

The Bible Way Association

Messenger

March 2016



*Pray for our
country!*

Pray God Bless America

Bible Way Youth Camp 2016

*Will be here before we know!
Make plans now to attend!!!*

June 19th – 24th, 2016

Held annually on the Bible Way Association Campgrounds located 3 ½ miles West of Doniphan, Mo on Hwy 160.

You are welcome!

There will be powerful youth services and lots of activities throughout the day!

For ages 8 and up.

All campers who pre-register before June 1, 2016 can take advantage of the discounted fee of \$60 & an opportunity to receive a free youth camp t-shirt; those who register later will be required to pay the full price of \$70.

**If you would like to apply to be on staff
please contact our office as soon
as possible!!!!**

Old Time Holy Ghost Camp Meeting!

*Will be here before we know it!
Make plans now to attend.*

June 6th-10th, 2016

*There will be plenty of Old Time Holy Ghost
Inspired Singing and Preaching*

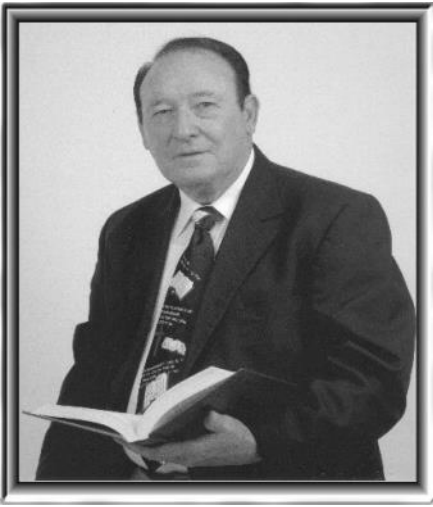
Rev. Leslie Buckner and various other speakers will be ministering under the anointing of the Holy Ghost in these services.

Prayer for the sick and believing God for many great things!

Service Times:

Mornings	10:00 am
Afternoon	2:00 pm
Evening	7:15 pm

Don't miss your time of Refreshing and Revival



WALKING WITH OUR UNSEEN GOD

I want to talk to you about walking with God. When we say “Walking With” someone, we mean that we have genuine insight into their values, their beliefs, and their aspirations; and that we are able to hold a two-way communication with them, expressing our own hopes and beliefs. We may say we know any number of people; but most of those we would only know their names, where they live perhaps, and their occupation. In other words, we know of them, but not in the sense of “Walking With” them.

Most people who call themselves Christians would say they know God. The fact is, however, that few could say without reservation that they have a direct connection, that is, true communication with him. In other words, they know of God, but would be at a loss for words to de-

scribe “Walking With” God. To know God, is to walk with him.

FAITH

2 Corinthians 5:6 *Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

Walking with God requires faith, and faith is believing and accepting the reality of something that is not seen with the natural eye.

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Hope is the expectation of something better. If we have hope, then we believe that some better thing or circumstance will be forthcoming; that what is now will not always be, but that things will at some time improve. To have faith requires belief in something we cannot see.

God’s expectation for his people is that they love him, worship him, and serve him. If we believe there is one God eternally existing in Holy Trinity then we must love him whom we have not seen, worship him whom we cannot see and serve him whom we cannot see. Faith goes far beyond the understanding of natural man and has its source in the sacred Holy Bible.

Romans 10:17 *Faith cometh by hearing; and hearing by the word of God.*

It is the anointed preaching of the word of God that saves the souls of men.

We who love, worship, and serve God are the ambassadors of Jesus Christ. An ambassador is a salesman of sorts, carrying the good will and intentions of him whom we serve to those who may not even have heard of him, much less have any concept of salvation by the grace of God and the shed blood of Jesus Christ his Son.

Our job is to sell the world on something they can't see and this goes contrary to the thinking of natural man. People believe and buy what they can see, look at the billboards along the highway, they are colorful and glamorous pictures of beautiful people living the "good life," shiny new cars, boats, and other symbols of wealth and influence. It's a pretty and enticing image one gets from these pictures, but what is not shown is the ruin and death at the end of a lustful, ungodly lifestyle. If you try and tell an unbeliever about Jesus and his sacrificial atonement for their sins, their natural impulse is to want to see. People will "buy" what they can see.

