

Daily Devotional Thought: Are You Listening?

“Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little” (Isa. 28:9, 10).

In the above passage, the Lord is looking for a certain kind of people, a type of people to whom He can “*teach knowledge,*” and can “*make to understand doctrine.*” Furthermore, these people must be mentally grown-up. The Lord gives the specifications on who will receive teaching and doctrine by observing that these kinds of people must be “*weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*” These verses clearly express the same problem that the writer of the book of Hebrews considers: “*For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Heb. 5:12-14).*

The question that begs to be answered is “*Why aren’t people able to understand the knowledge of the Scriptures?*” The answer is that they “*have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*” No wonder the Lord is looking for the kind of people that do not need milk anymore. Milk-users are unskillful! They don’t know how to learn.

Peter addresses a similar problem in 1 Peter 2:1-2, “*Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.*” We have to get our mind and mental attitude in shape even before we can get enough milk of the Word to grow up. In order to understand anything, you have to study. Why is it any different concerning God’s Word?

One of the greatest problems of the church today—and of the world!—is that primarily what we do is listen to what other people say, and what other people have read, written and thought about concerning the Bible. On our last day in Ukraine during a Tuesday night youth devotional, two young men, jocks—cocky and egotistical—began berating and blaspheming the Bible. Finally, after about 20 minutes of this ranting a translator came into the class giving me an opportunity to ask them some questions. The first question I asked was “*Have you ever read the Bible? How, then, can you attack and deny a book you know absolutely nothing about?*” Not only did they not give the Bible a fair judgment, they hadn’t even read it! They didn’t like my questions, but they got my point. (Cont’d)



Happy Birthday this week to:

- Jack Cook—8/15
- Madolia Rosette—8/16
- Roger Mays—8/20
- Wes White—8/21
- Mickie Janney—8/22
- Sondra Tyler—8/22

Happy Anniversary this week to:

- Norris & Velda Gearhart—8/16
- Shree & Raymond Lowe—8/16
- Greg & JoAnn Edwards—8/17
- Jeremy & Jessica White—8/17
- Jerry & Kay Anderson—8/22

WOW

The next regular meeting will be on September 14th at 10:30.



WOW Bus Trip

Please sign up by August 29th for the Hillbilly Hideaway trip. Seating capacity on the bus is 54. Your money to Don or Mitzi reserves your seat. Other congregations will be invited to enjoy this trip after August 29th. Let's fill the bus.

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Are you one of those kinds of people that God is looking for to whom He can teach knowledge and understanding? Millions of people are groping in the cesspools of infidelity and religious darkness. They know knowing about this life and even less about the life to come. But God is ever on the lookout for people who are spiritually sensitive and honestly searching. The more we *want* to know, the more we *will* know. God can teach us many things if only we would listen to Him. Read your Bible lately with a desire to learn? – Howell Ferguson

West Side Youth

- .Sunday, 8/15—Discovery Club meets 4p
- Sunday, 8/22—TBS at 7p at the Teen Center
- Saturday, 8/28—Discovery Club Zoo Trip at 10am
- Sunday, 8/29—Young Men Conduct Services

TEAMS

Team 3 will meet at the Gilpin's on September 18. Details to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS NEWLYWEDS

A reception to honor Tom & Nancy Richardson will be held Sunday evening, September 12, after they return from their honeymoon travels. Gift suggestions include gift cards to Lowe's, Walmart, Target or K&W. Please see Rebecca Durham if you have questions.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with our new brother in Christ, Dylan Tyler, who was baptized Monday afternoon by Ryan Davis. Encourage him and his mom, Sondra, as he begins his new walk in Christ.



Daniel Ceglowski, Leah Durham's boyfriend, is at basic training for the Army National Guard. Ty Stricklin has received his orders to Afghanistan in November. Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

BABY SHOWER

Saturday, August 21, at 6:00 pm West Side will be giving Gianna Yepez, unborn daughter of Amy (Richardson) and Carlos Yepez, a baby shower. It is unique in that it will be in the form of a dinner in the fellowship hall and everyone in the congregation is invited—men, women and children. Please bring a covered dish and a baby gift and help us welcome this new baby girl into the world. She is registered at Babies R' Us and could use girl clothes, diapers, gift cards, or cash. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board so we can get a count.

AUGUST ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:
Triscuits—thin original flavor and dream whip

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues this week. Bring your dinner and join us for the work!

SUMMER SERIES

This week's summer series speakers will be Eric Earnhart from West Side.

POLISHING THE PULPIT

Polishing the Pulpit will be held in Tennessee from August 27 – September 2. See board or Eddy for more details.

Also, Water Needed for PTP- If you can help provide bottled water for "Polishing the Pulpit" please bring it to the building whenever it is convenient. Eddy will be collecting these and taking them when he goes. The deadline is Wednesday, August 25. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

There is a sign up sheet for Ladies' Bible Class for the Fall quarter. Jeanny will be teaching "Becoming God's Woman" on Wednesday nights in the fellowship hall beginning September 8th. Please sign up for your materials.

SECRET SISTERS

Please remember to check the secret sister box on the table in the foyer for "goodies".



