

Sunday: _____ Wednesday: _____
9 am Worship 7 pm Bible Class
10:15 Bible Class and Devotional
5 pm Evening Worship

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A Light to My Path

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” Psalm 119:105.

From last week’s sermon I mentioned that 88% of American households own a Bible and on average they have 4.7 copies of God’s word. That’s great news, but unfortunately, not everyone reads the Bible with frequency. That same source stated that only 37% read the Bible once or more a week.

Why is it so difficult for Christians to have a good routine for Bible reading? Unlike the days before printing presses when Bibles were literally chained to the pulpit, we have ready access to the Bible today. We live in an era where virtually every translation and version of the Bible can be accessed immediately and without charge via the Internet.

Could it be that the Bible intimidates some people? After all, there are 66 books, 1,189 chapters and 31,173 verses in the Bible. How can one be expected to read all of that?

Yes it can be overwhelming if looked at as a whole. But did you realize that the average person could read through the entire Bible in a year by reading it only 15 minutes a day? Perhaps what we lack is a good system, routine or thirst to help us get into more frequent Bible reading.

May I suggest Psalm 119 as a good starting point this week? Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. It has 22 sections of 8 verses, with each section starting with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet in order. This chapter is focused on the excellencies of the word of God and speaks often of how important God’s word is in life.

Read through this chapter and discover the benefits of reading the Bible. It will keep you from sin (v. 11), strengthen you (v. 28), guide your way (v. 105), bring you joy (v. 111), lead you to wisdom (v. 130), protect you from stumbling (v. 165) and bring you back to God (v. 176). If you have had trouble restarting your Bible reading habits, try reading this chapter once a day for a week. See if these inspired words will help light your path and encourage further reading of God’s word! Mike

AM Sermon: “People of the Book,” Josh. 1:7-9

PM Sermon: “Is That in the Bible?” Acts 17:11



Have Questions? Mike will be doing a lesson series in September instead of August, on the qualifications, roles and duties of elders. If you have any questions please give them to Mike in writing and he will include them in the lessons and handouts. Please put these in his mailbox or send him an email.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

August 17th-“The Christian & Priorities” Kelby Smith

August 24th- “Which World Do We Choose To Live In?” David Sain



Carolyn Wells has a new phone number. 256-483-9240. Please update this in your church directory.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

All men of the congregation are invited to a weekly Men’s Bible Study, “**IRON SHARPENS IRON**”, every Monday night from 7:00 pm-7:45 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a friend.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENT

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ralph Gilmore to Florence Boulevard on Sunday August 28th. He is a Bible professor at Freed-Hardeman University teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. He is also the moderator of the Open Forum at the FHU Lectureships each year. He will be presenting 3 lessons that day dealing with contemporary issues facing the church today. We will have a fellowship meal after Bible class and an afternoon service at 12:30. There will be a combined class in the auditorium for all adults (5th grade and up) during the Bible class hour. **There will be no evening service at 5:00.** Make your plans now to be with us for this enjoyable day of worship and study and bring a friend with you!"

RECOGNITION

Someone once said “Anyone can count the seeds in an apple but no one can count the apples in a seed.” Do you recall Mike’s sermon several months ago when he passed out packets of seeds to each family as an illustration of what God can do when the seeds are planted?

A good number of our Florence Boulevard college age members as well as Mike, Lana and Evan Davidson have taken time out of their summer to leave behind the comforts and conveniences of home and to go out into the world and plant the seeds of the Gospel.

In the month of June, Katie Clemons went with a group to the island of St. John, USVI. In July, Tiffany Allen, Olivia Willingham, Thomas Willingham, Caleb and Alexa Leser and the Davidson family joined a group of Christians as they went to Haiti to preach, teach, minister to and plant the seeds of the Gospel. Every one of these people said they are ready and willing to go on another mission trip next year or as the opportunity comes along. In fact, Thomas went from Haiti to Nicaragua for a week before returning to Florence. That made the sixth or seventh mission trip out of the country for him.

Certainly these mission trips continue to build on the rock solid foundations each of these young people already have established. Aren’t we as a congregation blessed to have younger members with such high character and commitment to God?

In the next few weeks some of our college students will be returning to school out of town but we will have the great opportunity to get more involved with a new group of students coming to UNA, Northwest Shoals Community College, or Heritage Christian from out of town. Until our young men and women leave, let’s take every chance to thank and continue to encourage them in every way possible.

To all of our members who are in school we pray for your success, we pray for your safety, and we pray God will bless you with wisdom in all the choices you make. May God bless and keep you all.

Mission Report

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Congratulations to Larry & Kathy Phillips in the birth of a granddaughter. MaKenna Kalyynn Hamm was born on Thursday, August 11th at 1:16 a.m. She weighed 7lbs 4oz and measured 21 inches long. Proud parents are Joseph & Tiffany Hamm. Proud great grandparents are Tommie & Mattie Liles.

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TEACHERS

There will be a teachers meeting for all teachers and assistants of Cradle Roll-Primary Classes **TODAY** at 4 pm in the Family Room.

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There will be an "Adopt-A-Student" College Program, at Florence Blvd, beginning in the Fall. This is for college students at UNA and Northwest Shoals Community College. If you are interested in "adopting" a college student, there will be a meeting **TONIGHT**, following services, in the Prime-Timers classroom. For any additional information, please see Steve Fleming or Caleb Leser.



7th-12th Grade: You will be going to Ice Cream Corner, this Wednesday, August 17th, following evening services.

3rd-6th Grade: You will be having a Devo and meal on Sunday, August 21st, following evening services, in the Lighthouse. Food will be provided.

3rd-6th Grade: You will be going to Sky Zone, on Saturday, August 27th. Please see Cody for a parent waiver. If you do not get one signed, you will not be able to jump. Also, you need to bring \$15.00. Please bring a friend.

Please see Cody to get the latest youth newsletter.

Sign-up sheets are located on the Youth Bulletin Board in front of the church office. Please use these sheets to sign up for upcoming events.

Scripture of the week: "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." Psalm 37:7-9

