

The Necessity of Studying the Bible by Stephen F. Deaton

Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). The religion of Christ is rooted in knowledge, not emotion. This knowledge, however, does not come without effort on our part. It requires study of God's word.

We Know Sin Through The Law

Paul said he would not have known what sin was unless the Law told him (Rom. 7:7). That is, he only understood right from wrong because of instruction from God's word. It is no different for us. We learn what to do and what not to do by studying the Bible.

Man does not inherently know the right way to live (Prov. 14:12). He must be guided by divine wisdom that is revealed in the word of God. This wisdom is not attained by osmosis or caught like a virus. We have to put forth a concerted effort to understand it. That is why the Bible says to "be diligent to present yourself approved to God... rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

We Experience Joy From Knowledge

Some believe a feeling of joy indicates or provides certain knowledge that one is saved. The Bible teaches it is the other way around. The Ethiopian eunuch was taught from the word of God (Acts 8:27-35). He asked what hindered him from being baptized and was told only his acknowledge belief held him back (Acts 8:36, 37). When he confessed, he was promptly baptized and then went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:39). To put it in order then: study, knowledge, action, salvation, joy. The Ethiopian did not know he was saved because of his feeling of joy, but rejoiced because he knew he had been saved.

We Build Strength From Study

Paul admonished the Ephesians to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10). He then told them to put on the armor of God and provided a detailed list of what this includes (Eph. 6:11-18). Notice how each piece is either directly or indirectly related to truth: belt of truth, sandals of the gospel, shield of faith—that comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17), and so on.

The way the church is edified is by study of God's word. The body of Christ was given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers (Eph. 4:11). These are all positions of instruction. We have the work apostles and prophets in the New Testament. Evangelists, pastors, and teachers are those who help inform others and apply the truth. We must listen to and meditate on that truth or there will be no growth.

Studying the Bible is vital to the life of a Christian. Without it, we simply do not know God's will for us. With it, we have a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psa. 119:105).

A Great Article! Terry Casey, Preaching Minister

Attendance/Offering/Last Week

Bible Class: **149/33** Sunday AM: **280/59** Sunday PM: **80** Wednesday: **132/16**
Budget: **\$8,950**. Last Week's Offering: **\$15,337**. (**Spanish attendance in blue**)



WELCOME VISITORS !!

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AWAKEN!

"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober."
1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

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Schedule of Assemblies

English

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Study 7:00 pm

Spanish

Sunday Bible Study 11:00 am
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Wednesday Night Study 7:00 pm

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News & Notes for October 19th 2014

PRAYER LIST

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Keep In Prayer:

Chip Monk, Mark Jordan, Marge Logan, Todd Gruendel, Irelis Shappley, Noah Casey, Frances Salmon, Cindy Long, Amy Horton, Janice Goodpasture.

Remember Our Military:

Jess Aldred, Kenyatta Battle, David Cunningham, Levi Danforth, Brandon Edelstein, Ciara Ruiz, Naterika Benton-Stickland.

FALL FESTIVAL-TRUNK OR TREAT

A safe and fun filled time is planned for the Kindergarten through 5th Grade age group. On Saturday, October 25th from 7-9 pm there will be indoor games and refreshments and outdoor Trunk or Treating from car to car. Please have your kids invite their friends. Flyers to give out are at the desk. Help is needed to supply candies, provide decorated trunks of cars and helpers to run refreshments and games. Please sign up at the Information Desk, or see Doug Horton. (Youth Service Hours!)



SYMPATHY



Our sister Gloria Louis passed away on Sunday, October 12. Her funeral service was held here yesterday afternoon. Please remember the Louis Family in thought and prayer.

Christian Homes for Children

ANNUAL PARTICIPATION DINNER

Saturday, November 15th is the date for this year's Annual Participation Dinner, 6 pm, in our Fellowship Hall. This is a major fundraiser for Christian Homes for Children and benefits the foster children. Tickets (\$50.) are now available for purchase or donation from Terri Hursey or Julie Aldrich.



BAG THE PREACHER

Once a year in time for Thanksgiving we have a canned food drive called "Bag the Preacher." This year Sunday, November 16th is the day selected to surround the pulpit with canned goods in grocery bags in order to prepare the Thanksgiving Baskets. In early November grocery bags will be provided with a needs list attached. Watch for more information soon.



INFORMATION PAGE:

Life Group Meetings



Today

LG #2 Lester Wolfe
Noon at the Wolfe's Home

Coming Soon....

Sunday, October 26th

LG #3 Tom Stone

11:15 am Fellowship Hall
Salad Luncheon

Living In Faith Everyday

WEST BROWARD YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER

TONIGHT DEVO 7 pm

Fellowship Hall

25th Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

(Service Hours Available)

COMING EVENTS

October

Sat. Oct. 25 Fall Festival-Trunk or Treat 7-9 pm

November

Sat. Nov. 2 New Members Luncheon 11:30 am
Sat. Nov. 8 Spanish Men's Conference 8am-4pm
Sat. Nov. 15 Christian Homes for Children Annual Participation Dinner 6 pm/Fellowship Hall
Sun. Nov. 16 Bag the Preacher-Food Drive

Today's Sermons

10 am "What Is Right About the Church
(3) Right Organization"
Phil. 1:1; Acts 6:1-7

Order of Services

Sunday, October 19th

Song Leader: Antonio Shappley

Song: 103 He Has Made Me Glad

Welcome From the Elders: Jay Vitarelli

Song: 123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Song: 239 In Moments Like These

Opening Prayer: James Teague

Song: 189 Master, the Tempest is Raging

Song: 230 Worthy Art Thou

Lord's Supper & Offering: Terry Henderson

Song: 273 More Precious than Silver

Scripture Reading: Stephen Johnson

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Song: 294 You're the One

Sermon: Terry Casey

Song: 453 Love Lifted Me

Song: 549 There is Sunshine in My Soul

Closing Prayer: Scott Kelley