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MUSINGS ABOUT THE BIBLE

My grandmother used to ask me, “what are you studyin’ about?” As a small boy I was often puzzled as to what she meant. Then one day I came to understand what she meant. It was a colloquialism asking what was on my mind. It was usually asked when I was in a far off land, in my own little world with a little boy’s dreams.

Have you ever thought about what the bible has for us, what it contains for us? Within the pages of the Bible we find the way to true happiness in Psalm 1:1-3. The Psalmist tells us the truly blessed person delights in the Law of the Lord. He meditates on it day and night and thus flourishes like a fruitful tree.

Again, in the 19th Psalm and verses 7 through 11, we find that the Bible is a book of many virtues. It is perfect, converting the soul. It is sure, making wise the simple and right, rejoicing the heart. The Bible is pure, enlightening the eyes and clean, enduring forever.

The Bible guards against sin, for we read in Psalm 119:11, *“Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee”*. If we are willing to hide the word of God in our hearts, the Bible can help us to avoid sin.

Furthermore, according to Psalm 119:97-100, the Bible makes us wise. Here is how that passage reads, *“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.”*

Yet, in order for the Bible to make us wise, we must be willing to meditate on its commandments. Doing so will make us wiser than our enemies, our teachers and the wisest of history. But, we must be willing to

keep the precepts of the Bible. In that same 119th Psalm and verse 105 we are told that the Bible is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway.

The Bible is also a source of comfort and hope for us according to Romans 15:4. There Paul writes, *“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*

The things of the Old Testament are for our learning. They also give us comfort and hope. The Bible is living and powerful according to Hebrews 4:12. Then, again Paul writes in II Timothy 3:16-17 and we learn that the Bible is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. In fact, Paul tells us the Bible thoroughly furnishes us for every good work.

Throughout the centuries, great men have praised the Bible, the word of God. Patrick Henry, the American Patriot who became known for declaring “give me liberty or give me death” said, “the Bible is worth more than all other books which have ever been printed”. The great writer of literature, Charles Dickens said, “the New Testament is the very best book that ever was or will be known in the world”. One of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln said, “I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book”.

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 – Shreveport – 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 – 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 – 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



What Do Ye More Than Others?

For The Pantry. . .
July 20 – Potatoes

Offering – July 13, 2025 . . \$ 2,793.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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Then, another great American president, Ronald Reagan said of the Bible, "within the covers of this one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems we face today. If only we would read it and believe".

The Bible is the way to true happiness, a book of many virtues, a helper of the young, a guard against sin, able to make us wise, a lamp to show the way, a source of peace, comfort and hope. It is living and powerful, life-giving and life-guiding. The question we must answer is what does the Bible mean to us and do we spend enough time in studying our Bibles? That is a question each of us must answer for ourselves.

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Have I Yielded To The Lord?

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit not adultery, yet if thou kill thou art become a transgressor of the law." (James 2:10-11)

One must yield himself entirely to God. To yield at one point but to refuse to yield at another is to defy God and to reject his authority. One yet lacks the spirit of submission who refuses to yield completely.

If one rejects God's word on any one point he is guilty of rebellion against God no matter how obedient he may be otherwise. This is a general principle. One guilty of murder is guilty. He is not excused because he has been a kind father and honest neighbor. Good conduct otherwise will not offset disobedience and neglect. Kindness to neighbors will not offset unfaithfulness in worship. One has no right to expect God to overlook one area of rebellion because he has yielded to another.

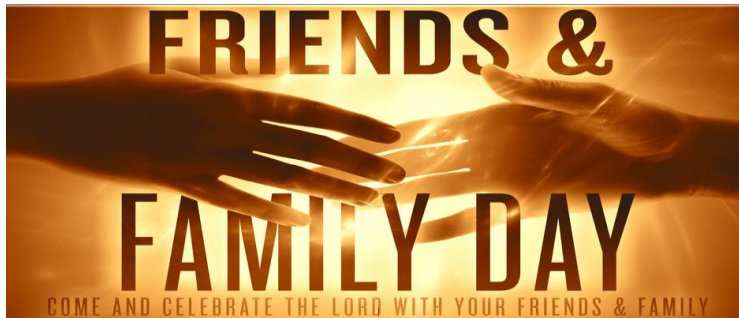
One cannot be pleasing in the sight of God until he has come to put into practice the saying, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth; command and I will obey." -Just a Moment

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"I enjoyed the part where you two got red in the face and started squirming."



September 7, 2025

Put this date on your calendar, make your plans to be here and invite ALL your family and friends to come and join us for worship and lunch!

Let's make this the greatest "Friends and Family Day" in the history of the Center Church of Christ!

Hospitality group 3 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of that group are: LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Liela Klein, Lieza Klein, Tiffanee Klein and Trish Lout.

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Communion Preparation for July
Manny & Brittany Ortiz



We would like for you to plan to come and join us for our next Wednesday night fellowship meal on July 30th.

We would also like for everyone to join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 for our regular mid-week Bible Study. We hope you will come and be there.



Tyson Turner (Norma Perkins' cousin) is scheduled for gastric by-pass surgery this coming Thursday to correct some internal bleeding issues.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Richard Barbee (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) David Bissett (Mike O'Brien's brother in law, cancer) Dwayne Brister (Cissy Amos' cousin) Jane Adams Burkhalter (Diedra Hughes' cousin) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Leta Dozier (Ryan Perkins' grandmother) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Emily Heflin (Mike Bostick's niece recovering from surgery) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Ted Holt (former member of this congregation) Wynell Lawson (Diedra Hughes' aunt) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Norma Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Lane O'Brien (Mike and Jana's son) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; J. C. Tate & Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's father and mother) Calvin Turner (Norma Perkins Uncle) Norman Turner (Norma Perkins' father)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Andrew Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

Make a note of the dates of these activities on the Calendar for 2025.

December 7, 2025 – No Excuse Sunday
December 21, 2025 – Annual Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Across The Preacher's Desk

There was a beautiful little book written by Charles L. Allen in 1964 entitled "Prayer Changes Things". Yet, as we read the New Testament, we realize that prayer is not the only power to change things. Just as prayer changes things, we also know that Jesus Christ changes lives. We see people like Zacchaeus, the woman at Jacob's well, the woman caught in adultery, the woman with the issue of blood and others whose lives were never the same after they came in contact with Jesus.

Every day we come in contact with people who want to tell us what a difference Jesus Christ has made in their lives. Yet, has he really? How can we know if someone's Christianity is real? If I wanted to know if a man or woman was truly Christian, I would ask their wife or their husband. Our Christianity should make a difference in our everyday lives. It should make a difference in the way we order our meal in a restaurant. Christianity should make a difference in the way we do our work on the job, it should make a difference in the way we serve others and the way we treat each other in our own homes.

The proof of the genuineness of our Christianity is not how many times we have read the bible through or how many different bible study groups we are a part of. Living for Jesus is a full time job, every day.

it's something to think about.....tbp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
55 in '25!**