



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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Finding Time to Read the Bible

Faith only comes as we hear God's Word (Romans 10:17). Yet, so many seemingly cannot find time each day to spend a few minutes in God's Book. Maybe with a few suggestions, you can find time to read the Bible daily.

- * Carry a Bible in your attache case, purse, or coat pocket. At any time, you might have a few minutes and could read if a Bible were available.
- * Put a Bible under your pillow or by your bed. If you cannot sleep, turn on the light and read a while.
- * Have a Bible with you while waiting for unpunctual people or for the beginning of a meeting. Each minute of our time is important.
- * Take a Bible along with you to the doctor's or dentist's office. Why be stuck with what the office has to read?
- * Never go on a trip by plane, bus, or train without a Bible. Reading is worth more to you than just staring out the window.
- * Keep a Bible in your glove box. You may be in a traffic jam or stuck waiting for someone.
- * Never forget that reading is a command of God (Colossians 4:16).

Time is precious. Don't waste it when reading daily from God's Book is so important. If you want to read just 30 minutes each day, at the end of the year, you will have spent the equivalent of 22 eight-hour days in reading. You will be on your way to being an "expert."

One magazine article I recently read told of a man who read Gibbon's immortal "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in intervals while waiting for his wife to dress to go out for dinner.

Don't waste time. Find a way to read God's Word each day. The time is there if our desire is great enough.

Dick Marcear, *Gospel Advocate*, Dec. 17, 1987
K.A. Pugh

The tornado in Perryville, about seventy miles south of St. Louis, is just another example of the tremendous power behind the forces of nature. Even after seeing many videos of the damage, it is difficult to imagine the forces involved. Seeing the damage just underscores how powerful these forces are.

We face problems and difficulties daily, but it is unusual to face such forces. However, no matter what we must face in life, we can always know that God is there for us. He is in control. He is the Almighty.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
Ps 46:1-3 ESV

There is no need to fear no matter what befalls us. Trust in Jehovah our God today and every day. He is greater than any tornado, earthquake, tsunami, or any other force we face. With God, we can even face the greatest foe, death, and know that we will be victorious. TLM

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