

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Announcements**  
Cole Meador

**Song Leader**  
Daniel Allgor

**Lord's Supper**  
Jack Calvert     Randy Ellis  
Bill Rinehart

**Prayers**  
Bill Brittenham   Clay Morris

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Announcements**  
Mark Davis

**Song Leader**  
Clay Morris

**Prayers**  
Joseph Barry     Willie Standokes

**Invitation**  
Jon Barry

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert     Rodney Ellis  
  
Jon Barry     Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis     Clay Morris

**Evangelist**  
Bryan Garlock

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**  
Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.

**Monday (Zoom)**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION**

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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**Reverence in Worship**  
Gene Taylor

The reverence that is necessary for proper worship is not based on externals such as dimmed lights, etc. The proper reverent attitude that is to characterize every worshiper of God comes from within the individual. While this attitude must come from the heart of each person, there are a few things that would aid worship and help develop the reverence needed. Here are a few suggestions to help us improve in our worship:

- **first**, prepare your mind mentally for worship. Know what you are doing and why you are doing it. Read a passage from the Bible, look over some of the songs that are to be sung or pray a silent prayer for strength and focus.
- **second**, keep the use of the restrooms by you and your children to a minimum during the worship period.
- **third**, be aware of toddlers to teens. They are never too young or too old to worship. Remember, attitudes learned while one is a youth are carried into adulthood.
- **fourth**, be as well rested as possible. You will then be physically and mentally alert.
- **fifth**, concentrate on what is going on. Put all other things out of your mind.

Many other things could be suggested but if we use these guidelines and determine in our heart to offer worship that is well pleasing to God, it will reap great benefits for us in this life and the life to come. Let us all learn to truly serve our merciful Father in spirit and in truth.

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**Mid-week Bible Study**  
Wilson Adams

One of my best memories as a kid is that of loading up the station wagon and heading to Bible study on Wednesday night. No matter the weather, or schoolwork (we had to do it immediately after school on Wednesdays), or ball, we were there. Do you know how

resist — how many more times must we say no?  
The Hebrew writer reminds us, "You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin" (Heb. 12:4). We're not just talking about saying no to the point of alienation and missing out on some of life's pleasures. Resisting "to bloodshed, striving against sin" means saying no to sin until it kills us! That means a thousand times no to the sin that tempts us from within and from without. And when we have said no a thousand times it is then time to say it a thousand and one times, and more!

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins/sometimes shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Maxine Burnham, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Pete & Beth Rowland, and Francine Davis.**

**Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)**

**Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)**

**Monday Class: 7:00 PM (Zoom)**

**Wednesday: 7:00 PM (and Zoom)**

*Our hearts are saddened that our Sister in Christ, **Ann Thomas**, has left this earth. But we rejoice that she is free from pain and sorrow she knew here and is waiting in promise and hope for that glorious resurrection to eternal life with all the saints. We will certainly miss her among us. But we will pray for the comfort and peace her family can have knowing she is in a much better place.*

**Services will be Thursday, graveside only. No time available yet.**

***1 Pet. 1:3&5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ... who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

embarrassing it was to be pulled out of practice or a game (the worst!) and have to leave the field with your parents (of all

people!) to "go to church" while the others stayed and played? Funny how I still remember that. Not only did I survive, but also in the process I learned a very important lesson: the principle of sacrificing for something important.

Can I show you a verse that says, "Thou shalt attend Bible study every Wednesday night"? No. But I can show you verses where brethren gathered at times in addition to Sunday (Acts 2:46; 12:12). And verses about elders and their duty to shepherd/teach/feed their flock (Acts 20:28; Titus 1:9ff; 1 Pet. 5:2). And verses reminding us to submit to their leadership in matters of judgment (Heb. 13:17).

Given that and my need for personal growth and encouragement—mid-week Bible study has always meant one thing: I'm there! If I don't get to eat supper until later — I'm there. If I'm weary and worn out by an all-day, workday — I'm there! If I'm tempted to substitute another extra-curricular activity — sorry, I have a prior commitment.

I understand work and sickness and health-age related issues like driving at night. I also understand unforeseen situations. We all do. That isn't the point. The point is: the elders where I worship have asked me to do my best to be present on a Wednesday night for Bible study and — I'm there.

I remember something else about those long-ago mid-week nights. I remember that the elders made it a point to use some of us younger Christians to lead in worship. I read Scripture, or led a prayer. Later when I was older, I offered the invitation. I remember how nervous I was. I remember practicing my talk and timing it to be four minutes. I remember when I actually did it—it was

about ninety seconds! I also remember how much it meant to me when older Christians made it a point to speak words of encouragement.

I remember going home in the car and being asked by my parents about my Bible class. They expected a little more than the standard "it was good." I also remember one time when they received a report of misbehavior on my part. My parents asked for a meeting with the teacher. Let's just say there was no more problem. By the way, parents sided with teachers back then. Smart move.

I remember how the teenagers used to sit together as a group up front after class on Wednesday nights. Everyone was welcome and no one was excluded. Sometimes one of us would come forward to be baptized or admit wrong. The rest of us couldn't wait to get to them after services. The girls would all cry and hug and the guys would all punch each other on the shoulder and say something like, "What you did was cool!" — or something like that.

We had a great group of young people and we hung out and did things together. And one of the reasons so many of us grew up to be faithful goes back to parents and their insistence that we were there.

Wednesday nights were special when I was growing up. They still are. If your congregation holds mid-week services, I hope they are just as special to you and your family, too.

**A Thousand Times...NO!**

David Diestelkamp

Ever notice that you can say "no" a thousand times, but all those nos are canceled by one "yes"? "No, you can't have a cookie, can't have a cookie, can't have a cookie! Okay, yes!" The cookie will be eaten! To concede and fail you don't have to say yes as many times as you must say no to remain steadfast and succeed.

A thousand nos to fornication are deleted by one yes that robs one of his virtue and virginity. A thousand nos to adultery are swept away by a yes that destroys family, home and soul. A thousand nos to drugs are erased by a yes that opens the door to all kinds of destruction and excess. A thousand no's to stealing are forgotten by a yes on our record when we stand before the law. A thousand nos to pornography are overwhelmed by a yes that writes indelible images in the mind. It applies across the board to all sin.

While it is certainly true that forgiveness in Christ is available for any sinful yes decision we make, this must not be seen as license to make that errant decision even once. We are called to completely die to sin (Rom. 6) — it is to have no part in us, or us in it.

Parents often tire of the "May I have a cookie?" question and finally concede with a yes. Kids know this. Satan knows this. We tire of saying no and looking different from others. We tire of our "no" answer causing abstinence from activities that appear pleasurable and fun. We tire of always being the one to say no. In time, sin nags us to the point where we finally want to say, "Okay, yes just this time." How much more can God expect us to