



# Church of Christ Deer Park

## Weekly Newsletter

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### **The Bible and The Quran**

Both Islam and Christianity claim to be “revealed religions.” That is, they both claim to be the recipients of infallible, divine revelation that marks the respective religion as exclusively true. For example, the Quran claims divine status for itself by stating, “The revelation of the Scripture whereof there is no doubt is from the Lord of the Worlds” (Sura 32:2). In stark contrast to this, the Bible makes similar bold claims for itself. Paul told Timothy that, “*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*” (2 Tim. 3:16-17; cf. 1 Thess. 2:13).

Certainly it is theoretically possible that there exists more than one Holy Book. An omnipotent being could have produced as many books as he saw fit. However, it cannot be the case that both the Quran and the Bible are divinely inspired as they contradict one another. Such leaves us with the following three possibilities: Islam is true while Christianity is false; Christianity is true while Islam is false; both religions are false. It is our contention here that it can be shown that Christianity is true and that Islam is false. When one objectively considers the positive cases for such things as the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Jesus, or the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the truth of Christianity shines clearly and brightly!

Here is something for the follower of the Quran to consider: 1) The Quran says that the words of God cannot be changed or corrupted (Sura 6:115; cf. 6:34; 10:64); 2) The Quran says that the Bible is the Word of God (Sura 2:136); 3) Therefore, on the authority of the Quran itself, the Bible could not have been changed or corrupted!

Reasoning in this fashion has helped numerous former followers of Muhammad to see the weakness of Islam. This “holy book” was affirming the reliability of the Gospels as late as the seventh century. If the Bible was pure then, it can certainly be trusted today as manuscript evidence demonstrates that virtually nothing has changed in the last thirteen centuries.

If Jesus is who the Bible represents Him to be, then Islam and the Quran are fictitious.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

He is the one who was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4). He is Lord (Rom. 10:9-10).

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*Please be Praying for...*

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Mary Miller had a biopsy that requires further attention 7/17th; Gina Branstetter, fell & injured her knee; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) heart cath 6/26th & is doing well-no results yet; Rosa Reeves pre-op blood work 6/26th & x-rays 6/28th with possible surgery 7/15th; Glenda Peters as she looks for a new job; Tammy & RJ Imel as they visit family in Kentucky the next few weeks; Betty O'Bannon sprained her ankle 5/21st & seeing physical therapist-healing slowly; Wil Imel needs our prayers-going through a difficult time; Jonathan Groft (Lydia Groft husband) returned to work 7/1st after recovering from his arm burn ; Dale Guillory had nuclear stress test 5/30th - will see doctor ~8/1st; Alisabeth Cable is having tests; Lopez Family, Baby Crue is now gaining weight but still having difficulty with nursing; Maurice, (Justin Imel friend) who suffered a brain bleed in a bike accident is slowly improving; Tammy Adair had an injection in her SI joint which provided much needed relief & will be seeing a new doctor regarding her back issues; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) is recovering from surgery on his nose 4/15th & Nancy has been dealing with an abscessed tooth and an eye infection but both better now; Gerald Elliott had one kidney removed early in the year & is having 2 month checkups & procedures plus immunotherapy until clear - coming along well; Copper Kimbrough (Avery Cable Kimbrough husband) is recovering from gall bladder surgery 5/28th; Mary Callais & Family (Sherri Williams friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to **592** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups & ask for our prayers; Produce much fruit; Ask for Wisdom; Give; Commit; 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; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; Deny Self & not be Mere Human; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement & Enthusiasm for the Lord; That We Know God's Word & Live It & Put it into Practice; Us as we strive to be better Servants for the Lord, Share Our Lord, Love! Church; Love one another,

**CONTINUAL PRAYER:** Adair Family; Gene Barton; Diaine Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; David & Patsy Camp; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Dennis & Mary Gray; Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myrara Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Leslie Hoffman; Justin Imel health issues; 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; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Johnny Salas; Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); 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:**

Lori Bailey; Gene Barton; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Gerald Elliott; 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).





