

May 2, 2021



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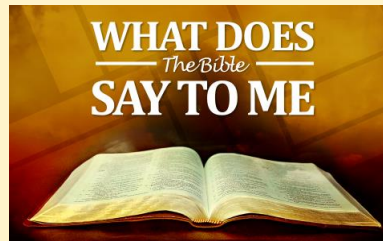
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When people approach the Word of God there three general thoughts already in play. Number one, most people have a question in their mind they would like an answer to. Number two, most people have an idea of what they would like the Bible to say. Finally, number three, most people have a personal bias as to the nature of the Bible. So the real challenge is, how should people approach the Bible with the goal of figuring out what God has to say?

We should approach the Bible Prayerfully. If we are honestly trying to prepare ourselves to find God's answers to life's questions then we must be in conversation with him already. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 to "*not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*" Do not discount the power of prayer communication with God. He will help us through his Spirit as we study His word and seek His answers.

We should approach the Bible with an understanding that all of Scripture is inspired by God. If we find an answer in the Bible, then allow it to be God's answer. 2 Timothy 3:16 informs us that "*all Scripture is breathed out by God...*" and is for our learning, amongst other things. As we prepare to dive into God's word we must understand that if we read it, God meant it and therefore we should live it. Let us be like the Bereans, who heard Paul and Silas preach about God and "*received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.*" They went to the source knowing that Scripture was the final authority because it came from God. So should we.

Finally...**We should approach the Bible realizing that it is a Book of Principles with commands sprinkled in.** John 21:25, "*Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*" There is no way that God could provide an answer to every question every person would ask for all time. Therefore, He gave us principles of Godly living and wants us to wrestle with the details based upon those principles. Our job is to approach Scripture with as little personal bias as possible and be honest with ourselves and with the principles God has laid out for our lives.

With prayer, an understanding that the Bible is God's inspired word and that it is a book of principles, we are off to a good start. But realize this is just the beginning. Honest reading, study and thought is required for a lifetime for those who want to find out what the Bible says to me. In the end, "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*" 2 Timothy 2:15

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Sermon Titles:

Sunday AM: Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice (1 Samuel 13:8-13)

Sunday PM: Life's Crossroads (Deuteronomy 30:11-20)

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Marjorie Cox, Rhoda Gist (radiation treatment for cancer), Gene Gooch, Mary Garrett, Eleanor Martin, Leo Martin, Helen Parker, Larry Phillips, Paul Richardson, Shelby Trousdale

FAMILY/FRIENDS:, Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Willie Bird (brother of Mary Garrett) has colon cancer, Bill Hogue (brother of Elizabeth Prosser-has COVID and other health issues, June Jones (mother of Kaye Holderfield), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), Vance Pitts (husband of Patsy Pitts), Brett Wyatt (10 year old son of friend of Amy Dickson-has leukemia)

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111;

LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:

Mary Nix, Room 6; Glen Gist, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13



OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Dawson Gist
Emma Maness
Paisley Medley
Grace Tucker
Natalie Turner
Marianna Warner
Jayden Woodfin
Luke Woodfin

MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
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SENIOR NIGHT

We will be honoring our high school graduates tonight. Everyone is asked to remain in the auditorium for the slide show and presentation of their Bibles.

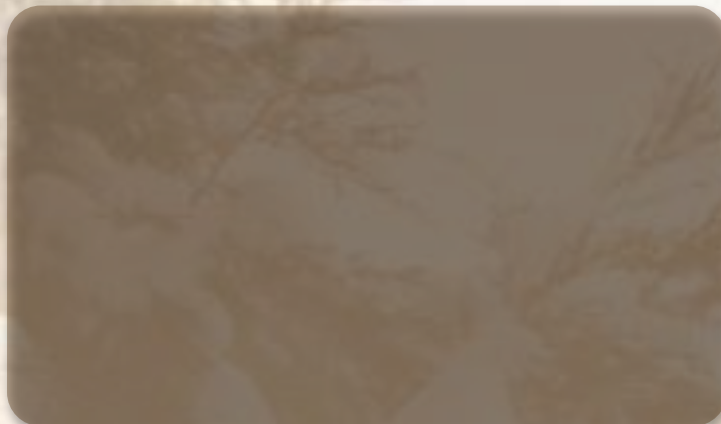
Afterwards there will be a dinner, in their honor, in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that the graduating seniors and their families eat first.

WBS

World Bible School Teachers, there have been a lot of lessons, mailed to WBS in the past several weeks, that need to be graded. Please go by WBS and help with this. Also, if anyone is interested in helping in WBS, please see Jerry Trousdale or Dave Schmidt.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 249 / On Line Views: 302
Sunday School: 209 / On Line Views: 122
Sunday PM: 183 / On Line Views: 179
Wednesday: 163 / On Line Views: 205
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 14,664



Sermon Titles:

AM:

PM:

Assignments

Morning Worship
Scripture Reader:

Evening Worship
Scripture Reader:

Leading in Communion:

Prayers
First –
Last –

Prayers
First –
Last –

Youth Led: (4:55pm)
Song:
Scripture:
Prayer:

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: