

**Those to Serve**

Sunday 12-26-2010

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong  
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong  
 Opening Prayer ..... Weldon Miller  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jerry Freeman

Month of December 2010

**Sunday Morning Lord's Table**

**South Side:**

Weldon Miller  
 Jon McCain  
 Austin Neal

**North Side:**

Ron Traugher  
 Rodney Cook  
 Doyle Riley

**Sunday Evening Lord's Table**

Daniel McCary      Tim Jones

**Sunday Evening Worship:**

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong  
 Song Leader..... Daniel McCary  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Frankie Sargent  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Melvin Norfleet

**Serving Wednesday Night—12-29-2010**

Announcements ..... Royce Armstrong  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 First Prayer..... Wade Miller  
 Closing Prayer..... Jon McCain

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

**Attendance for the week of 12-19-2010**

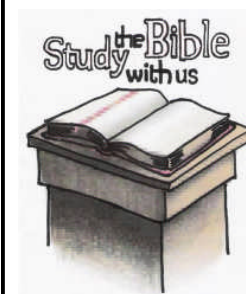
Bible Classes..... 82  
 Morning Worship..... 116  
 Evening Worship ..... 81  
 Tuesday Ladies Class .....did not meet  
 Wednesday Night ..... 96  
 Regular Contribution ..... \$ 4,461.00  
 New Construction Fund Contributions..... \$ —0—

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes..... 90  
 Morning Worship.....132  
 Evening Worship ..... 86  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 11  
 Wednesday Night ..... 93  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,045.12

**New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$114,365.98**

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



*(Also includes transfers and interest earned)*

**Today's Sermons**

AM: **Rance Robison**  
 Preaching

PM: **Jeff Whatley**  
 Preaching



"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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**Jeremiah's Emphasis on Bible Reading**

By Kris Groda

"The Weeping Prophet" we know as Jeremiah was appointed by God to be a prophet unto the nations before he was ever born (1:5). In fact, Jeremiah was still called a "child" when God started using him to preach the Word (1:6-7). Jeremiah was young, devoted to God, tenderhearted, bold, and very courageous. His forty year ministry was primarily directed toward Judah. He firmly and fearlessly denounced the error of the rulers, priests, princes and false teachers of Judah. He warned them of an impending doom if they failed to repent. He rebuked their backsliding and idolatry, he warned of the fall of Jerusalem and of the Babylonian captivity.

**The Message of the Scroll**

While the public style of reading scripture isn't specifically mentioned so much in Jeremiah, the emphasis on hearing the word of God is. In fact, the phrase, "Thus saith the Lord" appears 272 times in the book of Jeremiah. In chapter 36, Jeremiah is preaching during the fourth year of king Jehoiakim's reign, (the second to take the throne after Josiah) approximately 15 years and 3 months before they entered the seventy year Babylonian captivity.

The Lord told Jeremiah to take him a roll of a book, and "write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the day of Josiah, even into this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin" (Jeremiah 36:2-3).

Jeremiah commissioned Baruch to write all the prophetic words that he spoke down in the scroll (v. 4). After the scroll was completed, Jeremiah instructed Baruch to read the roll in the ears of the people at the upper court of the Lord's house upon the fasting day (v.6). It was possible that by hearing the Word, they would present their supplication before the Lord and would repent of their evil ways (36:7).

Michaiah told Elishama the scribe and all the princes that were sitting there everything

**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

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that he had heard Baruch say. They called for Baruch to read Jeremiah's words to them. They were afraid (not a godly fear) and were compelled to tell Jehoiakim all about it. Jehudi read the prophetic words as the princes stood beside King Jehoiakim. We don't know how long the roll was, but Jehudi was only three or four leaves into it when Jehoiakim took a knife and cut the scroll up into pieces and burned it in the fire. By this they demonstrated no fear, a gross irreverence for God's Word, and a repulsive lack of concern for what is right.

