



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12:
L2L MEETING @4:00 pm in Rm.#118
For ALL Parents & Youth Planning to
attend April L2L Convention in Dallas



If this past Wednesday was like most New Year's Days, about 60% of Americans made a New Year's resolution. In terms of improving oneself in the here and now along with eternity, here is the most important resolution one can make: **READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE DAILY!**



This being the most important resolution one can make has been demonstrated by lots of studies and it is taught by the Word of God itself. Studies have been conducted on thousands of Christians and all point to the importance of a proper relationship with the Bible. One scholar summed it up this way: an individual's relationship with the Bible is the single most powerful predictor of his or her overall spiritual health.

The Apostle Paul tells us that faith comes from exposure to God's Word (Romans 10:14-17). The power of God's Word is testified by passages such as Hebrews 4:12, Isaiah 55:10-12, and II Timothy 3:16-17.

Lots of people make New Year's resolutions regarding weight loss or physical workouts, but what is more important than one's spiritual life? Paul phrased it like this in I Timothy 4:8 **for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.**

Join with me this year and make Bible reading and studying a priority!

Billy and I will kick off 2020 on Sunday evenings with a new sermon series, 'What Does the Bible Say About...?' Which is a series focusing in on some of the hot topics hitting our brotherhood. This evening I will look at the scriptural role for women in regard to the worship service. Next Sunday evening I will look at the question of instrumental music in the worship service. I will handle the first two Sundays of the month and Billy will have the last two Sundays of the month. We are blessed to serve here at 70 West. Thank you for being our church family.

~Michael Cox

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Welcome/Prayer.....Billy Hayes
 Song Leader.....Jim Pate

#144 - "O Worship the King"
#731 - "Take Time to Be Holy"

Opening Prayer.....Ed Courtney
#350 - "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak"

Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Andy McCormick

COMMUNION

#523 - "I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me"

Scripture Reading.....Billy Hayes

Nehemiah 9:1-3

Sermon.....Michael Cox

'Confession'

#927 - "Why Keep Jesus Waiting?"

Announcements.....Tim Togami

#96 - "I Stand in Awe"

Closing Prayer.....Tim Togami

Welcome/Prayer.....Billy Hayes
 Song Leader.....Drake Pogue

#38 - "Awesome God"

#47 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

#791 - "On Bended Knee"

Opening Prayer.....Matt McKee

#342 - "We Saw Thee Not"

COMMUNION

#509 - "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Scripture Reading.....Billy Hayes

1 Timothy 2:11-12

Sermon.....Michael Cox

"What does the Bible say about: Women in the Worship Service"

#927 - "Why Keep Jesus Waiting?"

Announcements.....Tim Togami

#749 - "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Closing Prayer.....Tim Togami

Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th Boys- Annex
 T.Togami, B.Hayes, D.Pogue

9th - 12th Boys- MPB
 J.Togami, B.Hayes,
 K.Hudgens

7th & 8th -room#113
 Scott March

5th & 6th - room#115
 Kenny Ward

3rd & 4th -room#114
 Lisa Cox & Bevia Lamb

1st & 2nd -room#104
 Lynn Dishongh &
 Rebekah Tolleson

4 yrs -Kindergarten room#108
 Diana Ward

18 mo.-3 yrs. -room#105
 Rachel Winters

6mo.-18 mo. -room#106
 Jean Kazimier

Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - room#112
 First Principles
 "The Lord's Supper"
 Carl Johnson/Mike Schuler

Adult class - Auditorium
 Billy Hayes "Job"

Adult Class -room #118
 "Hard Sayings & Difficult
 Texts of the Bible"
 Michael Cox

Adult Class -room #116
 "The Holy Spirit"
 Danny Griffith

Young Adults/College Age
 MPB-downstairs
 Jonathan Bonde

Our Record: December 29, 2019

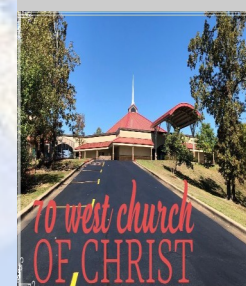
Bible Class.....190
 AM Worship.....322
 PM Worship.....156
 Wed. Bible Class.....N/C
 Contribution.....\$9,241.49

