

**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR** ♥  
{proverbs 3:5 }

**OUR FAMILY NEWS**

**Pray For:** Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson, Nell Kelly, Wayne Ezell, Ralph & Teri Campbell

**Congratulations:** The Deckers welcomed David Ryder on 10/13/17, 7lbs. 9 oz, 20 inches.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Nicholson’s with Justin Kelly, Churchill’s, Ralph and Teri 14<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Tina 13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Beebe’s start traveling on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Today’s Scripture:** “And he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, having believed in God.” **Acts 16:34**

**Today’s Proverb:** “That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:” **..1:5**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 64**

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October 22nd, 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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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

## DOES JESUS LIVE HERE?

**"DOES JESUS LIVE HERE?"** The story is told of a busy mother responding to a persistent knocking at her door. Opening the door, she saw a man standing there with a bible in his hand. Without any introduction, he simply asked, "Does Jesus live here?" Caught off guard by such an unexpected question, she groped for the right thing to say as the stranger slowly walked away. When her husband came home, she told him of the visitor and of his question. He asked why she had not told the man that their names were on the church roll, that they sent their children to Sunday School, etc. She replied that the question was not about any of those things but about whether Jesus lived at their house. "And", she said, "all day long I've been wondering if he does." As Christians, we should often think of Jesus as the unseen guest in our homes. We do believe in His real, spiritual presence just as much as if He were eating at our table and sleeping in the guest room. When Martha of Bethany was preparing the meal and Mary, her sister, was sitting at the feet of Jesus, they knew the Savior was there with them (Luke 10). With the eye of faith, we should often see Him in our family settings, hearing our conversations and observing our behavior toward one another. Believing Christ to be in our homes can have a revolutionary effect on family life. Our words to one another would be more thoughtfully spoken. There may be magazines and other materials we would not bring home. Television programs would be viewed only with a careful discrimination – any presentation which featured profanity or morally objectionable scenes would quickly be turned off. The Bible would be conspicuously displayed and we would often read and refer to its contents. An offering of thanks before every meal and prayer before bedtime would be daily practiced. By the way, "Does Christ live at your house?"

Hershel Dyer

## EXALTED NATION OR DISGRACED PEOPLE?

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" These words written by Solomon in Proverbs 14:34 should give each one of us a reason to stop and think about our nation. As we have just celebrated the founding of America, we need to pause and ask the question, "Are we an exalted nation or are we becoming a disgraced people?" When we watch the news or read the paper, it is evident that the moral fiber of America has declined. Political leaders are accused of immoral behavior and illegal activity and the attitude of many people is, "So what? Who cares?" Christianity is under attack and God is being banned from the public arena. Sin can no longer be called sin because of political correctness. When someone has the courage to speak up about their convictions, they are ridiculed and accused of bigotry. What is the result of this moral complacency? God has been replaced as the object of our worship and we have set up idols of self indulgence and materialism. Abortion, even in the late term, is acceptable to many people. Homosexuality is no longer a sin but an alternative lifestyle. Human life is devalued and this has become evident by the tragedies of school shootings, abduction and murder of young children, etc. Music, television and movies have graphic sexual and violent content and drugs continue to be a major concern. As we have just celebrated our national birthday, America needs to once again exert its moral leadership. It is necessary for us to move away from the materialistic society we have become and return to a spiritual one so that the erosion of our moral fiber does not weaken our foundation. In Psalm 33:12, the writer tells us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." God has been good to America and blessed her beyond measure. How long will He tolerate our unrighteousness? God's dealings with the nation of Israel should be a warning to us. Over and over they disobeyed and were punished. Yet, God was merciful and forgiving. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God told Solomon, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." The time has come for America to pray that God will hear and heal our land. In another instance, Joel issues a call of rededication to Israel. In the second chapter of his prophecy, we read, "Even now" declares the Lord. "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing - grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God." As we agonize over what is happening to our country, the answer lies in return and rededication. We need to return to God and rededicate ourselves to the principles that made this country great. Then, and only then, will we once again become an exalted nation.

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