

Mt Vernon church of Christ

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Welcome Guest

We are glad you chose to worship with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate. Please worship with us again and often.

Schedule of Services

Pioneer Home Service 8:30 am
Bible Class 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class 12:00 pm
(at church building)
Wed. Evening Study 7:00 pm

Minister Sage Bridges

Shepherds

Otto Buehler Morris Guest
Gordon Gower Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell
Bob Justice

Church Statistics

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to noon

ATTENDANCE
Bible Class 74
Worship Assembly 113
Pioneer Home 19
FINANCES
Weekly Budget \$4018
Weekly Contribution \$3906

Pioneer Home Schedule

Date	Lesson	Song Leader
Aug 13	Otto Buehler	Larry Miller

August Greeters

Sally Guest &
Mary Justice

Mt Vernon Messenger August 6, 2017

Is Studying Your Bible Boring?

Have you ever felt excited about something just because of the attitude of those around you? Sometimes, when others are excited or very interested in something it becomes contagious. A few years ago I was exposed for the first time to a community that was excited about the upcoming hunting season. Without any former interest, I found myself becoming excited about it just because everyone around me was. In the same way our attitudes can have a reverse effect. When the church assembles for Bible class, there are times when the process of services becomes so ritualistic, that our mental productivity decreases to such a degree that we are simply filling time. It affects not only our Bible study with the church, but our personal Bible study as well. We could summarize our attitudes towards studying the Bible as something that is boring. If this is the case, then our spiritual lives are probably suffering, thus requiring a need for change. Allow me to suggest two solutions to this problem.

First, remind yourself of the historical attitude towards God's word. Peter provided us with a good indication of the attitude towards what would eventually be revealed in the life of Jesus and in the New Testament. He said that the prophets inquired and searched about what was to come (1 Peter 1:10-12). This means that they put a great deal of effort and energy towards figuring out the information we now have readily available to us in the New Testament. If the Old Testament prophets had access to the Bibles that we have today, they would have treated something that we allow to sit and collect dust on our shelves as their most valuable possession. By reminding ourselves of the privilege it is to be on this side of the cross, we might chose studying our Bibles over watching television more often.

Second, surround yourself with brothers and sisters who are overjoyed by the thought gaining more spiritual insight. Like what was mentioned before, when others are excited about something, most likely it is going to rub off on us. Very seldom is there a congregation that does not have at least one person whose enthusiasm towards scripture is off the charts. If you happen to find yourself in the unique position of finding no one, utilize the modern communication resources that will put you in touch with people who are excited about God's word.

Ultimately, studying scripture should not feel like homework, or like a chore that we are obligated to oblige. It should feel like a privilege that not very many people throughout the course of history have had. The more we grow in this area, the stronger spiritually we will become, thus fulfilling God's intent of His holy scriptures.

In Love,
Sage

Upcoming Lessons

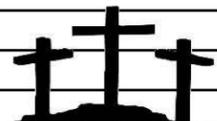
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm
Lesson: **The Mystery Revealed**
Ephesians 3:1-5

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7pm
Lesson: **Suffering As He Did**
1 Peter 2

Sermon Notes

Title:

Do You Want To Be Made Well? - John 5



Prayer List

Denise Miller's mom recovery after having two stints put in.

Ellen Larremore will be having a repair to cataract surgery on Aug 21st.

Deanna Larremore complications with health and having tests done.

Susan Bryant struggling with her rash again.

Jennifer McNamara (daughter of Larry & Shielia Johnson) had surgery Friday; continue to pray for her treatment for breast cancer and that the treatment will be effective.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Albert Robles (Alexis' brother)** healing after leg and arm surgery in rehab now.

~ **Allen Till (Otto and Dolores son-in-law)** treatment for colon cancer

~ **Bud Raines (father to Patty P. and Kathy C.)** health problems.

~ **Charity Johnson;** healthy pregnancy and healthy baby in a high risk category has lupus.

~ **Dean Wilkerson** under hospice care

~ **Paul Montandon (Caleb Montandon's father)** under treatment for brain tumor.

~ **Becky Poteet (Larry Miller's daughter)** cancer has spread further into her liver, she is in pain most of the time. Still taking chemo, having many difficult side effects.

~ **Sherry Stewart (friend of Kathy Cleaveland)** cancer treatment.

~ **Amanda Campbell (Friend of Sage & Alexis)** seizures

~ **Brad Hall (friend of Kathy Cleaveland)** in need of kidney transplant; on list.

~ **Christian (Becky Hanna's nephew)** terminal leukemia.

