

The Oologah Informer

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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:

Guest Speaker: Chuck Northrop
“Just as you were called in one
hope of your calling” (Eph 4:1-6)

PM Sermon:

I will Cry Out to God
“How Shall We Come Before
Him” (Psalm 100)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

When Christians Sin - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

For the Record: 2/16

AM Bible Class: 26
AM Worship: 27
PM Worship: 23
Contribution: \$3084
Weekly Budget: \$2748
Wednesday Night Bible Class: 14

Moses' Math Problem

Dave Smith

Moses and the people were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding 2 or 3 million people requires a lot of food. According to the Quartermaster General of the Army, it is calculated that Moses would have needed 1500 tons of food each day to feed the Israelites. To bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each a mile long, would be required. Besides that, you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day. And just think, they were forty years in transit. And oh yes! They would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink, cook and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day...and a freight train with tank cars, 3 miles long, just to bring water!

And then another thing! They had to get across the Red Sea in one night. Now, if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. (Besides all of the people there were large droves of livestock.) So, there had to be a space in the Red Sea three miles wide so that they could walk 5000 abreast to get over in one night.

But then, there is another problem. Each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required; a total area of 750 square miles. Think of it...this space just for nightly camping!

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see, Moses believed in God, and God took care of these things for him. Now, do you still think God has any problem taking care of all your needs?

The Importance of Bible Classes

By Lester Kamp

Our Bible classes are important! They are not just part of the weekly scheduled activities for congregations throughout the brotherhood; these classes are vital. Because some in every congregation fail to understand the importance of these classes and, therefore, decide not to attend, it may be helpful to reflect briefly on the importance of Bible classes. Bible classes are important:

TO VISITORS. The evangelistic fields are “white unto harvest” (John 4:35). Today many in the world are searching for the truth. Bible classes provide a wonderful opportunity for these people to come and pursue their interest in God's Word. These classes provide an opportunity to everyone, regardless of age or background, to study the Bible with others who desire to know and do God's will. Visitors soon realize the importance of increasing their knowledge and how important the study of the Bible is to those members of the church which provide

these classes. Many visitors return again and again and eventually become New Testament Christians because of the teaching done in these classes.

TO TEACHERS. Many talents are used to God's glory in Bible classes. Teachers make sacrifices and spend hours in preparation in order that their lessons might be true to the Book and that each lesson might be effectively presented. These faithful workers know the eternal value of each soul in their classes and the importance of instilling within their students the wisdom of God's Word. If they did not believe that Bible classes are important, they would not devote the necessary time and energy in these efforts.

TO STUDENTS. There are many in every congregation who look forward to each Bible class, do the appropriate assignments, encourage others to come and are always present themselves because they believe Bible classes are an important way they can learn God's Word and become better people. Everyone should be a student of God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15) with an ever-present appetite to know more (Matthew 5:6).

TO THE CHURCH. Bible classes are an important asset for the growth of the church. Statistically more than 80% of those converted come through the Bible class program. It is impossible to accurately measure the amount of information taught and learned in these classes, but much of what a person learns is obtained or enhanced by instruction in Bible classes. The knowledge of God's Word obtained from such classes helps many to grow to spiritual maturity. Think of the value of these classes in the overall development of most who now serve as elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers.

TO THE ELDERS. God has charged the elders with the responsibility of spiritually feeding the church (Acts 20:28). Bible classes provide an opportunity for the church to be fed the Word of God which is able to build up the church and lead to inheritance in heaven (Acts 20:32). Elders know that Bible classes are important and want every member to attend these classes.

TO YOU. You need to be in Bible class. You need what Bible classes provide. Bible classes can help you to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Some day you will be judged by God's Book, the Bible (John 12:48). You need know what it says so that you might live by it. You need, therefore to be a regular part of these classes. Why not start this week?

Announcements

Men's Meeting

Our next scheduled men's meeting is March 2nd after evening services.

Fellowship Meal

Our 2nd Sunday fellowship meal will be March 9th after morning services.

Luggage

The Sewing Sisters need luggage to use to mail clothing to those in need in Honduras. If you can help please let one of the ladies know. (Please keep in mind that the luggage will not be returned)

Trip with the PIBC

Russ will be traveling to the island of Majuro in the Marshall Islands to teach from February 27th-March 15th. He will be traveling with Stacy Ferguson from the Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC). Vance will be preaching for Russ while he is gone.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Cindy Robinson (Charlotte's sister in law), Emma (Darla's Sister) and to the family of Kenny's sister. Please keep these families in your prayers during this difficult time.

Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – has had her medication changed in an attempt to correct her white blood cell count.

Jerry Creek – (Ed's son in law's brother) is now on a feeding tube to regain the weight lost while on radiation.

Bentley Lay – (Granddaughter of Steve Lay) still needs to gain weight.
Barbara Pinkston – has cancer throughout her body and is not doing well.
Loretta Colvin – (Dicie’s aunt) is not doing well.
Brenson Nelson – has an ear ache.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats
Allen & Joyce Cash
Mary Ann Haugh
Ruth (Darla’s sister)
John Babb
Kennedy Cox
Larry Brown
Roxy (Ed’s brother’s wife)
Clare Beaman (Dice’s mom)
Dave Preston (A former member)