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The Old Way to Get Saved Didn't Work

It was getting late one night in a revival at Millersburg, Kentucky in 1821. Several people responded to the preaching and came down front to the mourner's bench. But after the preachers talked with them and prayed with them, they still didn't feel saved. The popular belief at the time was that the Holy Spirit would convict a person of sin and give assurance of salvation.

A preacher rose up and said, "Brethren, something must be wrong; we have been laboring with these mourners earnestly, and they are deeply penitent; why have they not found relief? We all know that God is willing to pardon them, and certainly they are anxious to receive it. The cause must be that we do not preach as the apostles did. On the day of Pentecost those who were '*pierced to the heart*,' were promptly told what to do for the remission of sins. And '*they gladly received the word and were baptized; and the same day about three thousand were added unto them.*'"

That preacher's name was Barton W. Stone. Samuel Rogers, another preacher who was there, said at the time he thought Stone was beside himself (Earl West, *Search for the Ancient Order*, vol. I, pp. 30- 31). That's how deeply ingrained the idea of salvation by faith alone was.

The passage he was referring to was Acts 2:37-38. "*Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'*"

Many preachers and church-going people in that age from different denominations changed their belief when they understood this plain teaching of the Bible. They were honest with the Scriptures and admitted they were wrong.

The same change happens today when someone hears what the Bible actually says, not what others say about the Bible.

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Kerry Duke

West End church of Christ

Livingston, TN

*Mark Your Calendar
(see details inside)*

Prayer Page

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

**Daily BIBLE
Reading Schedule**

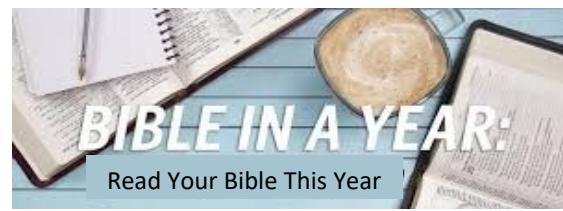
Birthdays

Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo
Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00

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*“...but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known unto God.”* Philippians 4:6

Prayer Needs and Requests

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; God Bless & protect President Trump & God Bless the United States of America; People of Israel & Ukraine; Hill Country Flood Victims; Pray the cease fire holds and Hamas lays down arms; Dennis Gray undergoing procedures; Eliza Whitcomb - health issues; Jason Mining - regulating his diabetes; Bill Lawrence, Mary Miller's brother as he relocates; Gene Barton is continuing with meds unless chest pains return then possible stent - surgery ruled out; Tina (co-worker of Tammy Imel) fell and is having surgery; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher sister-in-law) Afib issues; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); Betty O'Bannon has been in the hospital most of the holidays & moved to rehab at PAM 1/11th; Dale Guillory testing 11/19 was rescheduled; Eileen Adair PET Scan for December to be scheduled later; Adrian Burke has been home during the holidays thankful for his safety; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with sarcoidosis & will continue seeing doctors for plan forward in addition to kidney function problems & is undergoing more tests at the present; Mitch Sparks & Children, Micke Lynn Milton, Mrs Dale Milton (Micke's Mom) & entire Family (all prayer request of Sheri Williams); Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer; Tracy-prostrate treatment, Charlott Wagner still needs our prayers (all friends of Dale Guillory); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (600 Inmate students); Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Remember God is in Control; A Faithful God Deserves Praise; Are We Faithful to Him?; PUT GOD FIRST!; God Keeps His Promises; Produce Much Fruit; Be Present; Hallelujah! What a Savior!; Ask for Wisdom; Give; Commit; Let Your Light Shine; FEAR GOD! Practice Our Christianity Daily; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; We must hear The Word to be saved - DEVOUR THE WORD; Hunger for God's Word & Read It Daily; Listen; Keep Our 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; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Serve Others; Deny Self & not be Mere Human; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement & Enthusiasm for the Lord

Please Remember These Battling Cancer

Tammy Adair; Amy Cote (O'Bannon & Burke friend); Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Frances (Sonoma O'Bannon friend); Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother) Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)

Continual Prayers

Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband); Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; David & Patsy Camp; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Deavyn Gordon; Dennis & Mary Gray; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Marion Hood (aunt of Shannon Burke); Justin Imel health issues; Summer Imel (Justin & Tammy Imel niece); Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Copper Kimbrough (husband Avery Cable Kimbrough); Betty O'Bannon; Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Jeff Riggs (Kay Riggs son); Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams, Karl Vinson

PLEASE GIVE OFFICE UPDATES TO PRAYER LIST



To the Imel Family in the loss of Tammy's mother,

Ann McKinney,

who passed into the arms of her Savior
Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Details to follow. Prayers for the Imel's as they fly to Kentucky for the funeral.

