



Today's Sermons
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 Evening: "The World that Then Was"

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Sunday Bible Study	36
Sunday AM Worship	45
Sunday PM Worship	n/a
Wed. Bible Study	30
Offering	\$1580

Average Attendance for Past 10 Years:

2010				
AM Bible Study: 29	AM Worship: 40	PM Worship: 27	Wednesday B.S. 27	
2011				
AM Bible Study: 29	AM Worship: 42	PM Worship: 27	Wednesday B.S. 27	
2012				
AM Bible Study: 32	AM Worship: 43	PM Worship: 28	Wednesday B.S. 25	
2013				
AM Bible Study: 30	AM Worship: 43	PM Worship: 28	Wednesday B.S. 24	
2014				
AM Bible Study: 31	AM Worship: 45	PM Worship: 27	Wednesday B.S. 24	
2015				
AM Bible Study: 31	AM Worship: 43	PM Worship: 28	Wednesday B.S. 26	
2016				
AM Bible Study: 32	AM Worship: 43	PM Worship: 28	Wednesday B.S. 27	
2017				
AM Bible Study: 34	AM Worship: 46	PM Worship: 28	Wednesday B.S. 28	
2018				
AM Bible Study: 38	AM Worship: 49	PM Worship: 31	Wednesday B.S. 32	
2019				
AM Bible Study: 40	AM Worship: 54	PM Worship: 33	Wednesday B.S. 33	

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58).

May God Richly Bless You As You Serve Him in this New Year!



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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

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

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
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 93.5 FM

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"I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD"

Kevin V. Rutherford

It was David's skill, and trust in God that combined to give him a tremendous victory over the giant of the Philistine army. Goliath of Gath was trained to be a warrior from the time he was a youth. Goliath's large size and natural strength added to his thorough training to make him a force to be reckoned with and feared. King Saul wouldn't fight him and neither would any of the other trained warriors of Israel who served with Saul. So, David, probably a teenager at this time, walked down into the valley, faced off with the nine-foot-tall Philistine soldier and killed him.

David was quickly appointed by Saul to lead units of Saul's army out into battle. David was very successful and soon established himself as a national military hero among the people of Israel. This made Saul jealous enough to want to kill David causing David to become a fugitive. David soon developed his own small army of misfits and malcontents from among the Jews. With this small army, he evaded capture from Saul, and conducted raids against Israel's enemies. David's ability to fight as a mighty warrior, and his ability to lead other mighty men into battle was unmatched.

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In time, David became king of Israel. As king, he faced multiple threats from rebels within his kingdom, and enemies outside of his kingdom. His life was seldom peaceful. Through the years he continued to fight, and lead his people, even as king, but age and time began to catch up on him. Even as David was getting older, the sons of an old enemy began looking for revenge upon David.

The Philistines attacked Israel again. War broke out, and King David went to fight with his troops. The aging David was growing weak and tired as the battle raged on. Ishbi-Benob was one of the sons of Goliath. He was fighting in that battle that day. When he saw David was weakening from the physical strain of the battle, Ishbi-Benob took his new sword and attacked David. However, Abishai, one of David's mighty men (strongest, most cunning warriors), came to David's aid and killed Ishbi-Benob. David's true and loyal soldiers told David it was time for him to retire from fighting. Age had caught up with him, and he just didn't have the stamina he had once enjoyed in battle.

Though David stopped fighting in battle with his men, the blood-thirsty sons of the giant Goliath were still determined to exact vengeance. Goliath's son, Sath was killed in battle by Sibbechai. Another son was killed in battle at Gob. The fourth son of Goliath defiled Israel in a battle at Gath and was killed. The Bible says, "These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of his servants" (2 Samuel 21:22).

At the death of Goliath's sons, the aging David finally felt some relief from having to deal with multiple enemies. David wrote a song to praise God, while enjoying that fleeting moment of peace in his life. The song is long. It is recorded in 2 Samuel 22. It is a powerful song that glorifies God as the source of victory for those who follow Him.

Included in the song David wrote on that occasion are the words, "I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies" (2 Samuel 22:4). In fact, David gives credit, glory, and praise to God for victory over his enemies, throughout this song. David even gives God credit for the natural talents and skills he had as a warrior. David says, "God is my strength and power, and He makes my ways perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and sets me on my high places. He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze" (2 Samuel 22:33-35). As David nears the end of his song he writes, "The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, the Rock of my salvation" (2 Samuel 22:47). A slightly different version of the same song is recorded as the 18th Psalm.

When you face the enemies of pain, sorrow, loneliness, disease, sickness, persecution, temptation, depression, and discouragement, remember to be like David and call upon the Lord for help. He is worthy to be praised, and he will save you from your enemies.

+ **Godly** **Goals**

Make it to heaven and take as many of you with me as I can

The gospel
Hear
Believe
Repent
Confess
Be immersed
Remain
Faithful

Of Jesus
John 6:44-45
John 8:24
Luke 13:3
Acts 8:37
Acts 2:38
Revelation 2:10

Study! Acts 17:11, II Timothy 3:16-17, I Timothy 2:15, Psalms 119:11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan 5 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Jan 12 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service (Song Service)
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters