

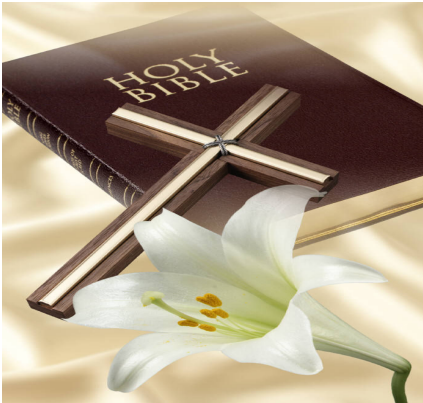
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HOW SHOULD WE READ THE BIBLE?

Let’s face it! All of us, at one time or another, have not only mis-read but mis-interpreted the Scriptures. Take “proof-texting” for example. A “proof-text” is a passage or verse we find that seems to prove our case. We use “proof-texts” to win arguments, justify our behavior, or validate our actions! These days we talk about “texting” but the dangers of Biblical “proof-texting” are far more damaging and destructive to life and faith.

There are two basic ways to read the Bible! (1) You can read the Bible as if it’s all about you—what you must do and how you must live if you want God’s blessing; or (2) You can read the Bible as if it’s all about Jesus---what He has done for you and the personal relationship He wants with you!

To read the Bible the first way is to make faith a kind of cold, impersonal, legalistic lifestyle. To read the Bible the second way is to have an ever-deepening, ever-growing, love relationship with the Lord of life!

The Bible was written over a period of 1,700 years by 40 different writers, and compiled into 66 different books, yet it reflects only one theme: salvation through Jesus Christ alone! The Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith affirms this truth: “God’s word spoken in and through the Scriptures should be understood in the light of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.” (*Confession of Faith*, p. 2, 1.06)

A well-known Christian media piece also confirms that Jesus is the theme of every book in the Old and New Testaments. For example, in Genesis He is the seed of the woman who will crush Satan’s head; in Exodus, He is the Passover Lamb; in Leviticus, the High Priest; in Ruth, the Kinsman-Redeemer; in Isaiah, the Suffering Servant; in Matthew, the promised Messiah; in Romans, the Second Adam, in I Corinthians, the Resurrection; in Revelation 1:5, Jesus is the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the Dead, and many others!

So, how should we read the Bible? Every time we open the written word, we should expect a personal encounter with the Living Word. We should expect to meet Jesus!

Ever thought of reading your Bible that way? Maybe you should. It can make all the difference!!!

K.A.R.M. SUMMER MISSION

It’s so much more than just a Vacation Bible School! It’s a chance to share Christ’s love personally with homeless children and their families!

Our fourth annual Knox Area Rescue Ministries VBS will be held August 2-5. Ann Bachman, Margaret Migas, Allison Davis, Sheri Hill, Steve and Kim McCurry, Steve and Maggie Park, and Jordan and Ryan Kerr (Jewell Kerr’s grandchildren) have volunteered to conduct the VBS, help with the shopping for new school clothes, go to a waterpark and help host a visit to First Church the following Sunday, August 8.

Others are still welcome to join us as we go on mission without leaving Knoxville. Also your offerings to help with school outfits for each child who lives at K.A.R.M. is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you for your response so far! You will have a final opportunity this Sunday, August 1 when the VBS staff will be commissioned. Please pray for them as they prepare to go on mission!

POTLUCK LUNCHEON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Homeless families and staff of Knox Area Rescue Ministries will be with us for worship and a potluck luncheon Sunday, August 8 beginning at 10:45 a.m. Please bring plenty of your delicious meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share with our honored guests!

CONCERT SERIES BEGINS AUGUST 1

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for an evening of “Adelines and Ice Cream” as we kick off a series of four summer/fall fund-raising concerts beginning this Sunday, August 1, 5:00 p.m. You won’t want to miss the heavenly harmonies of the Smoky Mountain Show Chorus and some cool, creative, creamy confections from the gym kitchen.