I remember right after I came home from service in World War II, how a salesman sold me a set of stainless steel cookware. He first showed it to my wife and after she liked what she saw, he got me to look too. The salesman figured if the wife was "sold" then guess who paid twice what it was worth and all because we had seen pictures of his merchandise. We humans will readily accept what we can see; but I'm

talking here about something we can't see. The things we see are all temporal, they won't endure.

IT WILL PASS

2 Corinthians 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

If we have a problem, some troublesome thing, it won't last forever, it will pass. They always seem eternal to us; but a week, a year, ten years, and its over. We think, "This is killing me," but it is really helping us in the long run, it helps us grow. "Our light affliction....worketh for us a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." It's the glory that will be ours in eternity. When we have trouble come our way, we need to quit looking at what we can see and begin to seek for what is unseen.

LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT SEEN

2 Corinthians 4:18 *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

We are talking eternity here, we are looking for eternal salvation. In

seeking for things eternal, we need to keep our minds and eyes off things we can see, and concentrate on the unseen. We are to walk by faith, there are some preachers you hear today, who are preaching faith absolutely wrong. They say new cars, money, and material things are evidence of faith. These things are not bad in themselves and most temporal things are beneficial if not taken to excess, but they are not faith and they do not constitute evidence of faith. We have to reach beyond what we can see to have true faith.

WE MUST LEARN TO WALK BY FAITH

It is sort of like when we were toddlers, we stumbled, lost our balance and fell, but we didn't stay down. We fell time after time, but the good news is we got right back up and walked some more. We learned to walk in the natural, and we can learn to walk by faith in our unseen God. To walk with God is to talk with God; and if we are walking with God we will hear from God. In the book of Revelation we read a number of times, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Just like the CB radio chatter, "Have you got your ears on?", we say to the church today, "Do you have ears to hear?" You hear what everyone else says, all the news men and TV personalities, you hear them. If we listen to people on the street, they will tell us bad news. If we want good news we need to hear what the word of God has to say.

THE SCRIPTURES CORRECT, INSTRUCT, AND REPROVE

2 Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

God does not think like the natural man, and if the believer and God even begin to think alike it is because the believer has learned to think, to some extent, like God. Take the letters to the seven churches addressed in Revelations chapter 2 & 3. To all seven of them God reads the list of good works they have done and after he has given them a pat on the back, so to speak, to five of the seven he describes their shortcomings. Only to Smyrna and Philadelphia does he offer congratulations alone. But even to the worst of the lot he first assures them that he has seen their good works. God loves even the unlovely and unlovable. God is good, as the song goes, all of the time. "He's not just good once in a while, he good all the time." When we are "happy in the Spirit," God is shedding his love on us. But after he has congratulated us for whatever little good we may have done, he gently guides our heart to whatever correction the scriptures have for us. Someone may ask, "What are the scriptures for?"

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It also says, the intent is that the believer becomes fully equipped to do what God has for him to do. If you know any preacher who always talks of blessings and joy in the Lord, you need to listen to someone else. If he does not preach against sin and error in the faith, he is failing his calling. A “Word of God” preacher cannot sing the praises of the believers all the time, because every scripture does at least one of the four works listed in **2 Timothy 3:16**.

By the way, there are erroneous ideas going around concerning the definition of the word “doctrine.” Every function known to man has its doctrine, that is any function has some set of standards to be learned and adhered to in the performance of that function. For example, one tenant of doctrine for a prize fighter is “Don’t lead with your chin,” the doctrine of Judeo-Christian religion is based on the Ten Commandments. One author has written a book he calls “The Ten-der Commandments;” Jesus told his disciples, **John 8:32** *Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.* Then in **John 14:6** he said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Jesus was the truth, is the truth, and will forever be the truth. If we are going to be free from condemnation, it must be the truth of Jesus that sets us free.

In **John 10:10**, he said, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

We may only have the abundant life if we get the word of life in our heart and mind to the point that it becomes our way of life. It becomes our way, our truth, and our life. This is the doctrine we have to present to a lost and dying world.

