

**Those to Serve**

Sunday 08-02-2009

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Not Available  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening Prayer..... Not Available  
 Closing Prayer..... Not Available

**Lord's Table—Month of AUGUST 2009**

**South Side:**

Rance Robison  
 George O'Neal  
 Cody Sparks

**North Side:**

Weldon Miller  
 Darrell Cooper  
 Roger Grimes

**Sunday Evening Worship:**

Announcements..... Not Available  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Not Available  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Not Available

**Sunday Evening Lord's Table**

Frankie Sargent Tim Jones

**Serving Wednesday Night—August 5, 2009**

Announcements..... Not Available  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper / Young Men  
 First Prayer..... Not Available  
 Closing Prayer..... Not Available

\*If you plan to be out of town or are not physically able to serve, please call someone to take your place.

**Attendance for the week of 07-26-2009**

Bible Classes..... 115  
 Morning Worship..... 170  
 Evening Worship..... 97  
 Tuesday Ladies Class .....Meets again in September  
 Wednesday Night..... 85  
 Regular Contribution..... \$ 4,804.95  
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -00-

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes.....103  
 Morning Worship.....141  
 Evening Worship.....103  
 Tuesday Ladies Class..... 12  
 Wednesday Night..... 94  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,389.22  
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 77,467.07  
 (Also includes transfers and interest earned)

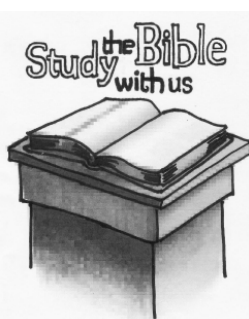
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**Today's Sermons**

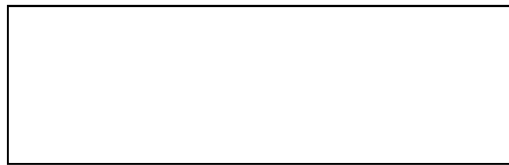
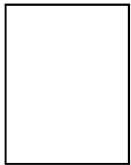
AM: Recession Proof Faith  
**Kris Groda, Preaching**

PM: Series: Calvinism In The Light of God's Word: Irresistible Grace (Part 4)

**Kris Groda, Preaching**



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**Assembly Times**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes .....9:00AM  
 Worship .....10:00AM  
 ..... 6:00PM

**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM  
 (September—May)

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes .....7:00PM

**Church Office:**  
 903.572.1136

**Elders**

Gene Campbell  
 Weldon Miller  
 Wayne Pickrel

**Deacons**

Grady Duncan  
 Jim Duncan  
 Jerry Freeman  
 Bob Hedges  
 Rance Robison  
 Hal Roper

**Gospel Preacher**

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# North Jefferson Messenger

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him" Proverbs 25:13



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Founded on the Word—Focused on the World

August 02, 2009

## The Meaning of Words

By Kris Groda

You have probably heard the story about the church business meeting where one of the men suggested they purchase new chandeliers for the auditorium. Adamantly, one of the men objected saying, "I'm again-it, I'm again-it; first, we can't afford it, second, we can't even spell it, so we wouldn't know how to order one; third, we know we can't play it, and fourth, what we really need is more lighting."

All jesting aside, the church suffers doctrinal confusion because of how folks define words and in particular, Bible words. If only we depend on the convenience of some modern Bible versions, we are subject to inconvenient, doctrinally biased, and inaccurately defined words (i.e. sarx / flesh being translated "sinful nature"). If we depend only upon context to determine the meaning, we could still falter and fail to understand the meaning of the word, especially if we are influenced by some doctrinal bias.

The Bible is God's message (1 Thess. 2:13). The information has been recorded in human language (s). Webster's defines language as "a systematic means of communicating ideas or feelings by the use of conventionalized signs, sounds, gestures, or marks having understood meanings." Languages involve the use of several components, such as, the mind, an alphabet, a vocabulary, semantics, grammar, and syntax. Each of these components is important to communication and is not left without being referenced in scripture (Gen 1:3; Ezra 4:7; Matthew 5:17; Luke 16:17; Rev. 1:8). Even Galatians 3:16 reminds readers what a differ-

ence one letter will make in how we understand the definition of a word. This is part of grammar. Grammar is the system of rules which govern the use of words in any language. It stands to reason that if God has communicated His will to mankind through His word (Col. 1:9; Eph. 5:17), those words have heavy significance. We should consider the meaning of the words that have been used so that when we are weighed in the balances, we are not found wanting (Dan. 5:27).

Consider these words:  
**Abomination:** This Bible word reflects the idea of a divine revulsion and repulsion at sins pertaining to religious and moral matters. It is something that is, "loathsome, a detestable thing, dangerous, sinister or repulsive to some". Idols and idol worship (Isa. 66:3; Jer. 4:1; 2 Kings 16:3); worshipping God with wrong spirit (Prov. 15:8; Isa. 1:13); sexual sins, (Lev. 18:22); and dishonorable behavior toward folks (Prov. 6:16-ff; 12:22; 20:23); Rev. 21:27 are all abominations.

**Abhor:** appears several times in the Old Testament but only once in the KJV New Testament (Rom. 12:9). It means to utterly detest ; to turn oneself away from (as if from a stench).

**Advocate:** Most people know this word from 1 John 2:1 where it speaks of Jesus being our advocate with the Father when we sin. The Greek word is *parakletos*, literally suggesting the sense "to call to one's side". It is someone who serves as an intercessor or counselor. The term denotes "one who appears on behalf of another" much like an attorney or lawyer.