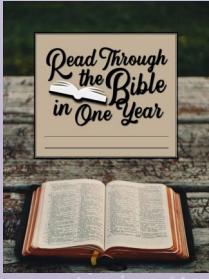




Daily Bible Reading

January 18 - January 24

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| Sun 18 | am | Genesis 42-43 |
| | pm | Matthew 13:33-58 |
| Mon 19 | am | Genesis 44-45 |
| | pm | Matthew 14:1-21 |
| Tues 20 | am | Genesis 46-48 |
| | pm | Matthew 14:22-36 |
| Wed 21 | am | Genesis 49-50 |
| | pm | Matthew 15:1-20 |
| Thur 22 | pm | Exodus 1-3 |
| | pm | Matthew 15:21-39 |
| Fri 23 | am | Exodus 4-6 |
| | pm | Matthew 16 |
| Sat 24 | am | Exodus 7-8 |
| | pm | Matthew 17 |



Linda Thomason 12



Otis & Kay Riggs 18



Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

Every Tuesday

9:00 - 11:30 am

Are All Religions Equally Valid? by Allen Webster

In a society that values tolerance above truth, it is popular to say, "All religions are equally valid." This idea appears respectful, inclusive, and fair. Many government regulations around the world, including the Constitution of the United States, protect all religions, but that does not mean all religions are equal. The goal of a free society is for truth to prevail over error in the "marketplace of ideas." The goal is not for all philosophies, views, and religions to come out equal, like a little league that gives everyone a participation trophy but crowns no champion.

The answer to the question of religion matters. Since religion deals with the eternal soul (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Mark 8:36), believing a lie leads to everlasting consequences (Matthew 25:46). Let us examine the claims and weigh the evidence.

LOGIC SAYS NOT ALL RELIGIONS CAN BE TRUE

There are areas in life where one is as good as another. Where we choose to eat lunch probably is not of consequence. Whether we buy milk and bread at the corner convenience mart or at the large chain grocery will not matter when the cereal and sandwiches are finished. What sports team had our undying allegiance will not matter when the world is on fire (2 Peter 3:9-10).

Yet, other areas require intelligent weighing of options, and choices have consequences.

- If one is seeking a spouse, would he/she think one was as good as the other?
- When a mother leaves the maternity ward, is one baby as good as another?
- Would we tell our children it makes no difference whom they pick for friends—the drug dealing student who is failing his classes or the hon- or student who is kind and fun?
- If one needed brain surgery, would one doctor be as good as another? Is a pediatrician or a podiatrist as good as a surgeon? Is an intern as good as the head of the department?
- When choosing a college, is there any difference? Will a degree from the local community college open the same doors as one from an Ivy League university?
- When one makes a deposit at the bank, is one account as good as another?
- If one needs heart medicine, is a prescription for diabetes just as good?

We weigh options and make careful choices. Some decisions will be celebrated and others regretted, perhaps for the rest of our lives. Our choice makes a difference.

Now we turn our attention to religion. If all religions are equally true, then truth itself is meaningless. Why? Because the world's religions make mutually exclusive claims that cannot all be true. If there is one God—and there is (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)—and He has one Son—and He does (John 3:16)—and that one Son will judge everybody in the world (John 5:22; Acts 17:30-31; Hebrews 9:27) according to His Word (John 12:48), then it follows that Christianity is the only religion that saves. It comes down to either Jesus is the Son of God—or He is not. Either salvation is through Him alone—or it is not. One cannot logically say that a religion that does not have Jesus is as good as the one that does. (To Be Continued next week)



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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

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| Coffee & Donut Fellowship | 9:00am |
| Bible Class | 9:30am |
| Morning Worship | 10:30am |

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30pm

Serving this Week:

January 18, 2026

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

Song Leader: Chad Burke
Scripture Reading & Prayer:

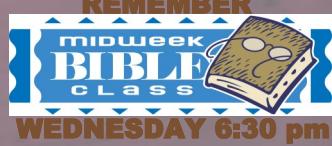
Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: " _____"
Paul Green

Closing Payer:
Jimmy Burke

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

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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!