### Application

How much different are we than Jehoiakim when we demonstrate our boredom or disinterest in His Word? Perhaps our similarities rest on how we value the Word. Jehoiakim's actions did not change or delete God's promises at all. In fact, God even had Jeremiah and Baruch make another copy of what the king destroyed (36:27-32).

Man has tried to ignore God's Word before, some have tried to talk people out of it, cause them to doubt it and dissuade them in some way; some have even tried to destroy it. But it keeps coming back. Voltaire, the French philosopher and skeptic, liked to destroy the faith of many people. He also boasted that within 100 years of his death, the Bible would disappear from the face of the earth. Voltaire died in 1728, but the Bible lives on. The irony of history is that 50 years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society moved into his former house and used his printing presses to print thousands of Bibles.

When Peter got in so much trouble for preaching Christ, Gamaliel said, *"Refrain from these men and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God"* (Acts 5:38-39).

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An old Bible salesman with whom we once worked related this story: In his visiting a home to demonstrate a Bible, and upon selling it, the lady asked him this question: "How can I keep my Bible cover from becoming dry and brittle, thus causing cracks and breaks in the binding? The salesman replied. "Use PALM OIL my lady." The lady, not knowing of such an oil, replied, "But what is palm oil?" The man replied: "Lady, in the palm of the hand is to be found an oil, which, when applied daily to the covers of your book, will prevent deterioration of the covers caused by dryness." This lady was able to understand this. David knew the principle, evidently, for he said: "In His law doeth he meditate day and night." WE NEED MORE BIBLES WITH "PALM OIL" signs upon the covers. [from thoughts for today, Glen Hitchcock]

"But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psa. 1:2). "Give diligence [study, KJV] to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). "Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching [doctrine, KJV]" (1 Tim 4:13).

Think About It! Have A Great Day!

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### Please Remember These in Your Prayers:

Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, James & Sue Browning, Billye Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Randy Cooper, Pat Dillard, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Gene Garner, LaWanta Garner, Bob Hedges, Linda Jones, Pat Lee, Ben McCain, Wade Miller, Elna O'Neal, Thelma Reed, and Helen Roper

**Also:** Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Odis Duncan, Paula Duncan, Denise Hess, Terry Jackson, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Ben McCain, Mike Norfleet, Kent Stephenson, Kaitlin Taylor, and Charles Whitney

### Congregational Shut-Ins:

**Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Doris Jean Bell, Annah Brown, **Villa Assisted Living:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide.

### HEALTH UPDATES

**Helen Roper** is in Titus Regional Medical Center, Room 433 with infection in her left leg. Doctors are treating to try to clear this up. Pray for Helen.

**Elna O'Neal** is to have carotid artery surgery on Monday 27th December at Baylor.

**Pat Dillard's** hip surgery has been moved up to January 03, 2011.

**Ben McCain** is scheduled for surgery at Medical City in Dallas on January 11, 2011.

**Mary Joe Lee** (mother of Sara Neal) is in ICU at TRMC with pneumonia.

**Linda Jones** has been suffering from pneumonia and is at home.

**Scott Jordon**, Jacque's father-in-law who was in ICU at Nacogdoches fighting cancer, passed away this past week. Remember this family in your prayers.

### Youth Group News

**Southwest Winter Retreat 2011** December 31 through January 2. Grades 6-12

**BIBLE BOWL—January 10**—on Joshua 11-14. Atlanta is host congregation.

Roundup for C.H.E.E. (**Christian Homeschool Education Encampment**) is for Christian home educators and grandparents, in Madill, OK at the Pettijohn Springs Camp. This year the dates will be March 17-19 (Thurs 3pm-Sat 1pm) Registration is \$25 a family and the cost is \$45 a person lodging and meals included. For more information log on to [roundup4chee.org](http://roundup4chee.org). Registration deadline is 12/15/10.

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### ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

**Prayers:** Roger Grimes  
**Announcements:** Wade Miller  
**Communion:** Rhodney Freeman