

WE COME INTO THIS HOUSE TO WORSHIP HIM

Order of Service
Sunday, August 29, 2021

Morning

Call to Worship	Amos Hicks
Song Leader	Greg Shields
Meditation/Scripture	Donald Nelson
Prayer	Nathaniel Wright, Sr.
Sermon	Willie Smith
Communion	Raymond Knight
Offering/Announcements	Amos Hicks
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Freddie Gibson
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INFORMER

August 29, 2021

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Message from the Minister Are You Bored with the Bible?

Psalm 119:14-20

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Truly we should be thankful for all that our Heavenly Father has provided us due to His amazing grace. It is “amazing grace” because He is, indeed, an Amazing God! This week I’d like to discuss a very necessary topic, and begin by asking the question “*Are you bored with the Bible?*” Unfortunately, many Christians love the idea of the Bible, but not really the Bible itself. We love having a Bible close by, even within reach but don’t make time to open it on an average day.

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Attendance

August 22, 2021

Sunday Morning Service.....86
Placed Membership YTD.....5
Baptisms YTD.....4

New Converts YTD

Bobby Williams3/19/21
Carmell Ivory.....5/08/21
Paris Loreal Williams.....6/27/21
Samuel Pinner.....7/13/21

Prayer List:

Kelynn Brewer, Pamela Eley & family, Gail Evans & family, Alycia Shields & family, Michael Edmondson, Sandra Lawrence & family, Terrance & Linda McClain, Charles Draper & family, Sabrina Evans & family, George McCall, Jill King & family, Anthony Slade & family, Emma Brown, daughter (Vonita Brown) grandson (Douglas Brown) & great grandsons (Damarion Brown & Tallis Moorner), Linda Knight, Brenda Taylor-Hines & Yvonne Taylor & family, Robert Cottingham & family, Clyde Gholston’s sister (Thomasene Maddox), Briana Warner & family, Maxine Shell, Renee Peavey & her daughter (Curnesha Daniely), Doris Smith, Nicole Byrd, Sharon Foster, Edward & Betty Harden & family, Willie Blackwell Sr. & family, Mildred Jones-Brown, Cornelia Swing & family, Hatcher family, Marilyn Steward, Harold Martin, Devon Montgomery & family, Sheree Warner & family, Julia Hicks, Amos Hicks, Theresa Brown & family, Diane Patterson, Mary Eley & family, Mary Brown, Phyllis DuVall, Donell Nelson, Paul Nelson, Andrea Williams, Ruth Wade’s sister (Hattie Bridges), Kyarra Winfree, Carlton Pope, Manuel Beeman & family, Robert Jackson & family, Clarence Edmondson & family, Denise Draper & father (James Lacy), Peggy Jackson & family, Nate & Marva Wright & family, Gerald Anderson & family, Murphy family, Beverly Hood & family, Kathy Pope, Pamela Eley’s niece (Asionna Eley), Patricia Gaines & family, Deborah Gibson & family, Annie Murrell & family, Frank Barnes & family, Sonseeahray Stewart and her sister Sharlon Golden and for Ochalaya Parks.

Responses: Brenda Taylor-Hines, Sandra Lawrence, George McCall, and Ruth Wade.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR
Acts 15:7

BELIEVE
Mark 16:15-16

REPENT
Acts 17:30

CONFESS
Romans 10:9-10

BE BAPTIZED
Acts 2:38

Our Weekly Calendar*

Sunday*
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday*
General Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

***See page 3 for details regarding phone & online access.**

WHAT MUST I DO TO KEEP FROM FALLING?

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY
2 Timothy 2:15

ADD CHRISTIAN GRACE
2 Peter 1:5-11

ATTEND SERVICE
Hebrews 10:25

Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guest. It is our sincere hope that you will be spiritually edified by the worship service today. Please don’t hesitate to ask if you have any questions about our worship services.

Message from the Minister

Are You Bored with the Bible?

Psalm 119:14-20

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Who is it in your life who is most likely to pray like this? **“I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Deal bountifully with thy servant that I may live, and keep thy word. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times”** (Psalm 119:14-20).

