



BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY this week continues in the book of NUMBERS. In our chronological reading, one of the most significant events in the early history of Israel comes just as the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land.

When spies are sent out to determine the strength of the Canaanites, they find impressive armies & fortifications. After ten of the twelve spies bring back a dismal report, the Israelites become discouraged.

When two of the twelve spies encourage them to put their faith in God, the people become vocally antagonistic. For their disbelief, the judgment of God is that NONE of the fearful, disbelieving Israelites will enter into the Promised Land, and that the nation of Israel will wander in the wilderness for 40 years, letting death take its natural toll on the disobedient.

Postponement of the advance into the Promised Land and defeat by the foreign armies has a calamitous effect on the Israelites. During the 40 years of wandering, they will become bitter, quarrelsome, and openly rebellious.

Trouble reaches a peak when Korah, himself a Levite, and two men of the tribe of Reuben lead 250 others in mutiny against Moses and God's chosen priesthood. This is not a mutiny against man. This is a mutiny against God, Himself.

For us today, when we allow fear and disbelief to take our eyes off Jesus, like the Israelites, we can find ourselves wandering in the wilderness of SIN. Let's resist mutiny against God and always put our faith in His leadership of our lives.

Don't forget that all important GREEN TRAY which each week contains valuable bonus information for BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY.

One of the 1st steps in evangelizing our friends & family is to get them to READ the Bible. Bible Study Made Easy may be the easiest and best way to get them to do exactly that. When you SHARE BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY you are encouraging friends & family to join us. Don't forget 9-11. That 9-11 is still there!

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.....Jonathan Bonde
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

R#390 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
R#508 - "A Wonderful Savior"

Prayer.....Jason Powell
R#373 - "A Hill Called Mount Calvary"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Nathan Bonde / Tim Wiemer

R#988 - "I'll Be List'ning"

Scripture Reading.....Andy Tolleson
Sermon.....Josh Romo

An Encounter with God
Isaiah 6:1-3

R#917 - "I Bring My Sins to Thee"
R#968 - "Oh, Tell Me of a Home"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Alan Dishongh

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Jonathan Bonde
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

B#783 - "Will You Not Tell It Today?"
B#519 - "Only in Thee"

Prayer.....Tom Shelton
B#268 - "I Gave My Life for Thee"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Nathan Bonde / Tim Wiemer

B#721 - "Watching You"

Scripture Reading.....Andy Tolleson
Sermon.....Josh Romo

Bad Bargains
Hebrews 12:16-17

B#768 - "While We Pray and While We Plead"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Alan Dishongh

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
Michael Cox

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

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

MPB-1st floor
Young Professionals
- Tim Togami

Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:

MPB-2nd 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
Kim Nickolson

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

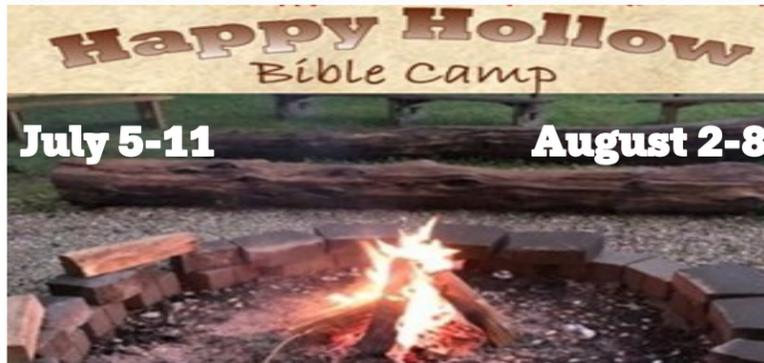
June 14-20



Happy Hollow Bible Camp

July 5-11

August 2-8



Our Record: 2/22/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....119
10:15 AM Worship.....203
PM Worship.....108
Wednesday Bible Class.....102
Contribution.....\$9,378.57

FEBRUARY ELDERS / DEACONS
ALAN DISHONGH / LESSEL COLLIER

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Angie Drennon & Kim Nickolson

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Welcomes You!

*Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.
2 Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched.
Numbers 11:1-3*



LIVING A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE IN JESUS

GALATIANS 5:22-23

VBS 2026
June 7-11



TO BE OR NOT TO BE BORN AGAIN?



To be born again or not to be born again, that is the question! To determine its answer, let us take a few moments to study the meaning of the term "born again." The best starting place for our study is found in John 3 where the inspired writer records the event of Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night. Let's examine the text:

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:1-8).

In speaking with Nicodemus, Jesus tells him that the only way for a man to see the kingdom of God is to be born again. This clearly confuses Nicodemus as he is thinking physically rather than spiritually. Nicodemus asks how a man can be born again when he is old. Notice the answer of Jesus: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jesus takes the focus from the physical and places it upon the spiritual. Notice that in order to be born again, water is involved. Christ here refers to the baptism/immersion of a person in order to be born again.

For a little more clarity, let's look at what Paul says on the matter. Paul refers to being born again as "newness of life" (Romans 6:3-11). Paul there writes,

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Emphasis, JR)

Paul paints for us here a very clear picture of baptism and what it means to be born again. One who is baptized is baptized into the death of Christ. That is, in baptism one comes into contact with the blood of Christ which washes him from his sins. Without coming into contact with that blood, one's sins cannot be washed away and if the sins are not washed away, one cannot be born again. As the old man of sin is buried, something has to arise from the watery grave of baptism; a new creature. This man is a new man; he has been born again. He has been washed of his sins and just as Jesus rose again the third day, we rise from the "grave" of baptism to "walk in newness of life." Simply put, as a new creature, we are called upon to live a new life. That new life that we are given is to be used in service to Jesus, not in service to sin as the rest of passage emphasizes.

