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## 1 THESSALONIANS 3:8

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Tuesday 10:30a  
Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

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### Renewing Our Zeal

Dan Owen

How do you feel about God's Word? How do you feel about reading it, meditating on it or hearing it proclaimed? Are you excited, apathetic, numb, eager, open, closed, interested or bored? What is your relationship with the word of God? How do you approach the Word in times of public and private devotion?

Being passionate about God's Word requires a certain attitude about it. We must appreciate what Scripture really is. It is God-breathed. It is the product of the Holy Spirit. The words of Scripture are the words of eternal life. They are divine words that lead us to God and salvation. Do you understand this? We should also appreciate the wonderful benefits that Scripture bring to us. The Word of God leads us to salvation, keeps us from sin, strengthens us when we are sad, lights and directs our steps, brings us joy through God's promises, and comforts us in our suffering. Knowing what Scripture really is and what it can do for us helps us to have the right attitude toward it.

Passion for the Word requires a personal acquaintance with it. We don't get excited about another person until we get to know him personally. It is the same way with God's Word. We must decide to seek it, really putting forth an effort to read it. Just do it, though it may be difficult at first. Memorize special little passages that mean a great deal, and repeat them often. Cling to the Word emotionally. Incline your heart toward it by really deciding to listen to what it says. Speak to others about what you read and hear. When you learn something, live it in your own life. These things lead to passion about the Word.

Several practical suggestions may help. Be an active listener with an open Bible, notebook and pen. Underline and write in your Bible. Take notes. Start in a particular book and read sequentially. First, read the selection (a chapter or whatever). Next, reread it carefully and underline anything of interest. Then, enter your thoughts and notes on a journal, including how the things in that section of text may apply to your own life. Pray over what you have read, and ask God to help you understand it and live it. Come to the Word with a humble and open heart, ready to allow God to mold and shape your mind and heart. Allow your sermon experiences to be just an extension of your daily fellowship with the Word. In this way, you can become a passionate seeker and doer of the Word instead of a passive and detached spectator. Being passionate about God's Word is a choice that each of us must make to be pleasing to God.

## Don't Test Grace

John 1:16

For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace

1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

Question: Do I need to \_\_\_\_ in order to continue being covered in Grace? (Romans 6:1)

Ways we Test Grace:

- “How much can I get away with and still be covered by Grace?”
- “Can I cross the line with the understanding that I will ask for forgiveness later?”

Notice the use of “Master” (Romans 7:1)

- We don't want the \_\_\_\_ as our Master (no hope)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> century Jew would have to \_\_\_\_ to the Law
- We may not be under the Law, but we \_\_\_\_

Investigate “Master” (Romans 6)

1. Christ Allowed \_\_\_\_ to “Master” over Him (6:9, 10)

2. Why Would I Allow \_\_\_\_ to “Master” over me? (6:14)

## When My Soul Refuses Comfort

Psalm 77

Psalm 1:1 “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scoffers!”

Maybe you don't feel Blessed

- Notice the depressed state of Asaph (77:1-9)
  - No matter what he prayed, Asaph could not be comforted (2b)
  - The very thought of God disturbed Asaph (3)
  - He couldn't sleep – blamed God (4)
- Verse 10 is pivotal
  - What does it mean?

The Psalmist, Asaph even gives us helpful ideas on how to remember God:

1. Remember that God is \_\_\_\_ (13)
2. Remember that God is \_\_\_\_ (13)
3. Remember that God is \_\_\_\_ (14, 15)

When life is hard, let's look to God, and CHANGE ourselves

- Change My \_\_\_\_\_
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# Be a Daily Bible Reader

<p><b>Weekly Service</b> @ TriSun</p> <p>Every Sunday @ 8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Wed. Night Auditorium Class</b></p> <p><i>A Study in Jude</i></p>	<p><b>SENIOR'S YOUNG AT HEART</b></p> <p>MEETS EVERY TUES. @ 10:30AM</p>	<p><b>Lads 2 Leaders Events</b></p> <p>Bible Bowl Song Leading Oral Speech &amp; more...</p>
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## WesthillWORKS! Leadership

