

(Not always is there room to place the reports we get from our missionaries, but this was short and to the point and I thought we could all rejoice in the good news from our work in Thailand. Brother Samriit, Michele and the girls are doing a good work in this part of our world and we truly rejoice for all the good we hear. Please take a minute before or after services to notice the reports that are posted on the Missions bulletin board.

Terry Joe)

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Happy New year to you all our brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our prayers that this email finds you well. With this short email, I have a couple of good news to share with you:

- 1) As a result of sowing the seed of the kingdom, God gave the increase of two newborns in Christ this past Sunday afternoon (1-17-2021). The two new brothers in Christ are: (1) Banjong Prasan, 59 (2) Tawin Narongchai, 56. Both of them were from the Buddhist background. We ask you to pray for their Christian walks.
- 2) There are numbers of non-believers that we have been studying with. One of them is Duengrudee Thongyodgruang, nickname is Aim. Aim is 32 years of age and has attended worship services with us quite a while. We had Bible studies set up with her once a week each Saturday.

Hope this update brings great joy and encouragement to you. May God continue to bless us all as we continue to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord.

In Christ,
Samriit, Michele, Gaby and Annie
(Thailand Missions)

P.S. We appreciate the beautiful encouragement through cards that some of you sent to Thailand as well as some of you that usually do via email. They mean a lot to us.

AN HONEST SEEKER OF TRUTH

Jerry C. Brewer

Jesse L. Sewell was one of those whose study of the Bible brought him out of the superstitious darkness of Calvinism. Born into a Baptist family in 1817, he married in 1839 and began preaching in the Baptist Church that same year. But his serious study of the Bible soon set him apart from his Baptist preaching brethren.

His disposition to study thoroughly and closely whatever he attempted, and his critical mind and well balanced judgment, led him to a different style of preaching from the Baptist preachers generally of that country...the preachers, however, feeling reproved by his knowledge of the Bible, as compared with their own ignorance of it...or really alarmed lest vital, heartfelt religion should be sacrificed or suffer from this book preaching, soon began to complain that he preached too much about and from the Bible, and not enough of the work of the grace of God in the heart, and the converting power of the Holy Ghost. They were afraid he would sacrifice heart experience for a book religion (David Lipscomb, Life and Sermons of Jesse L. Sewell, Gospel Advocate Co., Nashville, 1954, pp. 54-55).

The most striking thing about the above is that the same accusations and complaints against Bible preaching are now coming from our own brethren 150 years later! Not content with a "Thus saith the Lord," they would foist upon us that "Holy Ghost religion" of 19th-century Baptist Calvinism. While he was yet regarded a sound Baptist preacher, he and a brother preacher were from home preaching together. Sunday morning when they started for the meeting, his companion observed Jesse had his Bible. He turned and very seriously said to him:

'Brother Sewell, I am sorry to see you carry that book with you to church.' 'Why so?' asked Brother Sewell. He replied, 'I am afraid the people will think we learned our sermons out of it.' This was the very thing brother Sewell was, even then, trying to do. The other was ashamed of it. With him to learn from the Bible what to preach, was to ignore and deny the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, was to surrender and trample underfoot, the claim that he was a chosen mouthpiece of the Almighty, and was to disrobe his preaching of its divine authority and make it the imagination of a poor human being (Lipscomb, p. 55).

It was his love for and preaching of God's revealed Biblical truth which eventually led to Jesse L. Sewell's expulsion from the Baptist Church on the first Saturday of February, 1843. Jesse Sewell was an honest seeker of truth and he found it in the Bible. That same Bible will lead men to the Lamb of God and his precious cleansing blood today. Everything man knows of God, Christ, The Holy Spirit, the mercy of God, the grace of God, the blood of Christ, and salvation is to be found within the Sacred Volume. No one would even know there was a Holy Spirit were it not for the Bible.

