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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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*We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.*

## 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 Sermon:

*AM: The Lord is  
My Rock  
PM: The Fiery  
Furnace*

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

## Fight Boredom!

Stephen Rouse

bore (bôr)- To make weary by being dull, repetitive, or tedious.

It's summertime. Some people have jobs. Some people have camp. But, when stuff isn't going on, most people just get *bored*. I have been bored so many times that once, on a whim, I was moved to write a song about it (not sure where it is, though). But I digress. I come here to urge you to consider this:

**As Christians, we DO NOT have the right to be bored.**

That hurts to think about. But guess what? There's more work here to do than can EVER be done. Consider these areas:

• **Preaching to the lost** — Guys, there are hundreds, if not thousands of people that we come into contact with on a regular basis that NEED, above all else, to hear about what this life is really about. Who have you talked to in the last week about Christ? How many were Christians? How many were of the lost? Preaching the Word is not an option. Challenge yourself.

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# God Consciousness

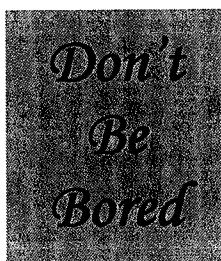
Bill Hall

• **Studying God's Word** — How many hours have you spent staring at a TV/ computer screen this summer? How many hours have you spent being enriched by God's Word? And not just because you were at Church services or at camp Bible classes. Because you wanted to. Because *"faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ"*, or because you think: *"O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."* Challenge yourself.

• **Praying to God** — And not just at meal-times or in the morning or when you go to bed. If you had written all the prayers you've said to God this week, how many pages would it fill? Not that length is everything, but how much are we pouring our heart out to our Creator? And not just asking for help or thanking Him. Those come quite naturally. How about just praising Him for as long as you can without repeating yourself? The psalmist claims: *"Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous ordinances."* Challenge yourself.

Guys, with SO much to do, whether it's preaching Christ, encouraging one another, praying, studying, praising God, singing, or any number of spiritual activities, we just DON'T have time to be BORED.

It has been said that "An idle (bored) mind is the devil's workshop." If we're filling our lives with spiritual things and dwelling on them, Satan will have much less of a chance to tempt us and bring us down.



So, in conclusion, DON'T BE BORED. If I ever tell you I'm bored, do please reprimand me, because I fall short here. Alot. Encourage each other. Let's serve the Lord together. Let's go to Heaven together. We don't know how much time we have: live each day like it's your last.

*"But encourage one another day after day, so long as it is still called 'Today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end."*

— Hebrews 3:13-14

A truly godly man is one who lives with a constant realization of God's divine presence. He is God-conscious. When he awakes in the morning, there is God. As he dresses for work, there is God. As he goes in to breakfast with his family, as he drives to work, as he works through the day, as he drives home, as he spends the evening hours, as he lies down on his bed at the close of day, there is God.

Enoch was a man who was God-conscious, for he *"walked with God"* (Genesis 5:24). He enjoyed constant companionship with God. Wherever Enoch went, God went with him, and Enoch was always aware that He was there. He could not flee from God's presence (Psalm 139:7), nor did he seek to do so. He was a godly man.

How fortunate is that man who has developed within himself this God consciousness. It is easy for him to pray, for God is to him a close, ever near, companion whose *"ears are open unto his prayers"* (1Peter 3:12). His talking with God is as natural as his talking with any companion.

He does not fear, for he just places his hand n God's in his times of trouble. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear..."* (Psalm 46:1,2). Even when walking *"through the valley of the shadow of death,"* he can *"fear no evil,"* for God is with him.

The power of temptation is greatly reduced, for he never forgets that *"all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do"* (Hebrews 4:13). His desire to please his ever present God is greater than the power of temptation.

He is thankful, recognizing God, with whom he walks, to be the source of *"every good gift and every perfect gift"* (James 1:17).

He loves God. He talks to God. He walks with God. He is always conscious of God's

presence. He is never without God. Yet, this relationship never degenerates into a “buddy-buddy” relationship, for he reverences God; he recognizes His awesomeness; he gratefully acknowledges his own personal unworthiness of such a relationship with Almighty God.

This is the very essence of godliness. Someone, years ago, observing the similarity between “godliness” and “God-like-ness,” assumed that the two words meant the same. That false assumption was passed on to others, and has now gained a strong foothold in the thinking of a great number of people. W. E. Vines says that godliness “denotes that piety which, characterized by a godward attitude, does that which is well pleasing to Him.” A godly person, then, is one who has a godward attitude, and whose constant consciousness of God leads him to be obedient to Him.

While visiting in a hospital recently, we observed this sign, “Have you said ‘Thank You, God’ today?” A godly person probably would have done so. Have you said, “Thank You, God” today?

~via *The Market Street Messenger*

## *Forgetting What God Has Done*

*Gary Henry*

***“For this they willfully forget ...”***  
**2 Peter 3:5**

It was just as true in Peter’s day as it is in our own: Many questioned whether the day of judgment promised by God would ever come to pass. They said, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” But to doubt that God is going to destroy the world is to forget that He has already destroyed the world once before,

by water. And the promise to us that God is coming in a judgment of fire is no less certain to be fulfilled than His promise in Noah’s day that the flood of water was coming. When God says a thing is going to happen, it’s going to happen. Those who doubt it have simply forgotten their history.

But Peter said an interesting thing when he said, “*This they WILLFULLY forget.*” The doubters of his day were not just forgetting the fulfillment of God’s promises in the past; they were forgetting willfully. That is, they were forgetting because they wanted to forget. Evidences of the certainty of God’s promises were inconvenient obstacles in the path they preferred to follow, so they simply put this information out of their minds. But we don’t do much better today, do we? Eric Hoffer was right: “Far more crucial than what we know or do not know is what we do not want to know.” We seal our own doom by what we don’t want to know.

Yet the truth about God is independent of our attitude toward that truth. What is true about God is true whether we care to know it or not. What He has done, He has done whether we remember it or not. And let this sink in: WHAT HE WILL DO, HE WILL DO WHETHER WE ARE PREPARED FOR IT OR NOT. God is the great reality that overarches and encompasses every other reality. Indeed, no other reality would exist if He had not created it and made it real. It is greatly to our advantage, then, to think and act rightly in relation to the God who is our Creator. Remembering — rather than forgetting — what God has done in the past is the key to dealing reverently with God in the present. And it’s the key to clear thinking about His promises in the future. If we’re ever tempted to doubt or wonder WILL HE DO IT?, what He’s already done is all the answer we ever need.

***“The truth does not vary because men forget or ignore or traduce it” —Irwin Edman***

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 8:19-34
<b>Reader</b>	Terry Smith
<b>Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Ken Prager
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Chaz Shaffer
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall

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

### Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 9:1-17
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.

### Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Invitation</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood

## *News N Notes*

**Please continue to remember these in your prayers:**

- Zeda Goddard, also her family— sons, Dallas and Terry, and daughter Tammy Garrison
- Lori Hamilton's husband, Rob, was taken to the hospital this week with heart problems
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, is doing well after surgery, he is to go back in 6 weeks to have a stint put in for the other kidney.
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson are in Meadford, OR for the next few weeks
- Betty Isinghood will be going back to see the doctor June 3<sup>rd</sup>, then to the knee doctor on the 11<sup>th</sup> and her knee surgery is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ronald Lancaster continues to improve
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Gabriel Taylor, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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:  
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