BULLETIN EVENTS

All upcoming events for September and October calendars need to be in the office by **August 25th**.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Ladies please check out the sign up sheet that's on the bulletin board to host this event.

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Effective August 8, the elders are pleased to announce the following individuals have agreed to accept responsibility to oversee these areas of work: Jean Argabright—Secretary; Mark Laplante—Team 1; Bob Martin—Treasurer; Josh Whitlow—Primary Education.

SYMPATHY

Is extended to the families of Bob Finck who was killed while on a mission trip in Zambia. Also to family of Sarah Erye, friend of Lori Whitlow.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER—BIBLE TIC-TAC-TOE. More information coming soon.

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson
Norma Biller
Betty Buckner
Marguerite Charles
Jim Dorsett
Al Furrow
Collin Gregory
Walter & Betty Jenkins
Martha Keith
Margaret Kratz
Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove
Grace Myers
Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith
Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White
EV Wimmer
WJ Wood

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- Natalie Valentine will have foot surgery on August 18 at LGH.
- Annette Shrader's surgery has been rescheduled for August 26–29 at UVA.
- Reba Brown, mother of David Brown, is home after surgery.
- Ted Keith, neighbor of Paula Gibson, had cancer surgery last week.
- Gail Wilson, mother of Cindy Hall, had outpatient knee surgery last week.
- Anne Marie Meyers, wife of co-worker of Marc Laplante, has a return of cancer.
- Alice Pyott, sister-in-law of Patty Gwaltney is scheduled for more surgery at Duke hospital this week.

Continue in prayer: Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Claude Crowe, Shannon VanRavestein, Brad Swain, Arthur Munsey, Don Raynor, Lori Whitlow, Brooke Nicholls, Debbie Richie. Hazel Maness, Blake Batson, Virgie Umberger

August 2010

Announcements	Jeff Durham
Song Leader (AM)	Charlie Gwaltney
Opening Prayer (AM)	
8/1	Garrett Durham
8/8	Mike Durham
8/15	Jim Harrington
8/22	Charlie Maness
8/29	Wayne Dixon
Preside at Communion	Bob Garby
Serve Table	
	Barry White, Jeremy White
	Gene Benefield, David Brown
Closing Prayer	
8/1	Bradford Durham
8/8	Jim Cooke
8/15	Herb Baker
8/22	Marc Laplante
8/29	Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (PM)	Josh Whitlow
Opening Prayer (PM)	
8/1	Herman Lowe
8/8	Tom Rogers
8/15	Bob Martin
8/22	Barry White
8/29	Greg Edwards
Scripture Reader	Nathan Pelfrey
Closing Prayer (PM)	
8/1	Don Pettit
8/8	Charlie Gwaltney
8/15	Mitch Jearls
8/22	Glenn Hartman
8/29	Sam Valentine
Serve Table (PM)	
	Andrew Gibson, Cameron Brown
Song Leader (Wed)	Garrett Durham
Prayer (Wed)	
8/4	Ron White
8/11	Collin Gregory
8/18	Jimmy Harrington
8/25	Danny Guard
Open/Close Bldg	Fred Altizer
Greeters	Bakers/Guilliams
Nursery Attend	Michelle Earnhart
	Dorothy Mays (PM)
Ushers	Squeaky Valentine, Norris Gearhart
Handouts	M. Brooks, J. Harrington
Prepare communion	
	Dee House, Hazel McFalls

“But God...” (13)

As we have seen in our study, the phrase “but God” is found 44 times in the Bible (KJV) and shows a contrast in what was done by or to others and what was done by God. What God accomplished was, of course, far superior to anything done by another or any outcome that might otherwise have been achieved. We continue our look at New Testament passages containing this phrase.

The tenth chapter of Acts records the occasion of Peter’s visit to the household of Cornelius, a watershed moment in the early church. The promise that the Gentiles would be equal recipients of the gospel was prophesied in the Old Testament (i.e. Is. 62:2). In giving His marching orders, the Lord instructed His apostles to take the gospel to “the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Acts 10 reveals the culmination of these matters, as the gospel is for the first time taken to the Gentiles. Both Cornelius and Peter were given divine instructions regarding their meeting (Acts 10:5, 6; 10:19, 20). Upon his arrival in Caesarea at the house of Cornelius, Peter stated to those who had gathered: “Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; *but God* hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean” (Acts 10:28). With these words the dialogue between the two parties began (Acts 10:29-33), Peter preached the gospel unto them (Acts 10:34-43) and they were obedient to it and became the first of many Gentiles to be added to the church (Acts 10:47, 48).

At first, Peter resisted the idea that the Gentiles were to be equal recipients of the truth (Acts 10:9-17). His personal prejudice against them would later still be demonstrated (Gal. 2:11, 12). However, with the word from God that he should “doubt nothing” (Acts 10:20), he went to these people and obeyed the Lord. This situation would likely have been much different were it not for the urgency placed upon this matter by the simple phrase “but God.”

-Eddy

Last weeks attendance 8/8 & 8/11/10

Bible Class— 129 Worship Service—155
Sunday Eve.— 107 Wednesday Eve.—130
Contribution—\$6673