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Unnecessary Danger Joe Slater

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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Tuna
Box Cereal
Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper

While making our way home from a recent trip we were driving on I-44 in the Missouri Ozarks. We passed a pickup which was towing another pickup that had a trailer hitched onto it with a car on the trailer. So far so good. However, the lead pickup was towing the other pickup and trailer with nothing between them but a log chain about ten or fifteen feet long! There was no hitch to connect the two vehicles. You can just visualize that second pickup's going down one of the steep hills and rolling out into the other lane or up beside the lead pickup. It was an accident looking for a place to happen!

What on earth possessed the driver of that first pickup to pull such a ridiculously dangerous stunt? I can think of only two possibilities.

1. **Sheer ignorance.** Maybe he truly didn't realize the perilous position in which he had placed himself and others.

2. **Laziness.** Obtaining and using an actual hitch would have taken time and effort, not to mention money. Ah, just use a chain. It'll probably be ok.

Ignorance and laziness can get us into trouble in matters of the spirit, too. When it comes to God's word, ignorance definitely isn't bliss! *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"* (Hosea 4:6). Not less than fourteen times in the New Testament Jesus and the inspired writers challenged people with the words, *"Do you not know?"*

Laziness can also cost you your soul! The slothful one-talent man was cast into outer darkness (Matthew 25:30). And Hebrews 6:12 warns us not to be slothful, but to *"imitate those who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises."*

"Wise people store up knowledge" (Proverbs 10:14). *"The desire of the lazy man kills him"* (Proverbs 21:25). We face enough dangers, physical and spiritual, without creating additional ones through ignorance and laziness!

*"...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; Noah Mining is on the USS Bush & deployed to the middle east (Sam & Debbie Mining grandson); Alex Farley (Justin Imel friend) heart ablation 8/19th; Eileen Adair scan produced a good report with another CAT Scan 1st week of Oct & blood work soon before seeing regular doctor next week; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is extremely anemic & having test at Methodist 8/21st; Roslyn Cacciotti (David Camp friend) will undergo gal bladder surgery 9/1st; Julie Smith, stage 4 lung cancer (Dennis & Mary Gray friend); Billy O'Bannon heart test came out very good last week-continue same regimen; Cherie Conrad (Debby Mining cousin) had hip replacement; Dennis Gray will have a MRI 8/20th; Sam Mining has injured his back & looking at possible tests; Darren Camp (David Camp's son) is improving by leaps & bounds; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband) continues to improve with good & bad days; Loyce Alvarado (Susan Williams' sister) & is now home recovering from her wreck; Steve Deviller (Jerry Goucher friend) wife passed recently; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher & Rosa Reeves sister-in-law) AFib issues; Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (601 Inmate students); Pray in Faith; Pray for & Grow in Wisdom; 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; Jimmy Burke chronic weakness; David Camp; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Louise & Cathy 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); Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law); Billy O'Bannon; 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 Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Charlott Wagner still needs our prayers (friend of Dale Guillory); Eliza Whitcomb; Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Debbie Williams (Gene & Nancy Barton's daughter) health issues; 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); Nova Lee Garza (9 yr old granddaughter Eliza Whitcome) continuing treatment at Texas Children's; Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother); Mike Wilson & wife Sue - Mike has early bone marrow cancer; Terry Knight has tumor & receiving chemo; Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer, Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer (Dale Guillory friends); Candice Rudolph (Shannon Burke friend); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)





Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

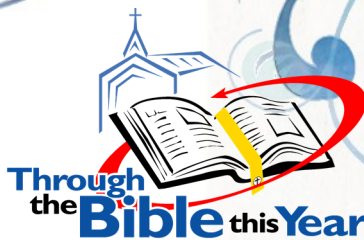
Every Tuesday
9:00 - 11:30 am
 Stay as long as you can.
 You DO NOT need to sew.
 WORKING ON CHRISTMAS.
 We are Studying "Angels"
 by Charles B. Hoge

AUGUST Birthdays

Joyce Gray	7
Tammy Adair	18
Leanna Reeves	23

AUGUST Anniversaries

Dennis & Mary Gray	2nd
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Daily Bible Reading August 23 - August 29

Sun 23	am	Psalm 119:105-176
	pm	I Cor 5
Mon 24	am	Psalm 120-123
	pm	I Cor 6
Tues 25	am	Psalm 124-127
	pm	I Cor 7:1-24
Wed 26	am	Psalm 128-131
	pm	I Cor 7:25-40
Thur 27	pm	Psalm 132-135
	pm	I Cor 8
Fri 28	am	Psalm 136-138
	pm	I Cor 9
Sat 29	am	Psalm 139-141
	pm	I Cor 10:1-13

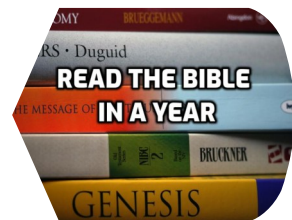


Through the Bible in a year

God's Plan

for Saving Man

Divine Love: John 3:16
God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16
Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work: James 2:24
Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10
 From House to House Heart to Heart



A Simple Plan for a Spiritual Life

Humans were created for more than eating, drinking, procreating, working, and dying. Man is a spirit housed in a body (Genesis 2:7); therefore, he is capable of living a life beyond a physical level. He has introspective, prospective, and ret-rospective abilities. He is made for more. Notice some characteristics that build a spiritual life:

1. **Read and study the Bible daily.** We need spiritual food just like we need physical food. "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!" (Psalm 119:11). Man was not made for bread alone (Matthew 4:4). The Bible is God's guidebook for a meaningful life.

2. **Pray without ceasing** (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is the privilege of God's child (Prayer calls upon our Father, Matthew 6:9). It is an often underutilized privilege. There are blessings for others and ourselves daily that can only be accessed by prayer. It takes a spiritually minded person to pray consistently to a God he only experiences by faith. Develop an active prayer life.

3. **Live a life of purity and holiness.** Part of living a spiritual life is denying the lusts of the flesh (1 John 2:16). We are to be an example of purity to others (1 Timothy 4:12). We are to keep ourselves pure and unspotted (Ephesians 5:27).

4. **Look for ways to serve others daily.** Jesus came to seek and serve (Matthew 20:28). Our service will be brought up on the judgment day (Matthew 25:34-46).

5. **Serve without being asked.** Jesus taught His followers to walk the second mile. That is service that surprises others. It is doing more than expected. It means starting early and stopping only when the job is finished. Do the dirty job or the hard job. Love the unlovable and serve the selfish. "To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

The best life is a spiritual life. The secret is to live the opposite of the way the world believes is best. Serve instead of being served. Love all. Do not insist on your rights. Choose to give instead of getting. from House to House Heart to Heart



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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:

August 23, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
2 Timothy 4:1-5

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Preaching"
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!