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Remember in Prayer:

Myra Preston is off the ventilator and has moved to Arkansas Continued Care Hospital.
Marshall Lands is now at home after a long stay in St. Bernard’s and Encompass Hospitals.
Mittie Stallings is in NEA Baptist room 5201 recovering from a broken hip.
Carolyn Harper is now home.
Patricia Wood is improving at home after a recent hospital stay.

Please check the bulletin boards for updates on Prayer Request Lists.

Please update us if needed.

Also please pray for these who are directly or indirectly affected by Covid-19,
 and please keep us updated.

Tim and Traci Johnson (son and daughter-in-law of James and Sandra Johnson).

Tim remains in ICU at NEA Baptist, but Traci has improved and will be moving to her daughter’s home in Missouri to receive home health care.

In Other News:

Children and Teens: Even though our elders and your Bible class teachers are showing an abundance of caution to keep you safe by keeping you with your family during class time for now, that does not mean your Bible study needs are forgotten!

Ages from Babies to 6th grade and parents are invited to continue the routine of going before Bible class to Room 4 on Sunday a.m. and Wednesday p.m. to pick up a Bible study/activity packet to carry to the auditorium and work on during each Bible class period.

Teens, please go to your classroom to get your Bible study packet to work on in auditorium during class time or at home if you prefer!

Those Privileged To Serve

January 24, 2021

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten
 Opening Prayer: Ben Johns
 Closing Prayer: Ryan Manley
 Bible Reading: Scottie Blanchard
 Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD’S TABLE

Presiding: Terry Joe Kee
 Mike Felts Dan Nichols
 Jack Johnson Jimmie Powell
 Tom Carner Carlos Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Oden

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Kevin Roush
 Opening Prayer: Jason Garland
 Closing Prayer: James Johnson
 Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

January 27, 2021

Song Leader: Randy Oden
 Opening Prayer: Mike Felts
 Closing Prayer: Jimmie Powell

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

January 27, 2021

Terry Joe Kee

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

January 17, 2021

Sunday Bible Study 51
 Sunday AM Worship 102
 Sunday PM Worship 88
 Wednesday Bible Study 87
 Contribution \$4480

“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”

Proverbs 21:23

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

Each week that passes brings new and unique challenges to us as we labor during this present distress. We must learn the lessons being taught to us and we must continue fighting the good fight of faith every day. There have always been challenges to being a Christian while living in a sinful world. But remember that, as the song says, “this world is not my home, I’m just a passing through.” Do not let the stresses and troubles of life bring you down to Satan’s level.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians during stressful times and gave them instructions dealing with the “present distress” (I Corinthians 7:26). Christians were being put to death for their faith. The temptation was to deny the Lord and live. What needed to be done during that day with that distress and what we are doing today have some similarities and some differences. Decisions must be made that are not common to our daily lives or in our worship to God. Neither with regard to marriage in I Corinthians 7 nor during a pandemic does everything remain the same. Changes in the times we meet, the circumstances under which we meet, our greeting and meeting of one another as we come together, social gatherings and visitations are all limited in many ways. So, we use our best judgment and try hard to make the best of a bad situation while we pray and long for all this to soon be behind us, and we continue to build up the church.

In the meantime, let us rejoice. The book of Philippians was written during severe persecution, but the church is told repeatedly throughout the book to rejoice. Sometimes in life there are things which preclude us from seeing the joy that surrounds up. So again I say rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4).

SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols
 Randy Oden

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard

Jerry Dodson

Mike Felts

Jason Garland

Marshall Lands

Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Samrit Kammanee

Arnold Kelley

Micah Robertson, Montana

Warren, PA

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God

Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God

John 8:24

Repent of your sins

Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus

as the Son of God

Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the

remission of your sins

Acts 2:38

Live faithfully

Revelation 2:10

“Lift up your eyes, and

look on the fields; for they

are white already to

harvest.” (John 4:35)

Each One Invite One

in Twenty-One