

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Josh Berryhill

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Greg Lowery
Blake Eddy

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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A New and Precious Life Revealed

By Dan Jenkins

To imagine what it would have been like for those who, in the first century, received the books of the New Testament which had just been written and sent to them is beyond comprehension. Before the books were written, there were apostles and prophets who could tell them about Jesus, about His life and the new way of living He revealed. However, they were not always present. Then, for the first time, the churches had a handwritten copy of the Bible, and they could assemble and study together.

Not every person was able to read, so there were those who read these words given by God while others listened, trying to remember every word God had given to them. The Bible describes this. “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy...” (Rev. 1:3). Now, for the first time they held in their own hands the message from heaven. That verse adds one other vital truth about the one who is blessed because he has a Bible. It adds, “and keep those things which are written in it.” The real blessing is not found in just reading or hearing God’s words. That blessing comes when the words are taken and written in our hearts and manifested in our lives.

What a contrast between the church as it began and that which is part of our world! We no longer have heaven’s message in heavy scrolls but in beautiful, leather-bound books. The widespread use of cell phones allows many of us to carry the entire Bible in a compact device we keep in our pockets and purses. How blessed we are!

Yet what has happened? Across our lands believers assemble, yet Bibles are often not present. We have decided that study in Bible classes is more focused on what some modern man has written about the will of God instead of going to the original truths. Sometimes those studies become a discussion about what each person thinks about a matter instead of searching the words of the Bible to see what God has said about these same issues.

Pulpits are filled with gifted speakers, or those who have read their messages, and for the moment we are fascinated by their ideas, but it is far removed from what happened in the early church. They read the very words given by God, they heard the words given by God and they left worship determined to remember these words to change their lives.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

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Tammy Dodd: recovering from recent stroke, please pray she makes a full recovery

Jeff Upton (Donna Martin's Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin's Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Tyler Upton: is in Atlanta going through rehab for injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Winfred York: doctor said he was able to remove all the cancer from his bladder, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge's Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Carl Dunlap: seizures under control and now he can get help for his back, please continue to keep him in your prayers

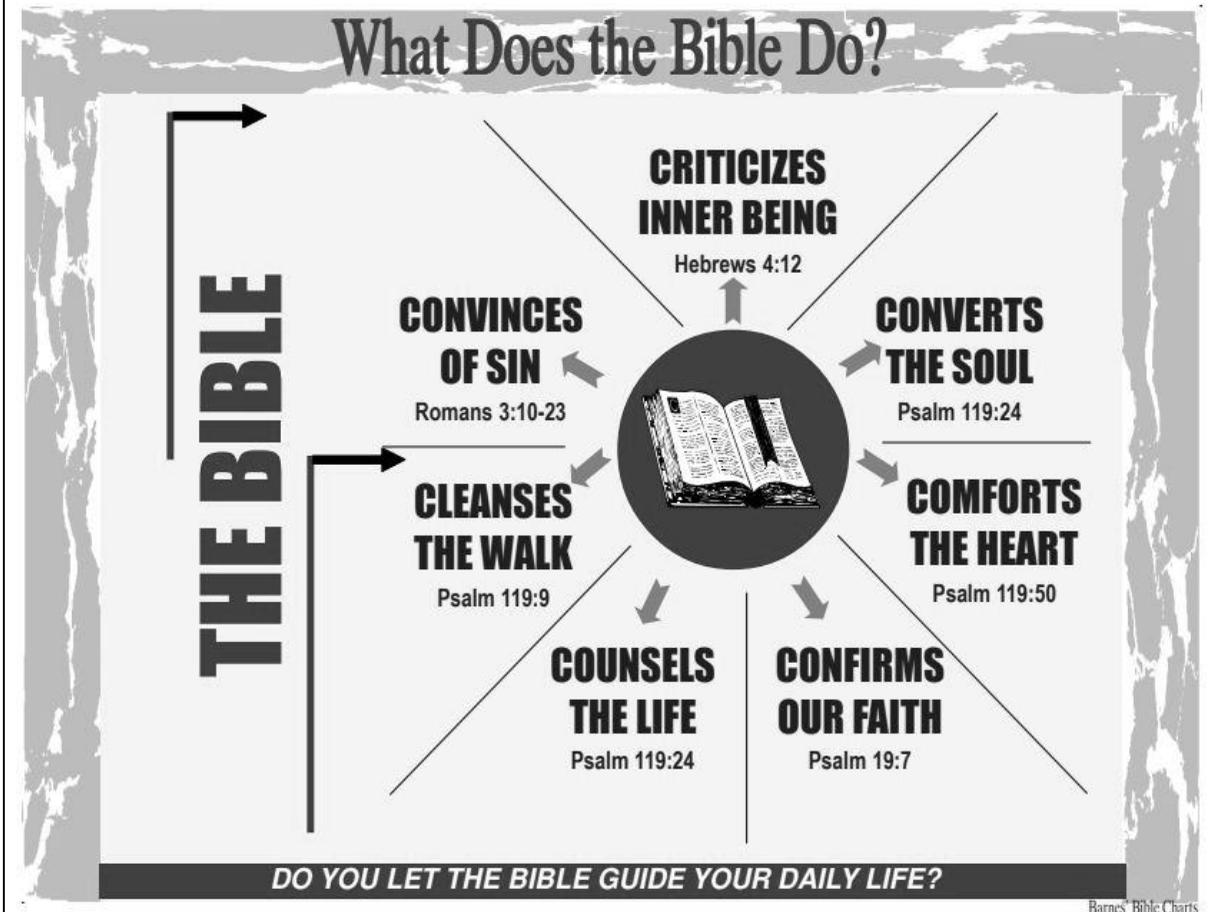
Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): biopsies came back cancer they are doing blood studies to confirm; let us pray that the results are negative and that she is cancer free

