

Are You Superstitious?



But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. (1 Timothy 4:7)

Are you superstitious? A Harris poll found that: 21 percent of Americans believe that knocking on wood prevents bad luck; 20 percent wouldn't dream of walking under a ladder; 14 percent believe it's unlucky to open an umbrella indoors; and 12 percent think the number 13 is unlucky. In fact, 14 percent of Americans said they believe Friday the 13th is an unlucky day.

Why are people superstitious? For the most part, superstition is caused by fear of bad luck and insecurity in the future, writes Benjamin Radford, LiveScience Bad Science columnist. But as you're about to hear, superstitions are not just foolish, they can be quite dangerous.

A man fainted while driving through a tunnel near Portland, Oregon. This caused a head-on collision that sent four people to the hospital. The driver said he had lost consciousness while holding his breath. According to CarMax, the auto sales giant, "Holding your breath while driving through a tunnel is [America's] favorite driving superstition."

Christians, don't be superstitious. You have nothing to gain by being superstitious. Some people would even say that superstition is just another word for idolatry. As believers, we should not put our faith in objects like rabbits' feet or in manmade rituals like holding our breath in a tunnel. We should put our faith only in the one true God who is sovereign over all His creation.

Ref: <http://www.livescience.com/46132-superstition-leads-to-car-crash.html>. "Breath-Holding Superstition May Have Caused Car Crash", LiveScience, B. Radford, 6-5-14. Photo: Interstate I-93 Tunnel in Boston. Courtesy of Rene Schwietzke. (CC 2.0 Generic)

Memorial



August 6, 2023

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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, August 6, 2023

8:00am - Breakfast

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship

A Look Ahead

8/14 - Preschool Starts

8/26 - Youth - Laser Tag

9/3 - Pastor Nathan Preaching

9/9 - Beast Feast

9/10-17 - Missouri Missions Wk. of Prayer

9/22 - L.I.F.T.

9/23 - Youth Activity - Zoo

Save the Date

11/7 - Veterans' Luncheon

New Discipleship Classes Start Today

Chris Smith will be starting a new discipleship class August 6 based on the book "What Does It Mean to Fear the Lord?: How the Fear of God Delights and Strengthens" by Michael Reeves. The classroom is in the one where the Master Plan of Discipleship has been.

Ryan Gerling will begin teaching on the 7 churches in Revelation beginning August 6. He will be in the classroom closest to the kitchen. (his same classroom)

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out an MBC Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

Light Academy Preschool Starts 8/14

Please keep the teachers, students, and their families in prayer as they begin the new school year.

August 6, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.

10:00am Svc. - Jamie B. & Alana C.

Wed. - August 9 - Linda W.

Junior Church

Bekah H. - Alana C.

Kids Connection

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8:45 - Sunday School - Joe G.

10:00am - Ryan W., Ben S., Jesse W.

Wed. - August 9 - Jim F.

August 13, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Ben S. & Kim S.

10:00am Svc. - Barb G. & Russ G.

Wed. - August 9 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Jamie B. - Mariah R.

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