

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Rodney Ellis

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Clay Morris Jerry Schnelle

Randy Ellis

Prayers

Jon Barry Cole Meador

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Mark Davis

Song Leader

Bryan Garlock

Prayers

Joseph Barry Clay Morris

Invitation

Daniel Allgor

people of no religion. People who are seeking to know God and people who have been ignoring God. We receive the same types of reactions to the message. Some believe while many reject. In these respects we are no different than those Christians in the book of Acts. We should then be no different in our zeal and boldness to proclaim the good news that has lost no luster in these 2000 years since that day.

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

Think On These Things

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Running with Horses

Bryan Garlock

The prophet Jeremiah complained about evildoers prospering though they continued with their injustices. God responded, "If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you are so trusting, what will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?" (12.5) In other words, God told Jeremiah, "What is happening now will only become worse. If you cannot handle this, there is no hope."

We see a similar message in Hebrews. There, the writer wrote, "Consider him [Jesus] who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood." (12.3-4) Here, the Hebrews had not shed their blood like their Savior. Why, then, were they leaving Him? The writer noted, in so many words, "What is

happening now will only become worse. If you cannot handle this, there is no hope."

We tend to exaggerate our suffering, but thankfully, as was true in the case of Jeremiah and Hebrews, God brings us back to reality so we will not make foolish decisions and destroy our faith. The lesson is, even in times of actual suffering, there is no pressure so intense that releases us from our allegiance to Christ. Yet, brethren have fallen away for all kinds of shallow reasons.

One day, perhaps sooner than later, we will be running with the horses and no longer living securely in a safe land. And if racing with men has caused us to complain about our situation and give up our faith, the horses will surely trample all over us. In other words, "What is happening now will only become worse. If you cannot handle this, there is no hope." 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**, **Pete Rowland**, and **Melody Standokes**.

We have several members who have been absent for various reasons. Be sure to reach out to them!

Bill, Sherry, and their two children (the **cats**) are settling into their new home! They are safe from the Tornado, but many around them have lost everything. As of Saturday, they are without power.

Francine Davis is in rehab recovering after a recent fall. She will be there for a few days.

Pat Buls is currently in the hospital after originally returning home after a seemingly successful surgery. They are working to get her blood pressure down and sodium up. They are running tests to determine the cause of her issues.

We finished reading the Bible! For those reading the Bible together at noon each day on Zoom, God bless you for finishing the yearly Bible reading! We will read random books until the end of the year and start with Genesis on January 3, 2022!

Detached Members

Frank L. Smith

Perhaps the most quickly recognized illustration of a member of our body being detached is the retina, that part of the eye that receives the image and sends it through the optic nerve. When it becomes detached, that eye is unable to see.

Paul declared that we are all members of the body, if we are children of God, Christians (I Cor. 12:18-20). And he further taught that all of the members must work for the well-being of the whole body (Eph. 4:16).

But we cannot function if we become detached from the rest of the body. That part of the body that is cut off, or detached from the body, can be no benefit to the body. An arm severed from the body can do no work for the one who has lost that limb. But neither can the body continue to supply life to the part that is detached.

Even so, members of Christ can neither serve him nor can he be a blessing to them, if they become detached from Him. A close association with the Lord in the body is necessary for the grace of God to save and bless us. Those members who have detached themselves from the church or have so lived as to have the fellowship with God's people broken will die as surely as a severed limb. Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, so neither can you, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4). We cannot miss meeting and working with other saints in the church and bear fruit for

the Lord. We must stay attached to His body in all things to keep our fellowship with Him, for He is the head of the body. ARE YOU WELL ATTACHED?

Let us keep well involved in worship, in teaching others, in study, in ministering to others' needs to keep our lifelines connected securely. Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.

We Can Do That

Stephen Russell

As we look for ways to tell the world around us about the God we serve and His marvelous word we will find no better "instruction manual" than the very word we hope to teach. Specifically, the book of Acts shows us many examples of the truth being spread throughout the world. There are a number of circumstances in that book that are unique to the time that we cannot duplicate. For instance, we cannot do signs and wonders to show we are from God. We cannot deliver the gospel for the first time in history. These peculiarities of the first century, however, should not hinder us from learning from the examples written there for our learning. While there are some things we cannot do, there are a number of things that we most certainly can do.

We can find individuals who are interested in truth. The day of Pentecost was a grand response to the first gospel sermon but we cannot expect to always have such an audience before us. Philip had a eunuch so

he preached to him. Peter had Cornelius and his household, Paul had Lydia or Felix, Festus, and Agrippa. The point is that the teachers of the first century didn't wait until a great multitude had gathered to teach God's word. It was ever in their conversation and on their mind whether they had one or 3000 to speak to. The world is not brought to God one multitude at a time but one soul at a time.

We can teach God's word. Peter and the other preachers of the first century enjoyed the blessing of having God's word directly revealed to them. That must have been wondrous. But equally wondrous is having the complete revelation laid out before us. We are at no disadvantage today for not having direct revelation, for the same truths that were being revealed then can now be read and repeated by anyone who would pick up that marvelous book. It was not the method of delivery that converted souls but the message.

Finally, we can depend on God for everything as they did. These men had great powers and knowledge yet they also knew from whom all these blessings flowed. Paul makes it clear that he knew exactly what his role in the process was (I Cor. 3:6). His role was to deliver the truth and let God's power work in the hearts of men. We too must make our goal to the delivery of the message. It is God who saves and we are simply the messengers of that salvation.

We are preaching to the same kinds of people. People of different religions and