“give attention to reading.....” 1 Tim. 4:13

## Offending People with Truth

Jesus said, “And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me (Mt. 11:6). I guess there is no way to prevent folks from being offended with truth though our culture insists on not offending anyone.

Jesus, in His parable of the sower described a “stony places”, personality type. “*The same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended*” Matthew 13:20-21.

Many times, those who heard the preaching of Jesus were offended.

- Mat 13:57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, “A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.” (Mark 6:3).

- Mat 15:12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

## Quotable Quotes: Regarding Judging

"No one can get away from judging another. Judges and juries across the land judge others every day--and people don't see anything wrong with that. People don't criticize them. Every time you vote you make a judgment. The news media judges people. Politicians judge one another. Homosexuals make judgments when they call others bigots or homophobic. No, the only time you hear "don't judge anyone" is when someone does not wish others to disagree with them."

- Richard Massey

“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” John 7:24

## Advanced Online Bible Study

Online Academy of Biblical Studies

Studies in Philippians

Instructor: Rick Popejoy

### Purpose:

There is a threefold purpose to this class: (1) to engage in an in-depth study of Paul’s correspondence to his brethren at Philippi; (2) to teach techniques in Bible study; (3) to develop our skills as a teacher of God’s word. Every class will be taught with this tri-fold purpose in mind.

### Course Requirements:

A Notebook consisting of (1) a complete outline of the course and syllabus; (2) an original outline of the book of Philippians; (3) a list of ten study questions for each paragraph; (4) an original paraphrase of each paragraph; (5) sermons or Bible class outlines for each paragraph; (6) all material discussed in class as well as notes from home work relating to this study. This will count for 20% of your grade. (Contact the church office for other course requirement details).

### Class Schedule:

Classes will meet each Tuesday night for 18 weeks starting Tuesday, July (28th). Each Tuesday will consist of two fifty minute sessions with a ten minute break between, meeting at (Session 1: 7:00 PM – 7:50 PM CST) and (Session 2: 8:00 PM – 8:50 PM CST).

**To Register:** E-mail Tom Bright at [tlbright@oabs.org](mailto:tlbright@oabs.org) or call: (731) 285.5666.

## 009-2010 Bible Bowl Previews

**Topic:** *The book of Acts.*

**First Test:** *Acts Chapters 1-4*

**Date:** *October 12th*

**Time:** *7:00- 8:30pm*

**Host:** *North Jefferson - Mount Pleasant.*



“Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth”  
Ecclesiastes 12:1

**Prayer List:** Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Suzanne Charlton, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Dorothy Kyle, Ben McCain, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley

**Also:** Debbie Bauer, Starlyn Black, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Nancy (Chastain) Clamen, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Wayne Lineberger, Edward Scarborough, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

### Congregational Shut-Ins:

**Home:** Doris Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Home:** Joyce Lee, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide, **Omaha Healthcare Center:** Alice Lovelady

### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

**There will be a SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION this morning following the regular contribution.** This is being done to assist Wayne and Suzanne with some of their expenses at this time of need.

**David McCain** has taken a preaching job at the church of Christ in Carthage, Texas and will begin soon in his new duties.

### Health Updates:

**Patsy Duncan** is still at Titus Regional Medical Center, Skilled Nurses Section, Room 427, for continued healing, treatment and therapy. Grady said they still don’t know how much longer she will be there.

**Suzanne Charlton** is still in East Texas Medical Center, but is now out of I.C.U. and in a room. She has congestive heart failure and is not doing so well. She was scheduled to have a heart catherization last Thursday morning. No update on her condition.

**Wade Miller** had surgery on his foot last Monday. He is now recuperating at home.

**Amber Kimbrough** was stung by a *yellow jacket* last week and had to be taken to the emergency room at the local hospital for shots.

**Jim Duncan** got the OK from his cardiologist to proceed with the surgery he has had scheduled a couple of times and had to postpone.

**No further updates on the sick or those having or will have surgery has been furnished for the bulletin at it's printing. Folks need to be reminded ... that if they wish to have something updated or placed in the bulletin this needs to be done by Thursday evening.**

**Please remember the women in the congregation who are with child:** Lena Groda and Rhonda Newman.

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

**SYBSNET** ... SYBSNET for is to meet again on Monday, August 3rd, at Fulbright church of Christ. The topic will be “*Conquering the Enemy of Discontent,*” with Jeff Blanton bringing the lesson. Everyone is invited to attend. We had 160 in attendance last week.

## Do We Have a Choice?

—Lawrence Barr

Fairview church of Christ  
Bulletin Digest

One of the beliefs that has crept into our culture is one whereby we tend to deny responsibility for our own actions. While we understand clearly that if one sits behind the wheel of a car and drives it at 60 miles per hour into a tree, he will die, we deny the same law of cause and effect in the area of moral responsibility. So we give credibility to the fiction that a rapist is such because of his father or his mother did something to him that made him that way.

There’s also a popular theology that believes that God has so set the name and number of all who will be saved, or lost, and that no one can do anything about it. So, when the gospel of Christ is preached, people see no reason to respond to it, since their response cannot change the outcome of God’s choice.

The facts are otherwise. 2 Peter 3:9 says that *God does not wish for any to perish.* The same Peter preached in Acts 2:40 earnestly pleading for people to be saved. They had a choice. God, whose choices will not be thwarted, chose to give mankind that choice. On that day, 3,000 believed and were baptized. Actions have consequences. What will you choose to do?