

THE WORD OF GOD

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From my earliest memories of the church and worship services, I am reminded of the need to respect the Bible. I remember as a child going with my family to Newbern, Tennessee and assembling with the church there. The class I was in used a little card which had a picture on one side and a Bible story on the other. I do not remember who the teacher was but I remember the importance given to the Word of God.

As a teenager I studied in a Bible class taught by those who loved the Bible and encouraged us as students to study. I remember his instructions to put our lesson book in a place where we would know where it was and to bring it to class with us. We were never encouraged to bring that book without our Bibles.

As I remember those preachers I heard as a young man, I am reminded of godly men who respected the Bible and encouraged every member to study it daily. I learned not to put the words of man above the Word of God (cf. I Cor. 4:6). My plea for folks not to take my word, but to search the scriptures to see if the truth is being taught, is what I have been taught from my childhood. Our faith is not to stand in the wisdom of man, but in the Word of God (I Cor. 2:1-5).

The Bible is worthy of daily study and meditation (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3). It is the Word of God that must light our path and be a lamp to our feet (Psa. 119:105). God's Word is His instrument to reprove, rebuke, and exhort us (2 Tim. 4:2). It is this inspired volume which is given by God for teaching, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16). Only by the Word of God can we be made perfect or complete (2 Tim. 3:17). Only with this Book of books can we know Jesus (John 5:39). These things were written that we might believe in Jesus as God's Son (John 20:30,31). Without this Word, there is no faith (Rom. 10:17) and therefore we cannot please God (Heb. 11:6).

Since the Bible is so precious, and without it we have no direction and therefore no hope, we must not put it up on a shelf. We cannot live without it. It must be preached and lived. How can we bring a neighbor to Christ, without the Word of God? How do you know how to live without the Word? What hope do you have without the Word of God? How do you know of God's grace without the Word of His grace? The Word of God is what has made us who we are and it is what will carry us home.

THE SIN OF DIVISION

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1. God desires unity. I Cor. 1:10; Psa. 133:1; Eph. 4:1-6
2. God hates division. Prov. 6:16-19

FACTIONS AND SECTS ARE CLASSED AS WORKS OF THE FLESH.

1. Note that most of sins in works of the flesh are sins of division and their associates. Gal. 5:19-21
2. Division, contention and faction are carnal. Jam. 3:13,18
3. Teachers must be careful not to be divisive. 2 Pet. 2:1-3
4. Divided churches are not coming together for the better, but for the worse. I Cor. 11:17,18
5. Such division brings the wrath of God upon us. Rom. 2:8

CHURCH IS COMMANDED TO "MARK" AND "AVOID" DIVISION MAKERS.

1. Paul plainly told the church at Rome to do this. Rom.16:17,18
2. Christians cannot fellowship those who are contentious and divisive. 2 John 9-11
3. Those who have been admonished must be refused. Tit.3:10,11

DIVISION WILL DESTROY AND DEFEAT THE WORK OF THE LORD.

1. A house divided cannot stand. Luke 11:17
2. The kingdom of God cannot be shaken. Heb. 12:28
3. Every Christian has an individual responsibility and obligation to fight for unity. Eph. 4:3; Phil. 2:3

HOW CAN WE AVOID DIVISION?

1. Keep the doctrine pure. Tit. 2:7
2. Elders must hold up the faithful word and stop the mouths of gainsayers. Tit. 1:9
3. Shun foolish and profane speech of factious men. Tit.3:9,11; 2 Tim. 2:14,18, 2 Tim. 2:23,25
4. Exercise love and hospitality, but not at the expense of unity. I Pet. 4:7,11
5. Refuse private interpretations of men. 2 Pet. 1:16-2:2
6. Confine ourselves to matters of obligation. I Cor. 1:10

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Remember in Prayer:

Myra Preston hopes to be moving to NEA Baptist for “acute rehabilitation.” She has been suffering with pneumonia but is improving and after a couple of weeks of therapy Myra should be able to return home.

Mittie Stallings was able to come home after successful hip surgery but her knees do not allow her to walk.

Marshall Lands continues to improve at home.

Clydene Nelson spent most of this past week in St. Bernard’s Hospital but is now back home doing better.

Sympathy is extended to the family of *Hillard Holcomb* who passed away this past Wednesday at the Phil & Flo Jones Hospice House. Arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

Sympathy is extended to the family of *Traci Johnson* whose funeral was this past Saturday. This is the wife of Tim Johnson and the daughter-in-law of James and Sandra Johnson.

Those affected directly or indirectly by the Covid-19 virus:

Barbara Berry, Nita Felts, Mike & Becky Felts

In Other News:

Toddlers to teens and in between: In the month of February, our studies will revolve around the love of God and Jesus for us, and the ways we can show love to each other. We will continue our look each week at one of God’s amazing animals. We are adding 2 memory verses a week, which will be included in the class materials.

Please keep checking the big bulletin boards on either side of the auditorium doors for work that our students are doing to portray beloved hymns through art.

Please check the table in the foyer and update or ok your address for our 2021 address book.

Those Privileged To Serve

February 21, 2021

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard
Opening Prayer: J. L. May
Closing Prayer: Scott Pratt
Bible Reading: Mark Wooten
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD’S TABLE

Presiding: Stacy Eddleman
Randy Oden Kevin Roush
Reginald Read James Johnson
Gerald George Jeff Presley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Nichols

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Ben Johns
Opening Prayer: Jason Garland
Closing Prayer: Reginald Read
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

February 24, 2021

Song Leader: Kevin Roush
Opening Prayer: Jason Garland
Closing Prayer: James Johnson

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

February 24, 2021
Dan Nichols

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

February 14, 2021

Sunday Bible Study 66
Sunday AM Worship 90
Sunday PM Worship Snow
Wednesday Bible Study Snow
Contribution \$3806

“The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.”

Proverbs 22:2

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

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KeeNotes

We have been reminded often of the brevity of life. How quickly it can be gone. We are all here for only a moment. Our time passes quickly and we will not pass through this way again. We all must use each moment of each day wisely. How are we using the precious time we have?

We continue to have those affected by the Covid-19 virus. Each week we have those who come off the list of individuals affected by the virus, while others are added to the list. Let us all continue to pray for those who are recovering and those who are suffering. Let us all look for ways in which we can help those who are dealing with this virus until the day comes when this will all be behind us.

You may or may not have noticed that we still have snow and ice in Arkansas. The ice and snow hindered us from meeting Sunday night and Wednesday night. Hopefully everyone is doing well and has stayed safe this past week.

In March we intend to resume Bible classes in the end classrooms like we were doing before with 2 years old through 2nd grades meeting in the North classroom and the 3rd through 6th grades meeting in the south classroom. We will be reviewing the creation in March and we intend to begin studying Abraham in April. The teachers for next quarter will need to get their materials from Martha and be working to have everything ready to get started the first Sunday in April.

It is time for us to begin to get back to normal. Let us all be praying and working to get us back into our classrooms and all our work to continue to progress in the Lord.

SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols
Randy Oden

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard
Jerry Dodson
Stacy Eddleman
Mike Felts
Jason Garland
Scott Pratt
Kevin Roush
Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Samrit Kammanee
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