

ANNOUNCEMENTS**AUG 31, 2014****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM

PM - DERRICK PORTER

REMEMBER OUR SINGING SCHOOL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 21 WITH ROB GURGANUS. WE WILL HAVE A MEAL AFTER MORNING SERVICES, SEVERAL TEACHING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND OUR NORMAL SINGING NIGHT AT 5 PM

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sep 3: Chuck & Trish Windham

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213
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Kevin Richardson 295-8864
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MINISTER:

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CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM

I. We can't live without the shedding of _____.

- A. Hebrews 9:22.
- B. We see the reason we can't is that there would be no _____ of sins.
- C. Apart from the blood of Christ, there is no _____ for anyone.
 - 1. Under the Mosaic Law, people were dedicated to God through the _____ of blood (Hebrews 9:18-19).
 - 2. You and I, in order to be dedicated to God, must come into _____ with the blood of Christ.
 - 3. There is only one place in which that is possible, and that is _____ (Romans 6:3-4).

II. We can't live without _____.

- A. Hebrews 11:6.
- B. We are told that it _____ to please God without faith.
 - 1. If we can't please God, we can't live _____ with Him.
 - 2. Belief in God and His promises and allowing that belief to lead us to _____ is pleasing to God.
- C. There is only one _____ of faith (Romans 10:17).
- D. It should be our main _____ to please God (2 Timothy 2:3-4).

III. We can't live without possessing _____ and _____.

- A. Hebrews 12:14.
- B. Peace carries the idea of _____ in living with others.
- C. Holiness carries the idea of _____ and this word is also translated sanctification in other verses.
- D. While being peaceful, we must maintain a separation from the _____.
 - 1. We must remain _____.
 - 2. We can't _____ ourselves to become like the world.

IV. We can't live without _____.

- A. Hebrews 12:9.
- B. If we want to live with God, we must _____ His discipline.
- C. No one likes discipline, but I hope we all understand its _____.
- D. God disciplines us for our _____ (Hebrews 12:5-6).
- E. God wants us to be holy and sometimes we _____.
- F. There are different _____ or _____ of His punishment and we can't always say that something definitely was or was not from God.

The Bible is the greatest of all books. To study the Bible is the noblest of all pursuits. To understand it is the highest of all goals. But how can you get the most out of your investment when you study the Bible? I would like to make four suggestions for productive personal Bible study.

First, you must make a personal commitment to use your Bible. This is often the most difficult step in Bible study, to simply open the book and read it. Where should you start reading first? This is not a question with a universal answer. For each person's needs are different. If you have never studied the Bible seriously, you might feel more comfortable reading the book of James. If you want to start with a Gospel, read Mark's fast-moving account of the life of Christ. Later, if you are looking for fast action, try Acts. If you are studying a particular book in your Bible class, you might want to use that book as a basis for your own in-depth study. Whatever book you choose, read it in its entirety before starting another one. Hit-or-miss reading usually misses more than it hits!

Second, read and study wisely. To do this, you may wish to correlate the teaching of the particular section you are studying with other parts of Scripture. For example, you might notice that when you read Matthew 1:19, the inspired writer mentions the subject of divorce. But Matthew does not fully develop the topic of divorce here. You would be wise in this case to look in the index of your Bible in order to locate another reference on divorce. In this case, your Bible reference might send you over to I Corinthians chapter seven for more information on this subject. Also, as you proceed through a book, look back frequently to the entire outline found at the beginning of that book in order to check your bearings.

Thirdly, hopefully your Bible contains helpful study guides that will help you achieve your goal of productive Bible study. Most study Bibles have introductions. These introductions will help lead you into the messages of the books by providing you with important background material. Be sure to look at the notes at the bottom of the pages in your Bible. These notes are designed to illuminate and help you understand the verses you are reading.

Fourthly, write in your Bible! Write in the margins the meanings of words you look up, so the next time you read the passage you will not have to look it up again. Another thing that you can do is to write a summary word or phrase of the contents of different sections. Write a key word or phrase that conveys a principal idea in a particular chapter. I try to memorize these words or phrases. By doing this, I am able to think my way through an entire book. Make sure that you write relevant cross references that you have discovered. Jot down a word or two that will remind you of what each particular cross reference says. And finally, briefly note personal applications of texts in your margins. Later, as you read those texts again, you will be reminded of commitments you made to the Lord.

Congratulations! You are obviously serious about studying the Scriptures if you are already doing these things. But remember, as useful as these helps can be, the most important thing to remember is to simply read the Bible itself. The Bible is God's Word to you. The more you study, the greater reservoir of Bible truth you will build. From this reservoir, you will be able to draw correction, encouragement and guidance as you continue your personal study from the "Book of Books."