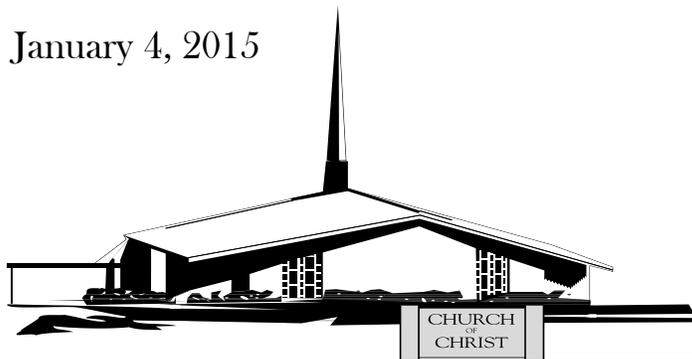


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Pew Packers	5:30 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

MID-WEEK

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Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 PM

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IS IT ALL RELATIVE?

Morné Stephanus

What is 1+1? One does not need a degree in mathematics to answer this question. From a young age we are made aware of this rudimentary concept: if you have one apple and you add another, then you have two apples. No matter where you are in the world the answer to this question will always be two; not three or four, but two. This is the case because there is a universal mathematical truth: one plus one is always two regardless of circumstance or location.

Can the same be said for the Bible? Many would unequivocally deny that the Bible can be universally understood the same. There are those who would argue that truth is relative, dependent on the individuals and groups holding them. Thus, one person might believe the Bible to say one thing and another person reading the same Bible might interpret it completely different and both persons would still be right. This view would appear to advance tolerance and consideration if it were not for the fact that it promotes confusion and ungodliness. Is this what God had in mind when He inspired men to write His Word? Does God approve of a view that suggests there is no absolute truth or that you can interpret what you read in His Word any way you like and still be on the right path? The answer to these questions is a resounding, NO! *"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints"* (1 Corinthians 14:33). God made it distinctly clear that everyone, regardless of culture, race, or location can understand His word alike. Notice this remarkable account recorded for us in Nehemiah 8:4-8:

And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah,

Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Is it not interesting that all these men read from the same book, gave the people the meaning and caused them to understand it? Israel did not walk away from that gathering with everyone having a different view on what was read. God, through the apostle Paul, admonishes the church to “*speak the same things*” and to “*be of the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Therefore, speaking different and conflicting things is diametrically opposed to the command of God to speak the same things. On another occasion the apostle Paul instructed Timothy to admonish the brethren to “*teach no other doctrine*” (1 Timothy 1:3). The same was said to the church in Ephesus, that they “*be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine*” (Ephesians 4:14). The Galatians caused Paul to be negatively amazed because they were so soon removed from the Gospel of Christ to another Gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). Paul said he taught the same thing in every church (1 Corinthians 4:17). Recorded in John 17:20-21 is Jesus’ prayer for unity: *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.*

The evidence for a universal understanding of Scripture is overwhelming. This tells us that it is not only possible but imperative to understand the Bible alike. All believers in Christ can be united. However, in order to achieve this holy unity all must adhere to God’s Word, speaking the same things and being of the same mind. The idea of being unified is a great one; it is a godly one. Unity has been and still is God’s plan for His Believers. Therefore, just like Christ prayed for unity and the apostles preached unity we must practice unity. We must be a people guided by “*thus saith the Lord*” speaking only where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent.

DAILY BIBLE READING FOR 2015

On the table in the foyer are two stacks of papers, each with two Bible reading schedules intended to help Christians plan their daily spiritual meals over the course of the coming year. Both sheets include a schedule that puts the Bible student on course to read through the entire Bible in a year. The other side of each sheet contains an alternate schedule: one enables a person to read through the Bible over the course of a year while simultaneously reading through the book of Proverbs once each month; & the other enables a person to read through the Old Testament once & the New Testament twice.

