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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.  
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

When I Have Time  
(Pro 14:23; Ecc 11:4)

##### PM Sermon

Daniel – Lesson 11

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

D. Jackson

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

Facing Challenges in 2021 & Beyond  
R. Earl

##### The Gospel of Christ TV Program

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the **KJV, NKJV or ASV** translation of  
the Bible in classes & sermons.

## The Oologah Informer

### February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Thoughts from the Preacher

##### **“Avoiding Sin”**

One of the best ways to avoid sin, is to be too busy for sin.

#### **Withered Branches**

By Jesse Dickison

A branch cut off with a knife and thrown out in the hot sun will not wither more quickly than a Christian will dry up and cease to be Christ-like when he is severed from his relation to Jesus (John 15:4- 6). Nothing is more pitiful to see than one who has been a true servant of Christ, but who has been separated from Him by sin, still trying to carry on a profession of the joys of the Christian life.

The lives of some wither because of their uselessness. They would surprise themselves if they would “do their best!” Their souls wither simply because they allow sin to control them. The One who has “all authority [power]” (Matt. 28:28), can restore withered lives and souls. If God loves the sinful world (and we know He does because He allowed His Son to die for sinful mankind [John 3:16; Rom. 5:8]), how much more does He love His own children? That He loves even His erring, discouraged, overtaken children is revealed in His instruction to restore and convert those of His children who are in serious spiritual condition. “My brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins” (Jas. 5:19-20). “Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1).

“For there is hope of a tree, If it be cut down, that it will sprout again, And that the tender branch thereof will not cease” (Job 14:7). The joys of the Christian life await those who will but stretch forth their hands. Don’t allow the sunshine to go out of your life. Don't allow sin to separate

your life from goodness and from God. Get back to the green leaves of hope. Give God a chance in your life. You will be astonished at what He can do.

The eunuch was not voted on by men in regard to church membership. God has never given that privilege to man, and those who do so take into their own hands authority that belongs only to God. The eunuch did not “join” a church, for the Lord adds to the church daily those that are being saved (Acts 2:42). Can any man logically doubt that the eunuch became a Christian? We think not.