

Those to Serve

Sunday 09-13-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements.....Gene Campbell
 Song Leader..... Rance Robison
 Opening Prayer Jerry Freeman
 Closing Prayer Royce Armstrong

Lord's Table—Month of SEPTEMBER 2009

South Side:

Royce Armstrong
 Ron Traugher
 Rodney Cook

North Side:

Gene Campbell
 Bob Hedges
 Chuck Kyle

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Gene Campbell
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong
 Opening PM Prayer..... Rance Robison
 Closing PM Prayer..... Jon McCain

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Daniel McCary Fred Harkrider, Jr.

Serving Wednesday Night—Sept 16, 2009

AnnouncementsGene Campbell
 Song Leader Wade Miller
 First Prayer..... Jody Sparks
 Closing Prayer..... Cody Sparks

Attendance for the week of 08-30-2009

Bible Classes.....	92
Morning Worship.....	124
Evening Worship	84
Tuesday Ladies Class	10
Wednesday Night	85
Regular Contribution	\$ 3,475.75
New Construction Fund Contributions.....	\$ -00-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes.....	102
Morning Worship.....	140
Evening Worship	100
Tuesday Ladies Class	10
Wednesday Night	93
Regular Contribution.....	\$ 4,339.23
New Construction Fund Contributions to date.....	\$ 77,647.07

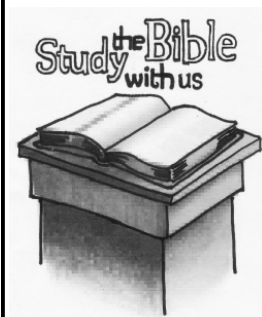
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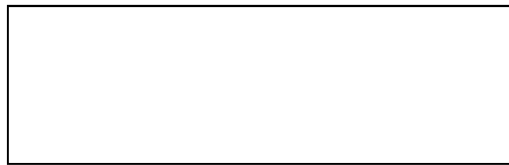
Today's Sermons

AM: The Light of the World
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: Exhort One Another Daily
Kris Groda, Preaching



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 Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456



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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

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

Kris Groda

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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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Is the Bible Historically Accurate?

By Wayne Jackson

“Critics have claimed that the Bible contains all kinds of factual errors. Is the Bible trustworthy when it speaks of historical matters?”

The Bible contains two kinds of information. Some of it can be checked; some of it cannot. For example, it is not possible to “check” scientifically the accuracy of Genesis 1:1 — “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” While the affirmation is not in any way inconsistent with available scientific data, at the same time the statement is one of pre-human history and therefore does not lend itself to empirical investigation.

On the other hand, the Scriptures contain hundreds of references that arise out of the background of human history. These may be tested for accuracy. If it is the case that the Bible is demonstrated to be precise in thousands of historical details, it is not unreasonable to conclude that its information in other matters is equally correct.

In fact, one of the most amazing features of the Bible is its uncanny reliability in the smallest of details. Let us note a few examples of biblical precision.

(1) During His personal ministry, Jesus once passed through the region of Samaria. Near Sychar, the Lord stopped for a brief rest at Jacob’s well. He engaged a Samaritan woman in conversation, during which He suggested that He could provide the woman with water that could perpetually quench her thirst. Misunderstanding the nature of the Master’s instruction, the woman, alluding to Jacob’s well, declared: “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep” (Jn. 4:11). The statement is quite correct, for even now, some twenty centuries later, Jacob’s well is approximately 80 feet deep — the equivalent of an eight-story building!

(2) Reflect upon another example. In Acts 10 there is the account of Peter’s visit in the city of Joppa. Luke declared that Peter was staying in the home of Simon, a tan-

ner of animal hides. Then the historian said, almost as an afterthought, “whose house is by the seaside” (Acts 10:6). Hugh J. Schonfield, author of the infamous book, *The Passover Plot* (and certainly no friend of Christianity), has commented on this passage as follows:

“This is an interesting factual detail, because the tanners used sea water in the process of converting hides into leather. The skins were soaked in the sea and then treated with lime before the hair was scraped off” (*The Bible Was Right*, New York: The New American Library, 1959, p. 98).

(3) Consider another interesting case of Bible precision. When Paul was en route to Rome for trial, the ship upon which he sailed became involved in a terrible storm. When it eventually became apparent that the vessel was in a very dangerous circumstance, the crew cast the ship’s anchors into the water. At the same time, they “loosed the rudder bands, hoisted up the foresail, and aimed the ship towards the beach” (Acts 27:40 KJV).

There is an interesting and subtle point in the Greek text that is not apparent in the King James Version. The original language actually says that they “loosed the bands of the **rudders**” (plural – see ASV). This is amazingly precise, for in ancient times, ships actually possessed two paddle-rudders, not a single rudder as with modern vessels. In 1969, a submerged ancient ship was discovered in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Cyprus. An examination of the ruins gave evidence of dual rudder-oars by which the boat was steered (see *National Geographic*, November 1974), thus demonstrating the remarkable accuracy of Luke’s record.

