

POP QUIZ

Did you ever have a time where you were given a pop quiz? I can remember having a few teachers growing up who would love to give pop quizzes. I don't know if they just enjoyed seeing the terror on our faces or that they just liked to easily pick out the one who didn't do last night's reading assignment by watching how quick their eyes got big and they began squirming at their desk. Regardless of their motives, that simple phrase would instantly make a student tremble in terror. There were some that I was well prepared for and some that I failed miserably, however there was one kind of pop quiz where I was always a champion. That was the open book quiz.

As quickly as that feeling of dread would come upon me when I saw "POP QUIZ" written on the board, it would leave me with a sudden sigh of relief when the teacher walked in and said, "don't worry, it is open book." As soon as the test was handed to me I was able to flip through the pages, get to the chapter, and find exactly what I was looking for. All that I needed was the answer to the question, nothing else. So I would skip over everything else and skim the lines until a word or phrase matched the question and quickly get the answer and move on. Although I was a champion at this, and maybe could enter some hall of fame on speed and completion of open book tests, I cannot remember a single answer that I read or put down to this day. Even when I really think about it, I cannot fully remember what subject the tests were over. So no matter how good I was at them, they provided me nothing for where I am now.

When it comes to the Bible, it is the perfect curriculum for educating God's people. Paul said in **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." As far as a textbook guarantee, none can surpass the word of God. It is our primary source of information when it comes to how to live and how to receive salvation. However, if we treat the Bible as I did an open book quiz, do we ever truly benefit from its fruits? The problem I didn't realize all those years ago that I realize now is that, in order to truly grow from the knowledge given, I must truly apply it.

James said in **James 1:22**, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." If we are conducting our Bible study as simply scanning over the words just to say we read it, are we truly growing? Sure you can say you "read" the Bible, but will that kind of study ever truly benefit you? As said earlier, the Bible is our primary source of information from God, but there is also another form or learning that God teaches us about. It is the process of life application. James compares someone who is willing to read the Bible but not apply it to their lives as one who

looks in a mirror and just walks away and doesn't even remember what they look like. James then says in **James 1:25**, "But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

In a sense, James is telling us that part of allowing God to be our teacher, through scripture, is also allowing life to be our teacher, through providing opportunities to practice what we have learned from God's word. Paul shows this in **Philippians 4:11**, when he said "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content." Paul had learned to be content in some of the most horrible circumstances, but he did not learn to do this by simply studying the scripture alone. The scripture was his foundation, but Paul did not learn to be content in all situations until life gave him the opportunities to both have abundance, and be in need (**Philippians 4:12**). Only after applying what he had learned through God and taking advantage of life's opportunities, did Paul truly experience spiritual growth.

Even Jesus had to learn through life's opportunities. **Hebrews 5:8** tells us, "Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered." In like manner, we have the same opportunity to learn lessons by applying God's teaching to everyday circumstances, but there are no shortcuts. We also cannot expect to gain any true knowledge or wisdom apart from God's word. If we try to live on experience alone without having the foundation of Christ and His word, then when times of difficulty come, discouragement will soon form and whatever worldly foundation you have been building on will be demolished (**Matthew 7:24-27**). But even in times where we have not applied God's word in our lives, even when the foundation that we once thought was true is shaken, remember that it is not too late. It may simply be God's opportunity for us to learn, humble ourselves, and come to Him (**Luke 15:11-32**).

So remember, when it comes to studying God's word, don't simply skim through just for a completion grade of the day. Take time and meditate on the scriptures so that you can apply them to your life. We must study to show ourselves approved (**2 Timothy 2:15**). That is the only way that we can truly be equipped for the opportunities that God has placed before us. If we can continue to be obedient to God's word and constantly apply them in our lives then maybe we can come to the conclusion as well that "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (**Philippians 4:13**)

Andrew Spivey

MISSION REPORT

Philip Norwood from Whiteville, NC will be at Nashville Road on Sunday, April 25th. He will conduct the auditorium lesson at 9:00 a.m. and then speak during the 10:00 a.m. worship services. Please make an effort to come and hear his report on the mission work in Whiteville, NC.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Exodus 15

Wednesday Read – Exodus 16

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of Exodus 13 & 14.

1. Why did God want the Israelites to celebrate the Passover each year?
2. How did God lead the Israelites by day?
3. How did God lead the Israelites by night?
4. How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?
5. What happened to the Egyptians who were chasing the Israelites?

BIBLE CLASS GUIDELINES

All classes, nursery through high school, will meet upstairs in the classrooms. assigned for each class division beginning March 28th. There will be one adult class in the auditorium.

Please follow the guidelines below for attending classes upstairs.

- Masks will be required to and from classes.
- Masks and social distancing in class will be at the teacher's discretion.
- Parents will accompany younger children to and from classes. Parents, please remember to also wear masks to and from classes.

NEW ADULT LADIES CLASS

All adult ladies of the congregation are invited to be a part of a Bible study class on *Our Father in Heaven... Teach Us to Pray* starting **Sunday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.** in the fellowship room downstairs. The class will be lead by Karen Hutson and Rita Strickland.

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Anita Turner** on the passing of her uncle, **Ray Frizzle, Jr.**, on Thursday, April 8th, who was also the minister of Shackle Island Church of Christ. Funeral services will be held at Goodlettsville Church of Christ on Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 PM.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

April 18, 2021

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Kenneth Smith
 Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Kenneth Smith
 Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Lee Boone
 Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Ushers.....R. Buck/B. Sever

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Kenneth Smith
 Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY

April 21, 2021

7:00 PM

No children's classes

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Kenneth Smith
 Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Faye Hart will have back surgery on Friday, April 16th. Jan Fulford, there has been signs of slight improvement. Please continue your prayers on her behalf. Bill Johnson is at home. He will have pacemaker surgery at a later date. Mae Oldham is home and doing well. Demar Elam will have back surgery on May 3rd. Ty Tyler, son of Ann Tyler is home doing some better. Ron Kloes step son of Sue Kloes has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Ricky Cantrell has been diagnosed with melanoma. Ronnie Love, cousin of Pam Newby, has been diagnosed with cancer. Donny Pedigo, friend of Tim Cummins has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Jerry Ladd, Sr. has been diagnosed with CLL Leukemia. Craig Sweeney, son of James & Doris Sweeney, has been accepted into a new drug trial clinic. John Arnold, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 213; Jim Sweeney; Jan Fulford; J.H. & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Jean Deaton; Ron & Anna Radish; Ricky Cross, friend of Betty Buttrey; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Will Flowers, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. Dana Loveless, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; Danny Lowe cousin of Linda Cherry; Lawrence Redding, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Janice Haskins, sister of Jim Cherry; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Wayne Holt, nephew of Grace Bracey; John Gregory, brother of Bob Gregory; Pam Flory, friend of Sherry Sever; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Betty Billingsley, sister of Wanda Proctor; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; Dorothy Sullivan, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list.
 Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	99
Morning Worship.....	132
Sunday Evening.....	72
Wednesday Evening.....	53
Contributions.....	\$5,541.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,236.85

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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