



Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Ruby Brad. Cancer.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Steven Kelly. Cancer.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Jimmy Koen. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Sonya Underwood. Cancer.

Eric Walker. Complications & infections following surgery.

Velvet Wyatt. Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.
Our Country, Leaders & Military

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.



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Times We Meet:

Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Psalms Class:
 12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



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Food for the Soul

Many find the teachings of God's word distasteful. Unwilling to bring their lives into conformity with the will of God, they reject His teaching and follow after their own desires. The apostle Paul warns of such in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 where he writes, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths." Could these words be any more accurate in describing modern society?

Jesus says, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). We must live by God's word or we will die unprepared to face a judgment based on its standard (John 12:48). When Jesus spoke of living by the word of God, He was speaking about spiritual rather than physical sustenance. In this regard, Christians should resemble "newborn babes" who "long after the pure milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2:2). In the Scriptures, we are provided with the "wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ" (2 Tim. 3:15).

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"Food Continued from Front Page..." But, this word must be taken into the heart. Only then, will it produce faith and lead us to salvation.

Yet, we must hasten to add this caveat: God's word can only produce its desired result when we put it into practice in our daily lives. This is the end result of Paul's exhortation to let Christ's word richly dwell in our hearts (Col. 3:16). Isn't it about time for us to truly appreciate God's word for what it is – food for the soul?
—Glen Elliott

Your Choice



In the Canadian Rockies is a stream called Divide Creek. At a point in its course the creek divides around a large boulder. Waters which flow to the left of the boulder rush on into Kicking Horse River and finally into the Pacific Ocean. Waters which travel to the right flow into the Bow River which courses into the Saskatchewan River, on into Lake Winnipeg, the Nelson River, Hudson Bay and to the Atlantic Ocean. Once the waters divide at the rock, there is no turning back.

How like life this is. Decisions are made daily. Life is a series of decisions. Some are very difficult, complicated, with far-reaching results. What we wouldn't give sometimes to have an opportunity to make a certain decision again. It behooves all of us to weigh our decisions carefully. Things of seemingly immediate value will not necessarily be of ultimate value. Always take the long-range view!

We choose our priorities and lifestyles. Should we not ask, "What sort of person do I want to be?" Every person must accept or reject God's commands and offers. "Choices are the hinges of eternity." The option remains the same, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 23:15). —Charles V. Cash

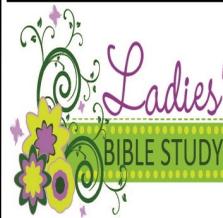


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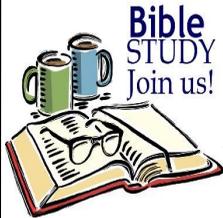
February Birthdays!

- 8TH SIBBIE BYRD
- 10TH JO ANNE HAIRFIELD
- 14TH TERRY MASON



Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!

Class starts at: 10:00 a.m.
Come early at: 9:30 a.m. for coffee & donuts!



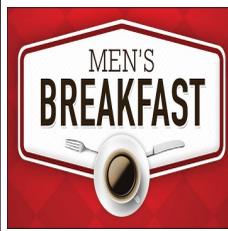
Thursday Mid-week Virtual Bible Class!

Our Mid-Week Bible Class on the Book of Psalms, Thursdays at: 12:30 p.m. on our Facebook Page.



Valentines Breakfast

Our Valentines Breakfast is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To help head it up, please get with Jack or James.



Men's Breakfast

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 22nd! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:30 a.m. for food & fellowship.

Upcoming Events:



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blind, mute; David; Beelzebub; kingdom, city; against, scatters

Rita Lawless' Address at her daughter's home:

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"This is My Commandment, that you Love one another"

John 15:12

“Receptivity” Continued from Page 5...

- “And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!’ But He said, ‘More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’” (Luke 11:27-28).
- “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).

Receptivity, the desire to hear and the willingness to accept God’s Word, is evident in the grand stories of conversion. Consider these:

- On Pentecost “those who gladly received his word were baptized, and that day about three thousand souls were added to them” (Acts 2:41).
- When Philip asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading, he responded, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” He invited Philip to help him (Act 8:30,31).
- Saul of Tarsus said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” (Acts 9:6).
- Cornelius told Peter, “Now therefore , we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God” (Acts 10:33).

