

October 1st, 2017 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...”

—Romans 1:16 KJV

#### MEETING TIMES

##### Sunday:

- Bible Classes 10AM
- AM Worship 11AM
- PM Worship 6PM

##### Wednesday:

- Bible Classes 7PM

#### COME JOIN US!

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ASK  
*and it shall*  
 & **GIVEN**  
*unto you*  
 SEEK *Shall* FIND  
 AND YOU *AND* THE DOOR SHALL  
**KNOCK** *be opened*  
 MATTHEW 7:7

#### OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray For:** Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson, Adalynn Kelly, Ralph Campbell, Nell Kelly

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Nicholson’s

**Radio Program:** Listen to “Searching the Scriptures”, our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Men’s Meeting:** Meeting on 10/1, and all agenda items were due on 9/23.

**Today’s Scripture:** “But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.” **John 11:10 (KJV)**

**Today’s Proverb:** “Hear instruction, and be wise, And refuse it not.” **8:33 (1901 ASV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 64**

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

## UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Nothing is more obvious than that men who profess belief in the Bible do not understand it alike. Some believe this is inevitable or even good. If so, why does the Bible command that we “all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you” (1 Cor. 1: 10)? We are to “walk by the same rule” (Phi. 3:16), so it must be possible for us to understand its demands. The greater question may be, “Why do men not understand the Bible alike?” The Bible provides several answers. \*

- \* Ignorance—Because of ignorance the Jews crucified Jesus, and Saul persecuted Him (Luke 23:34; 1 Tim. 1:13). Earnest Bible study is the cure for ignorance. One can hardly understand what he does not know.
- \* Deception—Many are victims of false teachers (Mat. 7:15). Jesus warned: “Take heed that no man lead you astray” (Mat. 24: 44). Blind teachers and their students will be lost (15:14).
- \* Human traditions—Religious traditions were more important than the Bible to the Jews of Jesus’ time (Mat. 15:6). Human traditions are many and varied; they prevent men from understanding and following the Bible. Such things as infant “baptism,” instrumental music in worship, “Easter,” et al., are human traditions, rather than Biblical practices.
- \* Prejudice—Jeremiah wrote of those in Jerusalem “that have eyes, and see not; that have ears, and hear not” (5:21). The Jews of Jesus’ time had their minds “made up” that the Messiah would establish an earthly kingdom like David’s, so they rejected His teaching concerning His spiritual kingdom, the church (Mat. 16:18–19). Vast millions make the same mistake today in their biased millennial “hopes.”
- \* Convenience—Jeroboam enticed his nation to stay at home and worship his idols, saying, “It is too much to go up to Jerusalem” (1 Kin. 12:28). Roman Catholicism popularized effusion (pouring of water) in place of immersion for baptism beginning in the twelfth century because it was more “convenient” than immersion. Many Protestant churches find it “inconvenient” to serve the Lord’s Supper each Sunday. The Truth is often set aside for sake of convenience.
- \* Sincerity—We must be sincere in our devotion to God, but sincerity alone was insufficient for Cornelius; he still had to hear and obey the Gospel to be saved (Acts 10:33; 11:14). If sincerity is all that matters, why do we even need the Bible? All of the foregoing factors are obstructions to understanding the Bible. Those who pervert the Scriptures do so to their own destruction (2 Pet. 3:16).

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF SINGING AS A FORM OF WORSHIP

More important than tradition, biblical principles have historically motivated us to sing as a form of our personal and collective worship of the Lord in Heaven, and they should continue to motivate us. Consider that singing has been commanded (Ephesians 5:19) and is morally upright (Psalm 92:1). It is an obligation of each member (Colossians 3:16) as we sing to the Lord and to one another (Ephesians 5:19). As the church assembles, we should sing (1 Corinthians 14:15, 26) in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). We should sing with grace in our hearts (Colossians 3:16) and with understanding (1 Corinthians 14:15) as we teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16). Among other motivations, we should sing because the Lord blesses us abundantly (Psalm 18:48-49). May we be as the Psalmist and sing “as long as I live” (Psalm 104:33). May we be encouraged to sing in worship and to support our weekly worship services with our valued and regular presence. Our fellow brethren in the congregation may very well be encouraged more so than one may anticipate by the simple but yet profound act of quality worship before and unto the Lord by the full congregation of God’s people in the public assembly of the church.

📖 Ronald D. Reeves

**Have you invited  
somebody to Bible Study?**