

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

Bernice Beeson, Euin Barrier,
Terry Cantrell,
Dickie & Joann Crouch, Emily Devereux,
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,
Eva Lee, Jim Lenderman
Ken & Mabel Lock, Melvin & Ruth Messer,
Bobby Mills, Sophia Sears,
Earline Smith, Linda Smith,
Barbara Staten, Joann White
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,
our mission works, governmental leaders,
and those locally teaching the lost.

If you notice someone’s absence from the assembly pray for them, and call to see if there is some additional way you can help.

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger (Proverbs 15:1).

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:
www.HarrisburgChurchOfChrist.com

PRAYER LIST UPDATES:

Pat Wilson is doing much better since her blood transfusion on Wednesday,

Dickie Crouch has a Thursday appointment for the treatment of kidney stones.

Kenneth Lock has not been feeling well lately.

Al Parr is scheduled to fly out Tuesday to Hyderabad, India, and to return home Sunday, September. 19.

OTHER NEWS:

ELDERS AND DEACONS are to meet next Sunday after the evening assembly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Donna Mills – Tuesday
Lorelle Sefers – Tuesday

GOSPEL MEETINGS: Allen Ashlock is scheduled to preach the gospel meeting in the **Egypt** church next Sunday-Wednesday (Sep. 12-15).

The **County Line** church has Dave Leonard for October 19-22.

The **Nettleton** church as Bill Burke in for a meeting October 3-6.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

The Lord’s Supper – I Cor. 11:23-29; how “often”? Every “first day of the week”: Acts 20:7

Bible Study – Acts 20:7; Col. 4:16; Rev. 1:3

Prayer – Acts 4:23-24; 12:12

Singing – Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

Giving – I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 9:6-7

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him (John 4:23).

Welcome
to the Assemblies of
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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00
Worship 9:45; 6:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00

Elders:

Ray Blanchard 578-2559
Bill Mears 578-9650
Mark Weston 931-2790

Evangelist:

Al Parr 578-9154
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World Evangelism:

- ◆Cape Town, S.A.;
- ◆Int’l Bible Academe;
- ◆Confirming the Churches

Benevolence:

- ◆Children’s Homes, Inc.;
- ◆Southern Christian Home

Deacon of the Month:

Wayne Mardis 578-9450

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The Bible Saves Lives

Tom Moore

Several years ago it was reported that a North Carolina mother was rejoicing with renewed faith and prayer when she was told that the Bible she gave her son saved his life in a South Vietnam ambush. A sniper’s bullet pierced the tiny New Testament that Pfc. William Donald Parker, 19, had stashed in his helmet. This he did remembering the instructions of his mother to always keep this Bible with him.

The sniper’s bullet hit the helmet, plunged through the Bible, and spun out the side. All this young man suffered was a slice of skin taken off his skull.

More importantly, the Bible has the power to save one’s spiritual life. Paul boldly proclaimed, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). That’s why the Psalmist declared, “Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97). May we all obediently keep the Bible and its holy precepts close at hand. ☞

BE A DAILY BIBLE READER

WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE TRUTH?

David Bass

In John 8:31,32, Jesus said, “*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*”

In this passage Jesus makes a conditional promise that we are his disciples **if** we continue in his word. As disciples we know the truth which is able to make us free (from sin and spiritual death, Romans 6:23). Truth is God’s word (John 17:17).

Once we are saved from sin, through obedience to the gospel, we are warned against turning away from the truth.

It is God’s desire that everyone should know the truth. The apostle Paul wrote, “*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth*” (I Timothy 2:3,4). Once we are saved from sin, through obedience to the gospel, we are warned against turning away from the truth. The Bible says, “*And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*” (II Timothy 4:4). In II Corinthians 13:5 Paul wrote, “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.*” Perhaps we need to examine ourselves and ask the following questions:

1) What is my attitude toward **God’s word** (truth)? If there is a conflict between what I presently believe and what the Bible teaches, how do I react?

2) What is my attitude toward our **worship** to God? Am I truly concerned about worshiping “*in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24) or am I just following tradition? (Notice: our attitudes concerning worship and worshiping according to God’s word (truth) are equally important).

3) What is my attitude toward **authority**? Do I have the proper respect for Christ, the head of the church? What about the elders, the God ordained overseers of the church?

4) What am I doing to “**build-up the church?**” Am I teaching the lost, encouraging the brethren and trying to restore the wayward (Matthew 28:18-20; I Thess. 5:11; Galatians 6:1)?

We need to constantly examine the truth with an open heart and mind. Every time we open the Bible it needs to be without prejudice toward any truth. We need to closely examine every

A SHORT COMMENTARY FROM AL on Proverbs 17:1 (*Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife*) – The “sacrifices” of which Solomon writes are those animals, oils and cakes to be sacrificed at the Temple. You’re happier with crumbs than with plenty, if you can get the former with peace and have to accept the latter with fussing all the time.

doctrine to see that it is in harmony with God’s word. Luke commended the Bereans for having an investigating spirit in Acts 17:11. “*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*”

Truth has nothing to hide nor anything to fear. Human tradition and the teaching of men will not stand under the light of investigation, but the truth will always stand and be victorious! Brethren, may we continue to search for the truth and always obey it!!!



Four Versions of **MARK 16:16** (Who Do You Think Gives the Truth?)

Universalist: He that *believeth not* and is *not baptized* shall be saved. All will be saved.

Catholic: He that *believeth not* and is *baptized* shall be saved. The sacrament of baptism alone is sufficient to remove sin, whether in the newborn or the aged.

Protestant: He that *believeth* and is *not baptized* shall be saved. Salvation is by faith only, without baptism or anything else.

Jesus: He that *believeth and is baptized* shall be saved; but he that *believeth not* shall be damned.

Adapted

*I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always,
even unto the end*

(Psalm 119:99):

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