

*"herald the good news" Romans 10:15*

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## SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES

I would love to hear every member of this congregation say, "I sure do like attending Bible class". Each week there are on average 75-100 missing during our Bible study hours. I know there are some few who may have a valid reason for not attending. This message is written with a sincere desire to challenge teachers and students to be active participants in the spiritual growth of every member. To our teachers, let me say "Thank You" for serving the Lord in such a commendable way. Your example of faithfulness by regular attendance in worship goes a long way in showing your students what you count as most important. It is very difficult to encourage your students to attend if you are not a devoted servant of God. No Christian should take on the responsibility of teaching unless they are willing to lead by example. Not all teachers have the same talent (teaching ability) but all can be faithful. That holds true for every teacher. As parents, we too are responsible for the attitudes of our children toward Bible study. We ought to always encourage the study of God's word at home (the most important school your children have) by helping them prepare for their bible classes. We should be willing to do whatever we can to help their teachers in and out of the classroom. We should never criticize the teachers in front of the children but rather go to them privately if there is some perceived problem. We tend to get really excited when we have our annual VBS but that same excitement should be experienced for our Bible School program at all times. It is a great time to bring visitors along.

On July 1 a new Bible study program will begin for all 4yr. olds-5th grade. The teachers have been spending a lot time getting ready for this new curriculum. I truly believe that all involved will see wonderful growth in Bible knowledge. As teachers we have discussed the importance of teaching the Bible but also making every attempt at application of that knowledge to life. If you are not already attending Bible class (Sun./Wed.) now is the time to begin.

All of us are to be students of God's word. While some are able and willing to teach, even they remain students of the word. **"Your"** participation is encouraged. "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Matthew 13:9, 16, 18, 23, 43). Each of us are responsible for making a great Bible School.

Gary Puryear

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

### 1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

### 2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

### 3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

### 4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

### 5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Bible Class at 9:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

### ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,  
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

### DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,  
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,  
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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### INSUFFICIENT STANDARDS

As the bank returns a hot check stamped "insufficient funds," so one day God will turn away our self-serving standards of morality as insufficient. Have you heard or used one of these phrases to justify something lately?

I like (Jeremiah 10:13)

I feel (Galatians 5:16-21)

I want (Acts 8:18-24)

I think (2 Kings 5:1-15)

They do it (I Samuel 6:4-8)

It seems right (Proverbs 14:12).

I am sincere (2 Samuel 6:6-7)

I am always right (2 Corinthians 13:5)

No one will see me (Proverbs 15:3)

It is for a good cause (Romans 3:8)

I don't see why not (Acts 5:1-11)

The preacher said so (Galatians 1: 6-9)

Others do worse things (Matthew 7:5)

God didn't say not to (Leviticus 10:1-2)

God doesn't mind (I Corinthians 2:10-13)

It isn't against the law (Acts 5:26-29)

It hurts no one but me (I Corinthians 8:12-13)

Most people think it is okay (Matthew 7:13-14)

My parents and grandparents did it (Galatians 6:5)

It doesn't bother my conscience (Proverbs 30:20)

We have done it this way for year (Joshua 5:2-9)

It's all right if we do it in God's name (Matthew 7:21-23)

God doesn't expect us to be so technical (I Thessalonians 5:21)

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The reason that so many of the above excuses sound so good is that many have chosen to do what they want and seek to justify it in some way. Our decisions of right and wrong must come from God's word. Trying to justify disobedience is like trying to carry water in a fish net. The success rate is "0". Life is much less complicated when we follow God's plan. The faithful life may not always be easy but it brings satisfaction by knowing that we are pleasing our heavenly Father.

Gary Puryear

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (July 1)

Opening Prayer:	Gary Puryear
Closing Prayer:	John Barfield
Devotional:	Everett Mays
Song Leader:	Jim Burke

SUNDAY (July 5)

AT THE TABLE

*Larry Bundy	Rodney Newton
Jim Burke	Glenn Whitley
William Ray Jr.	Juan Nunez
Ben Grogan	*Karl Dawson

\*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements:	Mark DeLong
Opening Prayer:	Fred Barnett
Scripture Reading:	Jerry Whitley
Closing Prayer:	Micah Busbey
Ushers:	Terry Bonds Brad Carter

DOOR GREETERS

Mary Steely  
Sarah Steely  
Glenn Lewis

PM Worship

Opening Prayer:	Glenn Lewis
Scripture Reading:	Leland Steely
Closing Prayer:	Josh Fletcher

FOR THE RECORD (6/21/09):

Sunday Morning Worship:	164
Sunday Morning Bible Study:	130
Sunday Evening Worship:	131
Wednesday Bible Study:	116
Contribution:	\$5807.00

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Prayer Request:** Vera Sue Pleasant, Kathy Riggs, Tommy Jenkins, Debbie Newman, Carolyn Clevenger, Jenny Revlett, Wayne Moore, Donald Stone, Sharon Bundy, John Jenkins, David Crockett, Jerry Burrough, Patricia DeLong, Gene Thomason, John Kavanaugh, Joann Hayes, Pete Jenkins.

**Good News:** Patricia Coleman confessed her faith in Jesus and was baptized this past Monday evening. For her address see office. Angels and saints are rejoicing over her decision to become a Christian.

**Bridal Shower:** Today at 2:00 p.m. for Iris Newton and Brian Morgan in the basement.

**V.B.S. Planning Meeting:** July 5 at 5:15 in the basement. We need all to attend who are interested in helping with this years V.B.S. (July 26-29).

**SYS:** We are hosting the Summer Youth Series on July 7. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for the food that will be needed that night.

**Pantry Needs:** Peanut butter, Jelly, and Crackers.

**Give-Away T-Shirts:** If you would like to order a t-shirt for this year's give-away activities the deadline to sign up is July 12. The give-away will be held on Aug. 8.