These, anti many others that could be cited, demonstrate receptivity! Contrast them with those who say, “I don’t come to Sunday School because I don’t get anything out of the lesson” or with those who habitually arrive late or with those who talk and play, totally disinterested, during worship. When it comes to the Word of God we all need to be “swift to hear” (James 1:19). God loves big ears and receptive hearts!

“Therefore take heed how you hear...”

—Dwight Fuqua

***89 Inspiring Ways to Know Christ...or So I Thought***

There it was in the magazine rack amongst all the juicy titles: “9 Practices for Better...,” “12 Ways to Know your Man is...,” “The Scandal Comes to Light, Interview with ...” This particular title stood in stark contrast to those around it. Printed above a picture of a large towering cross against a cloudy background was this title, “Jesus: 89 Inspiring Ways to Know Christ.” I was shocked to find any “religious” materials in the grocery store checkout lane. After my initial shock wore off, I began to wonder , “How are they getting 89?” I was hooked. I had to pick it up. I did not buy it. At \$12.99, it hardly seemed like a worthy investment, but it warranted a thumbing through while the lady in front of me worked out her coupons.

Printed in its propaganda was this statement, “This special edition magazine exalts Jesus by giving an overview of 89 names and attributes described in the Bible.” Not what I thought. I expected 89 “inspiring” ways to get to know the Christ on a spiritual level. I expected 89 denominational ideas on how to have a relationship with the Christ. Instead, it was 89 different ways the Bible refers to the Christ by name. You can come to know more about Christ through such a study. However, there is a more important issue at hand; to know and to be known by the Christ, the Savior.

I know that most people don’t know the Jesus of the Bible. They know the Jesus filtered through their own social and philosophical ideals. This filtered Jesus makes them feel good about themselves and their current state. How do I know this? I know this because people change the teachings of the Biblical Jesus. They change the message to fit their needs. They sanitize it, wrap it in plastic and put it on the shelf. To them Jesus has become an icon of their own spirituality. The real words in red, when read in context, make people feel uncomfortable and should shake us loose from conformity to the world.

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Matthew 12:22-30



1. "Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, __ and ___..."
2. The multitudes saw Jesus healing, and asked, "Could this be the Son of ___?"
3. The Pharisees accused Jesus of healing by using the power of __.
4. "Every __ divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every __ or house divided against itself will not stand."
5. "He who is not with Me is __ Me, and he who does not gather with Me __ abroad."

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Did You Know This About Judges?

After the conquest of the promised land and the death of Joshua, the Bible tells us that "another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord, nor the work which He had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10).

A phrase that is repeated four times in Judges is, "...in those days there was no king in Israel." And twice the books says that everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Doing what is right in our own eyes will always lead to chaos and trouble!

As Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."

That's why it is so important to study the Bible, which is the wisdom of God.

—Matt Clifton, *Fast Bible Facts* podcast on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts

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"89 Inspiring Ways" Continued from Page 3... When applied, they convict the heart and move it to cry out to the Savior of the world, "My Lord and my God!" The heart that says this is obedient to His commands .

The other side of knowing Christ is to be known by Him. Matthew 7:20-23 introduces an uncomfortable concept of the Biblical Jesus. In verse 20, we are known by our actions or fruits. Verses 21-22 mention that on the day of judgment there will be people talking about all the things they thought were "spiritual" that they did. Jesus' response will be, "I never knew you" (v. 23). The key is in verse 21. It is not about doing what we think is spiritual but rather doing the will of the Father in heaven. There are not "89 inspirational ways" to know Christ. There is simply one inspired way—conform our hearts and minds to the will of the Father.

—Josh Blackmer



Receptivity

Receptivity is the desire to hear and the willingness to accept God's Word! The Master exhorted, "Therefore take heed how you hear" (Luke 8:18). This admonition concluded His teaching about the different soils (hearts) on which the seed (God's Word) falls. Some hearts are hard. Some hearts are shallow. Some hearts are distracted. Some hearts are good. Good hearts are those who are prepared to receive His word. Understanding the importance of hearing God's Word, we are not surprised to find receptivity frequently discussed in Scripture. Consider these statements by the Master:

- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).
- "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matt.11:5).
- "When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, 'Hear and understand'" (Matthew 15:10).

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