

We are now 11 days into our Bible reading campaign, BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY!

To make everyone's experience with B.S.M.E. more meaningful here are some helpful tips:

1. To facilitate writing down the BULLET POINTS which are the principles & concepts we want to remember from B.S.M.E., use that PAUSE & RESUME feature on both Facebook & YouTube. Just tap the running video to PAUSE & tap again to RESUME.

2. If you have a 'smart TV' you can watch the class on your TV via YouTube. Either add the YouTube app to your TV screen of apps, OR tap on the CAST button while watching the class on your phone/tablet's YouTube app. You will be able to CAST the class to your TV. If you have questions, please see me.

3. Pick up each week's study guides. The table in the rear of the auditorium has 8 trays to the left of the EMPTY SPACE DIVIDING LINE and 12 trays to the right. In most cases you will only be interested in the 8 trays to the left. The front 4 trays of the 8 are the study guides for the CURRENT WEEK. The 4 trays of the 8 to the back are the study guides for NEXT WEEK (Future).

4. Avoid the need to pick up study guides by having the guides emailed to you each week. This past week the guides up through January 24 were emailed out.

5. Do B.S.M.E. with your family! When husbands & wives, parents & children do a study together that builds togetherness and knowledge for all.

6. On very busy days feel free to just watch the 5-7 PREVIEW video which airs at 5 PM daily. While it's much, much better to watch the video and then read the assigned text, don't allow yourself to get behind because you have a busy day occasionally. Just watch the PREVIEW and you will stay with the group. Remember, questions & answers for the day you are watching air immediately following the next day's PREVIEW.

7. If you have a friend/family member who is joining us in the study feel free to pick up a notebook for them. We now have plenty of notebooks.

8. Beginning Friday I will add a FAMILY FUN FEATURE to B.S.M.E. that will give parents & grandparents an activity they can do with the kids that ties in with that day's reading.

9. I will post today the BULLET POINTS for January 1-11 in case you missed any.

I wish I knew what I know now when I started B.S.M.E. because I have discovered a lot. This is all new territory for me and I'm learning as I go. The PREVIEWS now are much better than the ones I did for January 1-8. Thanks for being patient with me as I learn how to better write & present the PREVIEWS.

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!

~Michael Cox

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**10:15 AM Order of Worship**

Welcome.....Tim Togami  
Song Leader.....Clayton Wells

**R#626 - "Christ for the World We Sing"**  
**B#717 - "Victory in Jesus"**

Prayer.....Andy McCormick

**R#767 - "In the Hour of Trial"**

**COMMUNION**

Scripture Reading & Prayer  
Andy McCormick / Jonathan Bonde

**R#589 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Josh Romo

**"Read the Next Verse"**  
**II Timothy 2:14-19**

**R#542 - "Tell It to Jesus Alone"**  
**R#652 - "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"**  
**B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"**

Prayer.....Bob Cole

**6:00 PM Order of Worship**

Welcome.....Tim Togami  
Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

**R#716 - "Sing to Me of Heaven"**  
**R#395 - "Follow Me"**

Prayer.....Luke Fader

**R#315 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**COMMUNION**

Scripture Reading & Prayer  
Andy McCormick / Jonathan Bonde

**R#539 - "Higher Ground"**

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Josh Romo

**"Life Lessons from Hebrews 13"**  
**Hebrews 13:1-6**

**R#916 - "Trust and Obey"**  
**R#957 - "This World Is Not My Home"**  
**B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"**

Prayer.....Bob Cole

\*\*\*Hearing Assistance Available ~ Please ask for a receiver from the sound room

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**Welcomes You!**

**And to man He said,  
"Behold,  
the fear of the Lord,  
that is wisdom,  
And to depart from evil  
is understanding."**