Admission is \$3 for adults, children 10 and under free, maximum \$10 per family! Don’t miss it! Call 588-8581 for tickets.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCHEON AUGUST 11

The Friendship Club invites all those at least 55 years-old to join them for lunch Wednesday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. at Harrison’s Restaurant (I-75, Exit 122, 463-6368). A carpool will be available from the church at 10:15 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office. Newcomers and their friends are always welcome!

CHILDREN’S BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

All children, pre-school through junior high, are welcome and encouraged to join in our current Bible quiz which offers a new Children’s Bible with their name engraved on the cover. Simply answer the three questions correctly, submit them on a piece of paper with your name and the winners will be recognized on Sunday, August 15 during morning worship.

Question #1: Name the young boy who went to sleep and fell out the window when the apostle Paul preached until midnight (answer is somewhere in the last 10 chapters of Acts). Question #2: Name the father of the young girl Jesus raised from the dead (answer begins with a “J” and is found in the first 10 chapters of the gospels of Mark and Luke).

Question #3: (to be given this Sunday, August 1 during Children’s Sharing Time).

Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to assist the children in their search. Enjoy!

~ Pastor Kevin

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August

1-Connor Davis

2-Hannah Davis

4-Steve GWilliams

6-James Paschke

6-Olivia Wann

7-Charles Franks

August 1-7, 2010

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., 11:00 p.m. West Circle

6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds

Fri., 1:00 p.m. Consignment/Rummage Sale

Sat., 8:00 a.m. Consignment/Rummage Sale

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for July 25, 2010

Sunday School..... 58

Worship..... 95

Offering.....\$3,312.94

Capital Improvements Fund\$1,025.00

Expenses paid last week\$2,656.97

AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE

We did not received any contributions toward the HVAC repairs this past week. The amount received to date is \$14,343. God Bless you that have given.

LAST CALL FOR CONSIGNORS !!

Cut-off date for signing up is August 2. No exceptions. Consigners receive 75% of their sales. Consigners are not required to be there the day of the sale. Contact FCPC for information packet, and tags for items or visit our web site to download the packet.

Rummage / Consignment Sale

This a fund raiser for new carpeting in the classrooms. Sale Dates and Times:
Friday, August 6, 2010
1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 7, 2010
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
See you all at the Consignment / Rummage Sale!!!!

NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH

We need patio furniture for the courtyard. We have worked hard to make the courtyard a more beautiful place and need patio furniture to turn it into a place to sit and relax and enjoy God’s work.
We need plastic grocery bags, small boxes (at least 12 x 12), heavy plastic bags that comforters/sheets come in, hangers (plastic or metal).

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deal’s); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Jim Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler); Claudia Pharaoh; David Vanaman (friend of Fred Johnson); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie) upcoming surgery on July 13; Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurry’s, the Gollither’s); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Wood’s co-worker’s husband); Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Scott Martin (surgery), Greg Beeler (eye surgery).
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed. Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.

CONCERT #1

August 1 at 5:00pm “Adelines and Ice Cream” featuring Smoky Mountain Harmony. Tickets are \$3/ adult, 10 and under free, max \$10/family. Bring home made ice cream or store bought or desserts to share with all. This is a fund raising and an outreach event. Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors. Great time, food and singing you have to hear to believe how good it sounds. They will sound so good that you may want to join their group. If you do, just ask one of them. They would more than welcome you to join their group.
Those helping in kitchen and with setup, please be at the church by 4pm.
Buy your advance tickets now. Call office.

TALENT WANTED

We are looking for your talent for our August 28 FCP Coffee Shoppe. Can you sing, dance, play an instrument? Let your talent shine! Let your talent out from under the basket. Call now and reserve your spot in the show. Only a few spots are left. CALL NOW!!!!!!

Thanks from Gracie

Thanks to the congregation for the Banner you signed and sent me prior to the operation and thanks to the members of Junior Church for the HUGE Get Well Card you made for me last week. I return to the surgeon this week and hope he will release me to return to church soon. Love, Gracie