

Family Matters

ILLNESS

- Glenda Wilson had a scheduled brain MRI scan on Friday.
- Barbara Wall continues to fight high blood pressure.
- Continue to pray for J. R. Rose-Graham and Victor Studdard as they deal with on-going health concerns.
- Homebound: Jim Wallis, Barbara Green, Stephen Cooper. In care facilities: Jo Ann Willis, Peggy Dees, and Doris Smith.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Jan. 30–Feb.1 Humble with David Bonner

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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.

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Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Sennacherib (2 Kings 19:35)

2. Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 30:1–12)

3. Omri (1 Kings 16:24)

4. Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kings 25:8–11)

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Lester Mabry	Jan 25	Classroom Quarter Change
Announcements:	Arturo Orozco		
Encouragement Talk:	Leighton Daniels	Feb 1	Nothing
Opening Prayer:	Josh Emerson		
Scripture Reading:	Gobi Warner	Feb 8	3PM Song Leader Training
	Luke 18:18–34		
Song Leader:	John Franks	Feb 15	Nothing
Table Talk:	Billy Lovell		
Contribution:	Tyler Blazek		
Helper:	Truett Blazek		
Fruit of Vine:	Sandon Spyker		
Helper:	Aaron Emerson		
Helper:	Corwin Richardson		
Closing Prayer:	John Van Baale		
		Wednesday Evening	
		Song Leader:	Jordan Thomas
		Speaker:	Tyler Blazek



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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The Will Of God

“God is love” (1 John 4:8). “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). “God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)” (Ephesians 2:4–5). No one could be saved unless it is God’s will. He offers salvtion to everyone, “For there is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:11). God “is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

But we must “come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). God “made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in” Christ (Ephesians 1:9). There is something we must do – “you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed...” (Ephesians 1:13). We hear the truth through the preaching of the gospel, or reading the Word of God. Knowledge alone is not enough, we must believe what God has said. If we believe, we will obey. “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36). After our initial belief and obedience, we must continue to obey the will of God. Jesus said, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:31–32). “Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:1–2). God’s will is that we obey Him in all things throughout our life. “If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment” (Hebrews 10:26–27). “For this is the will of God, your sanctification” (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

It is God’s will that we pray to Him. “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We struggle to accomplish this “in everything.” We must look for the good that God brings to our life in His providence and in His

love. Then, at the worst times in our life, we will give thanks. We are “*giving thanks through Him*” (the Lord Jesus) “*to God the Father.*” (Colossians 3:17). “*For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*” (1 Timothy 2:5). “*If we ask anything according to His will*” (God’s will), “*He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him*” (1 John 5:14–15).

“*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation... if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name... those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right*” (1 Peter 4:12–13, 16, 19). If we come to a knowledge of the truth and live as God expects in sanctification, those in the world “*are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you*” (1 Peter 4:4). Jesus says, “*Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you*” (Matthew 5:11–12). It is God’s will that we remain faithful when suffering.

“*Such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men*” (1 Peter 2:15). Even if suffering, it is God’s will that we do “right.” God has defined what is “right” and “good”, just as He has defined what is “wrong” and “sin.” We must personize God’s will and make it our own will to ‘do right’. The will of God is in control of our life. We have adopted Jesus’ attitude as our own: “*For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me*” (John 6:38). We do this because of God’s love for us. “*We love, because He first loved us*” (1 John 4:19). We want to please God! Therefore we “*walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light*” (Colossians 1:10–12).

By Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Kings / Rulers

1. What king of Assyria had his army of 185,000 soldiers destroyed by an angel of the Lord?
2. Which King reinstituted the Passover in Judah and invited the people of Israel to participate?
3. What king of Israel built the city of Samaria and made it his capital?
4. What king of Babylon burned the temple, palace, and city walls of Jerusalem?

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.



Other Descriptions Of The Lord’s People

You are encouraged to study from each of the descriptions in this list. Try the following:

- (1) Explain the meaning of the description
- (2) Look in Scripture for similar uses
- (3) Make an application to yourself

“*The salt of the earth*” (Matthew 5:13)

“*The light of the world*” (Matthew 5:14)

“*My disciples*” (John 8:31)

“*The branches*” (John 15:5)

“*My friends*” (John 15:14)

“*Christians*” (Acts 11:26)

“*Rich in faith*” (James 2:5)

“*Your names are written in heaven*” (Luke 10:20)