## **Today's Sermons**

Morning: Study of Confession Evening: Song Service

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	Sunday Bible Study	10	
	Sunday AM Worship	19	
	Sunday PM Worship	n/a	
	Wed. Bible Study	16	
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# Nothing happened by "faith only" Faith >>Act of Faith >>Blessing Abel .... by faith Sacrificed RIGHTEOUS Noah....by faith **Built ark HEIR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** Abraham....by falth Obeyed CITY Moses....by faith Refused, chose REWARD Israelites....by faith SAVED Crossed sraelites....by faith Marched at Jericho WALLS FELL Rahab....by faith Received the spies PERISHED NOT

ALL "BLESSINGS" WERE GIVEN AFTER AN ACT OF FAITH



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#### Times of Services:

Sunday

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

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

Radio Program Sunday:.....7:30am "Back to the Bible" AM 580 WKSK 93.5 FM

We Extend A Warm & Cordial Welcome To All Our **Visitors!** 

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE

by Franklin Camp

The Bible is no ordinary book. It may affect us in one of two ways: properly studied and applied, it will affect us for good in time and eternity; improperly handled, it will cause one to lose one's soul.

The Bible is every man's book. It is not intended for a special group (clergy or scholars). It is written for the average person. Scholars may study it and marvel at its depth, but common folks may study and joy in its simplicity.

No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is the one book which enables one to look eternity. The best evidence for the Bible's inspiration is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian unless he knows the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints. " It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing," or handling aright, the word of truth, that he

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might be an approved workman before God (2 Tim. 2:15). There is no higher ambition on earth. The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is severe with man's sins; and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own a Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best. One seeking to know the Bible will endeavor to study its contents book by book, meet its characters as they unfold through its pages, study its types, its doctrine, its topics, paragraphs, sentences, and words. This is the work of a lifetime.

The Bible can save many a heartache. The following was found on the fly-leaf of a Bible placed by the Gideons in a motel in Birmingham Alabama: "May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight, this book saved me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find in it the comfort that I did."

There is no greater accomplishment in life than to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. It is worth all the sacrifice necessary. One can never be truly great who does not know the Word, love it, live it, delight in it, and teach it without perversion and without misrepresentation. The one who knows how to handle it is in a position to render the greatest service to the world.

The Bible is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves as we really are. It is food which supplies the strength we need, a lamp to guide our way, a hammer to break and to build, a sword to fight and to defend, a seed to plant and to grow, and a goal to own and to attain. There are no experiences in life for which the Bible does not furnish a passage. May these thoughts lend encouragement to all of us to become diligent students that we may know the way of life and find the life that is life indeed.

#### A FIFTY-YEAR-OLD DECISION

by Gus Nichols

People do not accidentally attend worship service without missing one worship service for twenty years. They must have planned always to attend. So, after I obeyed the gospel, I read of an older brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I lived, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over fifty years, and this was because of illness. Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether I would attend church services or not. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, nor the Sunday before. That decision was made more than fifty years ago. It is a sin for any member to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel this is a burden need to be converted.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:7-12).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NOTE: Preach-N-Eat for February and March have been canceled
- Feb 14 6:00 pm Worship and Song Service
- Feb 28 Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- Mar 7 Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell