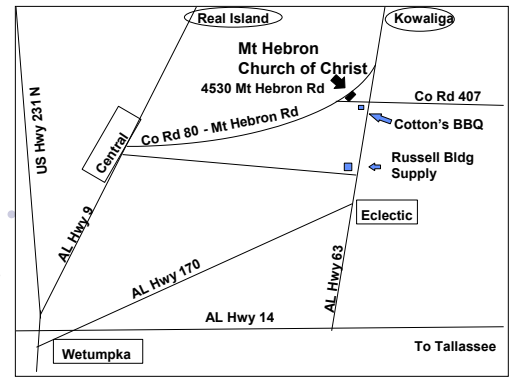


Neighborly News

Brought to you by your friends at the Mt. Hebron Church of Christ.



Heap hot coals on their heads!

A local politician or civil servant makes life hard for you. He or she refuses to help you do the job as it should be done. In fact, he or she tries to close down your business. What should you do?

The local busybody talks about you behind your back and even shakes his or her fist in your face in a public place. What should you do?

Your neighbor's kids decide that the best place for a game of tag is your prize flower garden. What should you do?

The answer is simple... heat hot coals upon their heads. Does this seem a strange thing for a Christian to say? Yet, it

is in the Bible. Specifically, the Bible says, *"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is*



thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." (Romans 12:19-20)

The best way you can treat someone who mistreats you is to treat them

with kindness. Anything else is not Christ's way. It makes sense if you think about it. With kindness you can win some people over. Those whom you treat kindly who remain your enemy will feel bad because of your constant kindness.

Love not just your neighbor but love your enemies (Romans 12:9-21)!

The greatest example of this truth is the attitude of Jesus who did not curse those who nailed him to the cross but prayed for their forgiveness (Luke 23:34).

"A child brought up in Sunday School is seldom brought up before a judge."



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Sunday
Bible Classes 10:00 AM
Worship Services
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Quote from a Nobel Prize recipient

William D. Phillips won the 1997 Nobel Prize in chemistry for using lasers to produce temperatures only a fraction of a degree above absolute zero. Phillips once quipped that so many of his colleagues were Christians he couldn't walk across his church's fellowship hall without "tripping over a dozen physicists."

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:1-2)

The deadly Portia spider

In a National Geographic article about the Portia spider, author Robert Jackson detailed the various ways it deceives its prey. Sitting still, the spider looks like a piece of dried leaf or foliage until a meal walks by. It also will crawl onto another spider's web and tap the threads, mimicking the actions of a trapped insect. When the host spider appears, the Portia devours it. Deception is the Portia's primary tool.

Satan is like the Portia spider in that deception is his weapon of choice. He does whatever he can to counterfeit the words of God—to make the unwary and naïve think that God is present and speaking when in fact He is not. The apostle Paul wrote about Satan masquerading as an “angel of light” and about his agents acting like “servants of righteousness.” Only those who know the Word of God will be prepared and protected. Know the truth—don't be deceived by a counterfeiter like Satan. The more you get to know the truth—and the One who is Truth—the easier it will be to spot deception



when it appears. —adapted from Turning Point Daily Devotional, 9-23-05
Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their

"The Infinite came down to earth in the form of an infant; he who spans the heavens and holds the ocean in the hollow of his hand, condescended to hang upon a woman's breast—the King eternal became a little child. Let Bethlehem tell that he had compassion. There was no way of saving us but by stooping to us. To bring earth up to heaven, he must bring heaven down to earth. Therefore, in the incarnation, he must bring heaven down to earth. Therefore, in the incarnation, he had compassion, for he took upon himself our infirmities, and was made like unto ourselves."

Charles Spurgeon

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)



Before your child comes to seven
 Teach him well the way to heaven.

Better still the truth will thrive
 If he knows it when he is five.

Better yet, if at your knee
 He learns it when he is only three.

Best of all when you have begun
 To teach of Jesus before he is one.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

The world according to parents

"Bring me the change."

"Call when you get there."

"I hope I'm alive when your kids turn 16."

"Stop doing that, you'll poke your eye out."

"How did you know your brother had his eyes open during the prayer?"

"Sit up and look at the scenery."

"How many times have I told you...?"

"How come you remember to eat, but you never remember to take out the garbage?"

"All you had to do is pick up the phone and call."

"That milk is going to be awfully chocolatey"

"This is going to hurt me a lot more than it's going to hurt you."

"If he jumped off a bridge would you?"

"Do it to make your mother happy."

"Wait until your dad gets home."

"I'm not sleeping; I'm just resting my eyes."

"When I was your age, I walked 26 miles to school through blizzards, hail storms and 110 degree heat."