

Those to Serve

Sunday 08-30-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements.....Bronson Roper
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening Prayer Jimmy Jay Fox
 Closing Prayer David Neal

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..... Bronson Roper
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening PM Prayer..... Wade Miller
 Closing PM Prayer..... Ron Traugher

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Frankie Sargent Tim Jones

Serving Wednesday Night—Sept. 02, 2009

AnnouncementsBronson Roper
 Song Leader Daniel McCary
 First Prayer..... Chuck Kyle
 Closing Prayer..... Cody Sparks

*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 08-23-2009

Bible Classes..... .98
 Morning Worship..... 143
 Evening Worship 95
 Tuesday Ladies ClassMeets again in September
 Wednesday Night 84
 Regular Contribution \$ 4,221.15
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -00-

Averages To Date This Year

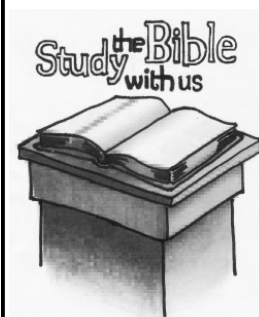
Bible Classes.....102
 Morning Worship.....140
 Evening Worship101
 Tuesday Ladies Class 12
 Wednesday Night 93
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,376.58
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 77,467.07
 (Also includes transfers and interest earned)

PLEASE NOTE: This bulletin is formatted Friday morning each week. Any news items or articles you wish included must be submitted to the Editor no later than Thursday Night. You may call Rhodney Freeman at 903-572-1181 (home) or 903-572-1136 (Office)

Today's Sermons

AM: A Famine of the Word
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: Practical Christianity: Christianity is a Daily Religion.
Kris Groda, Preaching



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Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Classes9:00AM
 Worship10:00AM
 6:00PM

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Bible Classes7:00PM

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Elders

Gene Campbell
 Weldon Miller
 Wayne Pickrel

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 Bob Hedges
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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 30, 2009

Bible Education

By Kris Groda

One cannot overestimate the value of Bible Study. It may seem that elders and preachers harp on it all the time. Yet, it is one of the easiest things to neglect. The Word of God is the foundation upon which one builds a relationship with God. Jesus said, "I am the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). And we know that the Father, "hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:2). After that "I am the bread of life" discourse in John 6. Jesus stated, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). After that, many of the disciples left and "walked no more with" Jesus. He asked the apostles, "Will you also go away?" Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:67-68). These words are the going to judge us one day (John 12:48, 2 Cor 5:10).

Paul's instruction to Timothy mandates proper Bible study. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness" (2 Tim. 2:15-16). "Rightly dividing," or "handle aright," (ASV) comes from a Greek word that means to "cut according to the pattern". This implies that the Word is a pattern for our worship, work and service as a Christian. It also implies that we need to properly understand the Bible so we can impart it to others accurately.

Moses reminded the children of Israel, "And

thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deut 6:5-9). They were to so teach so they would not forget God and all that He had done for them.

There are many instances in God's Word where people abandoned the Bible. Josiah is one fine example. Josiah was the son of Amon, who was the son of Manasseh who introduced idols in the temple, allowed human sacrifices, encouraged wizards and soothsayers and shed innocent blood. Amon was like his father and "trespassed more and more"(2 Chron. 33:23). This explains why Josiah was ignorant of the Law and Word of God. Josiah made the commitment to follow God when he was about 16 years old, the 8th year of his reign (2 Chron. 34:3). By the 18th year of his reign, restoration "according to all the law of Moses" (2 Kings 23:22-25) was in full swing. The Passover feast was kept again. Familiar spirits, wizards, the teraphim, idols and all abominations were put away. All of this was done so that "he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of Jehovah". Herein is seen the importance of Bible Education.



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

Discouragement, The Devil's Costliest Tool

By Edsel Burleson

Discouragement affects every phase of our lives. In business, there are many developments that cause one to often wonder, “Why did I ever decide to undertake this task?” In the home, there are those situations that prompt one to say, “How could this every happen to us?” Yes, in the church, conditions are sometimes seen that have many saying, “Is it really worth it?”

Discouragement is not a respecter of person nor of age. The youngster who always comes in second says to himself, “It's no use. I can never be a winner.” The adult, seeing efforts fail to produce desired results, decides, “I'll just let someone else do it.” The aged, with eyes dimmer and steps slowed, often concludes, “Everywhere I go, I'm in the way”.

