

## News and Notes.

Welcome to our Visitors! We encourage you to take part in our Services and encourage you to ask any questions. Please complete a visitor's card and stay around after services so we can meet you and visit with each other.

Remember these in our Prayers:

Sandra Lawrence, Eva Scoggins, Joy Jeter

Carol's Niece in New Mexico Is now undergoing radiation

Robert's Sister in Texas

Donnie Dickerson (Burkeville) is recovering from Heart Surgery in Hosp.

He Hopes to come home the first part of the week.

Remember Helen Hicks and her family in our prayers. She is not doing well and is under Hospice care at this time

We continue the sermon series on "The Holy Spirit" this morning. During this series, Sunday Evening's sermon will be a class discussion of the Sunday Morning Sermon. Take Notes and be sure to come back tonight to study.

### 2018 Gospel Meetings

April 25-29, 2018 Wednesday through Sunday, Bro. D.J. Dickerson

July 15-20, 2018 Sunday through Friday, Bro. Bob Pulliam

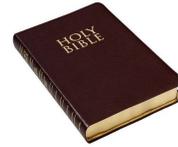
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**Sunday Morning Services begin at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

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# Bible Study

2 Tim. 3:16 "...equipped for every good work." January 21, 2018

## "NEGATIVISM"

Negative thinking hinders many tasks from being undertaken. The negative person often uses excuses: "it can't be done", "been tried and failed", "it won't work", "we are too small", "it will cost too much", and the list goes on. Negativism is a hidden attitude that is in the hearts of many today. One may not outright tell you these things but the lack of effort proves it over and over again.

Negative thinking is a stumbling block to progress and growth. The pessimistic person sees the thorns of the rose before the beauty of the bloom. The negative parent passes this attitude to children without really thinking about the devastation that will be caused by future failures. Many good things in a congregation are defeated by negative thinking before they are given the opportunity to succeed. There is no place in the life of a Christian for negativism.

Negative thinking is the prophet of gloom and doom! It talks down the work of the church and the efforts of those who are working. We need to change the "WE CAN'TS" to the We CANS. Let us move forward and grow the work of the Lord's Kingdom at every opportunity. Success depends on overcoming the negative. Negativism is contrary to the teaching of God's Word. We must take inventory of the way we approach things and always have a positive attitude. Let us learn to think of good things Phil 4:8 Let us not be caught "doing nothing" when we could be working to bring about growth and success. The person who does not attempt success will never find it. Every person has a talent to use in the work. Every person is important to the work and mission of the local congregation.

Let us seek opportunity to work and not hunt excuses of why we can't. Read and think about James 4:17.

Read and Study Your Bible Daily

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## The Holy Spirit is WORKING!

During the days of the New Testament the Holy Spirit operated directly (miraculously) on the apostles and those to whom they imparted miraculous spiritual gifts (Acts 8:14-17; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Heb. 2:3-4). The fact that the Holy Spirit had a miraculous role in the lives of the apostles and prophets of Christ does not mean he has no role in the lives of people, including Christians, today. The Holy Spirit operates indirectly today through the word He revealed, inspired and miraculously confirmed as genuine. Jesus told the apostles that when the Spirit of truth came he would *“convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”* (Jno. 16:8). The Holy Spirit given word that they preached cuts to the heart, convicting and correcting sinners (Acts 2:37-41; Heb. 4:12). The Spirit of God has given us a word that produces faith and saves the lost (Rom. 10:17; Rom. 1:16-17). The Holy Spirit accomplishes his work in people’s lives today by means of the word of God.

## Find this verse

Verse are taken from the NKJV. Locate the verse and read the context of the verse and then mediate, and apply the teaching.

1. to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
2. who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.
3. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.
4. who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
5. in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
6. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
7. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully
8. For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name,
9. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
10. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

