Why Study God’s Word
By Ron Boatwright

Just as we eat three meals a day to sustain our physical bodies, we must also feast on God’s word daily to sustain our souls. If we don’t we are in danger of losing our souls. God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God’s instruction book on how to go to Heaven.

Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 that people will be lost "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Satan wants to distract us with the cares and deceits of this world. He does not want us to read and study our Bibles every day. He knows that we become weak and vulnerable when we fail to study. Our strongest defense is a shield of faith. How do we obtain that shield of faith to protect us? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. If we want to protect ourselves against Satan we must have a strong faith.

In years past we in the Churches of Christ were known as "walking Bibles" because brethren then studied their Bibles. But sad to say, this is no longer true because we have failed to study God’s word, as we should. But what happens when we fail to study God’s word and become spiritually starved? 2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God’s word unless we study it. And because of this Jesus says in Matthew 15:14, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

To keep from wandering around in spiritual darkness, let’s study God’s word so that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). Let’s not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God’s word. Let’s take time to study it daily.

Upcoming Events
Vacation Bible School Kick Off
July 9, 2017 - 1:30 P.M.
Vacation Bible School
July 10-14, 2017 - 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Graduation Recognition
August 6, 2017 - 1:30 P.M.
• Sunday School @ 9:45am (All Ages)
• Sunday (1st & 3rd) @ 2:30pm (Ladies)
• Wednesday Night Bible Class @ 7:00pm (All Ages)
• Thursday Morning Bible Class @ 10:00am (Seniors)
Students’ Corner

In our Students’ Corner this quarter, the spotlight shines brightly on Reginald and Joshua Gilbert. Their zeal and love for the Lord and His church is reflective in their conversation, concern for others, study of God’s word, and attendance in Bible School and Youth Worship. They are comfortable speaking to anyone about their faith and that’s one of the reasons they are active participants in the Evangelism Ministry’s neighborhood canvassing effort.

Reginald K. Gilbert is the 13 year old son of Reginald and Teresa Gilbert. He attends Hobart Middle School in Hobart, Indiana. He is a student in the school’s High Ability Program. Reginald enjoys playing video games with his brother, he is also on the Chess Team, and he plays in the Middle School Orchestra. Reginald has received individual and group awards for his violin playing. When asked what he likes most about Bible School, Reginald freely shared his thoughts. “I like the fellowship and the great lessons we learn. Not only is it a wonderful way to make friends, it is also a way to become closer with the ones you have. The teachers are a huge part of this because they make sure we have a safe environment to learn and grow as Christians. Sometimes they even bring in food, which is definitely a perk. All in all, Bible Class is a huge blessing for me and I am so grateful for having this opportunity.”

Joshua Gilbert is 10 years old and the youngest child of Reginald and Teresa Gilbert. He attends Joan Martin Elementary School in Hobart, Indiana, where he is in the High Ability Program. He has received awards for his academic achievements. His hobbies include playing video games and chess with his brother, playing , and Joshua loves leaning about dinosaurs. Joshua likes attending Bible class because, “I like learning about the Bible and learning new lessons. I like the feeling that I get when I know the answer to the question and the Bible Class teachers say, ‘good job.’ I like my Bible Class teachers and the people I go to class, with especially when we share stories about the week and what godly things we did. I also like how the Bible Class teachers make events in our lives relate to our lessons.”

Reginald and Joshua – On the pathway of leading by example and love.

Teachers’ Corner

The teachers at Sheldon Heights Church of Christ have chosen a monumental task, a good work, where they are allowing God’s spirit to permeate their hearts in fulfilling His will and call of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). This quarter the spotlight beams brightly on our Marriage Class teachers, Charles and Julia Cathey.

