

SERVING IN WORSHIP

January 6, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Doug Driver

Song Leader

Mark Claypool

First Prayer

Dwight Mullett

Presentation

Doug Driver

Lord's Table

Walter Culbreth * Barry Cary

Nathan Graves * Steve Tomlinson

Prayer & Announcements

Brandon Graves

Usher: Michael Pittman

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Sunday Evening Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 9: 11-14

Mark Claypool

Song Leader

Various

First Prayer

Nathan Graves

Invitation

Johnny Felker

Lord's Table

Barry Cary

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Remember in Prayer The Sick

Amy Hall, Heather Blanton's sister, is currently at home undergoing cancer treatments. Recently she has not been doing well.. Cards can be sent to 550 E. 7th Street Salem OH 44460.

Dennis Stepp, Dennis Blanton's brother-in-law, has pancreatic cancer. His experimental treatments seems to have led to an overall improvement in his condition.

Shirley Miller, Larry's mother, is at home now. She is trying to regain some of her lost strength. At present she is frustrated with her extreme hearing loss. She is trying to see if there is a way to regain some of the hearing she has lost in the past few months.

Stanton See is staying with his sister Ramona. He reports that his therapist is very pleased with his progress. He has a doctor's appointment Monday, and is eagerly looking forward to receiving permission to once again start driving.

Jannett King remains in a weakened condition, but is thankful for the kind attentions of family and friends.

Let us continue to remember our ailing church and family members, and those who are shut-in, with our fervent daily prayers.

Shirley Miller (Larry's mother), Ernestine Reed, Janett King, Clara Burkett, David Smith, Chelsea Gilliam(a friend of Betty Copley), Susie Kaiser, Susie Martell, (friend of Shirley Ford), Paige Toxey, Elbert Jacks (Brandon Graves' grandfather), Dottie Reed (Anita Carmen's mother), Jason Cummings (Amy Pittman's brother), Judy Cannizzaro, Keith Barclay (a friend of Betty Copley's), and Vernice Sharpe (Shirley Ford's sister).

News & Notes

Group 3 will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

*****Please note: the list of men assigned to count money was inadvertently left off the assignment sheet. This month's counters are Steve Tomlinson, Barry Phillips, and Michael Pittman.*****

ELDERS: Doug Driver, Johnny Felker

DEACONS: Ralph Brown, Mark Claypool

Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"
Heb. 10:24

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Service Times:

Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. &
6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 P.M.

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Three Great Reasons To Read Your Bible

Last week while returning home alone from Lafayette, Louisiana (Yes, I left Norma Jean to enjoy our new granddaughter), I was listening to music, reading road signs and generally anything to stay mentally alert.

Somewhere along I-20, I noticed this billboard with a great message:

Read the Bible. Truth. Wisdom. Hope. Ps. 119:89

People read the Bible for many different reasons. Some read out of a rote habit of daily Bible reading. Some to reinforce what they already believe. Others for devotion and Inspiration. And some may simply read out of obligation because that's what good Christians do. This road side message succinctly offers three really good reasons for regular Bible reading.

(1) Read Your Bible to Learn the Truth. While many today deny there is anything called absolute Truth, Jesus Christ prayed to the Father for future believers, "Sanctify them by your Word. Your Word is Truth (Jn 17:17). Truth originates and emanates from Jehovah God. The Psalmist acknowledged this when he wrote, "Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation. On You I wait all the day" (Ps 25:5).

However, you cannot read scriptures in isolation from one another and expect to learn the truth. The sum of God's Word is Truth (Ps 119:160). To understand the truth requires diligent study. Thorough examination. And honest evaluation.

Truth is further illuminated in the person of Jesus. He affirmed, "I am the Truth." His message, ministry and model for living provides us reliable access to the Father. In fact, He's the only way to the Father (Jn 14:6).

MEMORY VERSE: 2 PETER 1: 20

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Preacher's Pen points

The Benefits of Daily Bible Reading



Our lives will be immeasurably enriched by spending time with God's word each day.

It has an important role in producing f_____.

"...these have been written that you may b_____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31; see also Rom. 10:17)

It helps in m_____ our faith.

Until I come, give attention to the public r_____ of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. (1 Timothy 4:13; see also Lk. 4:16; Ac. 15:21)

It is the first step in gaining personal k_____ of the Scriptures.

And He answered and said, "Have you not r_____, that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female...? (Mt. 19:4-5; see also Mt. 22:31-32)

It gives us fresh exposure to o_____ truths we have learned and helps keep them in our m_____.

Therefore, I shall always be ready to r_____ you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. (2 Peter 1:12)

It gives us a background for learning from o_____.

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our i_____, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. (1 Corinthians 10:11)

It fills in the "g_____" that there may be in our public studies.

"For I did not shrink from declaring to you the w_____ purpose of God. (Ac. 20:27)

It provides the discipline for daily m_____ and p_____ that leads to renewed passion for God.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he m_____ day and night. (Psalm 1:2-3)

By daily Bible reading we experience the full benefits that the Scriptures were intended to give us. All Scripture is inspired by God and p_____ for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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To paraphrase C. S. Lewis, if you're reading the Bible to learn the truth, you will find truth and comfort. But if you're just reading for comfort, you may miss both truth and comfort.

(2) Read Your Bible to receive Divine Wisdom. There are two kinds of wisdom. Worldly wisdom and Divine wisdom. The wisdom of the world is carnal. It's steeped in the erudition of human experience. It's often arrogant. Godless. And self serving. Like those in ancient Greece who dismissed the gospel as simplistic and foolish (1 Cor 1:18-31).

Divine wisdom is rooted in the character of God, demonstrated in the life of Christ and revealed in the Bible. Jesus' brother, James, describes it this way. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (Jas 3:17).

It's the wisdom of the Word that practices purity. Elevates morality. Respects life. Honors the Creator. Loves without hypocrisy. Hates wickedness. And treats others with kindness and geniality.

Reading the Bible and practicing its percepts will provide insight, understanding and wisdom to live and enjoy life in all its fullness.

(3) Read Your Bible to Fortify Your Hope. G. K. Chesterton wrote that "hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless." Our world is often a dark and dismal place. Wickedness abounds. Perversion is pervasive. And disrespect for Christian values seems to be increasing.

Yet, the Bible offers us hope. Hope in God's promises. Hope in a brighter tomorrow. Hope for the soul. Hope for a "new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet. 3:13).

Indeed our hope is "an anchor of the soul" that provides safety and security during the storms of life. Without the Bible, we would be adrift on the sea of life without hope.

Read the Bible. It's God's Word. It will provide all that you need for life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3-4).

Truth.

Wisdom.

Hope.

—Ken Weliever, The Preacherman

(April 20, 2017)