STOP MAKING EXCUSES

In Genesis, the book of beginning, we find that some men walked with God. In chapter three we see Adam and Eve, who before had walked in the garden with God in the cool of the day, but who were now hiding among the trees because they were afraid. They had disobeyed, eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and now knew they were naked. God called Adam, and when Adam answered, he revealed his guilt by saying he hid because he was naked. God said, “Have you eaten from the tree of knowledge?” Adam said “Well, God, the woman you gave me caused me to do it.” So God asked Eve, “What have you done?” Her answer was yet another cop out. “The serpent beguiled me.” It was the first time anyone said, “The devil made me do it,” which is a childish excuse.

The wife and I raised six children and if they were alone in a

room they would break something. When we asked who did it, the answer was always the same, it got broken all by itself. Amazing!

One time another preacher and I dragged a Volkswagen bus over half of St. Louis getting it started. On the way home we stopped at a parts store, but left the engine running. The man had his little boy along and left him in the car while we went into the store, but he told the boy, "Son, you sit right there and don't touch a thing." When we came out of the store the engine was no longer running. The little guy was innocent as a lamb, the car had turned itself off.

God wants us to walk with him and quit making excuses for not doing what he has for us to do. God has no use for excuse makers or corner cutters. He wants a church that will walk in fellowship with him, because that's how the church gets its power. Walking in fellowship with God will beget power within the church to do God's work in this world. In Genesis chapter five we find a man who walked with God.

Genesis 5:24 *And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*

Enoch walked right out of earth and into glory with God, he walked it well enough that God said, "Come on Enoch, just come on home with me." If our walk is right when the Lord comes, he will take us back with him, but if our walk is not right, we will be left behind.

The devil tries to do his wicked work, but we have no excuse. We have the word of God to order our way. We have the word, and we have faith by hearing the word. We have power to tread on the serpent, we can rebuke the devil and he has to go away.

When I was a young preacher, the devil would try to discourage me, if a service didn't go well, he would be on my back, "You crumbled your cookie tonight, didn't you? You feel bad because you were a failure." What I did would probably seem foolish to some, but I would put my shoes on and walk around in my apartment and I would say "Devil, get off my case, I'm walking on you in the name of Jesus. How does it feel to be walked on?"

Satan is devious, he deals in falsehood and deceit, if he can trick you or mislead you then he will get you to thinking after the way of the world. His greatest hope is that you will lay your faith aside, he will put condemnation in your very soul, and then you are defeated. Instead of walking with God, you will be walking in the flesh.

WALKING IN THE FLESH

If we walk in the Spirit then Satan cannot put condemnation on us. If we are walking in the flesh then we are under condemnation and the devil will try to keep us there even after we have found the Lord. But look with me at Romans chapter eight.

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

If we have been saved, and are walking after the Spirit, then we are free from condemnation, regardless of how ungodly we were when we were living in sin. There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. But walking in the flesh puts a separation between God and man. Walking in the flesh is the way of sinners; and the wages of sin is death, the way of the transgressor is hard. He can't hear, he can't walk, and he can't talk with God. His only escape from sin is repentance, but there is hope for any soul who will accept salvation by grace and the blood of Christ Jesus. If one has ears to hear, then he has hope.

BUILDING ON THE SAND

Matthew 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

There are many people building on the sand, but it doesn't have to be that way. God had a plan for your salvation from the foundation of the world. Enoch had ears to hear, and he walked with God, he is out of here because God took him. The apostle Paul walked close to God. He said for him to live was Christ, and to die was gain. He was Christ-like in his lifestyle and to die would have bettered his circumstance. He said *"I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me on that day, and not to me only but to all them also that love his appearing."*

Amos 3:3 *Can two walk together, except they be agreed.*

There is the problem in the church, people can't walk together because they can't agree. There is so much error in Christianity today, its no wonder they can't agree. People can't walk with anyone on earth, let alone walk with God.

WALKING WITH GOD PLEASES GOD

The Bible says it is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment. The only two we know of that missed this appointment were Enoch and Elijah. Enoch walked with God and was not, because God took him and Elijah caught a ride on a whirlwind.

Hebrews 11:5 *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

Romans 8:8 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Walking with God pleases God, it worked for Enoch. We have to live above fleshly lust to please God. In Hebrews chapter eleven it says that without faith it is impossible to please God. You must first believe there is a God, and that God rewards those who seek him diligently. To walk with God is to live a holiness lifestyle, having true faith, and being diligent in seeking and doing his

will. If we do that, in his time he will take us to be with him.