~ **Joe Hixenbaugh (Jim Hixenbaugh's brother)** cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Ruth Hague Dwain Oliver

Marjorie Trammell Dean Wilkerson

Things to Know

Nursery/Cry Room

Available at the back of the auditorium for ages 3 years and younger

Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meeting

Aug 8th 7pm

Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

Aug 9th 8am

POTLUCK

Aug 20th after morning worship. "Your Favorite Potluck Recipe".

Helping Hands Crafts

All those ladies interested in making things for Helping Hands to sell at the upcoming Ladies Retreat; it is time to start working on your projects. Anything that you would like to make is good. All projects will need to be turned in to Sally Guest by Wednesday Sept 6th. If you have questions see Sally.

Moving

There is an AZ book on the back table for Richard and Debbie Davis, they are in the final stages of moving to Hawaii permanently.

Work Weekend at Copper Basin Bible Camp

Sept 1st thru 4th mark your calendars!

Ladies Retreat

Sept 8th to 9th at Copper Basin Bible Camp, flyers on the back table.

Annual BBQ

Sept 16th at Copper Basin Bible Camp, more details coming soon.

Memorial Service

Art Searles memorial will be on Saturday August 26th at 11am. It will be held at the Desert church of Christ in Kingman 2345 Gordon Dr Kingman, AZ 86409.

Here is Laquita Searles address for cards

2909 W McConnico Rd

Golden Valley, AZ 86413

Those former Southwest church of Christ members, you are invited to a 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Ralph and Karon Brott on August 12th from 3-5pm at the Southwest church of Christ 8720 W Indian School Rd. Phx 85037. Please RXVP to Crystal Wester (602)668-8188. If you would like to send a card address it: C/O Mandy Moreno 3065 N 67th Ave #114 Phoenix, AZ 85037

"Giving Your Testimony" or Preaching Christ

Our religious world has lost sight of the power of the story of the coming of the Messiah, His death, His resurrection and the establishment of His kingdom to bring salvation to the world. This was the message that began at Pentecost and spread around the world. In this day, far too many give their "testimony" about their past life and how they have changed. The message that will convert the world is not the story of our life, but the story of His life.

In Acts chapter eight, we read how Philip lead lost men to Jesus. It was not the "testimony" of Philip's past life that changed the world. It was the story of the Savior. Imagine the following story. It never happened. It is simply an illustration showing God's plan of evangelism versus the modern plan used by some.

Philip ran to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian reading the scriptures and asked him if he understood the Bible. The man responded saying that it so hard to understand, and then Philip got into the chariot and gave his "testimony."

Philip said, "You are so right about the difficulty of understanding the Bible. I used to be exactly where you are. I attended worship at the local synagogue, and the lessons presented there made me think that no one could ever find God. They often spent hours trying to decide just how far one could walk on the Sabbath before walking would violate the command not to work on the Sabbath. They talked about eating with unwashed hands and talking to Gentiles. Synagogue worship seemed to never talk about mercy and faith in God."

"Those leaders in the synagogue were not serious. They used their position to gain fame. They loved having the chief seats in the assembly but did not seem to love people. Their religion was outward and never seemed to change. I was so discouraged."

"I remember one time when these same leaders caught a man and a woman sinning and decided to let the man go free, but wanted to stone the woman. It was rather strange that they would do this, for just the previous week we had read the words of Moses saying both should be stoned."

"I also was such a sinner in my own life. Let me preach to you my favorite sermon, What a Sinner I Used to Be. I have changed, and you need to change."

This story never happened. What did Philip preach? He preached about the authority of Jesus and the kingdom of heaven (Acts 8:12), and he taught about Jesus (8:35). The Ethiopian said, "See, here is water. What prevents me from being baptized?" Giving one's testimony will never bring such a response. Preaching Christ and His kingdom will!

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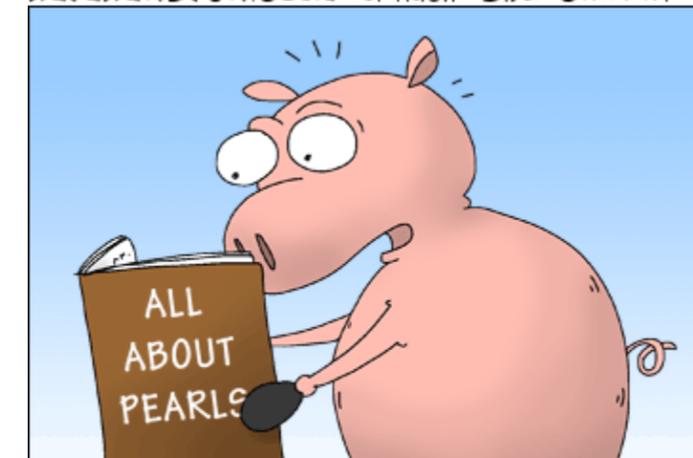
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(See Matthew 7:6)

WOAH!

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But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7