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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM



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My Favorite Bible

Through the years, I have owned quite a few Bibles. I have two shelves in my office containing nothing but Bibles. They differ in size, translation, and binding. But of all the Bibles I own, one is particularly treasured by me. It is a little black Red Letter New Testament (3"x4.5") that I have had for the past 39 years. You've seen some like it before. It's the kind of Bible given to little children, and it is small enough for them to hold it in their little hands. The print in this Bible is just about too small to read. There are no study notes in it. And it only contains the New Testament. So what makes this Bible so special to me? Allow me to read the inscription on the first page:

"This New Testament is being presented to Steve Higginbotham for being the first in his Bible Study class to be able to say from memory all the 66 books of the Bible. Keep up the Good Work. God Bless you always. Your Bible Class Teachers, Mrs. Hester Shultz & Miss Sandy Wilson"

Isn't it amazing the impact that a few words of encouragement can have on a person's life? I was just four-years-old when this Bible was presented to me, but thirty-nine years later, I still treasure, and have this little Bible in my possession. My guess is that Hester (who is now deceased) and Sandy have no memory of the presentation of this Bible, or the message they inscribed in it. I'm sure they have no idea that something done so long ago, and something that cost so little, and took only but a moment of their time, would be so treasured by the little boy to whom they presented it.

My point? There is life-time lasting power and influence in encouragement! What takes us only a moment to say or do, can impact another person for the rest of his life. Be an encourager! Take the time and the little extra effort to compliment, commend, and encourage another. Chances are, long after you've forgotten your words of kindness, they will be locked-up, and cherished as a prize possession in the store room of someone's mind.

Steve Higginbotham

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Announcements	Harold Tincher
First Prayer	Irvin Williams	Bible Reading	John Keaton	Lord's Supper	Leon Stocksdale
Second Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Selection	18	Offering	Greg Blanton
Scripture	Grover Blanton	Prayer	Ron Iverson	Usher	Ernie Marshall
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	Prayer Emphasis	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper		Closing Prayer	Hank Tincher	Assist Count	Marc Owens
Message	David Blackwell	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>			
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>			
Attendant	Haydn Blanton	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>			
Closing Prayer	Robby Stocksdale				

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The Treasure in Our Hands

David Wright

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, the New Testament in Greek. In the fourth century AD, a scholar named Jerome translated both Testaments into Latin. In time this translation, the Vulgate, became the official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. The priests studied and cited it long after Latin ceased to be a living language. This meant that almost no one except for members of the clergy was able to read the Scriptures for himself. In all things the layman was to accept the pronouncements of the priests as authoritative.

This deplorable situation continued until the 14th century when John Wycliffe, a brilliant scholar at Oxford, sponsored the first translation of the Bible into English. The Catholic Church violently opposed this threat to its power. Wycliffe's supporters were hounded, imprisoned, tortured, burned to death. In 1428, according to papal orders, Wycliffe's remains were exhumed and burned. The ashes were poured into the Swift River.

This bitter assault failed to suppress the new English translation. Many working people bought whatever portions of the Bible they could afford. Benson Bobrick, author of **Wide as the Waters**, relates that a man might give "a load of hay for a few chapters of St. Paul or St. James" (p. 73). The few who dared to read the English Bible openly were burned.

The next time we pick up our English Bible, let's pause to give thanks for the treasure in our hands and the freedom to read it. "The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether," says David. "More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb" (Ps. 19:9-10).

Sermon

Matt. 13:1-9

Parable of the Sower (a.m.)

Prayer Emphasis (p.m.)

²² It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. ²³ As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. ²⁴ Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. ²⁵ Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. Jer. 36:22-25

Memory Verses

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"
(John 1:1)

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4)

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), MARAH CASEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Dennis Davis (Debbie), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), Gwen Hardy (Deb), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), James Jones Ministry, Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, Carol Mousty (Ann), Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Serving in the Armed Forces: Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Gary Knuckles will be preaching a Gospel meeting for us at Hamburg Pike the first weekend of next month (Nov. 2-4). The Friday and Saturday services will begin at 7 p.m. The meeting will end at noon on Sunday. Invitations are available in the foyer.

Our fellowship groups are planning to host Gary Knuckles and any other guests for meals during the meeting. The two evening meals (Friday and Saturday) will be at five-thirty. The Sunday meal will be at noon. Clint and Debbie's group will meet on Friday, Clinton and Ashley's group on Saturday, and Robby and Kirsten's group on Sunday.

If you know of anyone that is willing to donate a used recliner chair to a member of the church let Hayward know. He will make arrangements to have it picked up. The color or style does not matter but it should be in good working condition.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.

I Chronicles 16:25

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! Psalm 47:7

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