

Open Up Your Bibles

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Josh King
Mike Kidwell
Tim Murray
Bryan Reiboldt
Jim Scott
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Worship Assemblies

10 a.m. Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday

Bible Classes

9 a.m. Sunday
7 p.m. Wednesday

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As my years as a Christian have increased I have noticed a decrease in the number of people who follow along in their Bibles during Bible classes and worship services. I notice that some people might have their Bibles at their side, but they never open them up. Even worse, I notice that some people don't even have their Bibles with them, nor use an electronic form to follow along.

I John 4:1 reads, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world." I Thessalonians 5:21 tells us to "**test everything**; hold fast what is good." As Christians, we are commanded to test what is said to determine whether it is coming from God or from some other source. How are you going to test what our teachers are teaching if you do not even have the Book of the Teacher open (John 13:13)? How are you going to be a soldier of Christ (II Timothy 2:3) if you aren't equipping yourself with the sword of the Spirit (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17)? How are you to be a "person of the Book" if you don't even know where your copy of the Book is located?

A nation can easily fall apart when its people don't know their nation's history. Likewise, a congregation can easily fall apart when its own members don't know the inspired history of Christianity's foundation. A congregation can fall apart when

members don't even know why they believe what they believe. Brother or sister, you need to own your own faith (Philippians 2:12). And owning your own faith cannot take place if you simply swallow whatever words the speaker is spewing, without questioning whether or not they are truly words from God.

Revelation 1:3 says, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." God's Word is meant to be a blessing to those who hear and do what it commands (Luke 11:28). I urge you, as people who are blessed with bountiful access to this wonderful Word, to open your Bibles or use your phones to follow along in the lessons. Be an example to the younger generations. Challenge your children to bring and open their Bibles up, so they can follow along. If you or your family members don't have a Bible, please come see me and I will get you one.

One of the greatest sounds a teacher or preacher hears in classes and services is the sound of flipping pages. I would surmise that God likewise enjoys that sound. Let's aim to make our classes and worship services a little louder this week. Let's aim to be people who love God's Word and who truly want to know everything written therein. Open up your Bibles, brothers and sisters!

Luke Yates



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Rick Hyder, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Sue York.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Mark Strohl. Mark passed away unexpectedly on Sunday.

Honduras: Danny Boggs, John Deffenbaugh, Glen Honeycutt and Luke Yates will travel to Honduras December 7-12 to conduct a seminar on Revelation and to help with a coming transition. The preachers whom we have paid in Honduras for several years will become self-supporting January 1. Please pray for them and their families as things change.

Dear Hillcrest family, Thank you for all the kindness you've shown by your words, prayers, cards and beautiful plant on behalf of Dad. Your blessings have been a great comfort during this difficult time, and our family is very grateful for the love you have shown.

Alan and M'lle and family of Barry Koch

Thanks for all the nice cards I have been receiving. Remember me in the prayers. Love and blessings to all.

Pearl McCleary



Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need. We are helping some people in the community this week.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Give Thanks to the Lord*
(Psalm 100, Danny Boggs)

P.M. *The Sin We Hardly Talk About*
(Yet Requires Lots Of Talking) (Luke Yates)



Men's BBQ Night: TONIGHT at Hog Tide BBQ in Aurora. The van will leave at 6:00.

Join us this Sunday at 1:30 for a brief **devotional with the residents at Medicalodge.**

Devo and Donuts! Children in 5th-12th grades are invited to devo and donuts every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the new fellowship building.



Free Wednesday night dinner for college students and young adults at 6 p.m. in the new fellowship building! Come enjoy good food and company. Bring friends!

Ladies' sewing/knitting/crocheting night is every Tuesday throughout the year in the old fellowship room. Come join us at 3:30 and stay until the last person leaves!



Demolition Day: this Saturday at 8 a.m. Bring sledge hammers and other tools of destruction to help gut the girls' bathhouse at GVBC in preparation for renovations.

Trey and Lea's Stronger Families Workshop will be held at the Miami church of Christ December 1-2. See the bulletin board for more details.

Lads to Leaders will meet at 4:30 this Sunday.

Holiday Dinner: Join us at 6:30 this Friday in the new fellowship building!



PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 19

- AM Opening: Bill Reiboldt
- AM Closing: Eldon Morgan
- PM Opening: Troy Risley
- PM Closing: Todd Murray

Wednesday, November 22

- Opening: Charlie Phillips
- Closing: Nolan Murray

RECORDS	11-08-17	11-06-16
Bible Study	151	152
AM Worship	182	205
PM Worship	108	103
Wednesday	126	114
Contribution	\$7,816.08	\$8,320.60
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67