

One Minute Bible Study?

By Mike Riley

America has become a land of “instant” everything. If Americans cannot have it in an “instant,” they do not want it. Unfortunately, this attitude of having everything in an instant has not missed the realm of today’s Christians. In book stores can be found “The One-Minute Bible. Because Bible knowledge can never be attained instantaneously, many members of the Lord’s church neglect Bible study.

Many contrary winds are blowing in the brotherhood today, whose destructive forces exceed those of any hurricane, tornado, or typhoon. Prevention is one of the best ways to avoid such damage to the Lord’s body. When hurricane warnings are given, homeowners and store owners scurry to board up windows, store up provisions, and make whatever preparation they can for the coming storm. The same principle holds true for the Lord’s church. The warning was given long ago: “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Tim 4:1). Those in the early church who heeded the warning protected themselves from the coming departure by being aware of it and by knowing what the truth of God’s will is (1 Tim 4:6). The same preparation must be made today. The people of God must be aware that departure is taking place and not be ignorant of His Word.

God’s warning to Israel should also be a warning to the church. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee....” (Hos 4:6). Knowledge of God’s Word protects from sin (Ps 119:11). Christians are commanded to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Pet 3:18). Searching the Scriptures to prove what teachings are true is a noble thing to do (Acts 17:11). But all of these things demand determined study of the Word, not an instantaneous obtaining of knowledge.

Conclusion

Brethren, as members of the Lord’s church, we need to maintain the attitude and zeal of the Psalmist regarding the study of God’s Word in Ps 1:2, “But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

12/18/22

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve Today

Announcements- Wes Chapman **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Paul Simpson

December 25th

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Lord's Table-** Todd Chapman
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Announcements

—**Sunday, December 25th there will be no AM Bible Class or PM Worship. Services will begin at 10:30 AM.**

—**Question & Answer Series: January 8th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer.



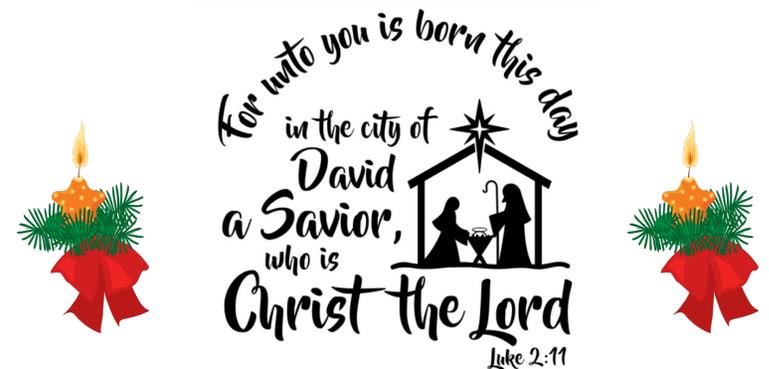
Please Pray For:

Brad Farrington, Emma Morgan, Debbie Grice, Ronnie White, Gail Sewell, Scott Hollis, Lazelle Flowers, Wendell Jackson, Edwin Lowery, Kelli Fatheree, Olive Buckley, Sharon White-Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Lilybeth Weatherford, Carolyn Griffin, Youlandra Lowery, Woefud Conatser.

Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, James Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel. Roosevelt Rogers, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



December birthdays

5 - Joanie Franklin
7 - Emma Morgan
14 - Wayne Fowler
15 - Jonah Scharf
22 - Brad Farrington
24 - Louvenia Dickson
26 - Matt Scharf
27 - Rick Cook
27 - Gary Guice
30 - Dwain Flowers

December anniversaries

3 - Gary and Lisa Guice
5 - Dan and Ethel Ross
10 - Rick and Sandy Van Loon
18 - Gary and Sharon Harris
27 - Leo and Shirley Goodwin
28 - Tommy and Joanie Franklin

