

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

PM Sermon:

When did it all begin?
(Isaiah 2:2-3)

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

Get Focused From the Preacher's PC

Do we have selective hearing or seeing? Sure, we all do. Every second, our brain is bombarded with sensory data from all five senses. You sit down and in just a few moments stop consciously focusing on the feel of the chair. There are all kinds of sounds that you may focus, but in a few moments you may not even hear them. Our brains would go crazy if they had to process every piece of data that our bodies sensed. We think we are seeing everything, but we are all being selective all the time. This Sunday in worship you will probably notice who is not here or who is sitting in a different spot.

When something perks our interest, though, we give it special attention. For example, you get interested in a certain car, and all of a sudden you notice them everywhere. They were there before, but you never noticed them.

The part of the brain that filters all this information is called the Reticular Activating System. It is continually at work, even though we never think about it. We need to be aware our spiritual Reticular Activating System. The goal for all of us, if we are followers of Jesus Christ, is to see the same things that He sees and be interested in and focus on what He focused on. We want to notice what is important to Him. Being unconsciously selective in our spiritual thinking can cause us to ignore and overlook some really important issues. I encourage you to read the Gospel accounts very carefully and focus on what Jesus focused on. Get focused on the things of Christ.

For to Seek Saul Charles Coats

One of the individuals in the early church who, in my opinion, does not receive as much honor as he is due is Barnabas. He is described in Acts 11:24 in this manner: "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith". It was Barnabas who had befriended Saul of Tarsus after Saul had become a Christian (Acts 9:27) and encouraged him in his Christianity. It was Barnabas who sold possessions and gave the money to be used to support those who were in need (Acts 4:36,37). And, it was Barnabas who did much to help spread the gospel throughout the world, both with Paul and with John Mark.

In Acts 11, when Barnabas comes to Antioch and encourages the brethren there, he makes a journey to Tarsus with a distinct purpose. Acts 11:25 says he went to seek Saul. As I was reading this passage, I was struck how mission minded Barnabas was. The work that he was doing was a great work. Many souls had been added to the Lord. Yet, he saw the need to incorporate one who could help in this work. He sought out the man he knew could do much good for the Kingdom.

When we study the life of Saul/Paul, we find one who was evangelistic from the time he became a Christian. He taught the gospel even when his life was

threatened. Barnabas knew this about Paul, and brought him to Antioch. Of course, the rest of the story is history as we read of the missionary journeys of Paul. But think about the mind of Barnabas. He saw the need to preach the word. He sought the help needed to get the work done. He brought the one who could help him to the work. How many of us have the mind of Barnabas? We know there is work to be done, but what are doing to get the job done? How many are seeking out to encourage them to do the work with us? How many will we influence to be worldwide evangelists? We need more people like Barnabas whose life is the church! Their ever present thought is how can we reach the lost and dying in this world. We need to be like Barnabas.

Announcements

Truth about Origins Seminar

It's time to start inviting friends and family to our upcoming seminar with Brad Harrub. Our Seminar is May 2 - 4th. More info is on our flyer in the foyer.

Fellowship Meal

Our Fellowship meal is today after morning services. Please plan to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

VBS Teachers

If you are interested in teaching in this year's VBS please sign up in the foyer.

Seminar Meeting

The men will have a meeting about the upcoming Seminar on April 20th after evening services.

Recent Prayer Requests

Ashley – Roy Dean's granddaughter had most of her cancer removed during a recent surgery.

Theresa – Roy Dean's daughter is having tests for her osteoporosis.

Kenny Payne – is having test done.

Chris Nelson – has a partially torn rotator cuff.

Doris Potts – has been sick and is now taking medication.

Jerry Creek – his cancer has returned.

Kari Yoder – Steve Lay's daughter is having multiple health problems.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Ruth (Darla's sister)

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Roxy (Ed's brother's wife)

Clare Beaman (Dice's mom)

Dave Preston (A former member)

Mary Ann Haugh