

Pay Attention to What is Written

By Dan Jenkins

If America would understand the importance of studying the Old Testament, our world would drastically change and head in a new direction. Why do we have that old covenant when we live under the new one? Listen to what God says. “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). We are a sick nation because we have not paid attention to those things written before. Have you learned from what was written?

There is evil in our land as there was evil in the land of Noah. When godly people became intertwined with the ungodly, our holy God responded. “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart” (Gen. 6:5-6). At one time, we at least said that we wanted to be “one nation under God,” but now we have become a nation which longs to be “one nation *out from under God*.” How much longer will it be before God is sorry that He ever made America?

What things were written before? Read those verses from Genesis again and understand they were for our learning!

How do these words from Micah describe our land? “Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it” (Micah 2:1). They cunningly devise their plans and then carry them out as soon as the morning light comes. How good are they at it? “They do evil ... successfully with both hands” (Micah 7:3). We are truly a land filled with ambidextrous people!

Once a nation starts down the road of evil it becomes more and more corrupt. Paul described it this way, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13). Jeremiah’s words are so graphic: “And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me” (Jer. 9:3).

Regardless of the politics that try to convince us that the economy is booming, there is something far more important. Our land has become a place where “evil is booming.” Will we never learn? Is there no hope? The hope for us is found in the opening words of this article. Those things written before were written for our learning!

How do we respond to all of this evil? What values must we place in our homes? It’s very simple. We must not follow the multitude to do evil (Ex. 23:2). We must not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).

Things you should know about...

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown  
This Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

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Men’s Meeting January 20th @ 9am

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If you would like to help with communion preparation for 2024, please sign up on the list

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lois Ferris 1/12

Maey Bang 1/17

Rhonda Gaynor 1/15

Gage Thompson 1/17

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**Our next potluck will be on February 11th**

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	January 7, 2024 AM	January 7, 2024 PM	January 14, 2024 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Rick Ferris	Brandon Fourman
Announcements	Jason Bang	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang
Song Leading	Mike Illinck	Duane Kemp	Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Duane Kemp	Brandon Fourman	Rick Ferris
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Tom Muter	Judah Gasper	Jason Bang

This week's Bible Verse

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:42



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Bible Studies currently being held
- *Phyllis Caldwell - health & comfort
- *Rena Morgan - encouragement & health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health - prostate cancer
- *Lynn Thompson - health
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - chemo treatments, health & energy
- *Josh Bang (Jason Bang's cousin) - stress related health issues and caring for wife/family
- *Pamela Illinick - Stage 4 Kidney failure
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health
- *Brendan Fenton (Michelle Buckingham's nephew) - recovering from surgery
- *Aubri Haguewood (Bang's granddaughter) - having dizzy spells & headaches
- *Laura McGiffin - health
- *Vanessa Collette (Amie Allen's friend) - looking for housing, going through a custody battle
- *Family & friends of Jeff Wilhelm (friend of Duane Kemp) - grieving his passing
- *Armain Cauhgey - (friend of Duane Kemp) - sick

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, December 31		Wednesday, January 3	
Bible Classes	30	Bible Classes	26
AM Attendance	45		
PM Attendance	20	Contribution	\$1,138.00



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January 7, 2024

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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