

Being a Doer Who Does

James 1:19-25

I. Hearing 19-20

A. Quick

B. Slow

II. Receiving 21

A. Repentance

B. Humility

C. Response

III. Obeying 22-25

A. Hearers

B. Doers

ōThe law of God is *the law of liberty* because it safeguards, expresses, and enables the life of true freedom into which Christ has brought us. This is the blessing of which James speaks (1:25), the blessing of a full life, a true humanity. Obedience is the key factor in our enjoyment of it.ö

ô J.A. Motyer

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sunday School Worship Service Choir Practice Evening Service Fellowship Meal
Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Session
Wednesday	7:00 A.M.	Menø Calvin Discussion
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Ladiesø Bible Study

Visitors: *We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Service: You are invited to come join us at 5:00 p.m. for an evening service of hymns, prayer, and the preaching of God's Word. A fellowship meal follows tonight's service. Did someone say BBQ pork?

Nursery Help: We are in need of more volunteers, and would like to ask you to prayerfully consider helping. Experience is not necessary, we are happy to provide any training needed. If you are interested please speak to Rosie Abernathy (903) 235-4324. Thank you.

Ladies' Daytime Bible Study Begins. We hope you can plan to attend the daytime Bible study which will resume on Tuesday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Oleta Brinton, (400 W. Third St.). The study of Carol Ruvolo's book "Faith at Work" will continue at section Two with Hazel Hebert leading the class. If you need a book please contact Oleta Brinton at 903-595-5578.

The Ladies' evening Bible Study meets each Thursday at 7:15 pm at the Covey's home. The study will be Nancy Guthrie's "The Son of God".

We have a selection of booklets on various topics including gospel booklets and some Spanish outreach materials available for you on the tables in the narthex. Please take any of these materials that you can make use of personally or in ministry to others. Also, if you are in need of a Bible you are welcome to take one of the pew Bibles.

The Powledge Bible Study continues as a ministry of our church along with Tyler Presbyterian and Christ the King Presbyterian of Longview. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Pastor Simmons will be teaching this Monday.

The offering counters this week are: Chris Wiesinger and Milford Brinton.

The Fellowship Committee is looking forward to a Fall Festival this year on October 31 at our church. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and help by working at this event. If you are willing please contact Matt LaRoy, Hazel Hebert, or Kellie Stout. We hope you can attend and we would encourage you to invite others.

An Exploring Church Membership Class began today meeting during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.). The class is taught by Pastor Simmons and is designed to introduce the doctrines, ministry, and life of our church. The class lasts for three weeks and is offered for both those interested in joining Fifth Street Presbyterian Church as well as those who would just like to find out more about who we are. If you are interested but did not make it to today's class please plan to attend next week and arrangements will be made to cover the material you missed this week.

As you pray please also remember:

- Katalin Kavago
- The Family of Bill Pitts
- Heather Marshall & Kellie Stout are with child.
- That our God would add to our numbers labors for the harvest as well as broken and hurting people that we can minister to.
- RUF Tyler and RUF Lehigh
- Christ Church (PCA) Flower Mound TX and Pastor John Canales.
- The Powledge Bible Study - Pastor Simmons this Monday.

Our text today calls us to be quick to hear and the context makes it clear that we are being called to a eagerness to hear God's Word. As you think through what this would look like in your life, might I suggest a look at a couple of the questions from the Westminster Larger Catechism.

How is the word of God to be read?

The holy scriptures are to be read with an high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very word of God, and that he only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer. (WLC 157)

What is required of those that hear the word preached?

It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives. (WLC 160)