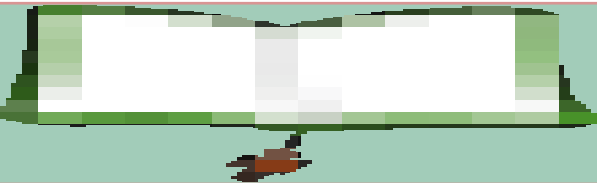


## Today's Sermons

Morning: "The Greatest Bridge"

Evening: "Studies in Ephesians"



## Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions Did you get them all?

31. **Hard.** Proverbs 13:15.
32. **Hates his son.** Proverbs 13:24.
33. **Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 16:25.**
34. **Exalteth it.** Proverbs 14:34.
35. **1 Corinthians 16:1.**
36. **First day of the week.** 1 Corinthians 16:2.
37. **Paul.** 1 Corinthians 16:9.
38. **1 Corinthians 16:13-14.**
39. **"First fruits of Achai." One of Paul's converts.** 1 Corinthians 16:15.
40. **Priscilla.** 1 Corinthians 16:19.



41. Could the church meet in your house?
42. Would a "holy kiss" be sinful?
43. What does a soft answer do?
44. Where are the eyes of the Lord?
45. What goeth before destruction?
46. What goeth before a fall?
47. What is the end of "a way that seemeth right unto a man"?
48. What does a whisperer do?
49. What does a merry heart do?
50. What comes before honor?



### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	30
Sunday AM Worship	44
Sunday PM Worship	22
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Offering	\$ 1442
Building Fund	\$94,241

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Sunday

Bible Study:..... 10:00am

AM Worship:....11:00am

PM Worship:.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

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## Is Bible Study Important?

*By Ron Boatwright*

The Bible is the one book in this world that teaches us what God requires that we must do to be saved and go to Heaven. We are "to receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). There is no excuse for man's ignorance of God's word today. "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). A person is unwise not to study the Bible. The only way we can understand the will of the Lord is through Bible study. Those who do not study God's word are not able "to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). Those who do not study God's word are "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them" (Ephesians 4:18). Because those who could care less what God says, "And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind" (Romans 1:28).

People will be eternally lost if they don't know what the Bible says, so they can obey God. To keep from being destroyed in the eternal torments of Hell, we must "desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Those in the church who have not studied God's will are being shamed, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God" (Hebrews 5:12). The only way we can receive God's word is to "dust off our Bibles" and study them both privately and in Bible classes and hearing God's word preached. We should take advantage every opportunity we have to know God's word.

# Announcements

TONIGHT

Men's Business Meeting – Following Evening Service

TONIGHT

Ladies' Bible Class – Following Evening Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6:30 PM

Singing At Margate Rehab

## Please Remember in Prayer

Open Hearts to Truth

Tosha Miller

Kaleb Davis

Savannah Bedenbaugh

Clayton & Vivian Winters

Jim & Amanda Winters

Mary Nell Osborne

Sara Blevins

Ronnie Sturgill

Lee Roy Shepherd

Nancy Howell

Ella Green

Ryan Hendrick

Danny & Vicky Martin

Mable Vannoy

Linda Widner

Everette & Louise Morefield

Judy Mullican (job)

Brian Walls

Della Jones

Newspaper Article & Responder

Lindy Hiatt

Doyle & Jean Denny

Rick Barr Family

Kiana Miller

Gene Phillips

Leroy Kennell

April Mullis

Steven & Jessica Winters

Karen Adams

David Neaves

Jessie Matkins

Grover Howell

Junior & Ina Anderson

Bradley & Marlene Cornett

Mark Miller



### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It is time to update our directory.

Over the next few weeks, Tim Canup will be taking digital photographs of all members for the directory.

Also please supply any new or updated information to Tim for the directory.



## "MONSTERS"

Halloween is my favorite holiday. I like it for a number of reasons: it allows you to be anything you like, for a day; you get to eat any leftover trick-or-treat candy without guilt; there is no elaborate meal one is expected to prepare; there are no holiday gift lists to make; and no social pressure to send Halloween cards out in the mail (though if you do send some, you get quite an enthusiastic response).

I think, though, my favorite element of Halloween is the scary stuff. I'll admit that I like monster movies; and there is no better season for monster movie-viewing than Halloween. Let's face it, monsters are everywhere this time of year: in the theaters, in advertisements, on TV, even on the streets come Halloween night.

But we know that monsters are just make-believe, right? There has never been any such thing as monsters, truly, has there? Sometimes we think that is the case, don't we? But we know that they exist, though they remain unseen to mankind. We read of demons in scripture, don't we? We read about many encounters Jesus had with demons, including this passage in **Mark 5:1-13**:

*"1 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!' 8 For Jesus had said to him, 'Come out of this man, you impure spirit!' 9 Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'"*

*"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.*

*11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." 13 He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned."*

Scary stuff, right? Though today we don't have to worry about the demon-possession we read of in Christ's time, it doesn't mean that we are safe from monsters. The Prince of those demons we read about is still free to roam about freely, even if his servants cannot.

The Lord of the Pit is more fearsome than every Hollywood movie-monster ever filmed. Satan is scarier than every ghost story ever written. Unlike those works of fiction, the Father of Lies is real, and alive, and on the hunt.

**Job 2:2** *"And the LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.'"*

Satan is a ravenous beast unlike any other; his malice is as bottomless as the Pit he comes from, and his thirst for the souls of the righteous is as unquenchable as the flames on the Lake of Fire he calls home.

**1 Peter 5:8** *"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."*

Monsters **are real**, and when we start thinking of Satan as merely a literary figure; when we start equating him with the monsters that populate countless Hollywood films; when we think of him as anything less than the Great Enemy, we not only fail to "give the Devil his due", but we do him the greatest favor he could ever hope for.

— Paul Seely