

## ●INSPIRE●

### Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday Noon  
Wednesday Women's (on  
summer break)

### Women's Wednesday Bible Study

—Summer Break—  
Will resume in the fall.

### Wednesday Noon Bible Study

"The Natural Knowledge of  
God in Our Christian  
Witness". This study will  
examine what it means to  
have a *Natural Knowledge*  
of God, what *Natural*  
*Revelation* and *Natural*  
*Law* are, and how they fit  
with His *Special Revelation*  
through Jesus and His  
written Word. We will look  
at how this Natural  
Knowledge is spoken  
about in the Bible, and  
how it is used by both  
Christians and  
unbelievers.  
*For what can be known  
about God is plain to  
them, because God has  
shown it to them.* -Rom.  
1:19

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Mike Sunday  
morning for a bible study  
on the book of Genesis -  
"The Beginning".

### Youth Group Bible Study

Focus on the Psalms.

### Sunday School Teachers needed

Would you consider  
becoming a teacher? We  
are on a rotation schedule.  
You would teach once a  
month/every six weeks.  
10:15 to 11 between  
services or 15-20 minutes  
during 2nd service  
Sermon. Curriculum is  
already done for you.  
Please see Liz Slone with  
questions. Thank you

## ●GROW●

### Flower Committee

Would you like to help  
with Altar Flowers?  
Carol Plew is looking for  
someone to help January-  
March.  
There are several weekly/  
monthly duties. Please see  
Carol for more  
information.

## ●CHANGE●

### Church Improvements Building Fund

Thank you to those that  
have given to the debt  
reduction fund. After your  
weekly tithing, please  
consider dropping a little  
extra into an envelope and  
putting it in the plate.  
It all adds up!  
Amount needed is approx.  
\$165,000.00.

**Debt Reduction**  
Envelopes are available  
at the welcome center

### Volunteering

There are so many  
opportunities, here are  
just a few. Redeemer Little  
Steps Daycare-reading to  
a class or helping serve  
lunch.  
Lincoln Elementary-lunch  
buddie, homework help or  
Boommerrang Backpack.  
You can volunteer  
everyday or once a  
month. The choice is  
yours. Interested in  
learning more? Stop by  
the office or talk with Tami  
Beery. Let's be His hands  
and feet. He created us to  
love and to serve those in  
need. Is He calling you to  
help with one of these  
opportunities?

**School begins on  
August 13!**

### Attention VBS volunteers & staff

If you have not already  
turned in your shirt—  
please do so. There is a  
box in the Fellowship Hall  
to toss them in. Thank  
you!

### Little Steps Needs

There are several items  
the Daycare needs that  
are not in the budget. To  
see a list (see the bulletin  
board) or have questions,  
please see Faith Doyle.

## Redeemer Volunteering & Events

### **Sign up sheet**

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25)

in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use this insert and place in Carol Plew's mail box

I'd like to join an awesome Bible Study! attend as many as you like!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

I would like assistance from the Youth Group  
(yard work, cleaning, a visit ...)

I would like to help with Sunday School, IMPACT, nursery

Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare. I am interested in  
learning about the many opportunities on how to  
implement our Vision Statement. *Stay tuned-it is going to be epic!*



## Practical Living Series : Reducing Stress

If you find yourself stressed out and uneasy most of the time, it is time to change your mindset... Because God's Word teaches us to live stress-free.

### 1) The focus we give to God's and His ways, will determine the level of His \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

Jesus said; *"Pay attention to what you're listening to! Knowledge will be measured out to you by the measure of attention you give. This is the way knowledge increases."*

(Mark 4:24 GW)

a) We need to examine what guides our \_\_\_\_\_ life.

b) If you're a sum total of your thoughts...

•what are you thinking? \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus also said, *"Life is spiritual. Your physical existence doesn't contribute to that life. The words that I have spoken to you are spiritual.*

*They are life."* (John 6:63 GW)

c) Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ us to the purest, highest level of living.

### 2) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ out God's Word.

a) When we're too \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, we allow God's Word to be choked out.

Jesus gave an illustration, *"Some people are like seeds that were planted along the road. Whenever they hear the word, Satan comes at once and takes away the word that was planted in them."* (Mk. 4:15 GW)

b) Worldly cares choke God's Word out of our \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul said, *"Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you."* (Rm. 12:1 GW)

c) Today's culture is ever-changing; it has \_\_\_\_\_ the guidelines God gave us.

Paul says, *"Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect."* (Rm. 12:2 GW)

### 3) Satan tries to \_\_\_\_\_ our focus off of God's Word.

a) If we are unwavering in faith and refuse to be moved, God will \_\_\_\_\_ us.

b) Stress and worry \_\_\_\_\_ trouble and strife.

•Ex; Martha was stressed out and angry because she was too busy.

But Mary was focused on Jesus and His Words (Luke 10).

c) The Word of God brings \_\_\_\_\_.

**Close:** Placing our thoughts on God, helps us live a life without stress.

So, allow God's Word to change you from the inside out.

"Giving Dogs a Bad Name"

Revelation 22:15 - *Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

The fire at the home of Robert and Elsie Whitson broke out in the early morning hours of March 9. The last I heard, a space-heater in the family room was thought to be responsible for the blaze. By the time the fire department arrived, Robert and Elsie were safe. They survived because when their dog Lassie smelled smoke, she gently nipped at their fingers until they fled from their home. Lassie's body was found under a section of the collapsed ceiling.

Which explains why many of us love dogs.

You should know the Bible doesn't share that feeling. That's because, over the centuries, people living in the lands of the Bible have thought of dogs as being ravenous beasts, scavengers. That's why, when the ancient Jews wanted to show their disrespect for someone, they called him a "dog."

Now, why all this talk about dogs? I'll tell you. In the book of Revelation, it tells how things will be after the judgment. Jesus shares: *"Those who stand firm to the end will be saved"* (see Matthew 24:13). The Savior's words promise that this world's sadness will be replaced by unending joy; tears will be dried and laughter will be heard; pain and problems, trials, troubles, and tribulations will be no more. Salvation is the living Savior's gift to all who stand firm until the end.

And the dogs? The Savior tells us that outside will be the dogs, those who practice magic arts, *"the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."*

In other words, after Judgment Day this world's sin-twisted tables will be turned. Those who wanted only to live their lives without God, who demanded nothing more than to be free of the Savior -- His work, His sacrifice, His redemption, His forgiveness, and salvation -- will be granted their wish. The Father, quite rightly has decreed that these lovers of falsehood will spend eternity as ungrateful, unthankful, unappreciative mongrels, which they have shown themselves to be.

Eternity will be spent without God, without Christ's love, the Holy Spirit's peace. They will spend eternity howling through the unending hours of perpetual night and darkness.

Does what has just been said sound too stern, too severe? Remember, that isn't God's wish. God would have everybody be saved. That is why the Father sent His Son into this world to purchase our freedom. After the judgment, if some are sent as dogs to live outside heaven's doors, it is not by God's desire, but by humankind's disobedience.

And what of those who have remained faithful until the end? What about them?

Jesus tells us what will happen to them. He said, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven ..."* (Matthew 5:3-12).

Is there anyone who hears this devotion who does not wish to be so blessed?

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, while there still is time, let the lost be saved. To that end, may I be of help. In Jesus' Name. Amen.