The Bible can be tested — historically, geographically, scientifically, etc. And it always passes the test. Its incredible accuracy can be explained only in light of its divine inspiration.



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

Recommended Reading:

Behold! The Word of God (10 chapters, 209 pages)
Exploring the Evidence for the Inspiration of the Bible
By Kyle Butt

Order from: www.ApologeticsPress.org

The Bible on Trial (23 chapters, 278 pages)
By Wayne Jackson

Order from: www.christiancourier.com

How We Got the Bible (18 chapters, 209 pages)
By Neil R. Lightfoot

Order from: Christian Family Bookstore
www.tuckersbooks.com

Fortify Your Faith In An Age of Doubt
(online periodical)

Sign up at www.christiancourier.com

Ascertaining Bible Authority (study book)
(13 Lessons)

By Roy C. Deaver

Order from: Christian Family Bookstore
www.tuckersbooks.com

God the Bible and Common Sense
(13 chapters 132 pages) *An Appeal to Reason*

By Leroy Brownlow

Order from: Quality Publications – Forth Worth –
800.359.7708

The Bible Only Makes Christians Only and the Only
Christians

The blood-bought church of Christ and the unity which is in harmony with the eternal purpose of God - - studied in the light of the prayer of Jesus (John 17:20-21).

(37 chapters, 217 pages)

By Thomas B. Warren, Ph.D.

Order from: Christian Family Bookstore
www.tuckersbooks.com

When Is a Bible Example Binding?
(12 Chapters, 165 pages)

A treatise on correctly interpreting the Bible
By Thomas B. Warren, Ph.D.

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

“I love thy church of God,
Her walls before Thee stand;”
But please excuse my absence,
Lord, this bed is simply grand.

“A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify.”
But, Lord no cash you’ll get from me,
Thy glory comes too high.

“Am I a soldier of the cross,
a follower of the Lamb?”
Yes, though I seldom pay or pray,
I still insist I am.

“Must Jesus bear the cross alone
and all the world go free?”
No, others Lord, should do their part
but please don’t count on me.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise
Him, all creatures here below.”
Oh, loud hymns of praise to Him I bring,
because it doesn’t cost to sing.

--The Informer, New Albany, MS

“...considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” -
Galatians 6:1.

2009-2010 Bible Bowl Practice

Topic: *The book of Acts.*

Practice: Today at 5pm Bring your Bible and Binders.



First Test: Acts 1-4

Date: October 12th

Time: 7:00- 8:30pm

Host: North Jefferson -
Mount Pleasant.

Prayer List: Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Gene Campbell, 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, Melvin Norfleet, 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, **Pleasant Springs Nursing Center:** Julia Terrell

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT following worship services. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important function held monthly.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS October 4th and runs through October 7th with Bro. Michael Wyatt of Handley church of Christ of Fort Worth, Texas. Please plan to attend and participate in our invitation campaign.

Health Updates:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (in addition to those remaining on our Prayer List) as they need our “special” prayers at this time.

Nelda Dunn, who has been with Elna suffered high blood pressure and was placed (for a short time) in ICU on Monday. She is feeling OK, but is having pain in her foot which has been diagnosed as gout.

Elna O’Neal is still in Baylor Hospital (The Roberts Building) following surgery on her right leg for a blood clot. She is now in Room 1030 where she is being monitored closely. She is not doing well and requires oxygen to help her breath. She is in lots of pain.

Patsy Duncan continues to improve. She is doing her physical therapy at home.

Suzanne Charlton is still in rehab at ETMC. If all goes as planned, she will come home this Wednesday.

Wade Miller continues to improve.

Jim Duncan is feeling much better, but is still not driving.

Dorothy Kyle continues to recover at home from her back surgery.

Brenda Riley is feeling much better.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

Our Youth Group will have a joint devotional with the Mount Vernon church of Christ following this evening’s service. This will be at the park ... north of the Square in Mount Vernon. All youth are encouraged to attend. If you do, bring soft drinks.

October 10, 2009 ... 15th Annual Mid-Arkansas Youth Lectures—“Be Thou An Example...” 1 Timothy 4:11-12. See bulletin board for more details.

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.

Women of the church:

Ladies Bible Class is in back in session every Tuesday at 10:00AM. All the ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend. 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.

Our study will be 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 and productive year.

Area Events:

Gospel Meeting at Northside Church of Christ, 2020 N. Center Street, in Bonham, Texas with Bert Ritchie preaching. Begins today September 13th and runs through September 16, 2009. Sunday at 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM nightly Monday through Wednesday.

Thank You Note:

Please accept our sincere thanks for the floral tribute and family luncheon for the family of **Joyce Lee**.

-Rita Fischer & Family (sister)

-Coy Leggett & Family (brother)