

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**January 13, 2019**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 15

Nathan Graves

**Song Leader**

Doug Driver

**First Prayer**

Barry Phillips

**Presentation**

Barry Cary

**Lord's Table**

Dwight Mullett \* Jim Smiley

Brandon Graves \* Steve Tomlinson

**Speaker:**

Mark Claypool

**Prayer & Announcements**

Michael Pittman

**Usher:** Dennis Blanton

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**Sunday Evening Worship**

**Call to Worship: Prov. 23: 17-21**

Barry Phillips

**Song Leader:**

Dennis Blanton

**First Prayer**

Dwight Mullett

**Speaker:**

Doug Driver

**Lord's Table**

Walter Culbreth

**Prayer & Announcements**

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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.

**Stanton See** reports he will be going to physical therapy here in Nashville on Tuesday and then returning to his home. We know he is glad to have made such good progress.

**Jannett King** reports she has her ups and downs, but is thankful for the kind attentions of family and friends.

**Jim Smiley** has been having health difficulties for a few weeks, but reports he is feeling better and hopes to be at services today.

**Frankie Patterson** fell and broke her hip last week. The surgery to repair it was successful. At present she is in the hospital. The plan is to move her to a rehab facility on Monday.

**Louise Blanton** has been suffering with the flu this past several days and feels very weak., but is thankful to her family for all the help and attention.

**Brian Mitchell**, Eva's husband, suffered a major stroke about a week ago. Johnny and Martha are down there helping out with things. At this time the plan is for Martha to remain a week or so. Johnny hopes to return to Nashville early this week.. Cards can be sent to: Brian Mitchell, 320 N. Shawnee Blvd., Jackson, MO 63755.

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

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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).

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**News & Notes**

**Group 1 will meet today in the Library after morning service.**

**Birthdays:**

16th: Amy Pittman

17th: Nathan Graves

**ELDERS:** Doug Driver, Johnny Felker

**DEACONS:** Ralph Brown, Mark Claypool

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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

**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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## Read Your Policy

*by David Padfield*

People often accuse insurance companies of not honoring their policies. Having spent a few years in that business I know the charge is seldom true. State and federal regulations force insurance companies to honor their policies. Insurers do exactly what they say in their policies; the problem is that most people have never read their copy. What keeps people from reading their policy?

Sometimes people trust their agent so they figure there is no reason to question his word. This is sad for there are a few "bad apples" in every business.

Sometimes people claim the policies are too difficult to understand. I believe most people who say this have never attempted to read their policy anyway.

I have also noticed that many people look at religion the same way they would a life insurance policy. They put blind trust in a smooth talking salesman (some preacher) and hope that he knows what he is doing. They never read their policy (the Bible) for they imagine that they couldn't understand it anyway. It is much easier to trust a priest or preacher than to read and study for themselves.

The **Holy Spirit** guided the apostles in the writing of the New Testament (John 16:13). Paul told the Ephesians that "when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ". (Eph. 3:4). The Bible was written so a person with a limited education can read it without difficulty.

**MEMORY VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 3: 16-17**

### *Differing Paths*

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys.

As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." (Luke 16:10) The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn't it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn't measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshipping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.

—*Gregory Alan Tidwell*  
*Editor, the Gospel Advocate*  
*(July 2, 2014)*

Yes, there are some things that require a good deal of study. Peter spoke of the epistles of Paul "in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Peter 3:16). Peter simply said some people will "twist" not only the difficult things, but also the "rest of the Scriptures."

When a man claims the Bible is too difficult to understand, he is Impugning the character of God. Jesus told us we will be judged by His words (John 12:48). It is against every law of humanity to hold a person accountable for something they can't understand. But, there is a big difference between the words "can't" and "won't."

Jesus spoke of some in His day by quoting Isaiah 6:9, 10. "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the heart of this people has grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their heart and turn, so that I should heal them." (Matthew 13:14, 15).

Proverbs 23:23 tells us to "Buy the truth, and do not sell it." To those who do not have a "love of the truth," "God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thes. 2:11, 12).

I have heard people speak of the Bible and say "it's a mystery to me." The word "mystery" can be used in two different ways. Sometimes it means something that is hidden and cannot be understood. Other times it refers to something we are ignorant of. For example, the workings of a diesel engine are a "mystery" to me. I believe I could understand that engine if I applied myself, but right now I am ignorant of it. If the Bible is a "mystery" to you, it is because you have not applied yourself. The Bible can be understood. It is given to us in this life and will be opened before us at the judgement (Rev. 20:12). What you know about God's word, and what you do about it, will determine what He says to you in the final day.

Let us imitate the [noble Bereans](#) who "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).  
(Church of Christ in Zion, Illinois)