

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Rodney Ellis

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Joseph Barry Jerry Schelle

Randy Ellis

Prayers

Bill Rinehart Mark Davis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Mark Davis

Song Leader

Bryan Garlock

Prayers

Rodney Ellis Randy Ellis

Invitation

Clay Morris

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry 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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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

Matthew 6:11 – Daily Bread

Perry Hall

There are several lessons in asking God for daily bread (Mt.6:11): 1) Dependence on God not self; 2) Childlike Trust in God's care; 3) Contentment in basic needs versus wants and desires; 4) Contentment in what the body needs and not excess amounts; 5) Gratitude of all these lessons remembering manna and how at times the Israelites were not thankful.

Think On These Things

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Remembering Helps Us to Understand

Bryan Garlock

Some say, "I just don't understand the Bible." But when pressed further, you find that they do not read the Bible!

When warning His disciples about the coming judgment against Jerusalem, Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife." (Lk 17.32) As His disciples reflected upon that tragic story from Genesis, they would understand the need to flee and never turn back, but they had to *know that story*. When Jesus was raised, "his disciples remembered that he had said this [concerning His resurrection], and they believed the Scripture...." (Jn 2.18-22) Elsewhere, at Jesus' resurrection, the angels said, "Remember how He told you..." and Luke records, "and they remembered his words." Remembering led to understanding prophecy and then belief. (Lk 24.6-8) No wonder Jesus told his disciples multiple times about the cross! It would help them remember His words when the crucifixion occurred.

So, when people remembered Jesus' words, they better understood the context or meaning of what was said. For us, this will require a habitual reading. The more we read, the more connections we put together as we meditate on the word of God, and the more we internalize its principles, truths, wisdom, and promises--the ingredients necessary for understanding. In other words, remembering what we hear is an exercise that builds faith and understanding; it is part of the maturing process. On the other hand, Paul taught some will always learn and never arrive at the truth. (2 Ti 3.7; Acts 13.27) But to get to the truth, *we must read!*

As we approach the new year, determine to read, read, read! It will be okay if you miss a day or two. Life happens. Important things happen. But pick up the Bible and get back to it. You'll be surprised how much you understand when you *remember the reading*. BG

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Maxine Burnham**, and **Francine Davis**.

Continue to remember the health concerns of **Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan**, and **Pete Rowland**.

Please pray for Cathy's granddaughter, Jennifer, as she currently in the hospital.

Francine has moved to the Little River Nursing & Rehab in Ashdown, AR.

“When it comes to human relationships, we need to be careful that we are not pitting human wisdom over against the wisdom of God in the Gospel. If the Gospel is lived out in our lives, we will overcome prejudice, evil judging, injustices, and the works of the flesh that put up barriers between us, God, and others. We will learn what it means to love, to live kindly and gently, to deal with sin, and to put away the selfish ambitions that run roughshod over others. If someone thinks the Gospel insufficient to this end, then I shall reply that we have not then understood the Gospel. The question is how far I am willing to go to actually live it out the way it is intended. The weakness, then, is not in the Gospel, but in me. Yet because of the Gospel, I can try again.” (Doy Moyer)

What Kind of Critic Are You? Doy Moyer

People are critics of others. Right or wrong, good or bad, people will criticize. We all do it. But there are good and bad ways to go about this. Not all critics are the same. Not all share the same credibility or show the same levels of concern. Think about it on a personal level. For example:

There are critics who loathe you to begin with and they will jump on anything that will make you sound or look bad (e.g., Paul in Phil 1:16-17). They want to spread the news about your problems. They have no desire to help you, but only to take you down and see you fail, and they will be as public as possible about it all. What they ought to understand is that if they have already taken this posture, then their criticisms of particulars are not going to be given much credibility, even if a particular criticism is valid. They want to stir the pot and cause difficulty for you, and that becomes quickly obvious.

“Hatred stirs up conflicts, but love covers all offenses” (Prov 10:13).

There are critics who don't know you much at all, but they are happy to chime in with their opinions anyway. They don't say they hate you, but they don't particularly like you either because they just don't know who you are and what you stand for. They generally will make assumptions about you without trying to get to know you personally. They would say they aren't really trying to hurt, but neither are they actually interested in helping. Their criticisms will only be

marginally effective because they don't have anything to gain or lose. Their credibility is nullified by their general apathy toward you. If they really cared, they'd come to you.

“A fool does not delight in understanding, but only wants to show off his opinions.” (Prov 18:2)

But then there are the critics who are also your friends. These care about you. They want to see you succeed and have no desire to spread something that is going to hurt you. Their criticism comes from a heart of love and desire to help. These will usually come to you privately because they want to show genuine, personal concern. They have credibility with you because they know you and you know they care about you. These are the ones you are eager to listen to. You welcome their critiques because you know they can help you become better.

“The wounds of a friend are trustworthy, but the kisses of an enemy are excessive.” (Prov 27:6)

When you feel you must engage in some form of criticism, then what kind of critic are you? The hateful one, the apathetic one, or the loving one?

On the receiving end, however, we should always try to listen for valid criticisms regardless of the source. Even if I know someone does not like me, that person might have something to say that I can take and use to make some improvements. If I know someone is apathetic about helping, I might still find that voice useful to improve how I do something. And of course I want to

hear from the one I consider my friend. That one will know me best and will help me because “Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.” (Prov 27:17)

Let us be careful about the kind of critics we are, but let us also seek to take criticism in a way that can help us grow and improve how we act and speak.

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.” Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.
(Psalm 119:9-20)