

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Austin Horne

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Howell Todd

Serving: Eric Horne

Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Devotional: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

**To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back
and worship with us soon!**

Please call to inform us of News items
or Prayer Requests that need to be in
the Bulletin:

Kyle Richardson - 495-7106

Dorothy Jean Smith - 444-5437

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign Up!

There are still months open to
clean the building and mowing the
yard. Please sign up if you're able!

Gospel Meeting:

Sep 16-18 with Fred Rhodes. Be
inviting your friends and family!

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Word

(Rom 10:17)

Believe in Jesus

(John 8:24)

Repent of your sins

(Luke 13:3)

Confess faith in Christ

(Rom 10:10)

Be **Baptized** for forgiveness of sins

(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**

(1 Cor. 15:58)

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings

after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For

assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member

needs contact Kyle Richardson.

Flower Request - Please call Lynda

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Is There A Standard We Can Follow?

I guess this all stems from a conversation some of us had the other day. It has been said that we should never discuss politics and religion. Well, that may be for some but for the Christian, we should be reaching out to folks all the time, and how do you do that if you do not talk about Christianity to your friends?

Solomon said, there is a time and place for everything **Ecclesiastes chapter three**. There is also a right and a wrong way to approach someone. After all religion is closer to people's hearts than they often want to admit. We certainly don't want to offend them to the point of turning them away from the truths of God's Word.

When it comes to religion, a lot of individuals want to do things in a willy-nilly way i.e. have their cake and eat it, too. We have standards all over the place, for example, there is the unified plumbing code. It is a standard that must be followed. Baseball has rules = a standard. We have traffic standards. What would happen if we didn't have these? Well the results would be trouble, havoc or anarchies.

Maybe I'm to blame, but when someone will say something religiously off the wall or false I expect them to justify what they are saying from the Bible. Why? Because that is what they profess to believe yet they often don't even use it loosely. **1 Peter 3:15** says, we are to give an answer to everyone who asks me a reason of the hope that we have. When confronted, and this hurts my heart, they say, "That's your interpretation." Many of you know that is a pet peeve of mine.

What they are usually saying is, "I don't want to talk about it anymore," or "My way is the right way and I don't care what the Bible says." I certainly don't want to be mean and ugly and like Jesus, I must realize that there are some that won't listen no matter what you say. I guess it is just that I want everyone to go to heaven. I know that some of my brethren like to take a Bible and whack folks up side the head and say, "I showed'em." That type of evangelism doesn't work from what I can see.

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For someone to learn God's Word they have to see it for themselves. When I ask questions I hope to plant doubt in what may be a false premise.

A preacher posed this question and I thought I should share it with you. When Paul told Timothy to preach the word, **2 Timothy 4:2**, was it Timothy's interpretation or was it what God wanted to be taught?

When Paul obeyed the Gospel in Damascus, did he teach something different or was it what he was taught?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4. what about what John, did he just go about zippde-do-daing around doing his own thing or was he careful with God's Word, The Standard? **1 John 1** check it out.

Love'em, teach'em help all to see the truth of God's Word
David Shearer, Marshalltown IA

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 6:14-15

Bible Riddle

My story is found in Bible lore,
I commanded a hundred, less or more.
One incident in my life in the Bible you find,
I was the very first of my kind.

While the people I ruled, most rulers would reject;
For me the people had great respect.
I was known for alms and works quite good,
Many should pray as oft as I would.

When my neighbors and kin to my house came,
They heard of Christ and His precious name.
That the word was preached to one not a Jew,
Stirred the prejudice of quite a few.

Now my name you surely know,
If you do, please tell me so.
*(last week's answer:
"Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego")*

Why on Noah's ark couldn't they eat apples?

Because they only came in pears!

How many people went on board the Ark before Noah?

Three, because it says "... and Noah went forth"

Give and Take

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice" (Proverbs 12:15).

Do I always have everything figured out and every situation sized up properly? Am I completely without "Blind spots" in my judgment? Are my opinions on given matters always on the money? Is my insight infallible? Of course note, to all the above. What about with you? Ok! That's true with all of us. We should be open to suggestions, to advice. Concerning advice, someone once said, "It takes a great man to give sound advice tactfully, but greater to accept it graciously."

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it remains, and the deeper it sinks into the mind! This is a good thought to keep in mind when attempting to give advice. Know your facts. Know the person. Speak out of loving concern and interest. Be careful not to be like Job's counselors. "miserable," Job called them!

When receiving advice, it behooves us all to look at it carefully. They may be right, it might work! Many people receive advice, only the wise profit by it. Remember Rehoboam! He was intelligent enough to listen to advice, but not smart enough or wise enough to properly evaluate it. As a result, his kingdom was divided (**1 Kings 12**). Again, let's be open to Solomon's counsel that "a wise man listens to advice."

*Charles V. Cash
Siloam Springs, AK
Bulletin Digest*

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - cancer
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Richardson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - inoperable condition
Joe Allen
Bonnie Richardson - cancer
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery
Dylan Speck - kidney problems
Haily Speck - melanoma
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister

July Birthdays:

6 - Diane Grandstaff
13 - Austin Horne
23 - Vondie Smith

Anniversaries:

7 - Dan and Vondie

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - In what mountain did Moses die?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - In what mountain did Aaron die?
A - Hor. Deut. 32:50

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	1 Thessalonians 1-3
Monday (The Law)	Leviticus 19-21
Tuesday (History)	2 Kings 16-20
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 87-89
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 13
Friday (Prophecy)	Ezekiel 37-42
Saturday (Gospels)	Luke 23-24