The family of Georgia Mae Webb she passed away Wednesday.

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie's Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Think about this contrast and then when you open your Bible realize you have the message from heaven. Read the Bible with the joy of those early Christians. Their lives were changed because they realized the treasures which were theirs because finally they held the words from heaven. Have that same joy because you have your own copy of these words!

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At the Cross

By Robert Johnson

“Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head, for such a worm as I?” (At The Cross). I suppose the words to this song are repulsive to some, which is why in some versions part of it has been changed from “worm” to “one.” The fact of the matter is, while God loves us with an incomparable devotion, by choosing sin, we have allowed Satan to replace being created in God’s image with what distorts that image and destroys instead. We must have a clear vision of both sides of life.

We do have a sin problem; everyone has a sin problem. “For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Even Paul spoke of how he struggled with not doing what he should, as well as doing what he shouldn’t (Romans 7:15). The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), not only physical death, but also spiritual death—eternal separation from the Father and eternal punishment in hell (John 3:36b). Our sins cost the life of Jesus on the cross that we might be redeemed from our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19). This is the degradation that sin brings to our lives.

Yet, God loves us infinitely. Knowing we would sin before He ever created us, He not only made us but also planned the death of Christ as the means of our forgiveness (Ephesians 1:5-10). We are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14) as our guarantee God will be faithful to fulfill His purpose in us through Christ. He continues to cleanse as we walk in the light (1 John 1:7), and this assures us nothing will ever separate us from God’s love for us, through Christ (Romans 8:38-39). We have all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), offered in every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), providing for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). This is the glory we share as children of God.

We must have, then, a balanced perspective of our lives. No human is so much scum or so worthless that God doesn’t love, care or want saved. On the other hand, no human is so great that God couldn’t accomplish His purposes without him. When a person feels insignificant and that his or her life is meaningless, never forget Christ! When a person feels exalted and feeds his or her ego on such, never forget Christ! God loves every person enough to sacrifice Christ, but every person’s sins caused God to sacrifice Christ. With Him, we have everything, and without Him we are nothing.

Next time you feel depressed or overly proud, go to the cross and have your perspective renewed.

**“Thus might I hide my blushing face, While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
But drops of grief can ne’er repay, The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, ‘Tis all that I can do.”**

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Galatians 6:14).

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Four Factors Behind the Cross

<p>GOD’S ETERNAL PURPOSE “The determinate Counsel of God” Acts 2:23</p>	} 1
<p>MAN’S SINFUL HATRED “Ye have taken and by wicked hands crucified and slain” Acts 2:23</p>	} 2
<p>CHRIST’S SUBMISSIVE WILL “A man approved of God” Acts 2:22</p>	} 3
<p>SATAN’S INFERNAL OPPOSITION John 12:31-32; 14:30</p>	} 4

Acts 2:22-24