NOAH THE MASTER BUILDER

Matthew 24:27 *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

I received a very strong message in 1994, the theme of it was, "They Knew Not Till the Flood Came and Took Them All Away." Their knowledge was not the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, they just didn't know. Someone may ask, "Didn't they have a preacher?" Yes, they had Noah who had preached to them 120 years.

Matthew 24:37 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Now, as then, they are eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage. Noah preached the truth, but the carnal mind is not subject to the word of God, so the unbelieving multitudes blew it off like a leaf in the wind. A mind that is deceived cannot accept the truth.

Genesis 6:9 *These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

Noah was walking in lock-step with God, he had ears to hear. God said, “Noah, build an ark and here are the dimensions. It will be so wide and so high, three stories high, with a window in the top, and use gopher wood exclusively and pitch it within and without.”

Noah worked for a hundred and some years on the ark and he walked with God all the while. The completed project was built exactly as God had said. Like Enoch, Noah walked with God and built an ark to the saving of his family. He pleased God.

ABRAHAM

Genesis 17:1 *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

So here is a ninety nine year old man who is going to learn to walk. He had walked among men, but now he had to begin to walk with God. “Abram” means man, but God wanted him to become “Abraham” which means “after God.” Learning to walk with God is a process, we stumble along making all sorts of mistakes as we learn to walk with God.

2 Corinthians 3:18 *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

We read and hear the word of God preached, and by the tutoring of the Holy Spirit we are changed to an image which more closely resembles that of Christ our Lord.

ABRAM BECOMES ABRAHAM

Genesis 17:1 *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.*

God had given Abram the promise twenty six years earlier that he would be the father of many, but as yet he hadn’t fathered even one. Abram had believed God, but he hadn’t learned to walk with God. God told him to leave his homeland and family and not take anyone with him. Abram (the man) had a better idea, he took Lot along with him. When they both had begun to prosper in flock and herds, trouble arose, there wasn’t enough pasture for

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ALLERGIES:

___ Hay Fever ___ Insect/Bee stings ___ Soaps/Lotions ___ Dyes ___ Penicillin ___ Asthma ___ Poison Oak/Ivy ___ Latex
___ Lice Shampoo/Medications

Other Drug/Medication Allergies: _____

Any other Allergies (Food Etc): _____

ANY SPECIAL INFORMATION: Any additional information about the camper's behavior, special needs, disabilities (physical, mental, learning or developmental), or physical, emotional or mental health needs, about which the Camp Staff should be aware of. Please include any recent trauma or life changes. _____

MEDICATIONS:

TIME NORMALLY TAKEN AT HOME

Medication _____	Dose _____	Time _____
Medication _____	Dose _____	Time _____
Medication _____	Dose _____	Time _____
Medication _____	Dose _____	Time _____
Medication _____	Dose _____	Time _____

Bible Way Association

REGISTRATION FORM

June 19th – 24th

Campers **must** be at least 8 years of age.

(unless prior arrangements are made with camp overseer.)

Youth Camp 2016

Registration Fee: \$70.00 or
If pre-registered by June 1st: \$60.00

All applicable information on this form **MUST** be provided for each camper. DO NOT leave any place blank. Write N.A. if area does not apply to your child. **If applications are not complete they will be returned for completion, before camper can stay.**

This application MUST be signed by a Parent or Guardian!!!! (on back of sheet)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Last 4 digits of SS#: _____

Address: _____ DOB: _____ Gender: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Age: _____

Home Phone: _____ Second Phone: _____

Camper lives with: _____ Other Guardian/Relationship: _____

Father's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____ Second Number: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____ Second Number: _____

Church Name: _____ Pastor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (To be used only if Parents/Guardian cannot be reached)

Contact 1: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact 2: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Family Dentist/Orthodontist: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Dental Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

ACTIVITIES LIMITATIONS: (Description of any limitation or restrictions on Camper activities) _____

MEDICAL HISTORY: (Check all that apply, write Na if the condition does not apply)

