



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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Evangelism Methods & Motivations

Our *evangelism Methods & Motivation* classes are off to a great start. Terry is currently conducting two classes each week, and I am conducting two as well. Those attending the classes are learning simple, yet effective methods to help them become better equipped to establish and conduct Bible classes. Thus far the attendance and feedback from the classes have been positive and encouraging.

All four classes will be wrapping up by the end of the month or sooner, and new classes will be established soon after, which means slots will be available for those who were not able to attend the first classes. The classes have been offered, first to the elders, deacons, and their wives. It is very important to have the leadership's full support of this work because they need to set the example before the congregation (1 Peter 5:3).

We would strongly encourage and recommend **EACH** member to make plans to attend one of the upcoming sessions. If you have never conducted a Bible study or have been one of those individuals who have been timid or afraid of evangelism, the classes will help you understand the importance of the work and how you can be involved. There are other avenues in which each of us can be involved in the work of evangelism, but we all need to be on the same page in order to develop our local church into an effective soul saving institution. Can the Lord count on you to equip yourself to help further the cause of Jesus Christ?

As you think about attending the next sessions, begin praying to God that He would grant you a heart of receptiveness and submission. Evangelism is not a popular topic but it is something the Lord expects of each of His children. Pray for courage, boldness, and faith to step out and attend the classes. When we allow the power of our God to work through us, we can do the impossible with the aid His power, "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us*" (Eph. 3:20). Let God use you

and allow His power to help receive the training you need to become an effective soul-winner for Jesus! Can the Lord count on you?

-K.A. Pugh

Mary and I were approved as adoptive parents in July 1971 by the Missouri State Agency. We were told not to expect to hear from them for at least six months, and it would probably be more like a year. As "expecting parents," we were very excited. By late September, we decided we needed to be prepared, so we went out and bought baby furniture. Under the circumstances, we asked if it could be held for delivery in January. No problem. However, a week or so later, we received a call from the agency. They had a little girl for us and we would have her by the end of the week. We called the furniture company, but the furniture could not be delivered until the next week.

The spiritual application I would like to make is this. We know the Lord will return, but we do not know when. We thought we were pretty smart planning ahead for the arrival of our little one, but we still fell short. We should see that none of us fall short in our preparation for the coming of our Lord.

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24:44 (ESV)

What preparation are you making for the coming of the Lord? Are you leaving anything for tomorrow? He will come unexpectedly. Tomorrow may be too late.

Live holy before Him today and every day. Serve Him today and every day.

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