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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am
Morning Services 10:30am
Evening Services 6:00pm

Third Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am
Morning Services 10:30am
Evening Services 1:00pm

Wednesday Worship

Bible Class 7:00pm

Faith Comes By Hearing

Floyd Kaiser

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). Pertaining to personal salvation, there is no subject more necessary than faith. In Hebrews 11:6 it is written, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” The importance of faith is likely the most common feature of every religious group under the general umbrella of Christianity. From the most liberal to the ultra-conservative, faith is a predictable admonition heard from their pulpits and classes. However, what distinguishes many of them is what they consider to be the source or means of procuring faith. How a person develops or receives faith often solicits a range of answers. A very popular view, for instance, is that by coming to church and being around Christians faith can be built by it being transferred one to another. Others believe faith is a religious experience that one can construct by going to a mountain peak or ministering to the poor. One view is that God mystically supplies faith to an individual. It is believed by many that the Holy Spirit pours out faith into the heart of the person God selects to be saved. It is accordingly taught that a person cannot pray for faith or act in any way to receive it. It is purely a choice of God as to who receives faith and who does not. Another view is that faith happens when one seeks God and ultimately turns his heart over to Him. While there is some truth to this view, according to the above verse, it does not include the role of the “word of Christ” in the process. “Faith comes from hearing” describes a process beginning with one’s capacity to learn. This reveals to us that producing faith is not a purely miraculous event done to the one God chooses for salvation. Rather, it is much like any area of learning where the knowledge does not come from personal experience but from what is heard and read. This is why in a few verses earlier it is written, “How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)? Does faith come from God? Yes, in as much as God’s word is from God. Without the Divine initiative to inspire men to write the Bible and the dedication of the church to spread it, there would be no faith. Do you want to impart faith to another? Teach the Bible. Do you want to fortify your own faith? Study the Bible. It is just that simple.

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Those Whom We Have The Privilege To Pray For

1. Scott Pease, Nancy (Howarth), Griffin Turley, Carla Cavin, Pat Vinson, Eunice Black, Claude Eberle, Kenny Terry, Trent Barnett, Vivian Beavers, & Heather Jones. Also, Dale Bennett, Ruby Bradd, Danny Lee, Doyle Brooks, & Jennie Wright have cancer.
2. Dale Bennett has he fights cancer.
3. Paige Eberle (Betty's great-niece) has stage 4 cancer in her liver.
4. Robert Kennedy & Hayden Moses (in military).
5. Brother Pinkston continues to struggle with some heart issues.
6. Stephanie Bonner is having some health issues.
7. Sister Beaver's son has cancer.



Announcements

1. Next Sunday's sermon will be "Biblical Worships: Latreuo (Philippians 3:3); In Christ: Introduction (Romans 6:3)."

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear/Study *Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15*
- Faith in Jesus *He 11:6; Jn 3:16; 14:15*
- Repent *Ac 17:30; 2 Pt 3:9*
- Confess *Mt 10:32; Ro 10:9-10*
- Obey The Gospel *2 Th 1:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5*
- Live a Faithful Life *1 Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8-14*

If you have any questions or would like to study this or any other biblical matter, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- Game Night will be September 25th starting at 6:30pm.
- Gospel Meeting at the Oologah church of Christ. The theme is "End Times" and brother Larry Yarber will be the speaker.
- Bible Way Media is a great way to be edified with sound teaching throughout your day. You can listen at www.biblewaymedia.org or the new app.

Bible Trivia

1. Where do you find the longest verse in the Bible?
2. How did Machal, David's wife, help David to escape the king's messengers?
3. What prophet talked about a girl being exchanged for a drink?