**Job 28:28 NKJV**

**9AM  
Adult Bible Classes:**

**Auditorium**  
Michael Cox

**Room#118**  
"History of the  
Church"  
-Andy McCormick

**Room#112/Library**  
"First Principles"  
-Danny Griffith

**MPB-1<sup>st</sup> floor**  
Young Professionals  
- Tim Togami

**Children's 9AM  
BIBLE CLASSES:**

**MPB-2<sup>nd</sup> floor: 9th -**  
12th  
Josh Romo

**Room#113: 5th -8th**  
Mark Livingston

**Room#114: 1st -4th**  
Lisa Cox

**Room#108: 4yrs -K**  
Martha Dean

**Room#107: 3yrs**  
Christie Landrum

**Room#104: 1-2 yrs**  
Barbara Wells &  
Autumn Wells

**Room#106: 3-18 mo.**  
Cradle Roll  
Vicki Cole

**DEALING with GRIEF**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026**

**. 10:00AM: Session 1**

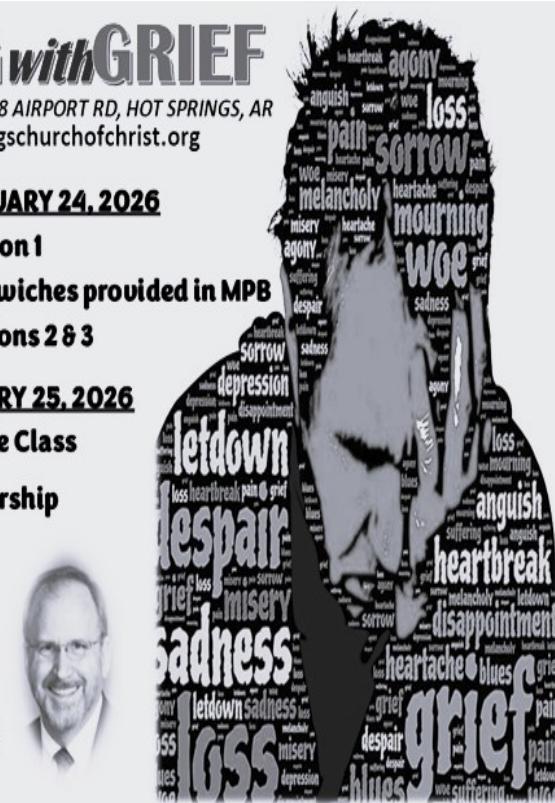
**. 12:00 PM: Sandwiches provided in MPB**

**. 01:30 PM: Sessions 2 & 3**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

**. 09:00 AM: Bible Class**

**. 10:15 AM: Worship**



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**Our Record: 1/4/2025**

9:00 AM Bible Class.....	109
10:15 AM Worship.....	192
PM Worship.....	113
Wednesday Bible Class.....	114
Contribution.....	\$10,577.00

**JANUARY ELDERS / DEACONS**  
BOB COLE / TOM SHELTON

**BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:**  
Charlie Burns & Kim Nickolson

**JONAH**

The man Jonah is a mystery. First alluded to in 2 Kings 14:25[i], all that is recorded of him there is that he prophesied concerning the restoration of the “territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah”; he was the son of Amitai and was from Gath Hepher. Nothing else is recorded of him until we get to the book which bears his name. That he was a real, historical person, there can be little doubt. Jonah would have lived and prophesied just before or during the reign of Jeroboam II circa 820 BC.[ii] As we

turn to the book of Jonah, it seems that some time after the prophecy of the restoration of the territories of Israel, the Lord commissioned Jonah to go and deliver a message to Nineveh, a city of the Assyrians. Jonah’s task, as given in Jonah 1:2, was a simple one: “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it...” It seems that he had no problem being God’s prophet so long as he, himself, liked the prophecy but when he did not agree with God or did not like God’s plan, he decided to remove himself from God’s service. Herein, is our introduction to the man, Jonah.

