

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: 51
Contribution: \$ 2424.00
Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00

Thought for The Day

"A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was."

Joseph Hall

MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Kerry Keathley
Songs: Tim Simmons
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Marty Wingo

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell
Songs: Tim Simmons
Sermon: Marty Wingo
Closing Prayer: Troy Wheeler

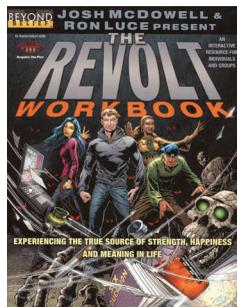
COMMUNION

Mike Weber Dick Navarre
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YOUTH: A New Sunday AM Study
Begins: October 15, 2006



Be sure to
plan on join-
ing us for the
first class.
Ted

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A Summary of the Bible

There are some things one needs to carefully consider as one engages in the study of the Bible. This book which we are studying is no ordinary book. It may affect us in one of two ways: properly studied and applied, it will affect us for good in time and eternity; the improper study of it will cause one to lose one's soul.

The Bible is every man's book. It is not intended for some special group. But not only is the Bible every man's book, it is written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written necessarily with scholars in mind.

No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is a book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is to be found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian unless one is a student of the Bible.

Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints." It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing," or handling aright, the word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God.

The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It is the most accessible, and in it one finds truth that can be found in no

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders

Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
Ted Wheeler

Minister

Ted Wheeler

Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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other book.

The Bible acknowledges man's faults, it is patient with man's weaknesses, it is severe with man's sins, and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong.

To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best.

The one who seeks to know the Bible will endeavor to study its contents book by book, meet its characters as they unfold through its pages, study its types, its doctrine, its topics, paragraphs, sentences and words. This is a lifetime work.

The Bible is the one book that can save many a heartache. The following was found on the fly-leaf of a Bible placed by the Gideons in a motel in Birmingham, Alabama: "*May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight this book saved me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find it the comfort that I did.*"

There is no greater accomplishment in life than to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. It is worth all the sacrifice that is necessary to give to such a study. One can never be great in the true sense of that word who does not know the word, love it, live it, delight in it, and teach it without perversion and without misrepresentation.

The one who studies this book and knows how to handle it is in a position to render the greatest service to the world. No wonder Paul told Timothy, (1.) to study, (2.) to be a workman, and (3.) to seek to be approved of God. There is no higher ambition on earth.

The Bible is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves. It is food which supplies the strength that we need, a lamp to guide our way, a hammer to break and to build, a sword to fight and to defend, the seed to plant and grow, and the goal to own and to become our reward.

There are no experiences in life for which the Bible does not furnish a passage. May these thoughts lend encouragement to all of us to become diligent students of the word that we may know the way of life and find the life that is life indeed.

Franklin Camp

HAPPINESS

The following article on happiness speaks helpfully and appropriately to the people of our society. The life focused outward is the one that discovers the "*joy unspeakable and full of glory.*"

A song which shot to the top of the charts a couple of years back advised us to forget our troubles and just be happy. To some people happiness is play, taking a vacation, forgetting all of our responsibilities, doing what we want to do. An ancient philosopher, Aristotle, had much to say about happiness. But he insisted that man is cut out not so much for happiness as for action, for work, as we would say.

A modern voice has said, "*Looking back on the happiness I have had in life - and I have had my fair share of it, and many kinds of it - I think I can say that the best of it has come from the work I have had to do, and from the people who have helped me in doing it*" Someone has observed that there are two main kinds of happiness: the first is the kind that is given to us by other people, and the second is the kind we create for ourselves.

A person who is happy only when other people make him so is really a very miserable soil of person, and there are a lot of them about - people who expect to be made happy by the State, or by the Government, or by the social system or by the church, or by their friends and neighbors in general, and who go about complaining and whining because other people are not making them as happy as they think they have the right to be. I tend to believe that nobody can be very happy in this world unless he makes the greater part of his happiness for himself. But how does one go about it?

Let me suggest a few Bible verses: Psalm 1, Matthew 5:1-12, James 5:11

BE HAPPY!!!

Remember in Prayer

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FRANK SMALL
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TED WHEELER

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Sep. 30: YOUTH. **Photographic Scavenger Hunt** @ River Road church in New Port Richey
- ✓ Oct. 1: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Oct. 19: Booster Banquet
- ✓ Oct. 29: Song Service

JOHN GIPSON