

## **WORKS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT**

Caleb Jacobs (Eagleville Church of Christ, Eagleville, MO)  
Chuck Northrop – Bible Institute of Missouri Instructor  
Cliff Lyons – Murmansk, Russia  
Don Iverson – India Missionary  
Monthly Food Pantry  
Gary Fallis (Bear Valley Extension School Tanzania)  
Gospel of Christ Program  
House to House, Heart to Heart  
Micheal Purdom (Trinidad)  
Ron Hass (Prison Ministry)  
Search TV  
Truth for the World (John Grubb)  
Voice of Truth International  
West View Boys Home  
Zambia School of Biblical Studies

## **Those Honored to Serve Today**

### **AM Service**

Announcements: A. Cash  
Singing: D. Jackson  
Opening Prayer: C. Nelson  
The Lord's Table:  
Swearingen & E. Coats  
Lord's Table Speaker: G. Carns  
Sermon Scripture: L. Brown  
Sermon: T. Thrasher  
Closing Prayer: R. Earl

### **PM Service**

Singing: D. Jackson  
Opening Prayer: A. Cash  
Lord's Table: W.D. Jackson  
Sermon: R. Earl  
Closing Prayer: Swearingen

### **Wednesday PM**

Singing: D. Jackson  
Opening Prayer: W.D. Jackson  
Closing Prayer: C. Nelson

## *Oologah Informer*

### Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma July 15th, 2012

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South of Oologah

Service Times: **Sunday**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM  
  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Sermon Videos: [www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html](http://www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html)

Today's Lesson's : **A.M. Bible Class:** – Online Academy of Biblical Studies  
(OABS) Report – Ted Thrasher

**A.M. Sermon:** Guest Speaker – Ted Thrasher

**P.M. Sermon:** - Whole Duty of Man 3 of 3 – “The Pursuit of  
God” Russ Earl

# NEWS & NOTES

## **Visitors**

We would like to extend our welcome to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Also, please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew in front of you and pick up a **Visitors Pamphlet** on the table in the foyer.

## **Wednesday Night Summer Series**

Keith Cagle will be our guest speaker this week.

If you would like a copy of these lessons please tell Russell or Vance.

## **ONLINE ACADEMY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES PRESENTATION**

Ted Thrasher the director of OABS is with us today. He will be giving a report of the work during the Bible class hour and will bring us the morning lesson.

## **Summer Workers**

If you need some help with basic yard work this summer please let Russ know. Some of our youth are willing to help.

### **"Go on to Perfection" By Russ Earl**

In the first three verses of Hebrews six we learn a very important aspect of the Christian's life. *"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits."*

The writer informs us how as Christians we should grow and not just be idle servants of God. He is possibly in some distress over the lack of growth that these Christians have shown so far. He says *"leaving the discussion of the elementary principals of Christ."* We are not to remain babes in Christ. We should grow as Christians and not have to be constantly taught over and over

again the elementary principals. A reminder is much different than being taught. To be taught shows how we have failed to learn such things and lack the ability to apply them. To remind us of them is the idea of reinforcing things that we already know. How many of us can say that we know individuals who have been "members" for years and years; yet they don't understand the most basic principals of the gospel? It's sad to see such individuals come upon "new" understandings on basic principals of which they should have a firm understanding already.

Why is it so important for us to have a firm understanding of the *"elementary principals"*? The reason is, as the writer says, *"let us go on to perfection."* He wants us to be perfect; this is the idea that we should have a complete understanding and have a firm grasp of biblical truths. In second Timothy two and verse fifteen, we should recognize that studying the word of God will prepare us and make us to be perfect. *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

We are to be "diligent" to learn the "elementary principals" so we can move on to perfection. How can we fight Satan and his many weapons if we do not know the word of God well enough to defend ourselves against him?

The Lord in His time of temptation by the devil quoted scriptures just as the devil did. However, Christ quoted them within their contexts and knew of the error in the way the devil used them. If we are only babes in Christ and do not even understand the basic principals, then it will be much easier for us to be hurt by the devil and the temptations of the world. From James four and verse seven, we should know that if we "submit" ourselves to God and resist the devil he will flee from us. This is why we want to be good students of the Bible, so we can know the basic principals, defend them and ourselves when under attack and continue to grow as Christians.

However, notice the words of verse three in Hebrews six. He says, "And this we will do if the God permits." After saying how we should move on from the biblical basics, and how we should no longer be "babes in Christ". He goes on to say that if after all this if God permits we are to be taught them again. However, this isn't ideal because we should have a firm understanding already.

Let us not be as those who are babes in Christ! We should strive to know the basics or be able to pass with some ease the "boot camp" of Christian basics. If we were tested on our basic knowledge of God and His word, how would you stand up? Would you pass? Would you be able to answer the questions given, and if so, how easily could you answer them? Would we have to ask others or could we answer them for ourselves? Let's not be "babes in Christ" instead let us "move on to perfection."

**Please remember in your prayers:**

***Ed & Barbara Coats, Ruth Corbett, Allen & Joyce Cash, Mary Ann Haugh, Steven Andrews***, our **military forces** throughout the world, and always remember to pray for one another.

**Other News**

- Emma and Ruth, ***Darla's sisters***, are not doing well.
- **Darla** hasn't been feeling well please keep her in your prayers.
- ***Patti Payne's*** daughter's father-in-law, had surgery Tuesday. Patti's husband (Kenneth) is having chest pains. Please keep him in your prayers as he needs to have surgery to have a stint put in.
- **Robert Duncan** is in Minnesota working please keep him in your prayers.
- **Larry Brown** has not been feeling well.
- **Russell** is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon.
- Please continue to keep **Austin Lankford** in your prayers. He has now finished his chemotherapy and is waiting for new concerning his bone marrow transplant.
- Ida Williams (**June Williams Mother in law**) is not doing well.
- Rachel DePrimo (**Niece of Dicie**) is sick.
- **Johnny Winkle** has been having stints put in due to some blockages. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Please keep the brother of **Allen Cash** in your prayers. He is in a rehabilitation center in Okmulgee.
- **Ed Coats** hasn't been feeling well please keep him in your prayers.