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Cell Phones and Social Media Will Not Prepare You for Eternity

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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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Relish-Sweet & Dill
Canned Fruit

In today's world, cell phones and social media have become an obsession with many, dominating time, attention, and emotions. These technologies keep us informed, entertained, and connected—but can never prepare our souls for eternity. While technology is not evil in itself, the spiritual danger lurking in the shadows is when it replaces our dependence on God, and distracts us from eternal truth.

Cell phones and Social Media provide Satan with some of his most powerful weapons.

1 Peter 5:8 warns us to be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Scripture reminds us that this world is temporary. *"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever"* (1 John 2:17, NKJV). Social media thrives on trends, popularity, and instant gratification—things that fade quickly. Eternity, however, is unchanging and demands preparation that no device can provide.

Cell phones can fill our minds with endless information, but only God's Word gives wisdom that leads to eternal life. *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"* (Psalm 119:105). Scrolling cannot replace studying Scripture. Notifications cannot replace the voice of the Holy Spirit. A strong signal cannot replace a strong prayer life.

Jesus Himself warned about misplaced priorities: *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"* (Mark 8:36). Many gain followers online while losing focus on following Christ. Likes and shares may boost self-esteem, but they cannot secure salvation. Only a relationship with Jesus Christ prepares us for what comes after this life.

Social media often promotes comparison, pride, anger, and distraction. Scripture calls us instead to set our minds on eternal things. *"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth"* (Colossians 3:2). When our hearts are consumed with screens, we risk neglecting prayer, worship, and obedience—disciplines essential for spiritual growth.

Eternity is not prepared for accidentally; it requires intentional faith. *"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27). No app can prepare us for judgment. No digital profile can speak for us before God. Preparation comes through repentance, faith, and obedience to Christ. *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'"* (John 14:6).

This is not a call to abandon technology, but to put it in proper perspective. Use your phone as a tool, not a master. Let Scripture shape your thinking more than social media feeds. Spend more time in God's presence than online presence. *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46:10).

Cell phones may connect us to people, however, only Jesus connects us to eternity. Choose wisely where you invest your time. Eternity is too important. Prepare to meet thy God. Meditate seriously on these matters.

*"...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); Johnny Singletary (Emma O'Bannon grandfather) heart by-pass 9/10; Dennis Gray got the results of his MRI on 9/3rd & no surgery - just changed meds - THANK YOU LORD!; Bernice Reed had injections in neck area, praying for pain relief rather than surgery; David Camp saw doctor about hand 9/9th - further evaluation, possible surgery; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton husband) no Parkinsons, MRI-neck & spine, evaluate meds; Stephen Datray (Eileen Adair son) back & leg problems; Eileen Adair scan produced a good report with another CAT Scan 1st week of Oct & blood work soon before seeing regular doctor; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is extremely anemic & is having her 3rd of 4 infusions on 9/11th; Cherie Conrad (Debby Mining cousin) had hip replacement & cellulitis; Sam Mining has injured his back & looking at possible tests; Darren Camp (David Camp's son) is improving by leaps & bounds; Loyce Alvarado (Susan Williams' sister) is hoping to go back to work late Sept; 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/dizziness; 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; Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Yolanda Solomonsz pulmonary fibrosis; 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); Julie Smith (Dennis & Mary Gray friend) stage 4 Lung Cancer-in hospice; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)





Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

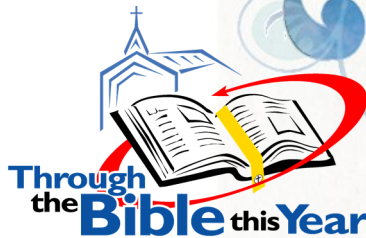
Every Tuesday

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

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Otis Riggs	9
Sonoma O'Bannon	12
Karl Vinson	20



Daily Bible Reading

September 13- September 19

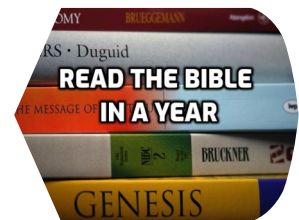
Sun 13	am	Proverbs 23-24
	pm	2 Cor 5
Mon 14	am	Proverbs 25-27
	pm	2 Cor 6
Tues 15	am	Proverbs 28-29
	pm	2 Cor 7
Wed 16	am	Proverbs 30-31
	pm	2 Cor 8
Thur 17	pm	Eccles 1-3
	pm	2 Cor 9
Fri 18	am	Eccles 4-6
	pm	2 Cor 10
Sat 19	am	Eccles 7-9
	pm	2 Cor 11:1-15



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



Why Should You Believe the Bible Is from God?

It is impossible to be correct about everything a person says or writes. Even though we may set high standards for ourselves and learn all that we can, and even though we may put as many safeguards in place as is humanly possible, we will make mistakes, and ignorance will be revealed. As the old adage goes, "To err is human." *"With God,"* however, *"all things are possible"* (Matthew 19:26).

Why should an honest truth-seeker conclude that the Bible is from the Creator of the universe? What proves that the Bible is of supernatural origin? In short, because while "to err is human," the Bible writers were correct in everything they wrote—about the past, the present, and even the future.

If an all-knowing, all-powerful God exists, then He could guide even uneducated men to write about events that occurred hundreds or thousands of years before their time with complete accuracy. He could move ordinary people, *"But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."* (2 Peter 1:20-21), to write flawlessly about any number of contemporary people, places, and things. He could even supernaturally guide penmen to write about future events with perfect accuracy. The most fundamental reason that a person can come to the rational conclusion that the Bible *"given by inspiration of God"* (2 Timothy 3:16) is that the writers of the Bible were amazingly accurate about everything.

If anyone came to an honest truth-seeker claiming to possess a revelation from God, the first question should be, "Is it completely accurate?" The fallibility of the message would be the first indication that it was manmade and not heaven sent. On the other hand, complete factual accuracy would be the first thing to expect from any document claiming to be God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16). —Eric Lyons, HTH



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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:

September 13, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Colossians 3:16-17

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Gospel Sing"
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!