

Chickens and Spiders and Dogs

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John Brenz, friend of Martin Luther, remembered this verse from 1 Kings while hiding from the Spanish Cavalry. Emperor Charles V repeatedly tried to assassinate him, and on one occasion Brenz barely heard of the plot in time to grab a loaf of bread and duck into his neighbor's hayloft. There he hid for fourteen days. The bread was quickly gone, but the Lord sent a hen who showed up and laid an egg each day for fourteen days. In this way, Brenz was kept alive. On the fifteenth day the chicken didn't come, and the reformer wondered what he would do. But from the street below came the cries, "The cavalrymen are gone at last."

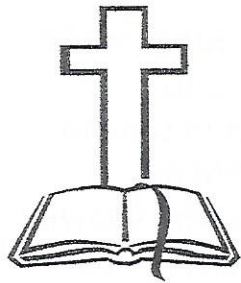
In a similar way, a dog provided for the needs of another reformer, John Craig, who was arrested during the Inquisition. On the eve of his scheduled execution, Craig escaped, but while fleeing through the Italian backcountry, he ran out of food and money. Suddenly a dog approached him, with a purse in its mouth. Craig tried to drive the animal away, but the dog persisted in bring him the purse. In it was enough money to take him to freedom.

Robert Bruce of Scotland was running for his life, fleeing persecutors. He ducked into a small cave, and a spider immediately appeared and spun a web over the opening. Bruce's pursuers fanned across the area, knowing he was near. Two approached the cave and one started to go in. The other stopped him saying, "He could never have gotten in there without breaking that spider's web." Bruce breathed a prayer: "O God, I thank Thee that in the tiny bowels of a spider you can place for me a shelter."

1 Kings 17:6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.

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Sunday, June 2, 2019

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Sherry Cagle's mother - broken hip</p> <p>Adrienne Penix - thinning blood vessels in brain</p> <p>Jennifer Penix - dead bone in foot; got an injection last week, will have PT for 4 weeks; will return for progress in six weeks</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>June 4-6 VBS at 7 pm nightly</p> <p>June 9 Drawn by Love ladies' meeting at 7th and Mueller church of Christ; info at back</p> <p>Memory Verse</p> <p>I will remember the Lord's works; yes, I will remember Your ancient wonders. I will reflect on all You have done and meditate on Your actions.</p> <p>Psalm 77:11-12</p> <p><i>To get an announcement or prayer request in the bulletin, send it to pambeach30@gmail.com or post it on the Leachville church of Christ Facebook page.</i></p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of May 20-25: 15 lessons graded</p>
<p>Desorre Beach - health problems</p> <p>Raymond Lasley - cataract surgery tomorrow, another June 17</p> <p>Darlene Hetler - out of ICU, in room 4102 at NEA Baptist</p> <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Bill Key June 7 Darlene Hetler June 8</p>		<p>June's Haiti Needs</p> <p>oatmeal fingernail clippers</p> <p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 46 Sunday evening: 28 Wednesday evening: 39</p>

Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p>	<p>Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer Ken Beach</p> <p>Announcements Raymond Lasley</p> <p>Second Prayer Joel Ingram</p> <p>Scripture Reading Dakota Crossno</p>		<p>First Prayer Ken Beach</p> <p>Closing Prayer Raymond Lasley</p> <p>Lord's Supper Ken Beach Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Lord's Supper 1. Braden Drury 3. Ken Beach 2. Rudi Cagle 4. Justin Beach</p> <p>Closing Prayer Ed Young</p>		<p>Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm</p> <p>First Prayer Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Closing Prayer Jerry Bolar</p>