JANUARY CONTACTS

ELDER / DEACON:
 Tim Togami /
 Rick Palmer

FOOD COORDINATORS:
 Martha Dean &
 Rachel Winters

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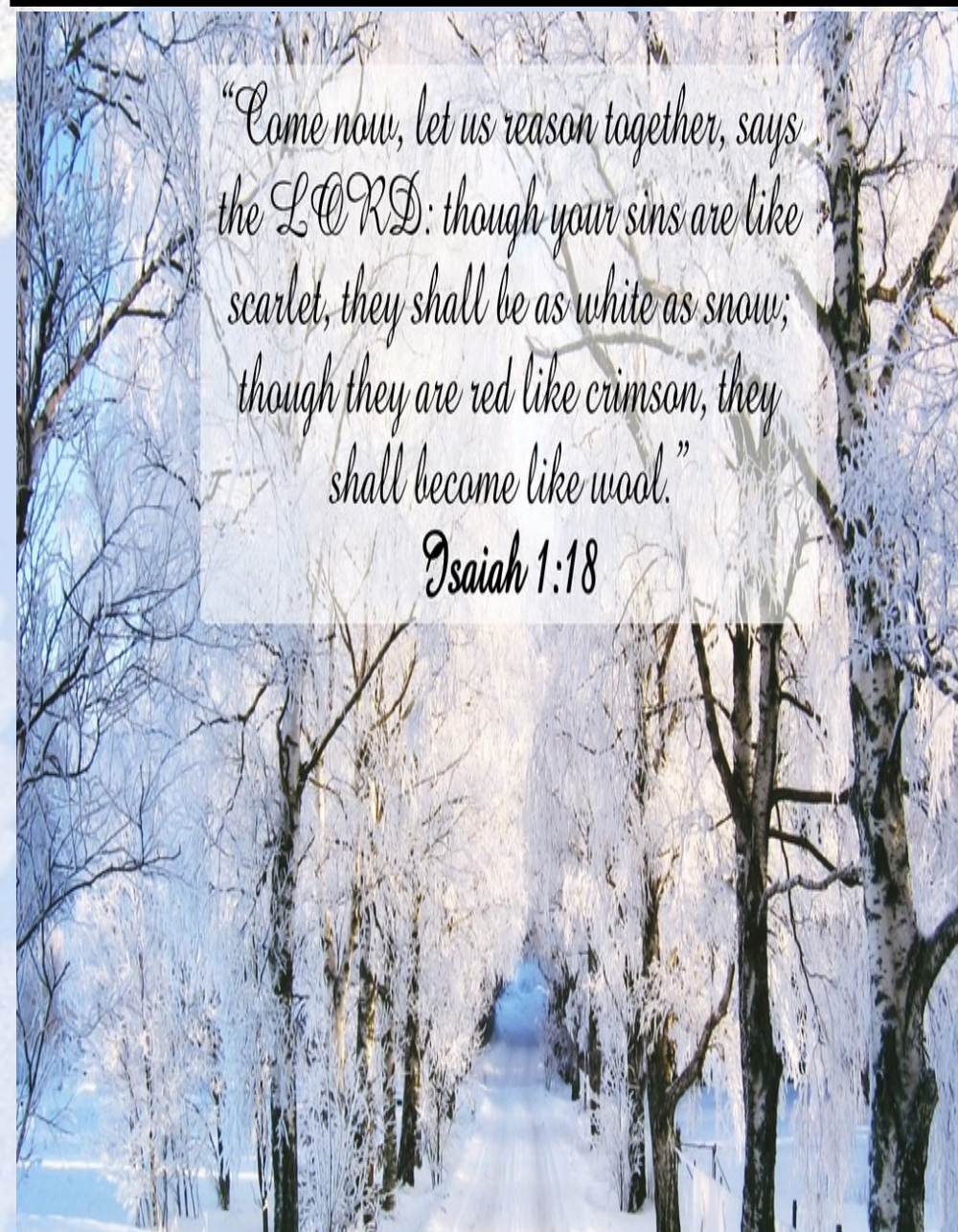
*Welcomes You & Invites
 You to Worship with us at
 Each & Every Opportunity*

