

Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ

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All Services Streaming/Available on YouTube

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Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM

(Auditorium only)

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM

NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE THIS WEEK @ 6:00PM

(YouTube Only!)

Wednesday Bible study @ 7:00PM via ZOOM!

(No In person study at this time!!!)

(Zoom meeting info from Steve Robertson @ quinsdad@yahoo.com)

**If You Are High Risk or Feeling ill, PLEASE STAY AT HOME!
We are not requiring mask due to the mandate being lifted!**

The Danger of Shallow Biblical Knowledge

Posted in [Dan Jenkins](#)

When I was a student at Freed-Hardeman University, the Mooresville congregation near Lewisburg, Tennessee wanted to send me to help spread the gospel in Georgia. Through one of teachers at the college, I made contact with the church in Savannah, and I preached in my first gospel meeting in an attempt to plant the church Statesboro, Georgia.



I was there for two weeks knocking on doors and inviting the people to the upcoming meeting. On the Sunday before the meeting began, I worshiped with the Bull Street congregation where W.F. Buffington was preaching. I will never forget what he said in that Sunday morning Bible class.

He was discussing a topic dealing with the application of Biblical truths to a moral situation. There was a new convert in the class who felt like he was a Bible scholar and continued to interrupt the older preacher. Brother Buffington was kind, but the young man persisted in his effort to interrupt the teacher. Finally brother Buffington had had enough so he said, “_____, you are still too worldly to discuss this and you are not as smart as you think you are. The best way you can help this class is to be quiet and listen to what God says.”

I have thought of this often over the years and have found myself in a similar situation. People who have just a shallow knowledge of the Bible fail to remember what Paul says, *“Knowledge puffs up...and if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he know nothing yet as he ought to know” (1 Cor. 9:1-2)*. The actions of that new convert are such a vivid illustration of that old adage, *“A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.”*

The wisdom of Solomon on this topic is seen in **Ecclesiastes Chapter 5**. *“Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.”* To hastily speak in the house of God is to act as a fool. When it comes to Bible study, I think often about that new convert. Brother Buffington’s advice, *“Let your words be few.”*

So many times, we speak too rashly about spiritual matters, especially when our knowledge is shallow. As you study your Bible, listen to what God has said. It is foolish for anyone to add his own opinions about spiritual matters. Study the Bible. Study it often. Study it deeply. Then, humbly tell others about what you have learned.

I will never forget that young convert’s actions.

SERVING TODAY

Bible Class: *Bro Bill Wills*

Song Leader: *Bro Lee Christensen*

Announcements: *Bro Mike Walsh*

Opening Prayer: *Bro William White*

Communion: *Bro Javier Perez*

Sermon: *Bro Russell Weems*

Closing Prayer: *Bro Bill Wills*

Worship Order

Call to Worship (*Himno*)

Announcements

Opening Prayer (*Oracion*)

Hymn (*Himno*)

Lord's Supper (*Santa Cena*)

Hymn (*Himno*)

Reading- *Galatians 3:10-14, 21*

Sermon- *Faith is a Law*

Invitational Hymn (*Himno*)

Closing Hymn (*Himno*)

Closing Prayer (*Oracion*)



CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Wednesday Bible Class

🕒 Steve Robertson is leading a study in the book of Acts **VIA ZOOM.**

🕒 You need to request a meeting invite from Steve @ quinsdad@yahoo.com

Food Bank

★ is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.

★ There is a portable clothing rack in the kitchen area in which you can bring in clothing you wish to share.



THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE MUST:

Hear the Word of God (Romans 10:17)

Believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16)

Repent of our sins (Acts 2:38)

Confess Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37)

Be Immersed in water for the remission of our sins to be added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)

Live Faithfully by the teachings of the Bible (Luke 9:23)

Faith is a Law

Galatians 3:10-14, 21

Lesson by Russel Weems

How is your faith? I saw once a picture used to represent faith. The picture showed from behind a young person in the middle of a dive, in a prone position, arms out, hair flying behind. In front of them was complete open space, soft colors, but nothing definite out there, just the open space. The indication here being that this was the leap of faith, going full in on something without any evidence other than the soft colors of hope. We see the promise in the soft cheerful colors beyond, but to others, they see a foolish leap into the unknown. And sometimes even with good intentions, they want to shake our certainty. *How do you hold onto your faith when others bring doubt?*

A. The Faith Paradox.

1. Hebrews 11:1

B. Final Vocabulary (“Because I said so”)

1. Bounded rationality: We can’t “know” everything
2. Evidence must be interpreted

C. God knows we are imperfect, but requires us to have faith in his perfection

1. Hebrews 11:3

D. The Big Bang

1. John 1:1-5

E. Why the old Laws?

1. Galatians 3:19-20

F. God as parent

1. Galatians 3:23
2. Galatians 2:16

G. How do we make faith as strong as law?

1. Matthew 17:14-20

H. Proudly proclaim your faith

1. Romans 1: 16-17
2. James 1:5-6

I. Working your muscles

1. James 1: 2-4, James 2:26
2. 2 Peter 1: 5-10

Conclusion

Faith is a law. Is it an oxymoron? I mean, laws are immutable, totally proven. Faith is something we are told we turn to because we don’t have all the evidence. If laws are things perfectly proven, then there are no laws. All is faith, therefore the only law to have is faith: faith that the sun will rise tomorrow, faith that the air we breathe today, we will breathe tomorrow, faith that God loves us and graces us always despite our imperfections. This paradox is the complete evidence of things unseen. We, as Christians, must abide by the law of faith, and through this faith seek to be the keepers of His law by doing His good works.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

COMMITMENT!

Think about this past week and what you have done for the Lord. Did you call someone to see how they were doing? Did you say to yourself that I really don't want or like talking with a brother/sister (so and so) because of whatever Unscriptural reason you could think of? Were you in Bible class Wednesday night? Is your commitment to God where it should be? Did you say you were so tired you decided not to attend services, but you got up the next morning and went to work. Who got you up to go to work? Not the alarm clock because if God's spirit leaves you during the night you won't wake up! Did you pay your bills this week/month? Christianity is a commitment and if you are not committed to God then where is your commitment? Is your heart right with God?

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good conduct show his deeds with the gentleness and humility of true wisdom
(James 3:13)

PREACHER'S CORNER!

- Jane & Mark will be on vacation early in September and miss services on the 12th and 19th.
- The Wednesday evening ZOOM class on Acts is a good one and if you want to "attend" contact Steve Robertson to request a meeting invite from Steve @ quinsdad@yahoo.com
- Please consult our church website or Facebook Page for any additional information, and the bulletin for people on our prayer list.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

- Elsie Thompson (mental/emotional/spiritual strength)
- Melida Arbaiza for better health.
- All our church family near and far
- Terry Clevenger medical procedure went well on Tuesday, but still continues to suffer with back issues.
- Maria Torres has been prescribed a new medication hopefully that works for her.



FRIENDS and RELATIVES

- Ron' mother is doing well after a minor surgery.
- Terri and Ron' neighbor Rose and her daughter.
- Continued prayers for Mariam Figuero' ex Sister-I-L.

CONTINUAL CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- Toms River Church of Christ
- Cape May Courthouse Church of Christ
- D. R. – Ministry Growth
- Zambia (Continued Relief)
- El Salvador Church of Christ

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