

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

A Burning Fire

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe needs our prayers.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Cathy is traveling.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Women's Study: The next women's study will be Saturday December 14th at 1:00 PM at the Building

Evangelism: There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

Today's Scripture: "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*." **Jeremiah 20:9 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue," **Psalms 39:2-3 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 63/43: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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December 8th, 2019 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Have you ever had news that you just couldn't wait to be able to tell someone. I was driving to my office at Big Lake when the space shuttle exploded. I barely got into the door when I began to tell people about it. A similar thing happened in 2001 when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. I was driving to the office at Palmer when I heard about it on the radio. When I got to the office, the first thing I did was tell everyone in the office about it and to go to the briefing room where we had a tv and we could watch the news. In both these situations, the news was like a burning fire in my bones and I just could not keep from telling others what I had heard.

John tells us that Andrew was in this situation ³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? ³⁹ He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone." John 1:37-42 (KJV) Andrew just couldn't wait to tell his brother about Jesus. He spent a not quite a day with Jesus then immediately went and told Peter about Him.

Peter and John found themselves in this same situation. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. ¹⁸ And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:15-20 (KJV)

Jeremiah the prophet described the feeling as a burning fire in his

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bones. **Jeremiah 20:9 (KJV)** "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." The question we face today is; "Does the news about Jesus burn in our bones so that we can not refrain from telling every one we meet about Him.?" Or do we avoid the subject of Jesus and the salvation He has purchased for us with His own blood? Are we ashamed of Jesus? Are we afraid to talk about Him because we are concerned that we may hurt someone's feelings? Or are we so concerned that we may not be able to defend our beliefs that we avoid getting into discussions about them?

Why is it that we can discuss almost everything else but Jesus and his sacrifice for us? We have little trouble talking with people who are almost strangers about football teams and their latest games. We even tell others how we would have coached them or which play we would have or would not have called. And we even get into heated arguments about the teams and their use of strategy during the game. We have little trouble talking about our work and the issues we have with our boss or some policy that was recently put into place. But almost as soon as the topic of Jesus comes up, we blush a little, duck our heads, avert our eyes and hope someone changes the topic quickly before we are asked what we think.

For Christians, the news of Jesus should be like a burning fire in our bones. It should be something that we are willing to face arrest for, not something that causes us to blush and hope someone doesn't ask us about. Paul told Timothy that he needed to be ready when the opportunity presented itself to preach the word. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." **2 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV)** We need to study to be ready to answer the skeptics. We need to study to be able to answer questions about our faith and the truth of what the Bible teaches about salvation and eternal judgement. This news should burn in our bones to the point that we can not resist speaking about Jesus and His love for us.

Does it burn in your bones today?