

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

Euin Barrier, Bernice Beeson,
Carl Brand, Terry Cantrell,
Ora Cash, Dickie & Joann Crouch,
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,
Eva Lee, Ken & Mabel Lock,
Melvin & Ruth Messer, Bobby Mills,
Glen Parks, Randy Parr,
Sophia Sears, Earline Smith,
Linda Smith, Barbara Staten,
Joann White, Lisa Williams,
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,
and those engaged in home Bible studies.

If you notice someone's absence from the assembly pray for them, and call to see if there is some additional way you can help.

The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour (Proverbs 12:26).

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:
www.HarrisburgChurchOfChrist.com

PRAYER LIST UPDATES:

Jerry Hoggard, father of the Parrs' daughter-in-law, is back in the Paragould hospital with abdominal pain,

OTHER NEWS:

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: These classes have been well-attended and much appreciated (see the insert for a letter from the co-ordinator). If you have missed earlier classes, you can still benefit from those yet to come (next one is Saturday at 9:00).

THE RECORD SPEAKS (week of 1-24):

Sunday Bible Class 69
Sunday AM Worship 80
Sunday PM Worship 70
Contribution \$1,669
Wednesday PM Bible Class 57

WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT YOU?

Next Week's Lessons:

AM: How to Enjoy Heaven
PM: (Gospel Singing)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Feb):

6 - Bernice Beeson
11 - Allison McGee
11 - Morne Stephanus
13 - Richard Faulkner
16 - Joann Crouch
20 - Georgia Barrett
21 - Lafe Weston
23 - Euin Barrier
26 - Michelle Lane
28 - Emma Lane

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Feb):

8 - Jack & Tommie Downing

GOSPEL SINGING AND SANDWICH SUPPER: next Sunday evening.

E-MAIL: To submit news, or for other communications, you may use the church's e-mail address, which is office@harrisburgchurchofchrist.com.

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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00
Worship 9:45; 6:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00

Elders:

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Mark Weston 931-2790

Evangelist:

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World Evangelism:

- ◆Cape Town, S.A.;
- ◆Int'l Bible Academe;

Benevolence:

- ◆Children's Homes, Inc.;
- ◆Southern Christian Home

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Gospel Singing
next Sunday night

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January 31, 2010

The Bible Is Inspired of God

Paul wrote to Timothy: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16, 17). The Bible is the plenary, verbally inspired, infallible, Word of God. What do these words mean? The word "inspired" means the Bible came from God, not man. The word "infallible" means the Bible cannot teach error. The word "plenary" means all parts of the Scriptures are inspired. The word "verbal" means the very words (not just the thoughts) were given by God to the writers.

The Bible came either from God or from man. If it came from man, then it is not of God. The Bible clearly claims it came from God. Peter wrote: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20, 21).

People of every age have agreed the Bible is the Word of God. Paul plainly said that the words he spoke and wrote were the commandments of God: "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of (Cont'd)

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the Lord” (I Corinthians 14:37). He wrote to the Thessalonians: “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (I Thessalonians 2:13). Paul also wrote to the church at Ephesus (Ephesians 3:3, 4) that “by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ).”

Our Lord Jesus Christ also testified that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. He believed the Old Testament came from God: “And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me” (Luke 24:44). Even before the New Testament was written, Jesus said its message would be from God. He told the apostles: “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come” (John 16:13).

Some people think the Bible is inspired in the same way that poetry is said to be inspired. They think the Bible writers were men of genius like Shakespeare or Confucius. If this is the case, then the Bible is just an ordinary book. **But this is not the case!** God not only gave the thoughts to the men who wrote the Bible, He also gave the words by which they expressed the thoughts:

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▼ *Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth (Jeremiah 1:9).*

▼ *Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say (Exodus 4:12).*

▼ *The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue (II Samuel 23:2).*

▼ *And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed (II Thessalonians 3:14).*

Because the very words of the Bible are inspired, Paul was able to make an argument based on the singular (Seed) and the plural (seeds): “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ” (Galatians 3:16).

A SHORT COMMENTARY FROM AL on Jeremiah 32:39 (*I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them*) – In prophesying of the salvation to come after the captivity of Judah, God clearly promised “one heart, and one way.” He did not give the many hearts and many ways that men defend today. The “one heart and one way” that He gave in the days of the apostles was “for the good of them,” and it is still good for all “their children after them,” as it will be “forever.” *Sincerely believing* that He gave different ways does not make it so.