SUNDAY

9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES
 10:00 AM WORSHIP
 6:00 PM WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM BIBLE CLASSES



*"Come now, let us reason together, says
 the LORD: though your sins are like
 scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
 though they are red like crimson, they
 shall become like wool."*

Isaiah 1:18



A question of Why

Throughout the Gospels, we see an overview of the life of Jesus as He lived here on this Earth. According to the inspiration of God in John 21:25, the world in which we live cannot hold all the books about Jesus that could be written. As you and I study the life of the Perfect One, we often ask ourselves: “Why did He do that or why did He do it that way?”. In my opinion, it is questions like this that usher us into a deeper view of the Holy Writ. As we examine a passage today, we will ask WHY.

Why did Jesus wait? In John 11, Jesus friend, Lazarus, slipped into Eternity. However, when Jesus and His Disciples hear this news they stay where they are for four more days! Why? We cannot say why this was the case because we are not told by God. However, it was the ancient idea that the soul of a person stayed close to that person's body for 3 day after separation. It could have been the fact that Jesus understood this false idea, and waited until all who saw would be forced to see this miracle.

Why did the sisters blame Jesus? I do not think that Mary and Martha blamed Jesus for the death of their brother Lazarus. The passing of our loved one is an emotional time for us all. We still cannot remove the fact that they both said to Jesus: “If you had been here, our brother would not have died.” This statement is just wrong! People die, now and then. Interestingly, Jesus did not bite back at those sisters. We can see His compassion toward a sorrowful family and now this family will have a front row seat for His glory.

Why did Jesus weep? If you and I were to ask 1,000 people why Jesus cried, then we would probably get 1,000 reasons. Many would contend that Jesus was just overwhelmed with emotion- and that could be true. Some would say His crying was due to coming face to face with the nature of physical death- as if Jesus being God did not already know that. Personally, I think Jesus wept due to the fact that He knew where Lazarus was, eternally speaking, and where Lazarus had to come back into. As a faithful child of God, Lazarus was in Paradise. But with three simple words from the mouth of Jesus, Lazarus was taken from Paradise and placed back into the World of temptation and trials.

As you and I read and study, may God bless us with the time to explore the question why.

~Billy Hayes

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Upcoming Events

EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY 1 ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
<u>MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</u> 6:30 am in MPB	<u>THREADS OF COMPASSION</u> 9:30 am Sewing teddy bears for sick children & pillows for cancer patients
<u>LADIES' VISITATION GROUP</u> 11:30 am in MPB	

TODAY! SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- ♦ **NEW YEAR 2020 FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK** ● 11:05 am ● MPB ● Please bring Ham/Pork, Greens, Black-eyed peas, Corn bread, Desserts & any other favorite New Year Dishes ☺
- ♦ **1ST SUNDAY SINGING** ● 5:00 pm ● Auditorium
- ♦ **PARENT, JR. YOUTH & TEEN MEETING** ● 7:05 pm ● MPB

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- ♦ **TEEN BIBLE STUDY** ● 6:30-8:00 pm ● Annex

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- ♦ **JR. JAM!** ● 3:30-5:00 pm ● Annex
- ♦ **LADIES' DIGGING DEEP BIBLE STUDY** ● 4:00 pm ● MPB ● Bring finger foods
- ♦ **L2L MEETING** ● 4:00 pm ● Room #118 ● For all Parents & Youth Planning to attend April L2L Convention in Dallas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- ♦ **2 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK** ● 6:00 pm Pot-Luck Dinner ● 7:00 pm Bible Study with Carl Johnson ● MPB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- ♦ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BRUNCH** ● 10:00 am ● Jean Kazimier's House

