

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Al Corkren

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill  
Servers - Bradley Box  
Charles Berryhill  
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Billy Box

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

**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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# *The Most Hated Thing In The World*



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**Oh For A Copy Of The Bible**

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

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

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

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

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

Josh Berryhill: dealing with back trouble, please pray that with proper medical treatment that he will improve

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

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

Ruth Addison: recovering from recent illness, please pray that she will regain her strength

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

Vernalen Avery: she recently received a pacemaker, please pray that this will help her

Carolyn Caudle: recovering from recent fall, please pray that she has no problems as she recovers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

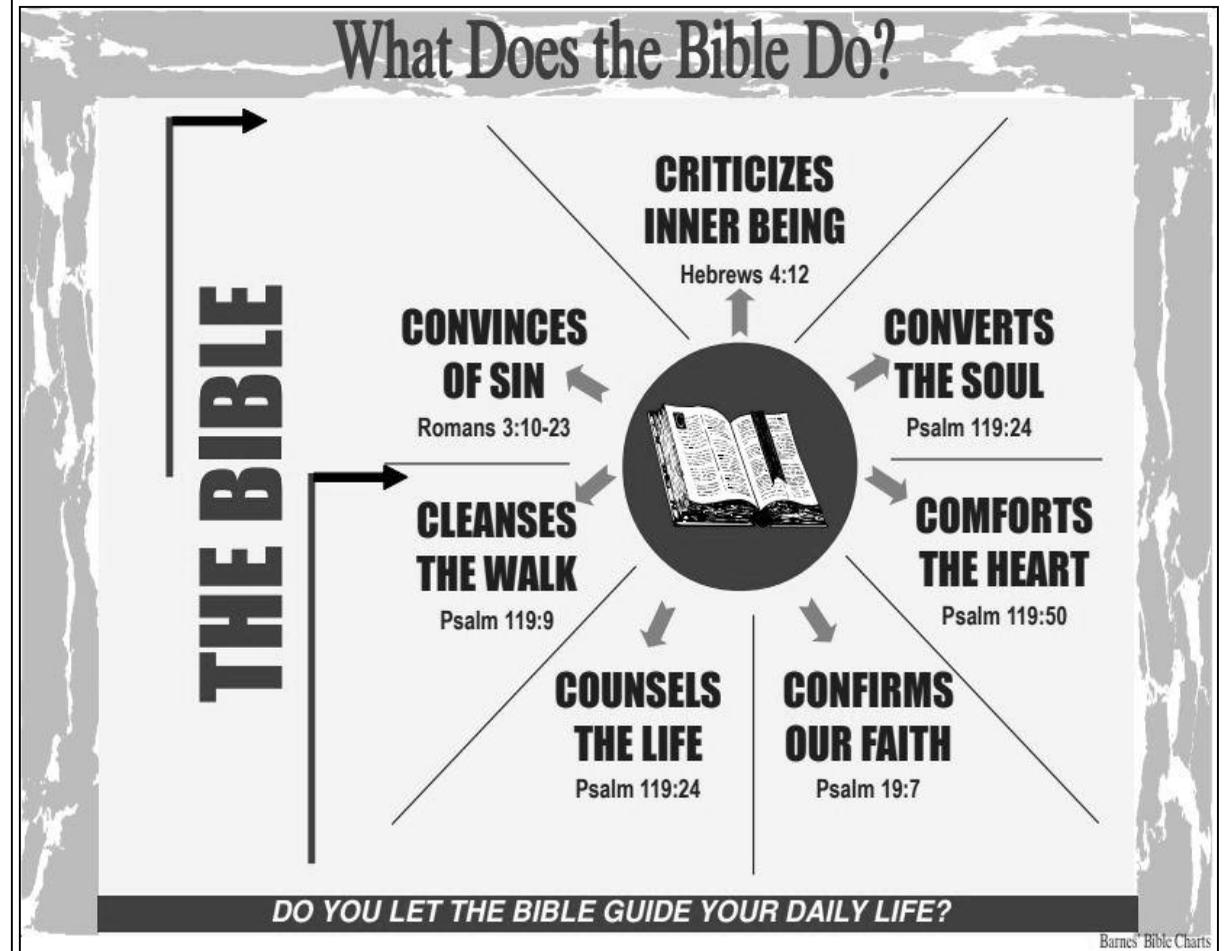
Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) in March. Doctors have suggested that they go to Italy for gene replacement treatment that hasn't been approved in the U.S. Treatments will take 4 months; please pray that these treatments will be successful

