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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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TIMES OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermons:

*AM: Reaching
Forward*

*PM: Committing Our-
selves to Excellence*

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ing what we teach and practice,
please feel free to ask*

Top 10 Reasons to Read the Bible

1. **The Bible is God's Word**—2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25a The Bible, as God's revelation, holds us to two facts. First, the bible is a book by God and second, the Bible is a book about God.
2. **The Bible answers life's most important questions**—2 Timothy 3:14-15 Is there a God? Why am I here? How did we get here? All of these questions, and many more are answered in the Bible.
3. **The Bible nourishes us spiritually**—Hebrews 5:12-14 Just as we are conscious about how we care for our bodies and how we nourish them with food, our souls need the spiritual nourishment that comes from God's Word. The Bible nourishes us spiritually because we are able to know its author—God Himself.
4. **The Bible encourages us to see ourselves as we are**—James 1:22-25 The Bible is a mirror that shows us what we need to correct, so we will look more like Christ.
5. **The Bible offers transformation**—Hebrews 4:12 Scripture reveals to us what God wants us to look like, and we are empowered through the Holy Spirit to be changed into that image. Martin Luther said, "The Bible is alive; it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

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The Bible was not merely written for our information, but for our transformation.

6. **The Bible encourages accountability**—Acts 2:42-47 When you study the Bible, you come into a deeper understanding of Christianity. A recent survey in *Leadership Magazine* revealed that 90% of new members will stay in their church if: 1) they can articulate their faith, 2) they belong to a small group, and 3) they have four or five close friends in the church. Bible study in a small group can offer all three of these items.
7. **The Bible gives us guidance for decision-making**—Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 1:2-5 A working knowledge of the commands, prohibitions, and principles of the Bible can give us wisdom and guidance in the decisions that shape the course of our earthly existence.
8. **The Bible empowers us to resist temptation**—Psalm 119:11; Ephesians 6:17 Notice from Ephesians 6 that the only offensive piece of the Christian's armor is the Word of God and that everything else is a protective device. Dwight Moody said, "Sin will keep you from the Bible, or the bible will keep you from sin."
9. **The Bible equips us to reach the lost**—John 6:68 Only the Bible contains the words of salvation that will reach the lost. By reading the Bible, we are able to learn the answers to life's questions—questions that all people want answered.
10. **The Bible prepares us for eternity**—When the world chips away at our Christian faith, we need to be bolstered. And when people are curious about what the future hold, we must point them to the Bible. What we find in God's Word brings us a glimpse of the reality of heaven through Jesus' perfect life, atoning life and resurrection that gives us hope.

*If you have not already begun
a reading program that will
take you through the Bible
this year ... Start Today!*

Making a Commitment to Closeness

By: Gary Henry
via—WordPoints—01-10-2009

"... then I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me; for who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?" says the Lord."

(Jeremiah 30:21)

It is strange that religion is so often seen as something for the weak and the timid. Nothing could be further from the truth. The business of rightly relating ourselves to God's glory is not for the fainthearted, and the enjoyment of fellowship with Him is not something that results from a whim or a mood. Closeness to God comes from *commitment*, and we will not draw near to Him unless that nearness is a strong and serious goal.

Many of us would say that we love God. If we actually do, that's a good thing. But the truth about whether we love Him or not is revealed by the depth of our *determination to be close to Him*. So, how easily are we distracted from thinking about Him? How much time do we spend actually working on our relationship with Him? What price would we pay to keep from losing Him?

Not all who start out to seek God will enjoy Him in eternity. Alluding to Israel's failure of faith in the wilderness, the Hebrew writer said, "*There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. . . . Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience*" (Hebrews 4:9,11).

Are we willing, then, to make closeness to God the single requirement of our daily work? Are we willing to stake it *all* on this one possibility: that the God who made us can be approached in love? Are we willing to dedicate every day of our mortal pilgrimage to the learning of this love? If we are, then great goodness awaits us. Drawing near to God would be impossible if God had not opened the door in Jesus Christ, but even so, it takes a courageous commitment to draw near. "Who is this," God once asked, "who pledged

his heart to approach Me?" Unrivaled in the glory of His love, this same God is our King, and in the end, none will come near Him who have not *devoted* themselves to doing so.

