

MY ANSWER

BY DR. BILLY GRAHAM



Dear Dr. Graham: Recently a man in our church has been accused of some illegal or questionable actions in connection with a large business deal. People in our church feel that we should not have anything to do with him, while others feel we ought to try to help him in some way. What is your opinion? - W.W.

Dear W.W.: I do not know all the facts, of course, but in general the Bible clearly stresses that we need to reach out to people who are in need. This man is hurting, I strongly suspect, and he needs the love and support of those who are his fellow believers. The Bible says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Even if this individual has done something wrong - which has apparently not been proven at this point - you have a responsibility to help him see the seriousness of what he has done and encourage him to repent of it. In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul has to deal with a man who had committed an open, blatant sin - and he apparently felt no sorrow for it. Only then did Paul instruct the church to remove him from its fellowship - and later, when he repented, Paul urged that he be restored to fellowship at once (1 Corinthians 5:1-7; 2 Corinthians 2:5-10). The Bible commands, "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

I cannot help but feel that there may be some in your church who are more concerned about the public reputation of the church than they are about the man who needs your love and support and wisdom. Certainly we should be careful, so that outsiders have no legitimate reason, for thinking we are not concerned about purity of life. But Christ was known as a friend of sinners (Matthew 11:19), because he went out of his way to demonstrate his love for those who have sinned. We should be thankful for this, because we have all sinned and we all need his grace.

I would hope that your church would not only seek what is right in this situation, but that it might cause each Christian in your fellowship to think more deeply about the love Christ calls us to demonstrate to others. "All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" (John 13:35).

Flowers Seen From The Bee's Eye View

One can look at the flowers in the garden or along the roadside from several vantage-points.

First, there is the obvious enjoyment in the bright colors, patterns, shapes and fragrances of the blossoms. Another viewpoint is provided by observing the honeybees, moths, flies, butterflies, bumblebees and sometimes hummingbirds flitting from flower to flower.

Blue, purple, yellow or white blossoms seem to interest honeybees most, and impatiens, violets, blue lobelias and larkspur are among the more common ones they visit. These have kinds of pollen and nectar the bees collect.

The flowers have petals that serve as landing platforms for the insects, and some have striped designs acting as nectar guides for the foragers. So the garden can be thought of as a dining hall for flying insects.

The nectar, pollen and odors of these flowers also may be considered simply as a lure, a device for ensuring pollination. In collecting their food, the insects brush against the male pollen-bearing parts of the flower (another) and some adheres to their bodies. In moving to the next flower for more food, they

brush against the sticky or fuzzy female part (pistil) depositing there some of the adherent pollen.

This transfer of pollen from anther to pistil is what is called pollination, and without it plants would not, in most cases, produce seed for the generation of new plants.

In evolving the pollination process, flowers and insects seem to have worked out a cooperative arrangement. The insects recognize these flowers that are a predictable food source and stay instinctively with the same species over a given time-span. Individual blossoms yield only a limited quantity of nectar causing the pollinators to visit many flowers, resulting a greater seed production.

Hummingbirds are part of a similar process. They have little sense of smell and so look for bright colors, such as red, and for sweet nectar. They hover while feeding and thus need no landing platform as do bees and butterflies.

They can feed on long tubular flowers like honeysuckle, columbine and cardinal flower, not readily worked by bees. As their tongues reach into the flowers' throat for nectar, the pollen sticks to the bird's head and beak to be transferred to the next flower visited.

Have another look at the flowers around your home or at the N.C. Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill. Are they a colorful display for human enjoyment? A dining room for insects and birds? A device for ensuring pollination for the next generation of blooms? All three!

Boiling Springs



Church Bell At Boiling Springs Baptist Church

Community

By Louise Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bridges and children, Justin and Mandi, spent last week at Daytona Beach, Florida. They also went to Disney World and other places enjoying sight seeing.

Mrs. Louise Crowe Tracer of Santa Monica, California is visiting relatives and friends in Boiling Springs. Mrs. Tracer is a former employee of Gardner-Webb College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Humphries and children, Gregg, Lori, and Chad spent last week at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Morehead of Earl were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Maude Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weaver of Hopewell, Va., visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weaver recently.

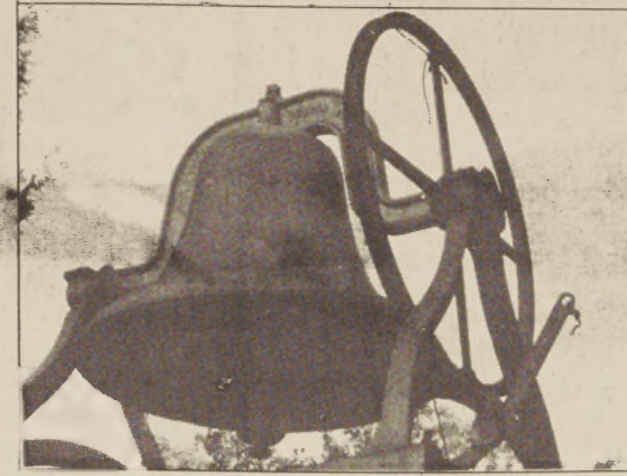
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Morrison and sons Chris and Brian spent several days camping at Lake James.