We must not add to, take away from, or change the Word of God in any way (Deuteronomy 4:2; Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18,19). When the Hebrew words in which the Old Testament was first written, and the Greek words in which the New Testament was first written, are translated correctly, we have the Word of God in the language into which the translation has been made. The Word of God is available to us today in our reliable English language versions.

The Bible is God's inspired Book, which provides for all our spiritual needs: “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (II Peter 1:3). The Bible is also the Book by which we will be judged at the Last Day. Jesus said: “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).☞



Through the ages, great storms have been common on the Sea of Galilee. Mark 4 tells of one of these storms. Jesus and his disciples were crossing the sea; the Lord was sleeping in the back of the boat. The waves were about to sink them. The disciples, in great fear and with weak faith, cried out to the Lord, “Master, carest thou not that we perish?” Jesus arose, rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, “Peace, be still.” The wind ceased and there was a great calm.

The Jesus whose voice calmed the sea is the same Jesus that calls on us to follow him. It is the same Jesus who said, “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” It is he who says, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” The wind and the waves hearken to his voice – do you? -Bob Winton

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed

(Psalm 119:80):

B E A D A I L Y B I B L E R E A D E R

“The Wicked Doth Compass About the Righteous”

(Habakkuk 1:1-6)

INTRODUCTION: The spiritual condition of our country resembles Judah’s situation in Habakkuk’s time.

DISCUSSION:

- I. JOSHUA 1:5 - I will not _____ thee or _____ thee.
 - A. Quoted in Hebrews 13:5
 - B. I Cor. 5:9-13
 1. The church handles wickedness that _____ the church. God handles the wickedness that _____ the church.
 2. It is the _____ that God will never leave nor forsake - Eph. 5:25b-27
 3. There is a difference between the _____ and the _____ - II Cor. 5:17; 6:17
 - C. Rom. 12:17-19 - _____ not yourselves
 1. The church makes every effort to _____ as it should before all men, regardless of their attitude or behavior. If the world will not live rightly - or will prevent or hinder the church in its proper course - _____ will deal with the world accordingly.
- II. I KINGS 18:22
 - A. One person makes a majority in

any moral debate if that one person stands with the _____ of _____.

- B. I Kings 19:9-18 - Yet I have left me _____ in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.
- C. Acts 14:6-20
 1. The misguided religious zeal was so great that people tried to _____ Paul and Barnabas.
 2. The same people only a short time later so violently opposed the preaching of righteousness that they _____ Paul and _____ him out of the city supposing that he was dead.
 3. God enabled him to walk the next day away from this _____ experience of his life into the most _____ part of this missionary journey.

CONCLUSION:

- I. God has survived every attack, rejection and _____ of man
- II. He will continue to survive whatever atrocity this wicked world can throw at him, and he will still be God _____: the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- III. And he will still love you and want you to be _____.

[NOTE: The following letter, addressed to area churches of Christ, was received via e-mail. It is written by brother Jeff Heitman, who preaches for the Herndon church north of Jonesboro. The Northeast Arkansas Leadership Development Class was Jeff’s idea. He recommended it because he remembers how much he benefitted from similar classes long before he decided to preach the gospel, and because he knows that many who want to help lead the church in worship have had no training in doing so, beyond observing others with many years of experience. From comments heard after the first two classes, the same kind of benefit is being realized by those who are attending. Could you use some of the same benefit? Or could you add to the benefit of your brethren? Join us Saturday. -ALP)

Dear Brethren,

I just wanted to take a few minutes and let you know how well the Men’s Leadership Development Classes have been going. Each class seems to be growing in attendance and enthusiasm.

Both teachers Al Parr from Harrisburg and Marvin Rickett from Trumann have been doing an excellent job on teaching their subjects. The students have been giving me some very wonderful and encouraging responses on how they have been enjoying the classes. These classes have been very informative as well as practical to the Christian’s responsibilities.

Brother Al Parr has been teaching on the subject of prayer, both in the area of leading and the necessity of prayer in the Christians life. Brother Marvin Rickett has been teaching on the subject of leading singing. Both teachers have been able to help with learning and developing our abilities and we thank them for that.

Encourage the men, young and old, of the church where you worship to attend our next & the rest of the classes. The next one is on Saturday February 6th; with the Prayer Class starting at 9:00 AM, & the Song Leaders’ Class at 10:30 AM at Washington Ave. Church of Christ.

And also, thank you for all your prayers and support.

In Christian Love,
Jeff Heitman