### Community Outreach

Benevolence Program  
Habitat for Humanity  
Food for Fitness

### Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Southwest School of Preaching  
Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching  
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*  
WVBS Online School  
*school.wvbs.org*  
La Poynor Prison Ministry  
(Steve & Carrie Handley)

### Foreign Missions

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

### Elders

Don Ivy - 214.695.5276  
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Paul Slaughter - 903.872.1228  
Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464  
Darwin Thomas - 903.695.0176

### Deacons

Scott Barham - 903.641.0133  
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Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645  
Micah Haden - 903.673.1177  
Michael Jones - 214.803.5984  
Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406  
James Olsen - 903.874.8918  
Rusty Owens - 903.695.0095  
Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032  
Dickie Russell - 903.874.4457  
David Shastid - 903.257.6464

Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052  
Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

### Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)  
Cory Myers - 512.627.6672 (Family)  
Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

### Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

# Prayer List

**Jackie Henry** underwent some tests last week.

**Shirley Bowen's brother**, John Sehon, has been placed on Hospice Care.

**Gerald Armstrong** is recovering from surgery last week.

**Bobby Barham** will have back surgery on Monday.

**Callie Harwell**, former member here, has been in critical but now stable condition in ICU at a Dallas Hospital. Please remember her and the Harwell family during this time.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Wanda Brown, Wanda Horner, Jan Ross, Sylvia Cockerham, Velma McDougald, Billie Thomas, Vicki Ivy, James & Sue Welch, Josie Horn family, & Bronny Watson

## Announcements

Please continue to encourage and pray for our **new brother & sister in Christ, Nate Haden & Natasha Vargas.**

**Eric Olsen & McKenzie Rash** are to be married on Dec. 9.

**Special Contribution** for the end of the year will be on Sunday, Dec. 10. This is the perfect time to give a little extra to help sustain our work in the community and abroad. Please plan accordingly.

Please remember **Gift Drive for the Cherokee Children's Home.** Bring gifts wrapped and attached with the information envelopes by Sunday, Dec. 10.

**Winter Youth Retreat** in Athens coming up 1/12-1/15. Pick up packets and registration in back of auditorium.

**Lectureship DVD's & CD's** are in for those who signed up to order them. There are still quite a few that have not picked theirs up. Please pick them up from Jay in the office.

Jim Milam has done an excellent job at recently updating an **online member's photo directory.** By going to the Westhill website and clicking on "directory" you can view an updated directory. Please contact the office if you do not know the password needed to open it.

**Young at Heart Seniors Group** meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30am for Bible Study. Everyone is welcome!

**Birthdays This Week**  
November 26 - Gentry Briggs

November 28 - April Myers  
November 30 - Cynthia Baumgartner & Becky Newman  
December 1 - Eula Parrish & Patty Williams

### Next Week:

**Bible Class** *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

**AM Sermon** *Give Because of Grace*

**PM Sermon** *One Word Study "Propitiation"*

### Records for November 19, 2017

Bible Class .....	184
AM Worship.....	277
PM Worship.....	160
Wednesday.....	
Contribution .....	\$11,425.50

**Military:** Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Jason Book, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, & Ryan Stewart

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## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Mark Blaylock
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Hank Jett
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Jim Haden
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
David Baumgartner	Joshua Haden
Ken Green	Brian Hand
Mike Wylie	Josh Newman
Luke Baumgartner	Paul Stewart
Eric Olsen	Matt Newman
Larry Rowden	Frizzell Henry
Robby Thomas	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Micah Haden
<b>Nursery</b>	Shelly Briggs & Tina Roughton
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Justin Mahoney
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Percell Milton
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Eric Olsen
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	David Baumgartner
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	Billy Roughton
<b>November Contact Elder</b>	Percell Milton