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Shannon Burke	8
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**HAVE WE OUTGROWN THE BIBLE? Allen Webster**

(Cont'd from last week)

**NOT UNLESS HE HAS UNEARTHED ANOTHER MAP TO HEAVEN**

This world is not all there is. It is but the prelude to the main performance, the foreword to a great book, and the gestation period to endless life. Jesus used another figure: it is a short trip to an everlasting home. He plainly mapped out the road that leads to life (Matthew 7:14). He stated the conditions by which man can achieve salvation. He must believe in Christ (Mark 16:16), change his sinful life (repent, Luke 13:5), confess Christ's name (Romans 10:9-10) and be immersed for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4).

Some have tried to invent their own ways to heaven, but their maps will only get a person lost. If we follow Faith Only Lane or Works Avenue, or Direct Spirit Leading Way, or the popular path, Once Saved Always Saved, we are traveling the various lanes of the interstate Jesus called a broad "way that leads to destruction" (Matthew 7:13). Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life"—and His way is only found in His Book (John 14:6).

**NOT UNLESS HE HAS FOUND ANOTHER WEAPON SATAN FEARS**

The old lion isn't dead; he is still roaring and walking about "seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). The serpent is not hibernating; he still lurks to entice, entrap, and engulf the unsuspecting (Genesis 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 11:3). Man is still in danger; therefore, he needs the one weapon that makes Satan cringe. Just as a lion does not fear a rock in the hand of a child, Satan does not fear man's strength in man's hand. However, he does fear God's power in man's hand ("it is written," Matthew 4:1-11; James 4:7).

**NOT UNLESS HE CAN MAKE HIS LIFE MEANINGFUL WITHOUT IT**

The Bible is able to make us complete (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Its message fills the void found in every heart. It has the power to convert (change) a person. The gospel has power to transfer us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Colossians 1:13). In every case of conversion in the New Testament (see Acts), someone preached the Word, which produced a change in the hearers.

An airplane stewardess came down the aisle asking what each passenger wanted to drink. Several in a row said, "Make mine a martini." Coming to the next seat, she noted a man with an open Bible. Somehow it seemed inappropriate to ask a Bible-reader if he desired a martini. So she said, "Tomato juice, Sir?" He later observed, "What other book could I have been reading that would change a martini into tomato juice?"

Those who change the gospel put themselves under God's curse (Galatians 1:6-9) and will find that they will be judged by the gospel in its original form (Revelation 20:12). Those who choose to ignore it will find it was the one essential of their earthly pilgrimage (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

**LET'S NOT CAST AWAY THE ONLY BOOK GOD EVER WROTE!**



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**Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?**

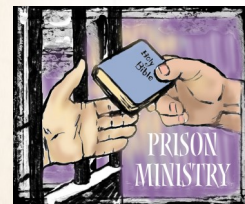
*Daily Bible Reading*

Jul 7—Jul 13

Sun 7	am	Job 35-37
	pm	Acts 14
Mon 8	am	Job 38-39
	pm	Acts 15:1-21
Tues 9	am	Job 40-42
	pm	Acts 15:22-41
Wed 10	am	Psalms 1-3
	pm	Acts 16:1-15
Thurs 11	pm	Psalms 4-6
	pm	Acts 16:16-40
Fri 12	am	Psalms 7-9
	pm	Acts 17:1-15
Sat 13	am	Psalms 10-12
	pm	Acts 17:16-34



Through the Bible in a year



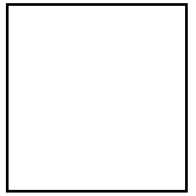
**PRISON MINISTRY**

We now have **592** Inmate Students. Great news: We send the World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included & we can again get them for

\$5.00. 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.



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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

*Service this Week:*

July 7, 2024

**Donut Fellowship 9:00am**  
**Bible Class 9:30am**  
**Worship 10:30am**

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:  
**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "A Thorn in the Flesh"  
**Dr. Justin Imel**

Closing Payer:  
**Jimmy Burke**

Greeter **Tammy Adair**  
 Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**  
 Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

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**REMEMBER**



**WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm**

**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!