Charles and Julia Cathey have taught Bible School for 27 years, of which four have been in the Marriage Class. Their committed love for the Lord, His church and each other, serves as a guiding force of what they do to edify other couples toward spiritual growth in marriage. They both acknowledge that “being teachers have been challenging and an impetus in strengthening the bond of marriage through God’s word for each other and the couples they teach.” The class is built upon Biblical principles which the Cathey’s integrate into every lesson. Another aspect of the class is that it confirms the relationship between Christian marriage with Christ and the Church. They sincerely hope that their teaching has had a positive impact.

Brother Cathey is also an active deacon at Sheldon Heights, Assistant Finance Director, Care Group Leader and serves on the KJM Board of Directors as Vice-President. Sister Cathey serves on the Ladies Retreat Committee, Church Anniversary Committee and as a deacon wife, where she is totally supportive of her husband’s work in the church.

Charles and Julia Cathey will be married for 30 years in August and are the proud
Everybody wants to be on a winning team. Coaches and players practice for countless hours just to have a chance to compete for the championship. But when the championship is won on the field or on the court, there is still something missing. Sports can teach us a lot, but they can never help us find ultimate happiness. The only true victory comes from being on God’s team. He always wins, His team never loses, and He leads His team to victory, the celebration lasts through eternity. So suit up and hit the field because God’s Team is ready to play!

SCHEDULE OF BIBLE CLASSES

SUNDAY
9:00 A.M. (All Ages)

SUNDAY (1st & 3rd)
2:30 P.M. (Ladies)

WEDNESDAY
7:00 P.M. (All Ages)

THURSDAY
10:00 A.M. (Adults)

...and Don’t Forget: Bible Class @ Kennedy Jordan Manor

Kennedy Jordan Manor Senior Living Facility
825 W. 118th Street • Chicago, IL 60643
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday • 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

God’s Team
Stories of God’s Power

JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Monday, July 10
Thru
Friday, July 14
6:30pm - 9:00pm
“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth, not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth...”  II Timothy 2:15

Beginner
- Elijah
- Daniel and His Friends
- God Helps People Do What Is Right

Primary
- Abraham, Isaac and Joseph
- Living by God’s Word
- Job and Daniel

Junior
- Responding to Authority
- Resolving Conflict
- Facing Your Fears
- Be the Best You Can Be

Young Teen
- Miracles in Matthew
- The Media
- Lessons From Job

Teen
- Miracles in Mark
- Media
- Coping With Crisis (Job)

Youth New Convert
- Now That I’m A Christian
- Foundations of the Church
- Christian Duties

Young Adult
- The Purpose-Driven Life

Adult
- The Cornerstone of Our Faith
- Building Your Marriage
- Christian Growth in James & Jude
- Am I My Sister’s Keeper

Wednesday Evening
- Topical Studies

Thursday Morning
- I & II Peter

Teachers – Summer Quarter 2017

Beginner
- Monica Daily
- Shirlene Nichols (Sunday)
- Frances McFee (Wednesday)

Primary
- Latonya Goss (Sunday)
- Teresa Gilbert (Wednesday)

Junior
- Jewel Horton
- Audrey Montgomery (Sunday)
- Sandra Franklin (Wednesday)

Young Teen
- Kerry & Donna May (Sunday)
- Rohann Oddman (Wednesday)

Teen
- Linda H. Brown (Sunday)
- Vanessa Young (Wednesday)

Youth New Convert
- Rhonda Garrett

Adult New Convert
- Rick Sanders (Sunday)
- John Thomas (Wed)

Young Adult
- Monica Olalusi
- Rosalind McBride

Adult
- Edward Davis

Adult: Ladies I
- Joyce Donald
- Verneda Gailes
- Susan Underwood

Adult: Ladies II
- Frances Garrett

Adult: Men
- Willie Carter
- Andre Mendenhall
- Eddie Lance

Marriage
- Phillip & Dana Hampton

1st & 3rd Sunday Ladies
- Janet Bailey
- Susan Underwood
- Zola Upchurch

Wednesday (Adults)
- Ministerial Team

Thursday Morning
- Willie Carter
- Leonardo Gilbert
- Billy Terrell