



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Family Matters

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### Speakers for Today

Sunday AM  
"Forget About It"  
Sam Woody

Sunday PM  
"I Can Only Imagine"  
Revelation 21:9-11  
David Selvig

### I AM A PEW BIBLE

Hi! I am a pew Bible. No, I am not one of those Bibles provided for people who do not have a Bible. I belong to someone who leaves me here in the pew during the week. I have a "genuine leather" cover, with gold gilt-edged pages. I have a large concordance and dictionary in the back. A shiny name is embossed in gold on my front cover. I am glad my owner uses me **only** when he is here. My cover still looks like new. My pages are unmarked and un-creased. Why, some of my pages are still stuck together from the printer. Sometimes during services, I get opened when the preacher asks the congregation to follow along. I never go anywhere. My home is this pew in an empty building. I am a pew Bible and proud of it!

I am not lonely. There are quite a few of us "pew Bibles" living here. My nearest neighbor has a fancy lace covered case to protect her leather binding. She has the same useful study aids in back that I have. On the pew behind us is a Bible in a zippered cover. On the pew in front of us is a stack of "pew Bibles" whose owners have forgotten them. They are left unopened for months at a time. No, we are not lonely. We keep each other company during the week while the people are gone.

An unusual thing happened the other day. A visitor was brought to services. Boy, was he old and worn. His cover was leather, but showed the signs of his owner's misuse. His pages were creased, tattered and soiled from the oil of the man's hands. (How dare he mingle with such fine looking "pew Bibles"). When the service began, he was opened and I could see writing and other markings on almost every page. As the preaching began, the Bible's owner took a out notebook and began to write. (I wondered what he was writing. The only writing I ever see are notes my owner writes to other people.) His pages were turned many times and his owner seemed to be reading and studying along with the preacher. (Who is he trying to impress?) When the service was over, I thought I might have an opportunity to hear the life story of this Bible. Maybe I could comfort him in his abuse. Before I had the chance, his owner closed his pages and took him away. I never got to know anything about him. There must be a good reason he looked so bad. A Bible isn't supposed to be mistreated like that, is it?

When all the people were gone, the "pew Bibles" were left on the pews once again. As the silence settled in the empty building, I began to think about that visiting Bible. What would it be like to be used like that old Bible was? We are not designed to be left on the pew in an empty building. We are supposed to be studied, memorized and lived. I wonder why my owner always leaves me here? What about the verse inside me that says **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hos. 4:6)** And there is a verse that says the Christian is to be a **workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)** Within my covers is the Word of God, which is **quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword...(Heb. 4:12) ..and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...(2 Tim. 3:16)**

If you are my owner, will you take me home with you and use me? Please....?

Tony W. Boyd

### Worship Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00 am  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Evening: 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### For the Record

Bible Class: 106  
Sunday AM: 174  
Sunday PM: 85  
Wednesday PM: 62  
Contribution: \$3980  
Budget: \$4100

### Think on This...

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

### Celebrating This Week...

#### Birthdays

Jeff Garland: 02.11  
Jim Seabaugh: 02.11  
David Selvig: 02.14  
Jenny Newman: 02.16

