 **Sweet Monday - Garden Goodness**
- 7/10 - 11 **Father-Son Campout**
- 7/12-18 **Sunshine at Fort Hill Christian Camp**
- 7/24 **Kings Island Trip**
- 7/31-8/02 **Men's Golfing/Camping Trip**
- 11/6-8 **Sunshine Ladies Retreat**

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## ***VERSE OF THE MONTH***

Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God. —Philippians 2:12-15

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## **Bible Study Curriculum**

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### **Sunday**

- 6/21 1 Timothy 3-4
- 6/28 Preaching Service
- 7/5 1 Timothy 5-6
- 7/12 2 Timothy 1-2

### **Wednesday**

- 6/24 VBS
- 7/1 Judges 1-2
- 7/8 Judges 3-5
- 7/15 Judges 6-8

# A THING OF BRASS

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In battling the Philistines (1 Sam. 4) the Ark was seen as what would save them (vs. 3). Though the Philistines were afraid because of Israel's rejoicing when the Ark was brought to them (vs. 5-8), they fought anyway, defeated Israel, and captured the Ark (vs. 10-11). At the mention of its capture the wise old judge Eli died (vs. 18). What Israel failed to realize was that it was not the Ark itself, but God's presence among them that they sorely needed.

Many make similar present day errors in discernment. Some will hold tightly to a particular edition of the Bible they have owned for years. Some believe that "faithfulness" is determined simply by church attendance. Others believe that they have truly "worshiped" if they partake of the Lord's Supper. A few even think that just because they were baptized they are saved forever.

Yet these things are not the end in and of themselves, but rather a means to an end. It doesn't matter which particular copy of the Bible is used, what matters is how much one studies it. How often one attends is not the be all and end all of faithfulness, but rather an indication of faithfulness and dedication. Whether or not one partakes of the Lord Supper does not mean they truly have worshiped, but their attitude in taking the memorial and doing it in a "worthy manner." Even one's baptism doesn't matter one iota unless they have a proper relationship with Christ.

Think about what Jesus termed as "The Greatest Commandment" in Matthew 22:27: "Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." God demands all of our being. We must not make the tools that lead us to a closer relationship with God become a substitute for that relationship, if we do, they simply become nothing more than just a "Thing of Brass."

**Jason Stringer**

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# Happy

# Father's Day!

# Those Who Serve

## Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer  
 Song Director  
 Scripture Reading  
 Prayer  
 L Server 6  
 O Server 5  
 R Server 4  
 D Wine  
 S Bread  
 U Server 3  
 P Server 2  
 E Server 1  
 R Message  
 Closing Prayer

## June 21

Don Coriell  
 Ralph Gampp  
 Lane Raiser  
 Eric Copas  
 Dale Gampp  
 Ryan Coriell  
 David Gampp  
 Gabe Coriell  
 Derek Miller  
 Michael Dixon  
 John Gampp  
 Ike Hardin  
 Steve Miller  
 Mike Gampp

## June 28

Jon Coriell  
 Scott Gampp  
 Jack Jennings  
 Matthew Hoskins  
 Ira Coriell  
 Rick Coriell  
 Mike Coriell  
 Rich Book  
 Jason Coriell  
 Bill Gammon  
 Dale Kuhn  
 Ed McLaughlin  
 Jamie Riley  
 Tyler Jones

## Regular Service Times

### Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am  
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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## Sunday Evening

Song Director  
 Scripture Reading  
 Lord's Supper  
 Assist  
 Prayer  
 Bible Class

Dennis Ruch  
 Bob Havens  
 John Berry  
 Steve Williams  
 Zack Sims  
 1 Timothy 3-4

Zach Coriell  
 Spike Ferrell  
 Dewey Cordle  
 Mark Gampp  
 Shawn Gragg  
 Preaching Service

## Wednesday Evening

Song Director  
 Prayer  
 Bible Class Text

VACATION  
 BIBLE  
 SCHOOL

Aaron McCray  
 Josh Coriell  
 Judges 1-2

## Children's Bible Time Schedule

June: *Building Christian Character*  
 3/5: Brandi Gampp, Debbie Raiser, Derria Kelley  
 6/8: JoAnn Miller, Beth Miller, Julie Miller

July: *Women of the Bible*  
 3/5: Christy Veach, Paige Jacobs, Holly Hayward  
 6/8: Jane Ruggles, Hayley Ruggles, Garnet Lindeman

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## Who's Your Daddy?

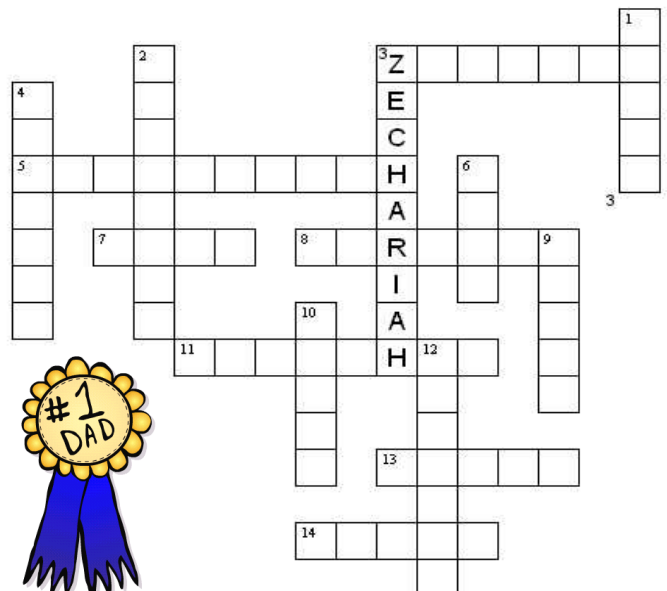
This week's puzzle is in recognition of Father's Day. Names of sons mentioned in the Bible are given as clues, enter their father's name in the crossword grid to solve the puzzle. Scripture references are given to help you determine who's who and 3 Down has been done for you as well. Solution is posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

### ACROSS

- 3 James & John - Mat 4:21
- 5 Lamech - Luk 3:36-37
- 7 Joseph - Luk 3:23
- 8 Sopater - Act 20:4
- 11 Mephibosheth - 2Sa 9:6
- 13 Azariah - 1Ki 4:2
- 14 Jacob - Act 7:8

### DOWN

- 1 Archelaus - Mat 2:22
- 2 Levi - Mar 2:14
- 3 John - Luk 1:13
- 4 Bartimaeus - Mar 10:46
- 6 Simon - Mat 16:17
- 9 Judas - Joh 6:71
- 10 Nathan - Luk 3:31
- 12 Isaac - Heb 11:17



# Who's Your Daddy? Crossword Solution June 21, 2009