Sometimes these problems seem to pile up on one another. Troubles heap upon troubles. Life is so different from what we had hoped, and so many dreams are shattered. Seemingly, all we know is disappointment.

How desperately we need to learn what the great apostle to the Gentiles had learned. He said, “I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; everywhere in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound, and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:12-13).

Someone tells of an announcement by the devil that he was going out of business, and would offer all his tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale, they were all attractively displayed — and a bad-looking lot they were! Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, and Deceit, and all the other implements were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest, however, lay a harmless looking, wedge-shaped tool, much worn — and priced higher than any of the others.

Someone asked the devil what it was. “That is Discouragement,” was the reply. “Well, why do you price it so high?” “Because,” replied the devil, “It is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry

open and get inside a man's conscience with that when I can not get near him with any of the others— and once inside, I can use him whatever way suits me best. It is so worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me.”

It hardly needs to be added that they devil's price for discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it—and is using it everyday.

SALVATION

S—atisfies the heart's yearnings.
A—lienates from the devil's crowd.
L—iberates from the consequences of sin
V—italized our life through Christ.
A—wakens thanksgiving within us.
T—eaches us the goodness of God.
I—nspires the hope of glory within us.
O—pens the windows of heaven to us.
N—ecessitates a clean life.

“...yet for your sakes he became poor...” 2 Cor. 8:9

He was a King with no crown jewels. He was a Prince with no prancing steed. He was a Farmer with no land. He was a Shepherd with no livestock. The owner of the whole world did not have pocket change to pay a toll (Psalm 24:1; Mt. 17:27). This is Jesus who richly provides all things for us to enjoy (1 Tim. 6:17) used a cattle trough for His crib (Luke 2:7,12,16).

2009-2010 Bible Bowl Practice Starts Today!

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, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

We have two new members and they need our encouragement. Welcome **Nancy Craig** and her daughter **Tonya Larsen**.

Health Updates:

Patsy Duncan continues to improve. She is doing her physical therapy at home. Grady is taking care of her.

Suzanne Charlton is back in the hospital with a flare-up with her heart. Thursday morning she experienced severe chest pain and was transferred back to ETMC - Tyler. She is currently in Room 3317. Wayne (Charlton) is on the way home. Suzanne continues to have problems and we need to keep her in our prayers.

Wayne Pickrel had a cat scan on Wednesday and was going to Tyler Friday to get the results. No update at the printing of this bulletin.

Wade Miller is doing better following his surgery to his foot.

Jim Duncan continues to improve. He is at home.

Dorothy Kyle is home recovering from back surgery that she had this past Tuesday.

Brenda Riley is back in ICU at the local hospital. Her doctors are trying a new medication to see if they can help her. She is bleeding in the stomach and if they can't stop it then surgery may be the next option.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

Coming up ... Don't forget about the Bible Bowl, beginning Monday, October 12th. Be ready! Everyone is invited to attend, not just our youth. They need our support.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will begin on Tuesday, September 08 at 10:00 AM. If you are not employed outside the home, we encourage you to attend for an hour of Bible Study and fellowship. Plans for this year include sending cards of encouragements and sympathy, filling Christmas baskets for our shut-ins and others, planning our Ladies Day in the spring and other benevolent activities as opportunities arise. We will also be eating lunch together once a month. If you have friends or family you would like to invite, post cards and information sheets are available. For these and also for study books, if you need one, see Ann Pickrel at 903-572-7206.

We will begin in II Timothy, as we continue our studies in the New Testament. If you would like to attend but need transportation... please let us know. We would love for everyone who can to attend and make this a great a productive year.

Joyce Lee passed away Monday night about 10:30 p.m. at ETMC Hospice Unit in Tyler. It is my understanding that there will not be a funeral or graveside service; there will be a visitation which was scheduled for 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29th at Bates-Cooper-Sloan Funeral Home. The reason for the time of visitation is due to family coming from Idaho. She will be buried in the Monticello Cemetery.

Donald Johnson (son of the late Lurline Johnson and brother-in-law of Darrell Cooper) passed away this past Wednesday following a lengthy illness. Visitation was from 7 til 9 at Bates-Cooper-Sloan Funeral Home. His funeral was conducted at 2:00 PM Friday at North Ridge church of Christ and burial at Liberty Hill Cemetery.