



## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM  
7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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# Looking for Happiness

**P**eople in our society are looking for happiness in their lives. Several different avenues are explored in order for people to find this elusive happiness. It is sought through reviling, debauchery, and immorality. God's word gives us the solution to finding happiness. There are passages in the Old and New Testaments that help us find happiness for our lives. Of course, we are not emphasizing worldly happiness where circumstances determine our happiness, but happiness is a state of being knowing our relationship with God is proper. Below are some Old Testament passages to help with discovering blessedness or spiritual happiness.

*Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered (Ps. 32:1).* Sins and iniquities have separated men from God (Is. 59:1-2). It is through the blood of Jesus that our sins and transgressions are forgiven and covered. It should bring happiness to our lives to know we are no longer enemies of God, but we are now reconciled because our sins have been forgiven.

*Blessed is the man who walketh not after the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (Ps. 1:1).* Blessedness or happiness comes when the people of God are careful of their lifestyle. Godly people are concerned with where they walk, stand, and sit. Many people have encountered sadness, tragedy, and even death because of lifestyle choices.

*O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him (Ps. 38:4).* God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent. It only makes logical sense to trust in Him rather than trust in men who are finite. God will never direct men down the wrong path, but men will direct others down the paths of destruction.

There are several other passages indicating what men must do to find happiness in this life. May God help each of us find true blessedness in our lives through the study and application of His holy word. Its attractiveness should

allow each of us to be shining lights among people who are desperately looking for true happiness.

-K.A. Pugh

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As I was driving the interstate highway, as usual, there were many eighteen wheelers on the road. At one point, a motorcycle was approaching from the rear as I passed an eighteen wheeler. The cyclist remained back and allowed me to pass before attempting to pass the large truck himself. When I finally pulled around the truck and back into my lane, the cyclist quickly passed the truck. He was taking precaution, wanting to pass as quickly as possible due to the dangerous winds whipping around the truck.

As we travel the highways of life, we should be like that cyclist. We should take precaution as we face the spiritual dangers that surround us. We should flee fornication (1 Cor. 6:18), idolatry (1 Cor. 10:14 - remember that covetousness is a form of idolatry), the love of money (1 Tim. 6:11cf), and youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22). We should set aside the sins that beset us (Heb. 12:1). We should pray for wisdom and strength in facing spiritual challenges (Matt. 6:13 & Eph.6:10). God will be our guide.

*...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials* 2 Peter 2:9 ESV

Rely upon God to deliver you, but take every precaution today and every day. Be victorious!

Keep your focus upon God all week long. Get your battery charged on Wednesday.

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