Miss Etna Holland has returned home after being a patient in Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Holland, Mrs. Victor Turner, Mrs. Gergin Crowe, all of Forest City, Mrs. Euelena Triplett and Mrs. Ann Gullaugham of Gastonia visited with Miss Holland over the weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Hamrick and Miss Ruth Hamrick of Cary, N.C. and Miss Eileen Hamrick of Bristol, Tenn., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Hal B. Greene. Mrs. Hamrick is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Greene this week.

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Mt. Pleasant



Community News

By Betty Blanton

A very enjoyable and informative Baptist Women's meeting was held at Ida Simmons home on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Simmons introduced the program and Mary Joe Jolley, Ruth Dawson, and Ethel Ray gave three interesting stories on missionaries and their service is the different areas of the people's in the country where they served. Mary Joe Jolley gave the Prayer Calendar for the missionaries and Betty Blanton led the prayer for them. Ethel Ray presented Mission Action project for July. Ruth Surratt led the closing prayer after which the hostess served tasty refreshments and the group enjoyed a time of fellowship.

July 4th, was a day of having family for the Steve Goode family. They hosted a cook-out at their home. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings were served to Ronney, Sandy, and Christy Alexander, Bruce, Wanda, Rebecca, and Michael Jones, Carl and Velma Goode, along with Steve, Angela, Amber, and Andy Goode.

Recent guests of Bob and Madge Hamrick were Hatcher and Daisy Spangler of Lantand, Hazel, Randy, Mark, and Keith Early of Forest City. This was the first visit for the Early family since the death of Mr. Early in the spring, but they are getting

There were many visitors present for morning worship and the Baptismal Service when Kristi Alexander, Lee Ann Earls, and Lori Richards were baptized on Sunday.

Sunday evening was at Houser Lake with the serving of the Lord's Supper at the worship service. A very impressive service was held.

Bruce and Earlene Adams are vacationing this week at Myrtle Beach. They plan to return home on Saturday.

The children of the church are enjoying a retreat at Snuffy Jenkins Music Park in Cliffside Monday and Tuesday of the week. Scott Bass, Youth Minister is Director of the Retreat and the boys and girls are having fun.

The birthdays of Alton and Margaret Jolley were celebrated with a family dinner on Sunday at the home of Alton and Veola Jolley. A picnic dinner was served to the honorees, their spouses, Baxter Louise, Ann, Amy, Katherine Jolley, Mary Jones, and Eugenia Hamrick.

Among guests in the Steve Goode home last week were Carl and Velma Goode, Nancy and "Gene" Poston of Mooresville, and Heather Bratton of Boiling Springs. The Goodes visited her brother Chris and his wife Pam in Boiling Springs on Friday evening. Chris had an accident on his motorcycle earlier and was injured but he is getting along fine now.

Animals Know How To Keep Cool This Summer



KEEPING HIS COOL - This bear cub keeps cool in a tree.

How do animals beat the heat?

By doing anything from wallowing in mud to climbing a tree, according to this month's issue of **Ranger Rick**, the children's publication of the National Wildlife Federation.

When the temperature soars and the sun sizzles, here's how some animals keep their cool: The white rhino wallows in mud until its body is coated, and then cools off as the water in the mud evaporates.

By climbing a tree, the brown bear cub is cooled by the passing breezes, which also blow away black flies and mosquitoes that add to the misery of summer's heat.

Snoozing on the beach in the hot sun, the elephant seal stays cool as its molts, or loose patches of hair and skin. It then protects and cools its tender new skin by

flipping damp sand all over its body.

Trinity Community News

BY DORIS SCRUGGS

During the workshop service on Sunday night a report of the mission trip the youth took to West Virginia was presented by some of those making the trip for a week of training, witnessing and Bible Study.

This week our youth will be participating in a weeks camp at Camp Caswell.

Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Harris returned home after spending a few days visiting Mrs. Peggy Swinson of Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bostic of Johnson City, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. James Bostic of Garland Tenn. visited Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Smith and were overnight guests over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Byars helped their daughter and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnwell of Fayetteville, move to California. Mr. Barnwell is a member of the military, and is being transferred. After helping them to settle the Byars flew back home by plane.

Mr. F.A. Lovelace who has been a patient in a rest home in Shelby was able to spend the weekend at home. She is much improved but will be returning to the rest home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris who have been camping in Hendersonville have returned home.

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