____ Heart Disease/Defect ____ Epilepsy/Convulsions ____ Psychiatric Treatment ____ Chick Pox ____ High Blood Pressure ____ Fainting/Dizzy Spells
____ Sleep Disorders ____ Measles ____ Bleeding Disorders ____ Stomach Problems ____ Frequent Ear Infections ____ German Measles (Rubella)
____ Hypoglycemia ____ Skin Disorders ____ Heat Sensitivity ____ Mumps ____ Respirator Disorders ____ Diabetes

Please give details of any items checked above or any other problem: _____

Surgeries, Major Illnesses or Hospitalizations: _____

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ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS _____

PREFERRED MEDICATION & DOSAGE FOR PAIN RELIEF, if needed.

_____ Tylenol Dose _____ Advil/Ibuprofen Dose _____

Does the camper use an inhaler/asthma medication? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, **PLEASE** instruct camper that inhalers (or medications) are **NOT** to be shared with any other camper or person under any circumstances. Doing so can be **POTENTIALLY LETHAL!**

All medications should be brought to camp in their original prescription bottle, with correct and current labels!!!

PERMISSION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY TREATMENT OR EMERGENCY CARE:

I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp overseer to order x-rays, routine test, treatment, to release any records necessary for insurance purposes, and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for my child. In the event I can't be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp overseer to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied for trips out of camp.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED!

Signature of Legal Guardian: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

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Date Signed: _____ (This consent is only in effect during the days of Youth Camp specified on front of this sheet.)

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both, so Abram gave Lot his choice of the range.

He had to sacrifice to stay with God. His little deviation from God's instruction had come to fruition. People today make those little departures from what God has said, and likewise must suffer the consequences.

Later on, when what the son God had promised had not yet come to pass, Sarah had a 'good' idea. As we all know, her idea caused trouble also, when we get out of step with God, we are going to stumble. If we can't get things messed up ourselves, there is always someone eager to prophesy for us. Let me give a note of caution in this regard, I believe in prophecy, but I have learned that God almost always uses prophecy to confirm something he has already dealt with you on, one way or another. Carefully consider the validity of any prophecy that isn't confirmation of some sort.

God wanted a chosen people to inhabit a promised land and be an example to all mankind of how blessed they could be if they walked with God. He chose Abram to be the patriarch of that special race and was trying to get him from Abram to Abraham. When Abram fell on his face before God, then God knew he was ready to walk with him, so he made the covenant and Abraham marched into the promise of God.

The task before the church today is to learn to walk with God, not by sight, but by faith. There is such confusion in the church world today,

that it is as though they are wandering again in the wilderness. There is a crying need for leaders in the church who will walk with God, not like Adam who got out of step and quit walking with God, but like Enoch, Noah, and Abraham and then most of all like Jesus. He said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life;...*" **John 14:6**. If we walk in Christ, who is the way to the Father, then we will be walking with God.

The Apostle John, who was Jesus' closest friend and associate, wrote in **1 John 1:7**, *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.* To have fellowship is to be partners in the faith, a sharing of work, worship, and communion with God, in the Spirit.

If we walk with God, then we will have the promises and power with God. The three Hebrew children had power to walk in the fiery furnace, because the son of God was the fourth man in the furnace. If we walk with God he will protect us.

Isaiah 43:2 says, *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

We must learn to walk with our unseen God; by faith, not by sight.

Rev. Leslie Buckner

Pray For Our Country and It's Leaders During This Election Season!

Romans 1:1-8 KJV

- (1) *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*
- (2) *(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)*
- (3) *Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;*
- (4) *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*
- (5) *By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*
- (6) *Among **whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:***
- (7) *To all that be in Rome, **beloved of God, called to be saints:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- (8) *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*

The apostle Paul began this message by declaring that he had been separated by God unto the Gospel concerning Jesus Christ. As he began to reach out to those in Rome he made it abundantly clear that he was writing to those who are *“also the called of Jesus Christ”*, the *“beloved of God, called to be saints”* and also acknowledging that their faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

What a great message of hope to those who were a part of the Church in Rome. He knew how they were oppressed under the hand of the Roman Empire but he encouraged them to hold onto God. As he spoke to them of hope he also began to declare that he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that had brought salvation unto him. This “Gospel of Jesus Christ” has brought the same hope to all who are born again by the blood of Jesus Christ and have believed the true report.