The psalmist’s passionate love for God’s word can make us uncomfortable. The love seems so real, so right, so beautiful—and so foreign, at least some days. Why do we wake up worried about what’s on Twitter, instead of wanting to open the Bible? Why are some Christians more excited to read the best new book on whatever, rather than the only book with the very words of God? Why are we still more likely to find our identity and worth in what we have or what we’ve done, instead of what God says about us? Why are some of us bored reading the Bible while the psalmist is having the time of his life?

Later in the psalm he says **“It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes”** (Psalm 119:71). The author praises God for pain, because he believes the pain helped him understand God and His word better. Have you ever been able to draw a line like that, between your suffering and your Bible reading? He goes on, **“The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver”** (Psalm 119:72).

So, why are some people bored? A lot of us want to relegate love like this to others. Some people love the Bible, and some people love people. Or, some people like to read, and some people like to serve. But the Bible, like the gospel, can’t be relegated only to a few. Bible reading isn’t a spiritual gift granted to only a few, but is a gift and calling for all Christians! Psalm 119 does not model extraordinary Christianity. It’s showing us how people truly in love with God receive actual words from God. They realize the awesome gift they’ve received in this book. When they open their Bibles, or hear the Bible read or preached, they can feel as though God Himself were walking down from heaven to speak to them.

Why, then, are so many Christians bored with the Bible? Because we’ve forgotten what the Bible is. I like the way John Piper puts it. *“Think of it. Marvel at this. Stand in awe of this. The God who keeps watch over the nations, like some people keep watch over cattle or stock markets or construction sites—this God still speaks in the twenty-first century....By this voice, he speaks with absolute truth and personal force. By this voice, he reveals his all-surpassing beauty. By this voice, he reveals the deepest secrets of our hearts. No voice anywhere anytime can reach as deep or lift as high or carry as far as the voice of God that we hear in the Bible.”*

Amen! Absolute truth. Personal power and relevance. All-surpassing beauty. All-knowing love and wisdom. All from the mind and mouth of God. All in the pages of a book we can hold in one hand. May our eternal Father continue to smile His benedictions down upon you, and may we become more studious and committed to attending Bible study so that our Heavenly Father can speak to us here at the University Church of Christ. And always remember that *God loves you, Jesus died for you, I love you, and I am your servant for Jesus’ sake!*

Yours because of Calvary,
Terrance R. McClain, PhD,
Minister

Today’s Meditation

Psalm 100 a Psalm of praise (KJV)

LEADER: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

CONGREGATION: Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

LEADER: Know ye that the LORD he is God: *it is he that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

CONGREGATION: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

TOGETHER: For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

<u>September 2021 Birthdays</u>			
Amos Hicks	9/04	James Banks	9/14
Jerome Tolar	9/04	Erik Brewer	9/16
LaCheryl Adams	9/05	Wayne Brown	9/17
Cayden Montgomery	9/07	Patricia Gaines	9/19
Samuel Pinner	9/07	Betty Harden	9/20
Anthony Slade	9/09	Boisetta Jacobs	9/20
Carolyn Malone	9/10	Albert Wood Jr.	9/20
Jardene Shell	9/12	Eric Jackson	9/21
Wilson Walker	9/12	Shawn Booth	9/28
		Alycia Shields	9/28



Birthday Blessings to you all!

Note: If your Birthday and/or Anniversary is not listed and you would like for it to be listed please inform the office.

Thank You.

To access Sunday morning worship (11:00 am) and Wednesday evening Bible study (7:00 pm):

- 1) Tune into FACEBOOK live stream at **Terrance Richard McClain**
- 2) Via teleconference:
Dial 1-717-275-8940 or 1-712-832-8330 Access code 244-4066.
- 3) The worship service will also be available on WWW.YOUTUBE.COM (after 2pm)

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You can drop by the church building and pick up your communion set, bulletin and drop off your contribution Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please call the church office at (216) 421-0233 if you have any questions.

- ♦ **Remember to call or email the church office if you’d like to access our Thursday 7pm Bible study via Zoom. The SUMMER quarter book may be picked-up at the church building during office hours. To access this bible study via phone, dial 301-715-8592, ID: 83840201778, Passcode: 855448**