So, TO BE or NOT TO BE (Born Again): that is the question. If you wish to live a new life in Jesus Christ, a life in which all spiritual blessings are found (Ephesians 1:3), a life that is the best life, and a life that God promises to reward with eternal life, then, dear reader, the answer is to be born again. What will your answer be?

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LIGHTPOST CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- ◆ TEENS' 1ST PRINCIPLES ● 4:30PM ● Room 118
- ◆ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE ● 7PM ● MPB

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- ◆ TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON ● 11:30AM ● @Burger King -253 Airport Rd

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- ◆ TEENS' DEVO ● 5:30PM ● MPB

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- ◆ FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK ● 11:30AM ● MPB ● Please bring your favorite Spring Dishes, Sides, Desserts & Drinks!
- ◆ L2L BIBLE BOWL & PEARLS ONLINE TESTING ● 7PM ● MPB ● Please bring your laptop/lpad on which to take your test(s)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- ◆ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION ● 11:30AM ● MPB ● Bring a lunch!

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- ◆ SENIOR MOMENTS: FELLOWSHIP & GAME DAY ● 1-5PM ● MPB ● Bring Favorite Games & Snacks!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- ◆ PARENT HOSTED JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO ● 5PM ● @Luke & Sarah Fader's house: 1314 WEST GRANDE AVE., HOT SPRINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- ◆ TEENS' DEVO ● 5:30PM ● MPB

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

- ◆ HOMEBUILDER'S CAMP OUT @LAKE SYLVIA ● 3PM ● Lake Sylvia Recreation Area, Perryville, AR (Check-out is 3PM, 3/21) See LightPost for details

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- ◆ SENIOR MOMENTS: FELLOWSHIP & GAME DAY ● 1-5PM ● MPB ● Bring Favorite Games & Snacks!

FRIDAY, MARCH 3-SUNDAY MARCH 5

- ◆ L2L @LITTLE ROCK MARRIOTT, 3 STATEHOUSE PLAZA

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- ◆ COUPLE'S WEDDING SHOWER TO HONOR CALI WELLS & IAN GOODWIN ● MPB ● Registered @Amazon ● Colors: Dark Green & Cream

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Eddie & Bevla Lamb, their daughter & our sister in Christ, **Tiffany Dunaway** passed away on Monday, February 23. Sympathies also to Tiffany's husband, **Tim** & their daughter, **Gracie Edington**. *Funeral service was Saturday, February 28*

MEMBERS

- Phyllis Allen ● Charlie Burns ● Bob Garner
- Billie Gregory ● Jean Kazimier
- Bob Johnston ● Walton/Elaine Kyle
- Christie Landrum ● **Carla March**
- Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall ● Glenda Pannell
- Karen Pate ● Leslie Pate ● Stuart Reeves
- Freddie Sharpe ● Neva Tharp
- ◆ Barlow, Doris - Improving
- ◆ **Cormier, Pris - Eye surgery 3/3**
- ◆ Dale, Sherry - Multiple on going health issues, will start PT this week
- ◆ **Dean, Martha - Bulging disc is causing sciatica pain, will continue PT**
- ◆ Hannah, Maxine - Home now, but still having tests
- ◆ **Pipkins, Eugene - Placed on Hospice care 2/25. ~If anyone would like to come visit with him, short visits would be appreciated. We just kindly request you wear a mask and that you also, please text/call my mom or me before coming. Our family thanks everyone for the cards, texts, love & prayers shown to us during this difficult time ~Heather Anderson**
- ◆ Schuler, Malissa - dealing w/painful shingles

SHUT-INS

- Craig Archer ● Mike/Shirley Baka
- Henry Cook ● Pauline Crenshaw**
- LaVonne Depew ● **Ola Freibolt**
- Debbie Frenzel ● Marcelle Green**
- Lorene Mount ● Charles/Virginia Parker
- David Pendleberry ● Wes Poole
- Pat Richens ● Judy Walters ● Linda Woepfel

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- John/Debbie Dubach ● Jim Haught**
- Gloria Miller ● Don Rutherford ● John Smith
- Bob Troutman ● **Austin Ugbade**
- Harrel Walters ● Kay Ward
- ◆ Goodwin, Lisa - Sudden onset AFib, in hospital in Nashville, AR

BATTLING CANCER

- Jennifer Baker ● June Beach ● **JL Bice**
- Jim Blagg ● Nona Barton ● Sherry Daniel
- Denise Drennan ● **Ella Fisher**
- Sheree Gallagher ● Jerry Harris
- Terry Horne ● Kirsten James ● Jeff Janus**
- Sandy Land ● Brenda Lavender
- Daryl Macon ● Phyllis Madlen
- Delorious Tolleson ● Bettie Lou White
- ◆ Haywood, Jack (B.Pope & N.Tharp's uncle) Had a stroke & is in Baptist Hosp. in Little Rock
- ◆ White, Dennis (A.White's big brother) diagnosed w/colon cancer
- ◆ White, Frankie (A.White's little brother) enduring treatment for kidney cancer

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ **Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam**
- ❖ **Nigeria -Chad Wagner**
- ❖ **Pacific Islands -Randy English**