#### Birthdays

Bill & Betty Welshans:  
02.10

## *Serving This Week*

**Announcements:** Randy Seabaugh

**Greeters:** Gary & Carolyn Neese

**Ushers:** Ron Fehr/Shawn Myers

**PowerPoint:** Gary Miller

**Lead Singing:** Todd Newman

**Head Lord's Table:** Bill Welshans

**Scripture:** Brent Schafer

**Prayers:**

**AM:** Ray Duffey/Murray Dunn

**PM:** Delvin Sadler/Jerry Singleton

**Wednesday Singing:** Jim McClellan

**Wednesday Devo:** Gary Miller

**Wednesday Prayer:** Eric Craft

**Elder Chair:** Gary Ridenour

**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Gary Miller

**Building Lock-Up:** Miller

## *Daily Bible Reading*

**February 10:** Numbers 4-6

**February 11:** Numbers 7-9

**February 12:** Numbers 10-12

**February 13:** Numbers 13-15

**February 14:** Numbers 16-18

**February 15:** Numbers 19-21

**February 16:** Numbers 22-24

## *Continuing Prayer Needs*

Tom Allen

Richard Baker

June Black

Thelma Brown

Myrtie Crews

Dennis Crocker

Sharon Davidson

Maxine Davis

Bill Dillman

John Dobbins

Ray & Marilyn Duffey

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Kenny & Sharon Giesler

Wayne Graham

Carolyn Hann

Jack Huskey

Sonny Huskey

Francis & Diana Ivanovich

Peter Ivanovich

Al Jackson

Laura Jenkins

Betty Jones

Robin & Tina Jones

Dorothy Loyd

Brian Mitchell

Jerry Mitchell

Gary Mungle

Vivian Petty

Jim Pickett

Stan Pierce

Kevin Pugh

Ron Risenhoover

Barbara Rushing

Lena Schweain

Helen Seabaugh

Susan Seabaugh

Steve Simmons

Justin Singleton

Sarah Singleton

Mark Smith

Gelena Stoffregen

Quentin Tarpley

Harry Thele

Molly Thomas

Susan Tomsu

Carolyn Trentham

Mike Turnbow

## *Upcoming Area Events*

• **March 17-20:** Gideon Gospel Meeting with **Brent Newton**

• **April 7-10:** Bernie Gospel Meeting with **Brent Newton**

## *News & Notes*

- A **Chili/Soup & Sandwich Potluck** is set for **Sunday, February 17** after evening services. Plan to stay for this time of fellowship with your church family.
- A new **Helping Hands** list is posted. Please pull a tab or two and return those items to the building by **February 20**.
- **Curtis James Scholarship** Applications are available in the office. The scholarship is available to any church member attending a Christian college and applications are due by **March 3**. Contributions are always accepted to keep this scholarship fund growing and helpful for our youth. See Murray Dunn with questions.
- Don't forget about the **Paragould Children's Homes Supplies!** Lists are on the entryway table and donations will be picked up on **March 4**.

## *Youth News*

- **February 15: Youth Devo** at the building at 6:30pm.
- **March 8-9: Inspiration 2019** in Dexter with **Joe Wells**. Theme: "Learn to Discern..." Sign up on the youth board by **February 27**.
- **March 29-30: Center Hill Ruth Rally** for girls in 7-12 grades. Sign up by **February 24** if you would like to go. Info is posted and you may see Jenny Newman with questions.
- **April 19-20: Spring Sing** at Harding. Must sign up and pay by **February 17**. Cost is \$20 per ticket.

## *Sympathy*

We offer our sympathy to Laura Naramore and her family in the death of her 16-year old great nephew, **Wil Lawson** who passed away last week after just learning of a brain tumor.

## *Remember in Your Prayers*

- **Brian Mitchell** hasn't made major physical changes this week, but his speech continues to improve slowly. He will return home on Friday and will continue all therapies three times a week for at least a month.
- **Faye Stinnett** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on Tuesday to repair her fractured vertebrae.
- Betty Jones' brother, **Al Jackson**, has moved a rehab facility to continue his recovery after an auto accident last week.
- **Myrtie Crews**, Barbara & Virginia's sister-in-law, is in rehab in Jonesboro, Arkansas after recently suffering a stroke.
- **Eevee Pugh** will see a pediatric urologist on Monday in St Louis to evaluate her enlarged right kidney.
- **Jane Mungle** is in Southeast Hospital with a serious infection. She may not have visitors at this time.
- Marcia Ridenour's dad, **Bill Dillman** fell last week and hurt his hip. He was expecting to have a CAT scan this week to examine the injury.
- The Singletons have requested prayers for their friend, **Tom Allen** who has cancer on his one remaining kidney. He is in permanent dialysis.
- **Stan Pierce**, a friend of Wally & Sharon Eck has had a recurrence of his cancer and has begun chemotherapy.