

Family Matters

Illness

- Judy Reynolds was moved to rehab on Monday (at the Kingwood hospital) and is progressing well. She is scheduled to be released this Saturday, and home health care will continue with her rehab.
- Peggy Dees was released from the Kingwood hospital on Wednesday and is back at the Rosemont care home in Atascocita.
- Barbara Wall has been ill for about two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Glenda Wilson has requested prayers for her sister who is about to enter rehab.
- Continue to pray for J. R. Rose-Graham and Victor Studdard as they deal with on-going health concerns.
- Homebound: Barbara Green, Stephen Cooper . In Care facilities: Jo Ann Willis, Peggy Dees, and Doris Smith.

INTWO WEEKS - December 7 at 3PM we will have a singing. There is a “**Song Request**” form on the table in the foyer. Please add a couple of songs to the list. The song leaders are asked to select songs they know from this list.

ON THE TABLE - in the foyer is an updated copy of our “one page” directory. You can also get a copy of the 2026 Yearly Calendar.

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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers	
1. Ezekiel	5. Peter
2. David	6. Paul
3. Daniel	7. Matthew
4. Joshua	8. Samuel

This Week's Assignments & Events	
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons
Greeter: Aaron Emerrson	Nov 23 Nothing
Announcements: Tyler Blazek	
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco	Nov 30 Nothing
Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowen	
Scripture Reading: Leighton Daniels	Dec 7 3PM Singing
Luke 15:1-10	
Song Leader: John Franks	Dec 14 Nothing
Table Talk: Josh Emerson	
Contribution: Sandon Spyker	
Helper: Jordan Thomas	
Fruit of Vine: Billy Lovell	Wednesday Evening
Helper: Lester Mabry	Song Leader: Kevin Buckner
Helper: Corwin Richardson	Speaker: Josh Emerson
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale	



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Living Among The Unrighteous

All those who are children of God can see the wickedness which surrounds us. Many speak of the decline of morals and deterioration of our society from what it had been fifty years ago. There is truth to such a view; however, it may be that the sin of our society is only more apparent, spoken of, and seen through modern media. Man has been evil in every society, even among the Israelites who were God’s chosen people.

As God’s children, we understand all too well the statement in 1 Corinthians 15:33, “*Bad company corrupts good morals.*” This is the danger which we recognize for our own soul, and those of our loved ones. We live in this wicked society. We cannot stop hearing their profanity or seeing their immodesty, nor escape all manner of evil which they do. We must work hard to prevent the wicked influence affecting our heart.

Lot chose to live in the wicked city of Sodom. We all consider this a poor choice, for Scripture shows his own children and wife were influenced by the wickedness so as to displease God. Nevertheless, Lot is remembered in Scripture as being righteous. “*He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds)*” (2 Peter 2:7-8). We also can be righteous in the midst of a wicked society.

We Must Not Accept Unrighteousness As Normal. Too many in our society who claim to love God have given approval to those who would do evil. Easy examples of this include: homosexual religious leaders and homosexual marriage, cohabitation outside of marriage, pornographic videos and movies (rated R) which supposed religious people watch, approval of drinking and marijuana use. If we fail to be diligent in our faith, we will be influenced by the bad company of our society.

We Must Maintain The Attitude Of Lot who was “*oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men*” (2 Pet. 2:7). “Oppressed” is translated “vexed” in the King James, and “sore distressed” in the Revised Standard. The Greek this is translated from means, “to tire down

with toil, exhaust with labour” (Thayer). *Vincent’s Word Studies* indicates the word has “the force of *worn down*.” Lot never hardened his heart so as to accept evil as good. He never bent in his faith so as to approve of evil. The sin around him wore on him and beat at him.

What Lot saw and heard made him feel as if his soul was “*tormented day after day*” (2 Pet. 2:8). “Tormented” is also translated “vexed” in the King James, but is from a different Greek word than that which is translated “oppressed” in 2 Peter 2:7. The Greek from which “tormented” is translated means “(3) to torture (4) to vex with grievous pains (of body or mind), to torment (5) to be harassed, distressed” (Thayer). Lot never reached the point when someone else’s sin did not bother him. He never came to have a deaf hear or blind eyes to what surrounded him. What he heard and saw were “*lawless deeds*” (2 Pet. 2:8).

We Must Take The Example Of Lot And Check Our Own Heart. It is so easy for indifference to find a foothold in our heart. It is so easy for us to stop hearing the vulgarities or the taking of God’s name in vain and think nothing of it. It is so easy to become accustomed to seeing immodesty and it not offend us or seem shameful. It is easy to see those enjoying sin and then fail to think of it as that which separates us from God. We can easily become influenced by the bad company around us so that we take the first step toward sin: “*each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust*” (James 1:14). We must not come to desire the sins of the world.

Keep Your Heart Pure. Keep yourself immersed in the word of God to recognize sin and its consequences. Listen to the wisdom of God.

*“Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But live in the fear of the Lord always”*
(Prov. 23:17).

*“If we endure, we will also reign with Him;
If we deny Him, He also will deny us”* (2 Tim. 2:12).

“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.” (Heb. 10:36–39).

by Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

**Whose name has
the following
meaning?**

1. God is strong.
2. Beloved
3. God is judge
4. The Lord is Salvation
5. Rock
6. Little
7. Gift of the Lord
8. Exalted of God

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



TRUTH: IS CORRUPTED BY SOME by Charles Willis

In recent years we have heard much about the media “spinning the truth.” This phrase refers to presenting a biased interpretation of facts to make a situation seem more favorable, often using omission, deception and manipulation. It is frequently used in politics in our country. But it is also widely used in religion!

“I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ” (Galatians 1:6–7). In most pulpits in our country, the gospel is distorted. It is changed to say something it does not say, or portions are omitted to present a distortion. It is corrupted and “*the way of the truth will be maligned*” (2 Peter 2:2) (truly meaning slandered). We are warned of some who have “*gone astray from the truth*” and “*upset the faith of some*” (2 Timothy 2:18), who have turned “*away from the truth*” to follow “*commandments of men*” (Titus 1:14). Scripture has much to say about this, but we must recognize this is the on-going attitude of the majority of people in the world. A corrupted truth is taught and obeyed by most people.

Because of having a partial knowledge of Scripture and a twisted understanding, some “*oppose the truth, men of depraved mind*” (2 Timothy 3:8) and “*deprived of the truth*” (1 Timothy 6:5). They think they know the truth and fight for it, stand up for it. But they “*have exchanged the truth of God for a lie*” (Romans 1:25). I’ve heard people state the “truth” in a phrase directly opposite of a passage of Scripture [for example: baptism does not save us, yet 1 Peter 3:21 says “*baptism now saves you.*”] To those who know the truth, and have understood the importance of truth - we are astounded at those who would defend the lie and speak contrary to Scripture. But you can hear this every day on religious programming and recorded sermons. This is the prevailing attitude of most people who call themselves Christians. They have believed the lie and have accepted a corruption of the truth.

Some “*will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths*” (2 Timothy 4:3–4). This is more than just someone being deceived - these know the truth but want to hear something other than the truth so they can feel good about their sin. And they find men who will teach these lies. They will not endure “*sound*” (healthy) “*doctrine*” (teaching). So when they hear the truth, they disagree with it. We see how they “*do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness*” (Romans. 2:8). And some “*suppress the truth in unrighteousness*” (Romans 1:18). We must be certain to only follow the truth of God.