During this time the nation of Israel was subject to the dictates of the Roman Empire. They were a merciless and ungodly people who demanded that all people whom they had conquered would follow their dictates, often at the expense of the lives of those who were under them. This sounds like very perilous times for the early church and it proved to be so when so many lost their lives because of their faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. Those early Christians chose to suffer rather than yield beliefs and weaken their faith in God.

In that generation of the church Paul found the need to challenge idolatry and ungodliness of those who chose to walk after the flesh and follow their ungodly lusts. He chose to declare boldly his faith in God and his trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He knew that any departure from the truth of this Gospel would weaken the trust in what God desires to perform in the church. While it is not hard to understand how this applies to the world and those who are ungodly, walking after their own lust and desires, we must understand that the carnal, fleshly mind can only bring forth death.

Romans 8:6-8 KJV

- (6) *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
- (7) *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
- (8) *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Romans 1:16-32 KJV

- (16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*
- (17) *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*
- (18) *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*
- (19) *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*
- (20) *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*
- (21) *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*
- (22) *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*
- (23) *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*
- (24) *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*
- (25) *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

- (26) *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*
- (27) *And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*
- (28) *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*
- (29) *Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,*
- (30) *Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,*
- (31) *Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*
- (32) *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

Our nation is facing one of the most profoundly dangerous times in our nation's history. Many may think this is too exaggerated to be true, but let me assure you it is completely true. We are not subject to the Roman Empire but we are becoming engulfed by the same lude standards that also engulfed them.

If there has ever been a time when our liberties as Christians have been at stake, it is today, in this generation. The enemy of our soul has chosen to lead the church into a sleepy co-existence with the world and it's ways. Sound doctrine no longer is a matter of concern to many Christians. It has become far too easy to "just get along" with the world than to stand "unashamed" of our beliefs before them.

We are past the times in our nation when we can afford to cast our vote for the leadership of this great country based upon family political preferences or firmly set political ideologies. As members of the body of Christ we must diligently seek God's will for our country based upon what is written in the Word of God rather than just going along with what our parents or ancestors have done in generations past. Political party is not the issue here and now. There are right and wrong actions associated with every decision we make. As a country we must stand for what the Holy Ghost speaks into our hearts rather than what the President, the Legislature or the

Supreme Court decides to be the right thing for our country. Our decisions must be based upon the leading of the Holy Ghost rather than the promises of men.

Party affiliation is not the issue. Scriptural and religious conviction is what must determine the course of our nation. We must judge our leaders based upon what they do rather than just what they have to say. We cannot just listen to the accusation of candidates against each other to determine our stand, but rather judge righteous judgment base upon two things, first, by observing and watching what they do and how they live their lives in private, and secondly based upon sound conviction under sound doctrinal beliefs. Listening to the voice and understanding of man will always lead to confusion, however, listening to the Word of God and heeding to the leadership of the Holy Ghost will allow spiritual prison doors to be opened and will break away spiritual chains of oppression as we take a stand for God and godly leadership.

We desperately need a message of hope, not based upon the promises of men that do not have the power to accomplish what they promise because of the pressures of resistance of the opposing political beliefs. Only the Word of God can bring this type of hope back into the church, the family and our nation.

Taking this kind of stand, based upon firm belief in sound doctrinal standards will once again bring hope back into our country. The church must awake to righteousness and put our trust in the power of God to make us free.

While we are commanded to submit to the ordinance of man we must also remember to make the time to pray those who have the rule over us.

1 Peter 2:13-14 KJV

- (13) Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;*
- (14) Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*

We don't know at what point the ordinance of man will cross the line of submission of our will to the laws of man rather than the laws of God, but we do know that trusting in the Lord and staying in prayer has always led to victory for the people of God throughout history.

Please keep praying!

Rev. Eugene Abrams

Bible Way Association Fellowship/Revival Meeting

Bible Way Gospel Lighthouse

*(Hwy. 21 north from Potosi to St. Hwy E, turn right onto E
and church is about 1 1/2 miles on left)*

11745 E. State Hwy E

Cadet, Mo.

