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Courage to Obey

Justin Imel

As God prepared to send Moses to lead the people of Israel from Egypt, the Lord gave him signs to convince the people he truly spoke for Yahweh. God told Moses to throw his staff on the ground. *“So he threw [his staff] on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it”* (Ex 4:3). Pharaoh’s daughter didn’t raise a dummy; the snakes in Egypt are some of the deadliest on the planet, and Moses wasn’t going to get too near.

However, what God told Moses next required faith and courage on Moses’ part: *“Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”* (Ex 4:4). The snake immediately became a staff once more when Moses grabbed it, but there’s absolutely no indication in the text Moses knew that would happen. Think about the courage Moses exhibited—he reached out and grabbed one of the deadliest animals on the planet because God told him to do so.

The record does not reveal the kind of snake Moses’ staff became, but just imagine being asked to reach out and grab a cobra by the tail. I think I’d pass. God doesn’t ask you to handle snakes today, but you need courage to obey God appropriately. In fact, God said that he will cast the cowardly into that eternal lake of fire (Rev 21:8).

Do you need courage to obey the divine?

- Perhaps you need courage to repent of a public sin.
- Perhaps you need courage to speak to a friend about Jesus.
- Perhaps you need courage to reject the taunting of your family.
- Perhaps you need courage to surrender your favorite sin.
- Perhaps you need courage to keep your faith in the face of your friends.

Moses needed courage, and he found the courage. Because of his courage and faith, Moses enjoyed fellowship with God like no other mortal man: *“The LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend”* (Ex 33:11).

No, obeying God isn’t easy. Our flesh wars against the spirit. Our culture lures us to the easy way. But the reward is great. Not only will God consider you a friend (cf. Js 4:4), but he will, one sweet day, say to you, *“Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

Congratulations to the Miller Family

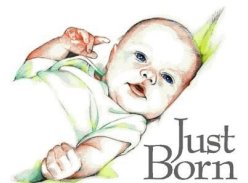
BOWEN WES MILLER

was born Sunday, January, 21, 2024.

Bowen weighed in at 7lbs 2oz & 20” long.

He is the great grandson
of Mary Miller,

Son of Branndon & Alyssa Miller and
Grandson of Matt Miller.



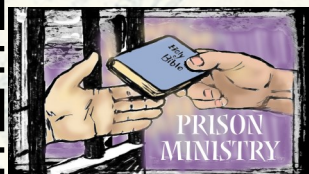
Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Sam Allen is still not doing well; Bernice Mobley (Camp's daughter's mother-in-law) was hospitalized with heart issues and fell 2/1; Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin) diagnosed with blood cancer. His sister is a match they will undergo stem cell transplant soon (they are still waiting)—Bob is very sick; Aaron Imel (Justin's brother) is very ill with pneumonia; David Israel (Justin's friend) is hospitalized with cancer; Eileen Adair had her last auto immune therapy & chemo treatments 1/17 & is feeling pretty good & has several eye appts before surgery on other lung; Gene Barton (Nancy's husband) is dealing with an infection awaiting test results; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law) had a mass removed from his neck 1/31/24 & it was non-malignant-PRAYERS ANSWERED!; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Courtney Gunn (Mary Miller granddaughter) tests turned out very well; Students, Family & Faculty at Tammy Imel's school—a child died in an accidental gun incident; Tammy Adair back issues are a little better; Michelle Koctar, broke her wrist & is undergoing therapy ("sad face"—no cake baking for a while); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) underwent successful benign brain surgery, and she gets better every day; Peggy Burke therapy for hip muscle issues; Jimmy Burke therapy for low back pain; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **569** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; Let Your Light Shine; FEAR GOD! Practice your Christianity Daily; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; You must hear The Word to be saved—DEVOUR THE WORD; Hunger for God's Word & read it Daily; Listen; Keep Your Eyes on Heaven; Love Our Neighbor; Be rich toward God; Actions Speak Louder; Jesus said, "Do you love me?"; Earnestly seek our God!; Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Remember God is in Control

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law); David & Patsy Camp; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin); Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Dennis & Mary Gray; Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Robert Gordon (Sonoma's cousin); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Leslie Hoffman; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother); Sherri Moody PALS Teacher & friend of many; Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); Stephen & Mary Ann Smith; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams, Karl Vinson

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Eileen Adair; Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's great grandfather); Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).



