

This week in **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** it's David's rise to power. The die is cast, but the time for Saul to be replaced is not yet at hand. Over the next several years his successor, David, will become a powerful figure in Israel & take on increased influence. Saul is well aware of David's growing popularity as somewhat of a folk hero, and this causes resentment & jealousy in Saul. The repeated incidents of rage which arise out of his insecurity reveals still another defeat in Saul's character in addition to his previous disobedience to God's commands. As one of our bullet points last week said, 'Know God, know peace. No God, no peace.'



In sharp contrast to Saul, David is seen repeatedly as a gentle, forgiving servant of his king. Instead of retaliating for undeserved threats, David responds with mercy & avoidance.

Throughout this period of confrontation, David reveals himself as a deeply sensitive & expressive man of God. In times of trouble, David rises above his inner fears & feelings of helplessness to express himself in poetic songs known as PSALMS. Most of his important encounters he faces becomes memorialized in his petitions to God. Thus, as we go through the narrative history of David's life, we will include David's PSALMS plus a few more psalms that are similar. Remember, with **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY**, we will eventually cover every verse in the Bible.

Woven throughout the story of Saul's hostile pursuit of David is the close friendship enjoyed by David and Jonathan.

Samuel will die during this time & Saul, who did not listen to Samuel when he was alive, employs a witch to consult the spirit of Samuel for him. Saul's resort to the heathen practice of divination, along with his previous disobedience to God's commands, plus his unwarranted pursuit of David, all paints a bleak picture of a man who once had so much potential but failed greatly.

**WHAT IS OUR BIG LESSON TO LEARN FROM THIS WEEK'S READING IN B.S.M.E.?** Like David, we are pursued by our enemy, the devil and like David, we must continue to look to God & keep those petitions (prayers) going up!

**DO YOU WANT TO SPIRITUALLY IMPACT YOUR FAMILY?** Consider going on the Young Earth Trip this fall as the Bible's creation story comes alive with the facts of creation itself, the canyons & such like out west in Utah & Arizona. Please see Tim Togami, Ed Courtney & Andy McCormick for more info.

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.....Ed Courtney  
 Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston  
**R#508 - "A Wonderful Savior"**  
**R#47 - "Holy, Holy, Holy!"**  
 Prayer.....Tom Landrum  
**SC - "Here I Am to Worship"**  
**COMMUNION**  
 Scripture Reading & Prayer  
 Charles Hunt / Thomas Livingston  
**SC - "How Great Is Our God"**  
 Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
 Sermon.....Josh Romo  
**God in Our Image:**  
**Getting the Big Picture**  
**Psalm 50:22-23**  
**R#911 - "Bring Christ Your Broken Life"**  
**R#652 - "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"**  
**B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"**  
 Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

**6:00 PM Order of Worship**  
 Welcome.....Ed Courtney  
 Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston  
**R#144 - "O Worship the King"**  
**R#18 - "Faithful Love"**  
 Prayer.....Tim Togami  
**R#382 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"**  
**COMMUNION**  
 Scripture Reading & Prayer  
 Charles Hunt / Thomas Livingston  
**R#643 - "Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom"**  
 Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
 Sermon.....Josh Romo  
**Noah: The Ark Builder**  
**Genesis 6:22**  
**SC - "Pierce My Ear"**  
**R#989 - "Soon and Very Soon"**  
**B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"**  
 Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

**9AM Adult Bible Classes:**

- Auditorium  
Michael Cox
- Room#118  
Old Testament History  
-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**



**July 5-11**

**August 2-8**

**Our Record: 3/29/2025**  
 9:00 AM Bible Class.....107  
 10:15 AM Worship.....205  
 PM Worship.....99  
 Wednesday Bible Class.....99

**APRIL ELDERS / DEACONS**  
 DONNIE POGUE, JR / LESSEL COLLIER  
**BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:**  
 Charlie Burns & Pennie Garner

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**70 WEST**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**Welcomes You!**

*So he said to Him,  
 "O my Lord,  
 how can I save Israel?  
 Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh,  
 and I am the least in my father's house."  
 16 And the LORD said to him,  
 "Surely I will be with you,  
 and you shall defeat the Midianites  
 as one man."  
 Judges 6:15-16 NKJV*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



With graduation season right around the corner and a busy summer schedule coming up, as we go on our vacations, send kids off to college, and just generally go about daily life, there are some things I'd

hope have been on our minds. If they haven't been on our minds, maybe they will be going forward.

Parents have about 936 Sundays with a child before he or she turns 18. That used to seem like a lot, but not so much for me anymore. How many of those Sundays will be spent together among a church? Do we take a vacation from worshipping with the saints when we go on vacation away from our home congregation? Or do we make it a point to worship with the saints no matter where we may be on a particular weekend? What all will our children learn from their parents regarding one's priority and passion for the worshipping of our Creator and almighty God? Do we make it a point to live out our faith?

Parents, may I encourage each of us to go to worship together. Let our children see our love for God and His people. Let us praise God and lead our children to Him! 936 Sundays. That's it! Make them count!!!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS (see LightPost for details)!

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON • 11:30AM • @Salsa's ~4324 CENTRAL AVE

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- ♦ JR. YOUTH/TEENS' DEVO • 5:30PM • MPB

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- ♦ JR. YOUTH/TEEN PARENT HOSTED DEVO @McCORMICK'S HOUSE • 5PM • ~116 RIVER OAKS DR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- ♦ FELLOWSHIP BBQ-POT LUCK & COUPLE'S SHOWER IN HONOR OF CALI WELLS & IAN GOODWIN • 12PM • MPB • Registered @Amazon • Colors: Dark Green & Cream • Please bring Hawaiian Rolls, Potato salad, Mac-n-Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Desserts, & Drinks

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- ♦ CALI WELLS & IAN GOODWIN WEDDING

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON • 11:30AM • TBD

## Prayer Requests

### 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

- ♦ Gregory, Billie - in room 105 @CHI/ ENCOMPASS. Hospital's preferred visiting hours are 4-8PM - scheduled to go home on Monday, 4/6

- ♦ Hannah, Maxine - Health

- ♦ **Kissire, Pat - Scheduled for medical procedure on Monday, 4/6**

- ♦ Pannell, Glenda - Home now

- ♦ **Pendleberry, David - Brain shunt placement, 4/6**

- ♦ Pipkins, Sharion - Home now

- ♦ Reding, Barbara - Chemo

### 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  
**Barbara Reding** • Pat Richens  
Judy Walters • Linda Woeppel

### BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker • June Beach • JL Bice  
Jim Blagg • Nona Barton • Sherry Daniel  
Denise Drennan • Ella Fisher • Sheree Gallagher  
Jerry Harris • Jack Haywood • Terry Horne  
Kirsten James • Jeff Janus • Sandy Land  
Brenda Lavender • Daryl Macon • Phyllis Madlen  
Delorious Tolleson • Bettie Lou White  
Dennis White • Frankie White

### ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- \* Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- \* 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
- ♦ Baby Cameron (Alvena Jones great-nephew) Still on oxygen
  - ♦ Hemphill, Linda (shared by Autumn Wells) friend's grandmother involved in serious farm accident. Currently on ventilator w/chest tubes & multiple broken bones
  - ♦ Seals, Dr. Sharon (K.Grisham's friend) prayers for her dad, Dr. John Gowney

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

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