

# A Bit Of Common Sense, Please!

By Mike Riley

French writer, historian, and philosopher, François-Marie Arouet, (pen name, Voltaire) once stated, “Common sense is not so common” — and his assessment was exactly right! In a society that has grown increasingly lawsuit-conscious, we are inundated with warnings on various products, mostly because many folks just lack simple common sense.

The following are some examples:

On a hair dryer: “Do not use while sleeping.”

On a Rowenta iron: “Do not iron clothes on body.”

On a chainsaw: “Do not attempt to stop the chain with your hand.”

On a cup of coffee: “Hot beverages are hot!”

On a butcher knife: “Please keep out of children.”

Common sense can be learned from experience (the hard way) or the teaching we receive from those we trust. But God’s Word is the best source of all to develop discernment and good judgment.

Three words echo throughout the book of Proverbs: wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. God has packed this book with a plethora of common sense (see article 1; article 2).

Note that:

Proverbs 11:12 advises restraint: “A man of understanding holds his peace.”

Proverbs 17:27 warns: “He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.”

Proverbs 20:13 is practical: “Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty.”

To increase our common sense, spiritually speaking, let us consult the inspired Word of God daily (Acts 17:11) — the only source of true wisdom (Proverbs 2:6).

Please let us be found using a bit of common sense!



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Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements**- Wayne Fowler      **Opening prayer**- Lyle Russell  
**Communion**- Ronnie Hayes      **Closing Prayer**- Rick Cook  
**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

### February 2nd

**Announcements**- Lyle Russell      **Opening prayer**- Wayne Fowler  
**Communion**- Jerry McDonald      **Closing Prayer**- Ronnie Hayes  
**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

## Announcements

**—Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

**—Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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## Please Pray For:

Larry Randolph, Debbie Grice, Vee Boren, Pam Few, Carolyn Jones, Paul & Wanda Simpson, Bob Mayfield, David & Elaine Reppond, Debbie Grice, Charles Jones, Christene Looney, Weils Family, Don Bell, Zion and Elianna Simmons, Linda Johnston.

**Bereaved:** Family of Ernie Bruce, Ronnie White.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### January Birthdays

- 1 - John Chisley
- 6 - Carolyn Jones
- 15 - Tommy Franklin
- 21 - Gary Harris
- 24 - Buck Raus
- 26 - Arthur Binford

### January Anniversaries

- 6 - Debbie and Rick Cook
- 7 - Charles and Brenda Fricke

