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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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Blessed Are those Who Are Persecuted Paul Green

My Grandmother taught 5th grade Bible Class for many years, so naturally I was excited as the time approached for me to be a student in her class and was also excited to obtain the coveted postcard with 5 stars, each star representing memorization of the following:

- Names of the Apostles
- Books of the New Testament
- Books of the Old Testament
- Psalm 23
- The Beatitudes

The Beatitudes have continued to encourage me from that early age until now. They are found in Matthew 5:3-12 and begin Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew chapters 5-7. Growing in the attributes of the Beatitudes show increased maturity of our personal character and help identify ourselves as followers of Christ.

The final Beatitude and the subject of this article is found in Matthew 5:10-12: *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* ¹¹ *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."* ¹² *Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

Notice that Jesus states in vs. 11, **"when"**, **"not if"** persecution will come to his followers because of him. Persecution is guaranteed for a true follower of Christ. But it is not our nature to aspire to press on to maturity when being persecuted. Our natural tendency is to go on the defensive and fight back when we are persecuted, or to at least get even.

Here are some examples of the many warnings in scripture of our certain persecution as a follower of Christ:

- Jesus states in John 15:18, *"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first"*.
- Paul states in 2 Timothy 3:12, *"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted"*.
- Peter states in 1 Peter 4:16, *"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name"*.

And some examples of those who were persecuted and their response that we can learn from:

- The Apostles, early in their ministry, were imprisoned, flogged and ordered not to speak in the name of Jesus. But they left rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering for Christ, and, of course, they continued teaching and proclaiming the Good News. (Acts 5)
- Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, was stoned to death by members of the Sanhedrin after stating that they had betrayed and murdered the Messiah, and proclaiming that he could see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. As he was being stoned, he asked the Lord to not hold their sin against them. (Acts 6-7)
- The Apostle Paul was imprisoned, flogged, beaten with rods, stoned, shipwrecked, in danger from bandits, fellow Jews, Gentiles and false believers, in hunger and thirst, and cold and naked. And most intriguing to me: after enduring all of the above, was the daily pressure he faced regarding his concern for the churches (2 Corinthians 11). Christ's church was always at the forefront of his mind, regardless of his persecutions.

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And some examples of encouragement for us when being persecuted:

- Romans 5:3-5 *"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us".*
- James 1:2-4 *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything".*
- Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 10:28: *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."*
- And remember Jesus' encouragement from vs. 12 of our opening text to rejoice and be glad when persecuted because great is our reward in heaven.

Jesus' promise of this great reward gives us encouragement to endure anything our adversaries throw at us.

Are you being persecuted because of righteousness? If not, this may be a call to mature in our faith, courage to speak of our faith, study and grow in knowledge of scripture, service to others and teaching others.

Let Us Press on to Maturity (Hebrews 6:1), accepting persecution with all joy knowing that it is because of our righteousness and faith in Jesus Christ.

***"...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 (Sam & Debbie Mining grandson) is on the USS Bush & deployed to the middle east; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton husband) fell 9/16 & broke 3 ribs & is using walker now; Sam Mining has injured his back & is healing; David Camp hand healing well with plans to do the other hand in January; Eileen Adair another CAT Scan 1st week of Oct & blood work soon before seeing regular doctor; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is extremely anemic & had her 4th infusions on 9/18th & seeing cardiologist 9/22nd;; Darren Camp (David Camp's son) is walking, talking, recovered meningitis - PRAISE GOD!; Loyce Alvarado (Susan Williams' sister) is hoping to go back to work in Oct; Steve Deviller (Jerry Goucher friend) wife passed recently; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher & Rosa Reeves sister-in-law) AFib issues; Joanne Wells-health issues, Linda-dementia, Harry Browning-heart & respiratory, Abraham Perez-recovering from heart attack, Pamela Adams-broke leg/surgery, Donna Wade spots on lungs (Dale Guillory Friends); 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; 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; Stephen Datray (Eileen Adair son); 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 & Paul 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; Emil & Charlott Wagner loss of son & respiratory; Joanne Wells (Dale Guillory friends); Mike Ritter; Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley heart issues (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law); Yolanda Solomonsz pulmonary fibrosis; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece); 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; 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 bone marrow; Terry Knight chemo; Stephany Plank-IN REMISSION!; Rosemary Barber-skin 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

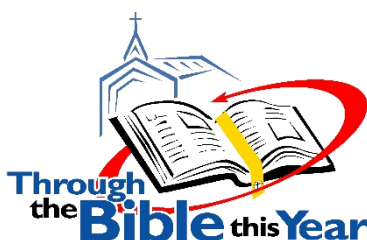
Every Tuesday

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



Courtney O'Bannon	13
R.J. Imel	16
Sam Mining	17
Jimmy Burke	22



Daily Bible Reading

Daily Bible Reading

October 11- October 17

Sun 11	am	Isaiah 45-47
	pm	Colossians 3
Mon 12	am	Isaiah 48-49
	pm	Colossians 4
Tues 13	am	Isaiah 50-52
	pm	I Thess 1
Wed 14	am	Isaiah 53-55
	pm	I Thess 2
Thur 15	pm	Isaiah 55-58
	pm	I Thess 3
Fri 16	am	Isaiah 59-61
	pm	I Thess 4
Sat 17	am	Isaiah 62-64
	pm	I Thess 5

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

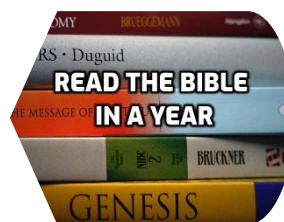
Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37

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



Getting to Know Your Bible

House to House Heart to Heart

Why must you know your Bible?

- 1. To have everlasting life.** (John 17:3). With regards to the words of Jesus, the Bible is the only source of the perfect, saving knowledge of God and Christ.
- 2. To know the greatest book ever written.** The Bible is the greatest book because God is the author. There were 40 writers but one author. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God"* (2 Timothy 3:16).
- 3. To know who you are.** The Bible tells us our origin, purpose, and destiny (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7).
- 4. To be saved from sin.** The Bible answers the world's greatest question, *"What must I do to be saved?"* The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).
- 5. To identify the church of the Lord and know its importance.** Christ has one body (the church, Ephesians 4:4) and Christ is the head of the body (Ephesians 1:22-23).
- 6. To find the Christian way of life, worship, and service.** The inspired word teaches us that *"denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age"* (Titus 2:12).
- 7. To reach the highest goal.** *"The prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:14). —Frank Dunn

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8



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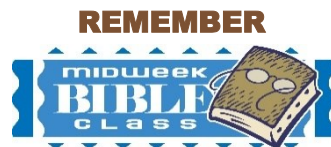
Meet With Us

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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WEDNESDAY 6:30

SERVICES THIS WEEK

October 11, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: " _____ "

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 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!