

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Lord's Supper
Presiding: Ken Grandstaff
Serving: Eric Horne
Kyle Richardson
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Brian Horner

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson
Devotional: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Howell Todd
Preaching: Brian Horner
Opening Prayer: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

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

TN Children's Home Food Drive:

- 100% Bottled Orange Juice
- Raviloi
- Shampoo

Homecoming - May 20

It's coming quickly! Invite your friends!

Sign Up!

Spots are still open for cleaning the building and yard work. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light."

Psalm 36:7-9

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 Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM
Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

The Whole Truth

"...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9

Many sincerely believe **Romans 10:9** completely summarizes what a person has to do to be saved – just believe and confess Jesus as Lord. Sadly, millions have been taught this and believe it. Even more sadly, because millions believe this, they may be lost eternally because they were deceived about the truth and therefore no longer open to the truth!

From Satan's bungled attempt to tempt Jesus (see **Matt. 4**) we learn that one of his favorite ways of trying to deceive people is by taking scriptures out of context. If one doesn't mind ignoring the context, scriptures can be found to prove almost anything! The problem (for false teachers) is that we cannot ignore context. In **Romans 10**, Paul was contrasting righteousness based on faith with righteousness based on law (i.e. the Law of Moses). He was trying to make it clear that people could not be saved through the Law but only through Christ. In chapter six, Paul had already made it clear that baptism plays an indispensable role in our coming to Christ and being cleansed of our sins.

Romans 10:13 says, "*whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved*". That isn't saying that all one has to do is just pray for Jesus to come into their heart. The context reveals it is talking about depending upon Jesus for one's salvation, not the Law. A good illustration of doing just that can be found in **Acts 22** where an account of Paul's conversation is told. In **verse 16** we read that Paul was told, "*Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.*" Paul had been a believer for three days. He had been fasting and praying for three days, and yet he was still in his sins. People need the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Anything else still leaves you lost!

*Bulletin Digest – Don Huddleston
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Editorially Speaking - Bible Reading, What It Does

What a blessing to be able to read and comprehend. With this ability and the availability of it, we can read and study the matchless words of the Bible.

The Bible will work wonders in our hearts and lives, if we only give time to the reading of it. The Bible will shed light on our path, reveal the plan of salvation, give visions of a brighter day and lead us to Heaven, if we but give it diligent study. A number of good things happen to us when we read the inspired word of God.

We are reminded in **2 Timothy**

2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

What are some of the good things that happen to us as a result of faithfully reading and studying God's word? First, "the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe," **1 Thess, 2:13**. We see that "God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," **Psa. 119:105**. From **John 15:3** we find that the word cleanses the heart. Another good thing that happens is faith...it even increases our faith. **Rom 10:17**. Additional reasons: "You have overcome the evil one," **1 John 2:14**, and it is "able to build you up," **Acts 20:32**. So, the word greatly strengthens us. Just think about the unspeakable joy we receive as Christians. Jesus stated in **John 6:63**, "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." Sincere and diligent study of the holy scriptures brings us heavenly life.

May God help each of us to daily take advantage of this great blessing. This "word" is so necessary and powerful. Consistent Bible reading and study will allow us to understand God's will. As a result, we will receive God's approval.

I Know Something Good About You!

Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we met would say,
"I know something good about you!"
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp, warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance,
"I know something good about you?"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?
Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too;
You know something good about me;
I know something good about you?

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it."

1 Corinthians 9:24



Humble Yourself

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

These are the words of (**James 4:10**) as he reminds his readers that God pulls away from the proud and arrogant but draws near those who are lowly in spirit. Jesus had stated of the poor in spirit, "theirs is the kingdom of God."

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This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What is "the perfect law of liberty"?

Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who were Timothy's mother and grandmother?

A - Eunice and Lois. 2 Tim 1:5

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 Thompson
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
Jackie Wright
Mary L'Heureux
Janice Garrett

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	1 Corinthians 9-10
Monday (The Law)	Genesis 48-50
Tuesday (History)	1 Samuel 11-15
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 36-38
Thursday (Poetry)	Job 25-26
Friday (Prophecy)	Jeremiah 1-6
Saturday (Gospels)	Mark 5-6

March Birthdays:

10th - Ken Grandstaff