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There Are Little Bears in the Woods, Too

Prayer Page

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

Daily BIBLE

Reading Schedule

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo

Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00

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Old timers tell the story of two men who were talking on the street. One was a big, muscular fellow, and the other was small in stature. Admiring the size and strength of the big man, the smaller fellow said, "Boy, if I was as big as you I wouldn't be afraid o' nothing. Why, I'd go out in the woods and find me the biggest bear there and I'd tear that big bear limb from limb." The big guy looked down at him and said, "There's a lot of little bears in the woods, too!"

We can't all be the biggest, the strongest, the fastest, or the tallest. We might not all have a great speaking voice or an extensive network of friends to draw upon. But what we do have can be used for the Lord!

Jesus summed this fact up perfectly when He told the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. The master in the parable left money (talents) with each of his three servants and then went on a journey. *"And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability..."* (Matt. 25:15). When he returned the first two had each doubled what was left to them. But the third servant did nothing with what he was given.

Let us remember that we may not have all the resources we would like to serve the Lord, but what we do have belongs to Him, and He wouldn't have given those resources to us if we were not able to "double it!"

So the next time you feel discouraged and think you can't accomplish the same tasks others can, remember there are a lot of little bears in the woods, too!

Matt Clifton
Judsonia church of Christ
Judsonia, AR

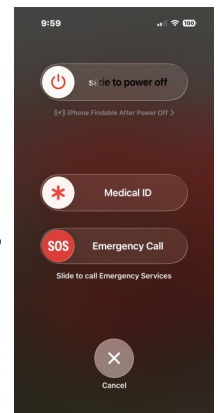
There Always Will Be God

They cannot shell His temple nor dynamite His throne,
They cannot bomb His city nor rob Him of His own.
They cannot cause Him panic nor cut off His supplies,
They cannot take His kingdom nor hurt Him with their lies.
Though we face war and struggle and feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion there always will be God.

Author Unknown

YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

When closing an iPhone you get a Medical ID Option. Slide it & fill in your emergency contacts, meds & a lot more. Police & EMT's can & know to view this information. Could be Life Saving!



*"...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; Pray for things going on in Iran; Eliza Whitcomb was to come home from hospital Thursday 5/14th; Dennis Gray is back leading singing but more test down the road; Steve Deviller (Jerry Goucher friend) wife passed recently; Yvonne DeMasters (Rosa Reeves & Jerry Goucher niece) lost her husband earlier this year & is having health issues; Eileen Adair tests were all good; Noah Mining is on the USS Bush & was deployed for the middle east 3/31; Billy O'Bannon continues to recover; Dale Guillory is having trouble with his feet; Mike Reed fell off ladder and crushed both heels 3/12 & continues his recovery at Park Manor South Belt Rm 409; Autum Richter (Debby Mining friend) facing back surgery; Graham Mooney (friend Jerry Goucher) had AFib ablation; Tina Legende (Tammy Imel friend) broke her foot & had surgery 3/2 & starts rehab 3/19; Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher & Rosa Reeves sister-in-law) AFib issues; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); Jimmy Burke chronic weakness; 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; Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer; Charlott Wagner still needs our prayers (all friends of Dale Guillory); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (601 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; Pray That We Know God's Word & Live It & Put it into Practice; Us all as we strive to be better Servants for the Lord; Share Our Lord; Serve Each Other; Love Church!; Love one another; Strengthen one another; Forgive one another.

Continual Prayers

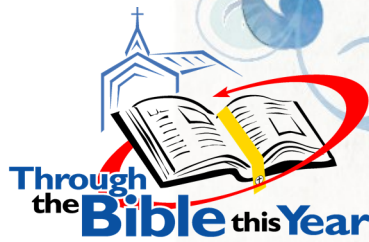
Eileen Adair; Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband); Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; David & Patsy Camp; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Louise Friday; Deavyn Gordon; Dennis & Mary Gray; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; 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); Bill Lawrence (Mary Miller brother); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law); Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Jim & Linda Thomson; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams, Karl Vinson

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); Candice Rudolph (Shannon Burke friend); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)



Anyone interested in free Bible Correspondence Course contact the Office.
Beside World Bible School we have J.M Hurt & H to H series.



Birthdays

Tara Adair	2
Jerry Goucher	24
Peggy Burke	25
Billy O'Bannon	25
Randy Adair	31

Daily Bible Reading

May 17- May 23

Sun 17	am	2 Kings 18-19
	pm	John 6:22-44
Mon 18	am	2 Kings 20-22
	pm	John 6:45-71
Tues 19	am	2 Kings 23-25
	pm	John 7:1-31
Wed 20	am	1 Chron 1-2
	pm	John 7:32-53
Thur 21	am	1 Chron 3-5
	pm	John 8:1-20
Fri 22	am	1 Chron 6-7
	pm	John 8:21-36
Sat 23	am	1 Chron 8-10
	pm	John 8:37-59



Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

Every Tuesday

9:00 - 11:30 am

Tuesday Mornings - Devo & Pillows

9:00 to 11:30AM - Stay as long as you can.



More pillows delivered 5/6:
14 Sarah's House
14 Joy & Hope
We are beginning work on
Christmas Pillows. Come Join!



Can One Rely on the Bible?

House to House Heart to Heart

Yes, absolutely the Bible can be trusted. While we do not have an original copy of the Bible, it has been faithfully copied and handed down from one generation to another.

Just as the writings of Shakespeare can be reproduced by comparing the many and varied copies of that author's work, so we can verify the Bible by comparing its manuscripts and translations. In fact, there is far more support for the text of the Bible than any other ancient book.

Compare the span of time and the number of manuscripts of the Bible with these other ancient writings.

- Julius Caesar's *The Gallic Wars* was composed between 58 and 50 b.c., with the oldest known manuscript dating to about a.d. 850. A gap of 900 years exists between composition and copies. Only ten manuscripts are known, yet scholars do not question it as being reliable.
- The works of Aristotle were composed between 384 and 322 b.c., but the earliest manuscript we have is from around a.d. 1100, a gap of more than 1400 years. We have but 49 manuscripts, and scholars view these works as reliable.
- The works of Homer, the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, are among the best-known books of antiquity. They were written around 900 b.c. The earliest manuscript we have is from 400 b.c. (a 500-year gap), and we have 643 manuscript copies. These are considered among the best-attested works of antiquity.

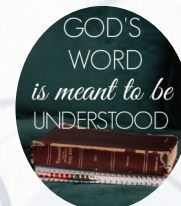
Now, compare this to the New Testament. All of the books were written in the first century. We have over 5,800 manuscripts of the New Testament books, and the earliest are from around a.d. 125–250. This puts us within 30 years of the completion of Revelation. When we take into account the number of quotations from early Christians from a.d. 90 forward, we see literally thousands more copies of sacred Scriptures that enable comparison and assure an accurate text.

As soon as they were composed, copies of the New Testament books were being made. They were soon translated into Latin, Syriac, Slavic, Gothic, Coptic, Ethiopic, and Armenian. When we take these into account, there are over 19,300 additional manuscripts.

No other ancient work comes anywhere close in terms of quantity and quality of evidence. —Flavil Nichols, updated by Luke Griffin

READ
your
BIBLE
EVERYDAY

Study God's Word





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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

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

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class	6:30pm
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Serving this Week:

May 17, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Mark 9:14-29

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"HELP MY UNBELIEF"**

Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:

Jimmy Burke

Greeter: **Eileen & Tammy Adair**

Communion Prep: **Sam & Debby Mining**

Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel & Jerry Goucher**

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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!