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OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study



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**Nursing Home
Residents**

Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203

Pleasant Valley Manor

Marie Carpenter Room 405

Velta Hambelton Room 107

Charlie Ward Room 407

NHC

Helen Harrison Room D3

West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309

Jimmy Armstrong Room 419

Helen Collins Room 608

Bobby Jo Gish Room 819

Hazel Henry Room 712

Lois Shelton Room 807

Marjorie Willard Room 613

**Members Home-
Bound or with On-
Going Illness**

Loeta Barr, J. G. Batterton, Floyd & Marcella Brown, Madge Brown, Helen Collins, Leota Crawford, JoAnne Eagleman, Marie Good, Connie Griffin, Udean Halford, Helen Harrison, James Henry, Pete & Rachael Hensley, Minnie Hicks, Sue Moore, Jean Osborn, Betty Sage, Bonnie Wallace, Leona Willard & Sibyl Wright

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King James Version is requested for the pulpit, classrooms, and scripture reading.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16



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**CONDITIONAL PROMISE OR
PRESENT POSSESSION?**

Eternal life by definition is perpetual or never ending. In reply to Peter's question of the Lord, "...Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matthew 19: 28-29).

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. (For we walk by faith, not by sight)"

(II Corinthians 5: 6, 7). "Wherefore we labor that, whether

present or absent, we may be accepted of him" (II Corinthians 5:9).

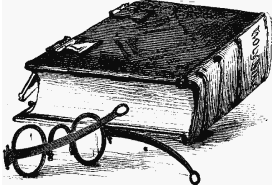
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Romans 8:24, 25).

"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

James Groves

**ETERNAL
LIFE**



"THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT"

Larry Yarber

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:14-17).

Clarke list the sword as an offensive weapon and says of it, "xiphos, the sword; these were of various sizes, and in the beginning all of brass" ... "Maxaipa, called also a sword, sometimes a knife; it was a short sword, used more frequently by gladiators, or in single combat' (Clarke's Commentaries, Adam Clarke, Vol. VI, Romans - Revelation, Abingdon Press, New York - Nashville, pg. 469). Coffman writes, "The sword of the Spirit ... It should be noted, especially, that the word of God is the means by which God's Spirit enables Christians to stand against the enemy and overcome. There is nothing here to support the view that God's Spirit, apart from the word of God, will ever enable the child of God to overcome. Our generation needs to return to the word of God" (Coffman's Commentaries, James Burton Coffman, Vol. 8, Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians, ACU Press, 1984, pg. 225). Perhaps Lipscomb and Shepherd put it best when they wrote, "The Spirit gave the word of God to the Christian, that he might use it both as a defensive and offensive weapon. ... In opposition to all error, to all false philosophy, to all false principles of morals, to all sophistries of vice, to all suggestions of the devil, the sole, simple and sufficient weapon is the word of God. It puts to flight all the powers of darkness. The Christian finds this to be true in his individual experience. It dissipates his doubts; it drives away his fears; it delivers him from the power of Satan. It is also the experience of the church collectively. ... So long as she uses this and relies on this alone, she goes forward conquering; but when she turns aside to reason, science, tradition, or the doctrines and commandments of men, then she is at the mercy of the adversary - the devil]" (GA Commentaries, Lipscomb and Shepherd, Vol. IV, Ephesians - Philippians - Colossians, Nashville Tennessee, 1939, pgs. 133 and 134).

Paul says of this sword, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:12-13). With this sword, man is bowed to obedience, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked (cut - LY) in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do" (Acts 2:37)? In the book of Revelation, our Lord is pictured as going forth into battle with this sword, "And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a

sharp two-edged sword: ..." (Revelation 1:16). And again, "Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth" (Revelation 2:16). Then, "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Revelation 19:15). Finally, "And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceedeth out of his mouth; ..." (Revelation 19:21). The same sword which cuts the heart and brings man unto obedience will strike down and eternally destroy those who resist it in disobedience. It is imperative that we arm ourselves with the sword of the Spirit as we fight the battle of life!

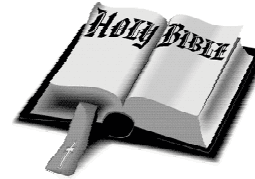
Sunday Class & Sermon Titles

Sunday AM Class: "The First Tour of Galilee"

Sunday AM Sermon: "The Willful & Presumptuous Sin"

(New Testament, Part 1)

Sunday PM Sermon: "Hell"



DAILY FAMILY BIBLE READING

Revelation 2: 10-11

In Sympathy: Our sympathy goes out to **Brent Roberts** at the passing of his father, **Ronald Roberts**. He passed away on Thursday, Oct. 27. Ronald was also a son-in-law to **Bill & Imogene Dold**.

Our sympathy is extended also to Glen Johnson & Family at the passing of his mother, **Ruth Johnson**. She passed away on Tuesday, Oct 25. Services were held yesterday in Thayer, Mo. **(Please keep both of these families in your thoughts & prayers.)**

West Vue: Madge Brown has been moved to **West Vue** for Physical Therapy. She is in **Room 814**.

Craft Group: The ladies will meet on **Thursday, Nov. 3** at **10:00 a.m.**

Teens: Mark your calendar for **November 19**. Details to follow.

Reminder: There will be a **Baby Shower** for **Randi Russell** after **evening services tonight**. She is expecting a baby girl. Ladies, please bring finger foods.