Please Select the Bible reading schedule that is best suited to your goals for reading God’s Word this year. It may be one of the schedules included in this bulletin, or it may be a more ambitious schedule that you have found somewhere else. Whichever plan you choose, be certain to keep up with your daily reading. Mark each passage as you complete the daily readings. If you find that you are a few days behind, ask yourself why: Am I behind because I have been physically prevented from reading God’s Word, because there are other things that more important to me than reading what God has to say, or because I see daily Bible reading as an inconvenience?

Hold yourself accountable. Do not hide the schedule from yourself, because that which is out of sight is also out of mind. Instead, keep the schedule in a place where you will not be the only one to see it. This allows you to be an example to others if you are holding to your daily reading plan, and it also allows others to encourage you if they are able to see that you have fallen behind in your daily reading.

This year, make the commitment to spend time each day in the only Book that God ever wrote.

“Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2).

NEWS & NOTES

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1. GENERAL TEACHER'S MEETING:** January 11. All teachers & those interested are encouraged to attend.
 - 2. FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** January 18th after AM worship. Those with last names M-Z are asked to set-up & clean-up
 - 3. PICTURES:** Members, we will be taking photographs for our member board & directory each Sunday in January. Please plan to have a picture taken of you & your family. Past photographs will not be used.
- REJOICE!!:** We rejoice with heaven over China Rhea & Justice Pitts, who were both recently washed of sins & put on Jesus in baptism! China obeyed the Gospel on December 21st, & Justice was baptized on December 24th. We also rejoice over the repentance of James Lieteau.

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Bible Study	62
Sunday AM	97
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday	N/A

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Roger Ferrell: His surgery on December 30th went well. He is home & recovering well.

Dan Joseph: After Whipple surgery, extensive chemotherapy, & many prayers to the Father, Dan is "cancer free." The extra measure of chemo has been discontinued because of negative effects on his lung. We rejoice & thank God for Dan's progress.

Debbie Starr: Is experiencing leg numbness & back pain, but her tumors are shrinking.

LaTonia Brooks-Washington: Was recently hospitalized. She is now home.

Wilma Blaché

Mary Cullum

James Lieteau

Troy Singleton

Bill & Barbara Burchett

Sandy Jones

Mae McKinney

Louise & Toni Sylve

Our Shut-Ins

Virginia Self

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Family of Joyce Harrington: Sister of Betty Moss. Joyce passed away last week after a long battle with Lupus. Joyce's husband Bob is also in fragile health. Joyce & Bob lost their only son last spring.

Family of Wendy Johnson: Roger Ferrell's niece; passed away Dec 25th in Houston.

Virginia Self: Virginia is confined to bed & expects to go home to her reward in a matter of months.

The Snell Family: Man who baptized Latonya Brooks-Washington. Passed away recently in Florida.

Nyanza: Sister of Voncile Lieteau; asks for prayers concerning her son Darrin's safety.

Maegan Brimm

Carol Fisher

Sharon Martin

Lillie Smith

Amelia Williams

Lance Ezell

Mary Hardee

Sean Schaff

Morné & Amanda Stephanus

Ronald Woodruff

Deployed Servicemen

Nathan Gillespie: Dawn, Tempe, & Dalton are serving in Japan.

Please submit all prayer requests in writing to Scott or Melissa Cain. Please supply regular updates on each individual in order to keep our prayer list up-to-date. For the sake of space, any name (except for shut-ins) will be removed after four weeks unless a new update is received. Thank you for helping us all to stay informed of the spiritual & physical needs of our members, friends, & family.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

THIS WEEK

JANUARY 4

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabia

Prayer:

Wes Arabia

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Colossians 1:15-20

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Ron Landis

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabia

Prayer:

Howard Goodale

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Don Robinson

NEXT WEEK

JANUARY 11

Sunday AM

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Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Wes Arabia

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Communion Scripture:

Steve Tucker

Romans 5:1-11

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Ron Landis

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

John Cullum

January 2015

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11 Teacher's Meeting 	12	13	14	15	16	17																									
18 A.M. Fellowship 	19	20	21	22	23	24																									
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