

July 29, 2018

## “Give Me the Bible”

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Visitors are welcome  
We offer Bible classes for all ages  
We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

The hymn and phrase “*Give Me the Bible*” expresses a mindset that should be present in the hearts of those who want to please God. The beauty and profitability of God’s Word is remarkable. Such a blessing should cause a reaction similar to that in **Psalm 119. Verse 97: *Oh, how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.* Verse 103: *How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* Verse 105: *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.***

It is amazing how many problems mankind faces that have already been solved by God, with the solutions revealed to us in His Word.

The Bible teaches us how the world was created (**Gen. 1:1**), how mankind came to be (**Gen. 2:7-25**), and why we are here (cf. **Ecc. 12:13**).

The Bible informs us why we are doomed without Jesus (**Rom. 3:23**), but how can be saved through God’s mercy (**Rom. 6:23**). It tells us how to become a child of God (**Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26-27**) and how to be pleasing to Him after we do (**1 Jn. 5:3**).

God’s Word tells us how to develop character that will encourage righteous

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actions. The Bible teaches us how to be loving and humble (cf. **Jn. 15:12-13**; **Phil. 2:3-8**), kind (**Jas. 3:13**; **Rom. 12:10**), holy and pure (**1 Pet. 2:9-12**), faithful (**2 Cor. 4:16-5:7**), fervent (**Rev. 3:15-19**), honest (**Col. 3:9**), patient (**Ps. 37:7**), compassionate (**Matt. 9:35-37**), joyful (**Phil. 4:4**), and much more (cf. **Gal. 5:22**; **Col. 3:12-15**; **2 Pet. 1:5-8**).

The Bible teaches us how to be good spouses (**Eph. 5:22-33**), how to be godly parents (**Prov. 22:6**; **Eph. 6:4**) and how to be godly children (**Eph. 6:1-3**). It instructs us how to move on from our past (**Phil. 3:13-14**), please God in the present (cf. **Mk. 12:30-31**), and look forward to the future (**Heb. 6:19**). The Bible tells us what activities to cling to and what to abstain from (**Rom. 12:9**; **2 Tim. 2:22**). It gives sound meaning to our work (**Eph. 4:28**; **Eph. 6:7**). It teaches us why and how to pray (cf. **1 Tim. 2:1-4**), teach (**2 Tim. 2:2**), give (**2 Cor. 9:6-15**), and worship through song (**Eph. 5:19**; **Col. 3:16**).

The Bible tells of the church at the universal (**Acts 2:47b**) and local level (**Rom. 16:16**). It instructs regarding the organization and work of the local church (cf. **1 Tim. 3**).

The Bible teaches us about God, and

how to draw near to Him. It shows us right speech, thoughts, and actions. It makes us “*thoroughly furnished unto all good works*” (**2 Tim. 3:17**). It is able to build us up (**Acts 20:32**) and make us wise (cf. **2 Tim. 3:15**).

There are many who desire wisdom, faith, joy, hope, peace, and assurance. There are many who desire to be good spouses, parents, and workers. There are many who desire to have the character the Bible produces in the hearts of sincere hearers. There are many religious people who want to be pleasing to God.

Yet, the source of knowledge for these things is often neglected. Those who long for the outcomes produced by God’s Word must first long for the Word.

May the words “*Give Me the Bible*” not only be sung sincerely, but be sincerely considered at all times. May we, like the Psalmist proclaim “*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” God has done His part in supplying us “*all things that pertain unto life and godliness*” (**2 Pet. 1:3**). May we appreciate this, and truly long for His Word, studying, meditating, and speaking of it frequently (cf. **Ps. 1:2**).

## Area Gospel Meetings

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:  
July 29 - August 3 (with Ken Green)  
*Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; M-F: 7:00*

\*Our Gospel meeting will be  
**August 5-10** with Chuck Bartlett\*

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## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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## Words to Consider

***“O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.”—Psalm 31:23-24***

## Prayer List

Holly  
Barb  
Hickox's Granddaughter, Lyla (Leukemia)  
Harold (Prostate Cancer)  
Sandy (Foot Injury)  
Betty  
Mabel  
Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)  
Cheryl (Breast Cancer)  
Norma (Injuries from fall)  
Jerry G (Throat Cancer)  
Mattie (Leukemia)  
Tom (Pancreatic Cancer)  
Rex & Family  
Perry (Darcy's Father)  
Patsy  
Linda & Family

## Daily Bible Reading

July 29 – Psalm 33-34; Acts 24  
July 30 – Psalm 35-36; Acts 25  
July 31 – Psalm 37-39; Acts 26  
August 1 – Psalm 40-42; Acts 27:1-26  
August 2 – Psalm 43-45; Acts 27:27-44  
August 3 – Psalm 46-48; Acts 28  
August 4 – Psalm 49-50; Romans 1

***“The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.”—Psalm 19:8***

**Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Bible Study: See  
Worship: Bulletin  
Evening: Board

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

**Assignments**

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Reading: See  
Announcements: Bulletin  
Table: Board  
Serve:

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Invitation:

**Cleaning Building**

Deb

**Prepare Communion**

Deb

**Upcoming Reminders**

August 4: Flyer Distribution @ 9:30 a.m.  
August 5-10: Gospel Meeting  
with Chuck Bartlett  
August 25: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

**Anniversaries**

August 15 - Roger and Debbie

**Birthdays**

August 4 - Steve  
August 4 - Mabel  
August 5 - Julzy  
August 10 - Cheryl