"What God in his sovereignty may yet do on a world scale I do not claim to know, but what he will do for the plain man or woman who seeks his face I believe I do know and can tell others. Let any man turn to God in earnest, let him begin to exercise himself unto godliness, let him seek to develop his powers of spiritual receptivity by trust and obedience and humility, and the results will exceed anything he may have hoped for in his leaner and weaker days."
(A. W. Tozer)

Why We Cannot Ignore Unfaithfulness to the Lord

By: Mark White

via—Charlottesville Beacon—V-04/I-12

A man who was intent on being unfaithful to the Lord once told me, "I'm not hurting anyone but myself. Leave me alone, and quit bothering me about attending the services."

The Devil has really convinced many irresponsible brethren that they have a right to go to Hell "unbothered" by others who wish to rescue them. Never mind the admonition of Scripture to the faithful that *"if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness"* (Galatians 6:1). The easy course for the faithful is to ignore the unfaithful. Some churches do this as a matter of policy, in fact. Some brethren want to be a part of a "fellowship" which quickly looks the other way if sin and unfaithfulness is the path a brother or sister is taking. But both brethren and churches who operate in such a fashion have completely missed what the church is all about.

Discipline, both instructive and corrective, is almost defunct in many places. The unfaithful brother walks away into obscurity, wishing to be ignored, forgotten, and left "unbothered."

Some churches are all too eager to accommodate his unrighteous desire. You see, it is much easier to remove his name from our directory than it is to roll up our sleeves, go to work on his problem, shed tears over his unfaithfulness, and attempt to save his soul from Hell. The sad fact is that if we ignore the erring brother and give him the quiet exit he wants, we are no better off than he is.

It is a serious thing to ignore our brother's sin. We enable him to be unfaithful by turning our heads. We fail to do what we are expected to do by our Father. In short, we fail to be our "brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9).

Cain made the mistake of thinking that he was not responsible for the welfare and whereabouts of his brother. The very nature of brotherhood suggests responsibility for those who have come from the same womb. When a child is born into God's family he has mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers who must now take responsibility for his care. No earthly family would ignore a member walking away from the circle of love which binds a family together. Why then, does it happen so frequently in the family of God?

Let us be reminded that Galatians 6:1 was not just addressed to the elders of the church. Certainly, as shepherds of the flock, they have a responsibility to keep the sheep together and in the fold. Shepherds who are asleep and allow the sheep to be scattered receive scathing rebukes for doing so in Ezekiel 34:1-10. Indeed, they do have a special responsibility to "watch for souls" (Hebrews 13:17). But all members who are "spiritual" are charged with the same responsibility of restoring the erring.

James 5:19-20 says, *"Brethren if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins."* When you became a part of this local church, you were asking for love, acceptance, care and discipline. It's what makes us a family. Please understand that if you choose to walk away from our fellowship that we cannot ignore your behavior. Our love for you, for your soul, and our concern for your eternal welfare will not allow us to look the other way if you fall headlong into sin.

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Ezekiel 38:1-12
Reader	Dan Marton
Prayer	Tim Henderson
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Matt Ferrell
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Ed Roberts

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Ezekiel 38:12-23
Reader	Blake Headen
1st Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

Wednesday

Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Class Prayer	Dan Marton
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Invitation	Ed Roberts
Closing Prayer	Tim Henderson

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Traveling: Alfred and Mary Jane Myers

Recovering:

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| - Earl Miller | - Ann Rudolph |
| - Mary Jane Myers | - Marie Roberts |
| - Phyllis Coen | |

Prayer Requests:

- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother, is in room 688 at Weirton Medical Center
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother.
- Alfred Myers diagnosed with a leaky valve in his heart
- Mary Jane Myer's daughter-in-law has cancer in her neck .
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Frank Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's brother and Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call 304-914-2262