

**SUNDAY MORNING**

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Clay Morris

**Song Leader**

Danile Allgor

**Lord's Supper**

Mark Davis Jerry Schnelle

Pete Rowland

**Prayers**

Joseph Barry Jack Calvert

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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**Song Leader**

**Prayers**

*2 Tim. 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself **approved** to God as a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.***

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis Clay Morris

**Evangelist**

Bryan Garlock

**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.

Worship .....10:15 A.M.

Worship .....6:00 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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**"Don't Be Like Chad"**

Bill Brittenham

*"Chad is a second-year college student. He has no real goal in mind as he goes to class. He only knows that he is supposed to go to college. He is told that if he doesn't get a degree, he can't be a success in life. While Chad may want success, he has not defined what that looks like or what he will do to reach that goal.*

*Chad is going to college with no real purpose or end in mind. He has no real goal. Chad only knows that today he has to go to class--even if it's online." (Taken from an article by Max Dawson)*

Some Christians are like Chad. They have no real goal in mind (other than going to heaven) as they "go to church". They only know that they are supposed to go to church. They are told that if they don't go, they can't be successful Christians. While they want to be good

Christians, they have not defined what that looks like or how to reach that goal.

While you don't have to go to college to be successful in this life, it is also true that we cannot go to heaven without "going to church". But we must also understand that simply attending either college or church is not enough to succeed in either earning a degree or gaining entrance into heaven.

Successfully completing college requires attending classes and then studying the material presented. Additional work and study outside the classroom are necessary. A desire to learn and the discipline to actually do the work is needed. To truly be successful, the student must be able to think beyond the lessons taught and apply that knowledge to other subjects and applications. Simply knowing and even understanding the specifics taught may

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham** and **Jean Cronce** in your prayers.

Please pray for **Maxine Burnham.** She has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. Thankfully, so far, she has no symptoms.

**Donna Mobley's** heart consultation went well. She will be having surgery soon.

**Gladys Winters** had successful knee surgery and is recovering.

**Nancy Rowe** continues to recover from her surgery.

Here is the current schedule of services:

**Bible Study: 9:30 AM**  
**Services: 10:15 AM**  
**Kids Only: 5:00 PM**  
**Wednesday: 7:00 PM**

**Sunday** and **Wednesday** Bible Studies are concluding the **Gospel of John** and will begin **Galatians** next.

Additionally, we are having studies on the life of Paul:

**Monday: 7:00 PM**  
**Friday: 7:00 PM**

**Ladies Bible Class:**

*Next class will be September 8<sup>th</sup>.*

earn a degree, but success afterwards means using and expanding what has been learned to resolve and answer new situations.

Being a successful Christian and receiving entrance into heaven requires more than being added to the Lord's church by being baptized for the forgiveness of sins and worshipping with brothers and sisters. As in our example of college, additional work outside the church's building is necessary. A desire to learn and the discipline to work is also needed. To truly be acceptable to God, a Christian must be able to think beyond the lessons heard at assemblies and apply that knowledge to everything in his life. By simply knowing what is taught, one may appear to others to be a Christian, but success at being pleasing to God means learning to resolve and answer all situations with that knowledge.

While we can clearly see similarities between college (or any schooling) and being a Christian, there are many differences. The most obvious is that a college education and degree are only useful in this life. Being a Christian, acceptable to God, is not only for this life, but for all of eternity. You can be successful in this life without college, but you will not be allowed entrance into heaven unless you are a faithful, active Christian. College is divided into many subjects and requires access to many books and other resources. In a way, Christianity covers many subjects, but they are all parts of the same message and are found in only one book, the Bible from God.

## How can we become successful Christians and receive that home in heaven?

1. Just as the student who truly wants to get the most from a college education, the child of God must truly desire to receive the reward God has promised. As we learn who God is and what He expects, we should come to love Him and deeply desire to follow His every command. We should develop a love for His Word. We will not be satisfied with just "going to class", "doing the minimum", but sincerely desire to learn and do. Since we love Him, we should naturally want to learn everything He has said in the Bible and follow His every direction. We will discipline ourselves to "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness". (Matt. 6:33) We will realize that even though we now live in this world, it is not our home. We know that this world is only temporary and we will therefore devote more time and effort in preparing for eternity. (2 Pet. 3:7)

2. Throughout my schooling, I had trouble studying properly. The problem? I did not have or use enough self-control. I know I could have done better and probably learned more if I had disciplined myself to pay closer attention and make more time to study. Parents and teachers try to teach our children to "do their homework" and turn in their work complete and on time, knowing that self-control and discipline will help them learn. We, as Christians need to recognize that without self-control and discipline to

devote ourselves and our time to learning, growing and working, we will not be successful children of God. (See 1 Cor. 9:25, Gal. 5:23. 2 Time. 3:3) The student who spends his time "partying" instead of studying will either do poorly or fail. Christians who spend their time in worldly affairs and do not produce good fruits will be "cut off" and "cast into the fire". Matt. 7:19

3. Study Groups. Frequently college students will get together with others from their classes or those seeking similar goals in "study groups". Or they may seek out the teacher or someone else who is more knowledgeable in the subject to clarify something or go beyond what is required. The purpose is to exchange or gain understanding of what was taught in class and encourage each other. In His wisdom, God desires Christians to gather together to learn from His Word and encourage and edify each other. We can also seek the knowledge, understanding and wisdom of other brothers or sisters.

I hope we can see the lessons from working for a successful education and apply them to our life as Christians.

Don't do it half-heartedly.

Discipline ourselves.

Study, pray and apply what we learn.

Be like **Jesus**. Be like **Paul**. Be like **Peter** or **Barnabas** or **Aquila** and **Priscilla** or **Lydia** or anyone of the faithful saints God gives us as examples.

But, **"Don't Be Like Chad!"**