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- ♦ **TEEN BIBLE STUDY** ● 6:30-8:00 pm ● Annex

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- ♦ **JR. JAM!** ● 3:30-5:30 pm ● Annex
- ♦ **BABY SHOWER FOR HEIDI BERNARD** ● 2-4:00 pm ● MPB
- ♦ **JR. YOUTH & TEEN DEVO** ● 7:05 pm ● MPB ● Hayes hosting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- ♦ **2 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK** ● 6:00 pm Pot-Luck Dinner ● 7:00 pm Bible Study with Carl Johnson ● MPB



PRAYER REQUESTS...

MEMBERS

Mike/Shirley Baka ● Henry/Linda Cook
Cyndi/Bill Crow ● Mary Davis ● Anna Foster
Ola Freibolt ● Alvena Jones ● Paul Kuhn
Beau Landrum ● Jane Needham ● Karen Pate
Keith Powell ● Clovis Reid ● Lillie Mae Taylor
Wade Wisely

- ♦ Bernard, Heidi (Heidi is home now & twins are at Children's Hospital & doing well)
- ♦ Cook, Linda (Heart attack 12/25, 2 stents placed on 12/27, home now)
- ♦ **Hayes, Emma (Flu)**
- ♦ Layfield, Jerry (Surgery 12/17, home now doing well-NO visitors or food please)
- ♦ Maris, Fran (Eyes are getting worse)
- ♦ **McKee, Reagan (Flu)**
- ♦ **Solfisburg, Mae (Hospital-no visitors please)**
- ♦ Wireman, Patricia (Now has feeding tube, still having tests for diagnosis)

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Boughan, Tyler (EMS) Garland County
- * Gay, Rhett (AF) Tyndall AFB, Panama City, FL
- * Hayden, Austin (AF) McChord AFB, Tacoma, WA
- * Pianalto, Nick (Navy) 1117 Homoja Dr., Port Hueneme, CA 93041
- * Snyder, Tess (Homeland Sec./BPA) Nogales, AZ
- * Snyder, Virgil (EMS), Garland County
- * Spellings, Randy (Nat'l Guard) Kuwait
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wells, Andrew GCSD, Hot Springs, AR

SHUT-INS

Geraldine Bledsoe ● Phil Chase ● Kaye Crossland
LaVonne Depew ● Irene Hutzler ● Joe Nickolson
Sharon Powell ● Lorene Prescott
Jack & Vickey Smith ● Lorraine Talley
Joyce Walker

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

Dan Azbell ● Sophia Cannady ● Darrell Cormier
Jimmy Denton ● Gene Foster ● Melanie Garner
Karen Henderson ● Troy Keiss ● Phyllis Madden
Sandy Pitman ● Charlie Isom ● John Raines
Vi Reams ● Kevin Steed ● Andrea Thompson
Janice Wilcox

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Lilly Assegaf ● Brady Bean ● Evalene Bright
Garrison Crane ● Joe/Sunny Gaston
Paula Crippen ● Paul Geuinn ● Verdell Goins
Chuck/Linda Golden ● Austin King ● Jane Maynard
Beth McCollum ● Lee Ratcliff ● Mack Stephens
Judy Straut ● Zac Sykora

- ♦ Campbell, Ava, 9 yrs old, Kidney surgery 11/20
- ♦ Crow, Jim (C.Crow's BIL) Stroke
- ♦ Jones, William (D. Ugbade's brother) Hospice in Tacoma, WA
- ♦ Poole, Mallory (Poole's granddaughter) Surgery 12/17 for shattered elbow, home now doing well)
- ♦ Smodderly, Jennifer (R.Pianalto's mom) Oral abscess/bone graft
- ♦ Spears, Gary (K.Spears dad) Sick-running tests