

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Cole Meador

Song Leader
Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper
Daniel Allgor Randy Ellis
Bill Rinehart

Prayers
Bill Brittenham Willie Standokes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements
Mark Davis

Song Leader
Bryan Garlock

Prayers
Daniel Allgor Bill Rinehart

Invitation
Jack Calvert

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)
Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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neighbors to attend. The preacher or elders will assist you if you want them to. Matthew 5:12-15; James 5:20; Daniel 12:3. There are 168 hours in a week. If you were to attend Bible Study, morning worship, and evening worship on Sundays and Bible study on Wednesday, and 30 minutes 6 days a week in Bible reading, prayer, and meditation, and conduct an hour long study once a month, you would be giving God less than 10 hours a week, leaving you 158.

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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For Those Who Are Struggling
L. A. Stauffer

[NOTE: In addition to those given here, there are other causes for suffering. However, the ways to handle them are effective with all problems and struggles we have.]

In nearly 50 years of preaching I've never seen a time when brethren were not struggling with life and their relationship to God. Life is like that; it constantly throws challenges our way and demands responses. The more serious of these two is not the "challenges" but the "responses."

The challenges, regardless of their character, are common to all. Like temptation, every man faces them. We all can say -- "been there, done that." Preachers and elders may look calm and may appear to escape these problems, but they've been there and have struggled too.

Some Are Struggling With Your Children
The children are going through difficult times and aren't handling it well. You're sure they're not going to make it;

that the world is going to swallow them up; that they're going to make costly mistakes. You may be right. Again -- most of us have been there, faced that, and it's not pleasant. In fact, it breaks your heart.

Others Are Struggling With Problems At Work
We know because some of you have told us. You have conflicts with principles and with people. You've tried to work these out. You've made your conviction known, talked with troublemakers, and have seen no changes. It's not all roses in the business world, and many of you are facing tough decisions.

Many, Of Course, Are Struggling With Marriage
I say, "of course" because all of us have been there. It isn't easy raising kids and handling the differences in a woman and man's approach to training and discipline. And understanding what a woman really needs often takes years of maturing. Dealing with these problems in love and patience and acceptable

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.**

compromise isn't always the method young wives and husbands choose.

And finally, Some Are Struggling With Health Problems

This is difficult for those who are not there yet to relate. Yet profound and debilitating diseases abound and create ongoing frustration and discouragement for many brethren and their families. Some are plagued by these illnesses 24 hours a day and find little relief from their struggles.

Most, if not all, of these problems are not going to be eliminated, but there are ways to handle them spiritually by those who trust in the Lord.

1. Prayer The obvious solution to these struggles is to ask for God's help. Seek answers from the One who is infinite in wisdom, love, and power. He assures us of grace and mercy to help in time of need (Heb. 4:14-16). He promises that if we ask for wisdom in faith that He will supply it (Jas. 1: 5-8). But, as Paul, we may need both wisdom and strength (2 Cor. 12:7-10). We would all like for God to remove our problems, but that is not always wise and profitable. When that is the case, we need "courage" and the "will" to do what's right regardless. In prayer we must not, by demanding our own way, preempt God from helping us in His way.

2. Meditate Meditation on God's Word is also helpful in times of struggles (Ps.

1:1-2). Read the Psalms. Hear the cries of David or other psalmists who petition God when facing enemies, when battling consciences, when seeking guidance, when combating temptation and sin. Read Job. Fill your heart with his will to do what is right regardless of what life has dealt. Get angry as he did, challenge God as he did, debate your cause with friends -- whatever; but don't deny or forsake God; amidst it all inculcate Job's resolve. Read Proverbs. Search there for those gems of wisdom that help men cope.

3. Assemble And, of all things, brethren, don't forsake assembling with the church (Heb. 10:24-25). We know your excuses: why assemble when my heart is not right; why assemble when I have problems that I have not straightened out; why assemble when my mind is not on what's going on, etc. Assemble because it is there -- not at home, on a golf course, at a fishing lake but in God's presence, among His people, and in His service -- that you will find help. There you can make friends of God's children; there you can offer praise to God; there you can receive admonitions, warning, and words of encouragement; there you can find wisdom, strength, and resolve.

4. Work A good dose of "thinking of others" can work wonders in our lives. Visit someone at the hospital with a bouquet of flowers. Jot down a brief note and send a card to a shut-in or a sick one. Call a brother or sister whom you missed and let them know you care. Offer to baby sit a young mother's child while she shops. Offer to mow the lawn for an elderly person. You get the idea. It's amazing how thinking of others lifts our spirits and lightens our own burdens.

Many of you don't know how "gut wrenching" your problems are for those of us who watch you struggle. We want so badly to say some magic words that take away your hurt. Though we can't do that, we will listen to

you, empathize with you, and seek to encourage you to take charge of your life, face up to your problems, and faithfully serve God while you struggle in search for answers.

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A Fifty-Year Old Decision

Gus Nichols

"People do not accidentally attend worship without missing one worship service for twenty years. They must have planned to always attend. Soon after I obeyed the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I lived, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over fifty years, and then it was because of illness.

Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether I would attend church services or not. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, nor the Sunday before. That decision was made more than fifty years ago.

It is a sin for any member of the church to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel this is a burden need to be converted."

7 Things That Will Help You Grow Spiritually

Grover Stevens

1. LIVE and WORK to reach others each day as if you knew the world was going to come to an end next Sunday night. Think of

that feeling of urgency and priority! (Read 2 Peter 3:1-12)

2. BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC about the church and its services as you would be if there were overflowing crowds each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflow crowd!

3. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one, as you pray in your closet. This will help you to be grateful (Philippians 4:6). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (Acts 17:24-25,28; John 15:5).

4. MAKE & MAINTAIN A LIST OF YOUR FAULTS. In addition, pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are really not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for Savior. It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1).

5. KEEP A QUIET TIME. Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. If you really love someone or a game, you want to spend some time with them. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. (Psalm 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1). First century Christians kept an "hour of prayer" (Acts 13:1).

6. VISIT SOMEONE FOR CHRIST EACH WEEK. Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person; or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who needs to become a Christian.

7. REACH ANOTHER PERSON. Conduct a Bible class in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends, and