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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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Instant Potatoes
Canned Chicken
Can Ranch Bean
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"Adding" to Bible Can Be Dangerous

John Smith

The August 21, 2006, issue of the **Indianapolis Star** contained the following story:

"A jailed man who had his wife smuggle him cocaine inside Bibles pleaded guilty to trafficking charges today and was sentenced to eight years in prison. Anthony W. Duckworth, 32, of Huntington admitted that he asked his wife, Amy M. Duckworth, 28, to bring him the cocaine while he was incarcerated inside the Huntington County Jail. She delivered the drug inside the spines of two Bibles on March 10 and March 27. She was sentenced Aug. 7 to six months in jail on two charges of trafficking with an inmate. Anthony Duckworth already had been in jail on a misdemeanor charge of visiting a common nuisance. A plea agreement specifies his sentences on the trafficking charges will be served concurrently."

Ms. Duckworth is not the first person to "add" something to the Bible that proved to be dangerous. Men have been doing this almost since the Bible first appeared.

Men have added mechanical instruments of music to the New Testament. Although no mechanical instruments can be found in the worship of the church, men have chosen to add them for a variety of reasons. The New Testament is quite specific and clear when it comes to musical worship (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19-20). The only instrument mentioned is the human heart which directs the human voice to teach, admonish and praise through spiritual songs. Dangerous? How could such an addition be dangerous? Consider Rev. 22:18-19. Adding to the Word of God will bring divinely directed plagues. I'd say that would be dangerous.

Men have added sprinkling and pouring as substitutes for immersion to the New Testament. Surely these can be more convenient and less messy, but they are additions, nonetheless. Philip and the Ethiopian treasurer went "down into the water" (Acts 8:38). John baptized at Aenon because there was much water there (John 3:23). Paul compared baptism to a burial (Rom. 6:4-f; Col. 2:12). Would sprinkling or pouring a small amount of dirt be a burial? But, is this addition dangerous? Since neither sprinkling nor pouring can be found in the New Testament they are without the law. John defined sin as "lawlessness" (1 John 3:3). Since sin separates one from God (Isa. 53:1) and results in the wage of death (Rom. 6:23), I'd say that is rather serious.

Ms. Duckworth was sentenced to six months in jail for adding to the Bibles she delivered to her husband. God's sentence for adding to the Bible is much harsher. Rev. 22:18-19 speaks of adding "plagues" to the one who adds to the Bible. Sin, which is what one commits when they add to God's Word, will result in eternal spiritual death (Rom. 6:23). Those who are, refuse to abide within what was inspired and written originally, will suffer an eternal punishment in a place much worse than a state or county jail. While all sentences will run "concurrently", eternity will still be a very long time.

Do you really want to take the risk of getting caught smuggling something into the Bible?

"...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; Mary Jon Huffhines (future mother-in-law of Addie Cable) has been diagnosed with cancer & is undergoing many tests & procedures; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton husband) recovering from broken ribs; Susan Williams will be having an outpatient procedure 10/29; 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 Nov & blood work soon before seeing regular doctor; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) is extremely anemic; 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

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 (Shannon Burke aunt); 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)

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

Condolence & Love to
KARL VINSON
In the passing of his dear
Uncle George Baurichter

OCTOBER Birthdays

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



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

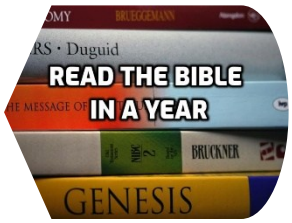
Through the Bible this Year

Daily Bible Reading
October 25 – October 31

Sun 25	am	Jeremiah 14-16
	pm	1 Timothy 5
Mon 26	am	Jeremiah 17-19
	pm	1 Timothy 6
Tues 27	am	Jeremiah 20-22
	pm	2 Timothy 1
Wed 28	am	Jeremiah 23-24
	pm	2 Timothy 2
Thur 29	pm	Jeremiah 25-26
	pm	2 Timothy 3
Fri 30	am	Jeremiah 27-28
	pm	2 Timothy 4
Sat 31	am	Jeremiah 29-30
	pm	Titus 1

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



What Do You Believe?

By Bob Prichard – HTHHTH

One man said to his friend, "What do you believe about God?" "I believe what my church believes." "What does your church believe?" "My church believes what I believe." "What do you and your church believe?" "We both believe the same thing."

It is sad to say, but this is about all some people know about God and His written word. Many, it seems, are counting on someone else to study the Bible for them. Paul warns us, *"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad"* (2 Corinthians 5:10). We must all, as individuals, stand before the judgment seat of Christ. We cannot rely on anyone else at that time, but we will all receive what we individually deserve from the Lord. Paul continued, *"Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men"* (2 Corinthians 5:11). If I could persuade you of only one thing today, it would be this: Please study your Bible for yourself.

Do you have the same love for the Bible that the writer of Psalm 119 had? Each of its twenty-two sections is devoted to praise for God's revelation. Each section extols the power of the Bible. Verses 113–120 are typical of the beautiful thoughts about the word:

"I hate the double-minded, but I love Your law. You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. Depart from me, you evildoers, for I will keep the commandments of my God! Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope. Hold me up, and I shall be safe, and I shall observe Your statutes continually. You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood. You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love Your testimonies. My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments."

Can you truly say with the psalmist, "I hate the double-minded, but I love Your law"?

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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

REMEMBER



WEDNESDAY 6:30

SERVICES THIS WEEK

October 25, 2026
Donut Fellowship 9:00am
Bible Class 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
1 Timothy 2:8-15

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"HOLY WOMEN"**
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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Email Messages, Everything happening on
Facebook Page:

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!