### **Schedule of Events**

Potluck at Murdocks 5/21

Outdoor meeting and VBS 6/5-10

Door Knocking 5/20 and 6/3

Mens' Meeting 6/4 after morning worship. Agenda items accepted 5/14 5/28. Submit items to Bill Beebe. Think on These Things

#### Philippians 4:8

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Isaiah 59:1-2 NKJV

## **Our Family News**

#### **Today's Scripture**

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

I Peter 2:4-5 NKJV

#### Wisdom for Today

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NKJV

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## **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, Matt 10:32-33 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16 Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

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

#### Come join us!

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### **Meeting Times**

Sunday	
Bible Classes	10AM
AM Worship	11 <b>AM</b>
PM Worship	5PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7PM

Office Hours Call or check website

AM Sermon / George Jensen PM Sermon / George Jensen

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# "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

## Refocus

#### Joe Murdock

It is surprising how busy we get during this time of the year. I am guilty of making so many plans that I end up forgetting which plans I had made first! We have plans to go camping, plans to do yard work and plans to go fishing. All the while the word of God sits on our shelves collecting dust. It is no surprise with how easy it is to become overwhelmed with everyday plans that the Word of God would have much to say about our priorities. Haggai 1:4-8 NASB "'Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?' Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Consider your ways! You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes.' Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified,' says the LORD." Now it is not wrong to do these things such as yard work, camping and fishing. But we must not let what God has blessed us with the ability to do to become an excuse to not seek Him continuously and diligently. So I believe there are three simple solutions to properly "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV

First pray, yes, that simple! It is amazing how easily we can forget prayer in our life and forget about God. We must not forget to pray. A pattern I have gotten into is to pray before bed and then pray the moment I wake up. There is only one thing better then kissing my wife good night and waking up to kiss her good morning, and that is to pray to God and thank Him for the privilege to be blessed with such a wonderful wife. Prayer is a blessing that needs to become more a part of our life, but it must be done in faith. We must understand who we are talking to, our God, our creator, our sustainer of life. James 1:5-8 NKJV "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a

double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." So, when we pray to the Almighty let us understand He is alive and working! Let us not be double minded but asking in faith knowing that God gives liberally to the righteous man.

Second commit yourself to real bible study. This is not just skimming through trying to find a quote of the day. But as Paul told Timothy, 1 Timothy 4:15–16 NASB "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." These pains that were to be taken are a deep mediation in the word, while correcting and making a change to our old ways of life. Too often I find myself guilty of becoming so busy with things that have no impact on my spiritual growth and then wonder what is wrong. This must be taken seriously when we think about what is at stake. Deep bible study encourages us, corrects us and also gives us the strength to contend earnestly for the faith. Jude 3 NASB "Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints." Bible study refocuses our mind and inner man to do what is right.

Finally, let us draw near to God by action. James 4:7-8 ASV "Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded." We begin to lose focus when we don't apply the things we have learned. Application starts in the heart, the heart that desires to do the right things for the right reasons. 1 Timothy 1:5 NASB "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." We can be busy, but let's be busy for God first. Starting our mornings with prayer. Moving into an enriching bible study or bible study with a purpose. Finally thinking about how we can truly apply these spiritual blessings and be moved to action. Will you refocus?