As Jonah fled “from the presence of the Lord,” we must not take that as he felt that he could get away from the presence of God. As a prophet of God, he knew better. But rather, Jonah sought to remove himself from God’s service and his responsibility of obedience to God’s words. Jonah’s plan was to go to Tarshish which would have most likely been Tartessus in Spain as the Phoenicians had a great trading partnership with that city (Clarke, Adam; e-Sword).[iii] Now, from there has been much debate as to whether the rest of the book is an allegory or whether it is actually factual. The difficulty that most have with the book being factual is a man surviving within the throat or belly of a fish (whether it be a whale or any other marine animal). However, let us not miss the fact that scripture (the wholly and holy inspired Word of God) states that the Lord Himself “prepared a great fish” to carry out this mission (Jonah 1:17). That verse alone should tell me that this fish, whatever type of fish or marine animal it may have been, was like no other fish before or since this episode. Think about what Jonah describes in 2:3-6; it seems that Jonah was able to see the bottom of the oceans from the belly of this fish. Having experienced all of this and seeing now what the Lord has allowed him to see and being reminded of the mercy of God, Jonah prays and the Lord forthwith causes His fish to vomit out Jonah on dry ground.

Now resolute to carry out his mission, Jonah goes to Nineveh and cries out against that great city as he had been originally commissioned. Nineveh repents, God relents, and Jonah vents.

While many lessons can be learned from Jonah, let us learn these three: 1) To remove oneself from the service of God is foolhardy. Just because we may try to remove ourselves from our God-given responsibilities does not mean that the responsibility is not still mine. 2) God’s Word is powerful. At the hearing of the preaching of Jonah, Nineveh repented and God did not destroy them. It would not be until 150 years later that Nineveh would be destroyed. 3) God’s ways are better than man’s ways. Jonah would have had this great city destroyed that included 120,000 innocent children but God would have the entirety of the population come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Let us all remember... be of service to our God and fellowman, that God’s Word is powerful, and adhere to the way of God and not man.

[i] All Scripture references are from the New King James version unless otherwise noted.

[ii] McClintock and Strong, Cyclopedie of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, Volume IV, p. 989, 1981.

[iii] Clarke, Adam, e-Sword, Adam Clarke’s Commentary on the Bible, public domain.

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**Prayer Requests****SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

**Pat Richens & Family**, her sister, Judy Straut, (88) of Brooklyn, NY, passed away on Wednesday, January 7th

**MEMBERS**

Phyllis Allen•Charlie Burns•Bob Garner

Billie Gregory•Jean Kazmier

Bob Johnston•Walton/Elaine Kyle

Christie Landrum•Carla March

Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall•Glenda Pannell

Karen Pate•Leslie Pate•**Stuart Reeves**

Freddie Sharpe•Neva Tharp•**Diana Ward**

- ♦ Dean, Martha –sciatica has eased up some & she is feeling much better, follow up w/Dr. 1/19

- ♦ Wedsted, Kenneth –Surgery scheduled for Tuesday, 1/9 @CHI St. Vincent’s in Hot Springs

- ♦ Wireman, Patricia –Hip revision surgery scheduled for Tuesday, 1/16

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Jim Haught•Becky McCombs

Gloria Miller•Jerry Reeves

Don Rutherford•John Smith

Bob Troutman•Harrel Walters•Kay Ward

- ♦ Butler, William (Willie’s son) Prayers for health

- ♦ Dishongh, Breanna (Dishongh’s granddaughter) Will have hip surgery on 1/15. She has been in pain for over a year

- ♦ Haught, Jim (Vicki Cole’s BIL) -has been discharged from hospital & is now in rehab.

**BATTLING CANCER**

Jennifer Baker•**June Beach**•JL Bice

Jim Blagg•Nona Barton•Sherry Daniel

Denise Drennan•**Ella Fisher**

Sheree Gallagher•Patti Genow

Jerry Harris•Jack Haywood•**Terry Horne**

Kirsten James•**Jeff Janus**•Alvena Jones

Sandy Land•Brenda Lavender

Daryl Macon•Phyllis Madlen

Eugene Pipkins•Delorious Tolleson

Bettie Lou White

- ♦ Constant, Allen (Steve Brooks’ son-in-law) Diagnosed with kidney cancer

**ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS**

- \* Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA

- \* Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Meridian, MS

- \* Spellings, Randy (Army Nat’l Guard) Jackson, TN

- \* Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now

- \* Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County

- \* Wethington, “A.J” Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO

- \* Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

**MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)**

- ❖ Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam

- ❖ Nigeria -Chad Wagner

- ❖ Pacific Islands -Randy English