Pastor: Rev. Sharon Gore

Fellowship Meeting

Friday March 18, 2016 7:00 pm

Revival Services

Saturday March 19, 2016 6:00 pm

Sunday March 20, 2016 10:00 am

*It is very important in the day and time that we are
living to come together in the spirit of Fellowship
between Churches and other Christians, that we may
all profit in the Spirit and the Word!*

*So let's all make plans now to attend these meetings,
especially on Friday & Saturday nights, you are
welcome on Sunday morning if you do not have
a home church to attend.*

In Memory of...

Rev. Justine Slater

February 1, 1925 - January 31, 2016

Rev. Justine Slater, age 90, went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2016.

Sister Slater had been a Minister with Bible Way Association since 2001. At the time of her passing she was an Honorary Licensed Minister with Bible Way Christian Fellowships International.

Sister Slater accepted Jesus as her Savior at a young age of 15 and has served him these many years.

She is survived by her family members and friends who will miss her very much.



Rev. Jerry Lee Pennington Sr.

June 24, 1942 - December 12, 2015

Rev. Jerry Pennington Sr., age 73, went home to be with his Savior on December 12, 2015.

Brother Pennington had been a Minister of the Gospel for many years and was an Ordained Minister with Bible Way Christian Fellowships International. In his years as a Minister, he pastored and preached the gospel. He enjoyed gospel music and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Wilma Pennington and many loving family members. Brother Pennington will be greatly missed by all.



Rev. Frank C. Justice

July 31, 1938 - November 25, 2015

Rev. Frank Justice, age 77, passed away at St. Anthony's Medical Center on November 25, 2015.

Brother Justice was a Minister of the Gospel for many years, and was an Ordained Minister with Bible Way Christian Fellowships International.

He is survived by many loving family members; he will be greatly missed.

Rev. Leslie & Margaret Buckner

are seeking God's direction in planning a Bible Way Gospel Jubilee for some time later this year.

This will be a time of singing, praising and worshipping God. We do not anticipate preaching or teaching, but a time of celebrating the presence of the Lord with songs and music, as the Lord directs.

Special singers and musicians have already been selected. Flyers will be sent as date approaches.

***Bible Way Association
Youth Rally***

***Friday April 1, 2016
7:00 pm***

Pentecostal Lighthouse Seymour

*1141 St. Hwy K
Seymour, Mo.*

(1st stop light turn left on K Hwy., go past High School to 4 way stop sign, turn left onto K Hwy, continue on K Hwy to edge of town, church on right)

Pastors: Rev. Kenneth & Beverly Tooley

Revival - with Rev. Deborah Bettis

Thursday - Sunday

April 21-24, 2016

7:00 pm Thursday & Friday

6pm Saturday & Sunday

Trinity Pentecostal Bible Way Fellowship

*(Hwy 44 to St. James, go east on Hwy 8 (N. Jefferson),
to Right on W. Washington to Right on Walnut)*

*21 Walnut Street
St. James, Mo.*

Pastors: Rev. Marvin Thompson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Fellowship Meeting for 2016

We will be continuing our Monthly Fellowship Meetings in 2016. If your church would like to host a fellowship meeting please contact us here at the Bible Way Association Office.

Camp Meeting June 6-10, 2016

Old Time Holy Ghost Camp Meeting! You won't want to miss being a part of this Camp Meeting where the power of God moves so greatly! Opening service at 7:15pm on the 6th and Closing service at 10am on the 10th..

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Bible Way Youth Camp

June 19-24, 2016

We always have such a wonderful time at Youth Camp and see God do so many great things. Start making plans now to attend, and promote this important event to your church youth group by encouraging them to attend in June.

Camp Meeting

September 12-16, 2016

Old Time Holy Ghost Camp Meeting! You won't want to miss being a part of this Camp Meeting where the power of God moves so greatly! Opening service at 7:15pm on the 12th, and Closing service at 10am on the 16th.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

November 5, 2016

To be held at Bible Way Association Camp Ground in Doniphan, Mo. We always have an outstanding time of fellowship, ministry, and a wonderful meal!

Youth Rally's for 2016

We would like to continue our Youth Rallies in 2016, if your church would like to host a Youth Rally please contact Rev. Scott Tooley at (417) 712-4456.

For more information call : 573-996-7317



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