PRISON MINISTRY Join in the Work!

We now have **569** Inmate Students. We send the World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included & the price for them has gone up from \$5.00 to \$7.95. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific County guidelines we have to adhere to in corresponding with the inmates. Some Counties are digitalizing all correspondence which eliminated Bible receipt, so our effort has been greatly curtailed. BUT A FEW BIBLES are still getting to the inmates at some locations. Let David Camp know if you want to help buy Bibles.



Nancy Barton	6
Audrey Cable	8
Stephen Smith	16



Scott & Erin Burke 14th

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading

Feb 4—Feb 10

Sun 4	am	Exodus 34-38
	pm	Matthew 23:1-22
Mon 5	am	Exodus 37-38
	pm	Matthew 23:23-39
Tues 6	am	Exodus 39-40
	pm	Matthew 24:1-22
Wed 7	am	Leviticus 1-3
	pm	Matthew 24:23-51
Thurs 8	pm	Leviticus 4-6
	pm	Matthew 25:1-30
Fri 9	am	Leviticus 7-9
	pm	Matthew 25:31-46
Sat 10	am	Leviticus 10-12
	pm	Matthew 26:1-19



Through the Bible in a year

TRUCK ROUTE MARCH 13-14, 2024



Supplies Requested:

Baby Wipes
Pamper Pull Ups
Size 6
Comet Cleaner
Pinto Beans

Box at Front Door

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, Luke 6:47-49, John 6:45, John 14:15, Romans 10:13-17

Believe the Word: Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6, James 2:24

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30, 26:20

Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, I Timothy 6:12

Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer): Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21

Why do you delay? Acts 22:16

Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11, I John 1:7, Revelation 2:10

THE BIBLE on One Page by House to House

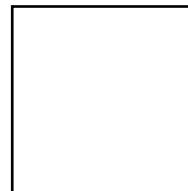
Chronologically, the Old Testament ends with the book of Nehemiah. Every book coming after it can be placed somewhere in the framework of events covered from Genesis through Nehemiah.

1. Creation and Early Civilization ([Genesis 1–5](#)).
2. Noah and the Flood ([Genesis 6–11](#)).
3. Lives of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph) ([Genesis 12–50](#)). (The Book of Job belongs here.)
4. Israelites in Egypt and the Wilderness (Exodus–Deuteronomy).
5. Israelites Enter the Land of Canaan (Joshua).
6. Israelites Ruled by Judges (Judges; [1 Samuel 1–8](#); Ruth).
7. Israelites Form a United Kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon ([1 Samuel 9–2 Samuel 24](#); [1 Kings 1–11](#); [1 Chronicles 1–2 Chronicles 9](#)). (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon belong here.)
8. Israelites Divide into Southern/Northern Kingdoms ([1 Kings 12–2 Kings 25](#); [2 Chronicles 10–36](#)). (Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations belong here.)
9. Israelites in Captivity (Ezekiel; Daniel).
10. Judah Returns from Babylon to Canaan (Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther). (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi belong here.)
11. The 430 Years between the Old and New Testaments.
12. The Earthly Life and Ministry of Christ (Matthew; Mark; Luke; John).
13. Beginning and Growth of the Church (Acts).
14. Christianity Applied: Individually and Congregationally (Romans–Jude).
15. The Ultimate Victory of the Church (Revelation). —
Hugh Fulford

LET'S READ IT!



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*Church Of Christ
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 Invites you to join us in Worship!*

Service this Week!

February 4, 2024

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

I Corinthians 9:16-23

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Entrusted with the Gospel"

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter Tammy Adair

Communion Prep: Patsy Camp

Livestreaming: R.J. Imel

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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am

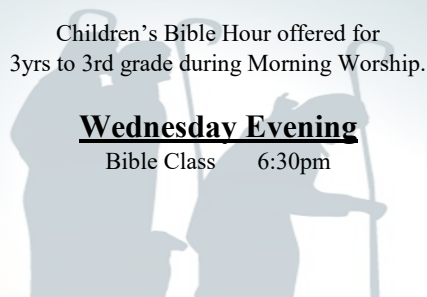
Bible Class 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for
 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30pm



REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!