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Tonight	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Night Singing	5:00 pm
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Missionary Report (Mike Brooks)	10:00 am
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Missionary Report (Jerry Bates)	5:00 pm

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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**The Eternal Word or The Eternal Words**

By Dan Jenkins

Many individuals misunderstand the Bible simply because they fail to notice the precise words God chose to be in the Bible. Every letter of every word on the tablets of stone were placed there by God. This is the nature of revelation and inspiration of His message to man. As the Old Testament was being written and completed, He had preserved the inspired word—including every jot and every tittle the prophets wrote (Matt. 5:18).

The same is true of the New Testament. Jesus affirmed that the New Testament would be kept intact. He said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matt. 24:35). Note that He did not say that His word would not pass away, but His words would not pass away. We do not in some generic way have the word of the Lord; we have His words. If one single word has been lost, then His statement is false.

Look at what He said again. There is absolutely no means by which His words would be lost. For those who ask how we know that in the copying and transmission of the text some of it has not been lost, here is God’s answer. There is no way that the words of the Lord have been lost. Worldly scholarship cannot be compared to Christ’s scholarship.

Jesus taught the same idea in the book of John. Read His words carefully. “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). He had taught that His words were more permanent than the universe itself and implied their eternal nature by saying that men would reject His words—not just His word. When the last day comes, these will be the basis of the final judgment.

The last book of the Bible describes this judgment scene. In Matthew He promised that heaven and earth would pass away. John described One who sat on the great white throne and says, “...from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them” (Rev. 20:11). There is no place for heaven or earth after the judgment. Then notice John’s description of the basis of the judgment. Men were not judged by the Book of Life but by the things written in the books.

All the books, all sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament will be opened. The fact they are there shows their eternal nature! Read carefully Paul’s description of the accuracy of the revelation. “Which things also we speak, not in words man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combing spiritual things with spiritual words” (1 Cor. 2:13). He has given us His words and they are eternal!

**Spiritual Vitamins**

By Ed Benesh

For years, my family and I have taken vitamins. It is now part of our everyday routine, finding its place right after breakfast but before we all scamper out the doorways of our home to the various places that demand our attention. Our days can be long and often difficult between the school and work routines, let alone the inordinate amount of time spent on the various extracurricular activities. In an effort to provide for optimum health and well-being that enables productivity and positive attitudes (among other things), we take vitamins. Such is life in the Benesh household.

Just the other day, however, as I was filling the case that holds the vitamins that my wife and I take, I began thinking about the notion of spiritual vitamins. I looked at the pills and thought, “I am taking all these for good physical health and productivity, but what sort of vitamin am I taking today to help with spiritual health and productivity?”

Now, rest assured, you cannot run down to your local pharmacy and find spiritual vitamins, and I wouldn’t recommend consulting with your pharmacist about them. To get your spiritual charge, you may, instead, want to spend just a few moments in prayer or picking out a verse from the Bible on which you could focus that day. Imagine how your day could be improved if you read aloud the words, “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice” and then prayed, very simply, that God would grant you the wisdom to see His work and rejoice in it. What if you pulled that same verse out at lunch to remind yourself to rejoice? How much better would your day go, spiritually supercharged with this small, spiritual vitamin of truth?

Why not try it? If this is the day the Lord has made, then should you not rejoice and be glad in it, having prepared to do so by taking your spiritual vitamins? Give it a try. “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24) - Obtained at: [www.gospelgazette.com](http://www.gospelgazette.com)