

WELCOME VISITOR!

February 26th, 2023

We are very glad you worshipped with us today. We would like a record of your visit, so please take a few minutes and fill in the information below, tear this part off, and drop it in the offering plate.

(Please circle) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name: _____
Adress: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Phone:() _____
Email: _____

Help us to know your better:

- ☐ First time visitor
- ☐ New in the community
- ☐ Would like more information
- ☐ Would like personal visit
- ☐ I am looking for a church home

I am attending as a guest of:

Are you a member of a church?
Yes No

Name of church: _____

Heeding The Warnings Of Apostasy

One of the best ways to avoid such damage to the Lord’s body is by prevention. When hurricane warnings are given, home owners and store owners scurry to board up windows, store up provisions, and to make whatever preparation they can for the coming storm. The same principle holds true for the Lord’s church. The warning was given long ago: “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doc-trines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1).Those in the early church who heeded the warning protected themselves from the coming departure by being aware of it and by know-ing what the truth of God’s will is (1 Timothy 4:6). The same preparation must be made today. The people of God must be aware that departure is taking place and must not be ignorant of His Word.

God’s Warning To Israel

God’s warning to Israel ought also to be a warning to the church. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee....” (Hosea 4:6). Knowledge of God’s Word protects from sin (Psalm 119:11). Christians are commanded to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). Searching the Scriptures to prove what teachings are true is a noble thing to do (Acts 17:11). But all of these things demand determined study of the Word, not an instantaneous obtaining of knowledge.

Bible Knowledge Doesn’t Come Easy

An old saying states that anything worthwhile does not come easy. This principle certainly is true of Bible knowledge. Men who have devoted their entire lives to studying the Bible would be the first to admit that there is no end to its depth. Only a daily feasting on the Word can bring about that kind of knowledge that the Chris-tian needs. But he first must develop that intense desire to know God’s will. “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2). Then, based on the intense desire, must come the diligent study. “Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15 – ASV).

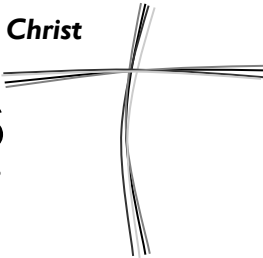
Conclusion

Brethren, as members of the Lord’s church, we need to maintain the attitude and zeal of the Psalmist regarding the study of God’s Word in Psalm 1:2, “But his de-light is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

If we will realize the importance of Bible study and devote the necessary time in gaining a proper knowledge of God’s Word, then the false teachers in this land will have a much more difficult task in trying to lead people away from the truth (Ephesians 4:13-15; cf. 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Preaching & Living Christ

The GONZALES Messenger



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One Minute Bible Study?

Mike Riley

America has become a land of “instant” everything. One can purchase instant soup, instant coffee, instant iced tea, instant mashed potatoes, and countless other instant items. The advent of the microwave oven also has in-creased this demand for instantaneous fulfillment. No longer must hungry consumers wait thirty minutes for a meal to be prepared; now they can have it piping hot in only thirty seconds! If Americans cannot have it in an “instant”, then they do not want it at all. Unfortunately, this attitude of having everything in an instant has not missed the realm of today’s Christian. Because Bible knowledge can never be attained instantaneously, many members of the Lord’s church neglect Bible study.

The “One Minute Bible”

This can be seen in the advertisement for a new Bible that is on the market: the “One Minute Bible”. The advertise-ment for this book asks, “Never seem to have enough time to regularly read the Bible?” It then goes on to describe how the book is arranged into 366 daily one minute Bible readings that highlight “every primary Biblical topic and theme.” Just like “instant” coffee, now there is “instant” Bible knowledge available, and all it takes is one minute per day!

This attitude toward Bible study contributes to the in-creasing departure from the faith that continues in the church today. Because brethren have not devoted the time to learning what God’s will is, they are “...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doc-trine....” (Ephesians 4:14). And there are many contrary winds blowing in the brotherhood today, whose destruc-tive forces exceed those of any hurricane, tornado, or ty-phoon.

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Our Schedule

Sunday	
Bible Class	9 AM
AM Worship	10 AM
PM Worship	1 PM

Wednesday	
Bible Class	7 PM

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Ronald DeShazo
Michael Krieger

Deacons

Patrick Adkins
Roberto Benitez
Tracy Boone
Harold Douget
Tim Schmidt
Ben Vallery

Ministers

James Eaves
Daniel Jaramillo

Attendance Record

Sunday
AM- 126
PM- 77
Wed- 71

LESSONS FOR THIS WEEK

Gospel Meeting The Faith That Saves...

Sunday Bible Class: "...Admits"
AM Sermon: "...Loves"
PM Sermon: "...Trusts"

Monday: "...Obeys"
Tuesday: "...Is The One Faith"
Wednesday: "...Diligently Seeks Him"

Birthdays This Week

26th Ami Cook

27th Harold Douget

3rd Zachary Humbles



Two Free inspirational email newsletters for Christian Women are available:

Sunrise is a monthly newsletter. To subscribe send an email to: sunrise-subscribe@seekgrowservelove.org or you can go to the Rolla Church of Christ website to subscribe.

Women Building Godly Lives is a quarterly newsletter. To subscribe go to [Women Building Godly Lives](#) and sign up under the Don't Miss An Issue! Menu.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bible Bowl Study - Review Ezra and Nehemiah Bible Bowl questions. Next Practice will be **Saturday, March 4th** from 10am until 4pm. Bible Bowl Setup will be **Friday, March 17th @6:30pm** until 9pm.

Sweet Tators-Will be March 9th @ the building at 11am
Salad and Dessert Bar. See Ellen Posey for more information. Sign up to bring food.

Gospel Meeting-Brother B.J. Clark will be here to preach
our Gospel Meeting on Today, **February 26th** thru
Wednesday, **March 1st**.

Communion Arrangement for February: Nancy Mars

Communion Arrangement for March: Chris Meek

Privileged to Serve 02-26-2023		Privileged to Serve 03-05-2023	
AM & PM Assembly		AM & PM Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Joel Watson Jr	Song Leader.....	Colin Schmidt
Lord's Table.....	Tim Schmidt	Lord's Table.....	Tracy Boone
AV Room.....	Schmidts	AV Room.....	Schmidts
Announcements.....	Patrick Adkins	Announcements.....	Joel Watson Jr
Security	Mack Meek	Security	Bret Coats
AM Assembly		AM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	David Esmon	Opening Prayer.....	Patrick Adkins
Scripture.....	Ben Vallery	Scripture.....	Kyle LeBlanc
Closing Prayer.....	Wayne Pace	Closing Prayer.....	Ben Vallery
PM Assembly		PM Assembly	
Opening Prayer.....	Peyton Adkins	Opening Prayer.....	Harold Douget
Closing Prayer.....	Dave Brady	Closing Prayer.....	Ron DeShazo
Wed Assembly		Wed Assembly	
Song Leader.....	Timmon King	Song Leader.....	Timmon King
Invitation.....	Gospel Meeting	Invitation.....	David Esmon
Closing Prayer.....	Mike Krieger	Closing Prayer.....	Brent Mouill

ATTENTION:

If you need to make a prayer request you may use this slip to provide details. Please put the slip in the collection plate or give it to one of the elders or deacons. If you are new or visiting please fill out the other side so we can get to know you.

Your Name:_____

Prayer Requests: _____

Abstract

Adkins any updates to the prayer

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