

# The Oologah Informer

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### LABOR FOR THAT WHICH LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE

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#### Service Times

##### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### Preacher:

Russ Earl

#### AM Sermon:

Man Vs Sin (James 1:14-15)

#### PM Sermon:

The Power of Prayer

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

#### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

#### Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series:

*Challenges Facing the Christian*

This week's lesson:

**“Understanding the Role of  
Women in the Church”**

Steve Stenzel

In Jn. 6, Jesus performs two miracles. One was viewed by many and one only by a few. The first miracle caused many to seek Jesus, but these people failed to understand what was important in life.

In this lesson, we want to analyze the teachings of Jesus when the people came to Jesus after witnessing the first miracle recorded in Jn. 6 – The feeding of the 5,000.

With five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus fed about 5,000 people. When all had eaten to their fill, there were 12 baskets of scraps left over. This miracle caught the attention of the people, and when they could not find him the next morning, they went across the sea to Capernaum.

When they came in contact with Jesus, he chastened them because they only followed Jesus because of the miracle. He wanted them to understand the real reason they should follow Jesus.

In Jn. 6:27, Jesus teaches the people to labor for that which leads to eternal life. They had followed him for the wonders he could do, would they follow him because of his teachings? The answer to that is found in verse 66, “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him”.

The words of Christ would provide them with the means to inherit eternal life. It was to his teachings they were to hearken. This proved too much for them.

Like these people of the 1st Century, people today have not changed. They are constantly seeking some great “sign” from God. They want a highly charged emotional experience to guide them. They do not wish to listen to God's word.

To be a follower of Christ is work. We must follow his commands (Jn. 14:15) and walk in his footsteps (1 Pet. 2:21). When people begin to see that the word of God requires a commitment on their part and carries with it responsibilities, they want nothing to do with it.

It is easy to sit back and do nothing, but Jesus expects us to go into all the world and preach (Matt. 28:19) and be doers of his word (Jas. 1:22).

People work hard for physical gain, but do little or nothing for spiritual gain? For which are we laboring? That which will lead to pleasure for a moment, or that which will save us eternally?

#### Announcements

##### **Summer Series**

Our Summer Series speaker this week will be Steve Stenzel. His topic is “Understanding the Role of Women in the Church.”

**Fellowship Meal**

Our Fellowship meal is today after morning services. Please make plans to participate in this time of fellowship with one another.

**Sympathy is extended**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Jerry Watson who passed away Wednesday morning.

**Recent Prayer Requests**

Joyce Cash – having some difficulties recovering from her knee surgery.

Roy Daniel – is taking steroids for the fungus in his lungs.

Barbara Coats – is waiting for results from her doctor..

Daphne Miller – is home now.

Kenny (Patty Payne's husband) – is waiting to hear from his doctors.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

**Please keep the following in the prayers.**

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma, Ruth and Shirley (Darla Smith's sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox