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Talking to Stop Lights

By Martin Klamm

Have you ever pulled up to a red light, and waited? I don't mean you waited one time for the lights to cycle through all the other lanes until the green light returned to your lane to start the cycle over. I mean have you ever been stopped at a red light and the light acted like it was ignoring you as it let the other lanes go *multiple times* without ever giving you a green light? What did you do? Did you talk to the light as though it had ears to hear with, and a mind to process what you said? Did you back up and pull forward again, hoping to trigger the underground sensor to detect that your car was in that lane? Have you waved at the sensor above the light, like you're trying to get a cat's attention? Well, just like a cat, that sensor likely pretended you don't exist. Did you do the unthinkable and run through a red light? If you did, shame on you, you lawbreaker. Or maybe you swerved over into another lane that had seen multiple green lights while you were being ignored? If you did, how many times did the lane where you *had been* waiting finally get a green light? Or, how many times have you switched lanes and found that the new lane has decided to ignore your existence? It's almost comical to think that a light bulb has that much power over our actions and our attitude.

Speaking of that, when was the last time you lost your patience with an inanimate object, like a stop light? If we started to write down all of the things that we have lost our patience over, I think we would find that our list would not look very good. I think we would find that we have lost our patience over lots of small, insignificant things, like light bulbs, slow lines, slow internet speeds, bad cell phone connections. Sure, in the moment we felt justified having lost our patience, but looking back, I think we would realize that was far from our finest hour.

What's the point with traffic lights and patience? Perhaps the next time we are tempted, instead of thinking about *right now*, maybe we should think a little into the future and ask ourself, "*Is giving in to this temptation really worth it?*" And when we realize it isn't, then let's choose to reject the temptation now.

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MEN TO SERVE

Bible School Devotion 09/18/22

Singing.....Zoey Graham
Prayer.....Alan Jones

Worship 09/18/22

Announcements.....Jay Farlow
One Hymn.....Nick Jones
Prayer.....Anthony Curtis
Two Hymns.....Nick Jones
Message.....Martin Klamm
Invitation Hymn.....Nick Jones
Communion Hymn.....Nick Jones
Lord's Supper.....(Head) A.B. White, Tyler Holder
Alex Jones and Zoey Graham
Offering Hymn.....Nick Jones
Contribution (Scripture Reading Mark 12:41-44).....Alex Jones
Final Hymn.....Nick Jones
Closing Prayer.....A.B. White

Sunday Evening 09/18/22

**AREA-WIDE MEETING: 7:00 PM at the Bath Springs
Community Center**

Monday Evening 09/19/22

**AREA-WIDE MEETING: 7:00 PM at the Bath Springs
Community Center**

Tuesday Evening 09/20/22

**AREA-WIDE MEETING: 7:00 PM at the Bath Springs
Community Center**

Wednesday 09/21/22

**AREA-WIDE MEETING: 7:00 PM at the Bath Springs
Community Center**

SPEAKER: DOUG BURLESON

FAMILY NEWS

SICK: There were no new sick listed this week.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Timmy Allen, Martha Coleman, Kynley Montgomery and Paul Parrish.

AREA WIDE MEETING: It will begin Sunday Night, September 18 at 7:00 pm. It will go through Wednesday night the 21st. The visiting preacher will be Doug Burleson. It will be held at the Bath Springs Community Center.

“SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS”: Continue to pray diligently every day this month for the Honoré family to receive their permits soon so they can move to Bonaire. Let’s pray diligently for Dexter, Giselle, Skylar, Zariah & Kamari.

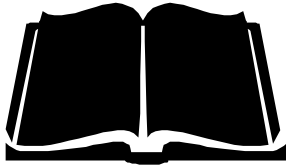
BIBLE COLLECTION: Be sure and bring any Bibles that you do not use and put them in the box on the bench across from the office.

LADIES DAY: Henderson church of Christ, October 1, 2022 from 9 till Noon with Lunch following. Registration at 8:15.

PAUL’S STATEMENT THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO SAY

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who loved His appearing.”

(2 Timothy 4:7-8)



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday (Ezekiel 21-23)
Monday (Ezekiel 24-26)
Tuesday (Ezekiel 27-29)
Wednesday (Ezekiel 30-37)
Thursday (Ezekiel 38-40)
Friday (Ezekiel 41-43)
Saturday (Ezekiel 44-46)

Missionary E-mails
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Mark, our youngest son, was born after I had completed my active Air Force career. As a retired colonel, I enjoyed discussing with the children my time in the service. One day, Mark asked me what a colonel was, and I suggested he look up the word in the dictionary. “Dad, I think I found it,” he said, a few minutes later. “Kernel: the soft part of a nut.”

A man was in a coffee shop. An attractive woman was reading her newspaper. He finally walked over and tried his very best line: “Bond, James Bond.” She looked up, smiled and replied: “Lost, Get lost.”

STATISTICS
Statistics show that an average of 39,000 people are killed by gas annually. Sixty inhale it, forty light matches in it, and 38,900 step on it.

The Record Speaks

Attendance	Contribution 2316
Wed.BS 38	Budget 3059
SMBS 42	
SMW 63	
SEW 44	

Assemblies

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.