

## The Demands Go with the Bible

Many homes have yet to give up the Bible. It has its place on a certain table or shelf, and it is no danger of being carted off to the half-price bookstore. The Bible will survive in a multitude of homes and perhaps even be passed down from generation to generation.

Now the **demands** the Bible makes are a different matter! Many folks buried the demands of the Bible long ago, and they have no intention of resurrecting them. When one gives serious thought to the matter it doesn't make much sense. What does one have left when all the **demands** have been stripped from the Bible?

The demands go with the Bible. Removing the demands from the Bible is reminiscent of those who sought to separate Christ from His church. One does not have the option of Christ without the church or the Bible without its demands.

One demand the Bible makes that is so frequently ignored is that it be believed. A geometry book or a grammar book is designed to be believed. These books are worthless to the unbeliever. One reads these books in vain unless he chooses to put into practice the examples and instructions that lie therein.

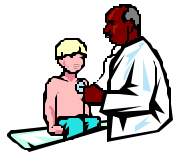
Paul reminds the Roman brethren, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The Bible is of no value to one who does not believe it is God's divine pattern for man. Will a person trust his feelings or will he believe the Bible? A person may say, "I just feel that I am saved and that I will go to Heaven when I die." This person has not been "baptized for the remission of sins" (Act 2:38), but he "feels" that he is saved. He reads his Bible but he doesn't believe it. If he did, he would yield to the Bible's **demand** to be immersed for the remission of his sins.

The Bible reveals the attitude one should possess toward the Scriptures: "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" (Rom. 1:16). The writer of Hebrews says, "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Heb. 4:2).

*This article will be continued next week.*

# Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:



Marguerite Charles,  
Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Lynn &  
Mary Anderson, Crawford &  
Martha Keith, Mariam Majors.

Sandra Wood had medical procedures done on Thursday.

Mary Reese, Connie Harrah's mother, is ill and Connie is in WV with her.

Lyn Shrader's sister and brother-in-law are suffering from cancer. Send them a card—Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dunagan,  
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## Happy Birthday this week to:

Bobby Martin—8/31  
Jackie Dixon—9/7  
Susan Duff—9/7  
Kyle, Brianna & Caitlin Simms—9/7



## Happy Anniversary this week to:

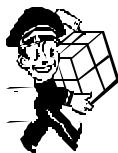
Jim & Marsha Cooke—8/31

Wayne & Jackie Dixon—9/2



## SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR THE

**STAFFORDS:** Dryel (at home dry cleaning) & tea bags (mandarin orange or mango). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



## MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq

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Ty Stricklin will be returning to Iraq in October.

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**Sign Up Sheets** – located on the board:

**Ladies Night Out** – sign up to host a gathering of the ladies of West Side.

**Sunday Morning 'Thru the Bible' Class Outlines** – If you are interested in an outline, check the web site at [www.westsidecofc-salem.com](http://www.westsidecofc-salem.com) or sign up by today.

**Fall Quarter Wednesday Evening Ladies Class** – *"Everything I Needed To Know, I Learned From The Bible."* See Jeanny if you have questions.

**The 15<sup>th</sup> WS Golf Tournament** is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at 11 A.M. at the Blue Hills Golf Club.

# F Y I

For Your Information

## LESSONS FROM CAMP

Special guest speaker this morning for the adult classes—Larry Phillips! All adult classes meet in the auditorium.

## TURN, TURN, TURN

T3 flyers and registrations are located in the foyer. Return to the office by Sept. 20. Also there will be a **T3 Planners meeting** on Sept. 14 at 4:30.

## FALL PRIMARY TEACHERS

All lesson plans, activities and etc. from last fall need to be e-mailed to Tom Richardson or Danny Guard by today. Give all visuals to Tom.

## PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a primary teachers meeting on Sept. 7 at 4:30 in the fellowship hall. Second & Third Grade teachers are in charge of snacks!

## AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The monthly preaches meeting will be starting up again on September 15 at 10:30 here at West Side. Special guest speaker: Tom Hodge. All are invited!

## MENS BREAKFAST

The monthly men's breakfast will be a week later due to Olde Salem Days. Meet at Famous Anthony's on Sept. 20, at 8:00 AM.

## CELEBRITY AMONG US

Be sure to check out our own John Black—his article from the Salem Newspaper is located on the board in the hallway!

## Teens



The young men will conduct the services on August 31. Make plans now to attend and support our fine young men—they do a great job!

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## WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 10:30.

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### T was the Night Before School Starts

'T was the night before school starts and everywhere  
Anxious students were choosing what to wear.  
T he notebooks were laid with care in the den,  
Among brand new folders, pencils and pens.  
Gone swimming, gone fishing, gone playing all day.  
Gone vacations and sunburns, at least until May.  
Gone church camp, gone late nights, gone sleeping in,  
too.

At the thought of it all, I began to feel blue,  
So I dropped to my knees beside of my bed,  
And prayed, "Can't I just join the circus instead?"

T he kids at my school are cruel and unfair,  
Some don't know you, Father, and what's more, some  
don't care.

T hey know I'm a Christian, so they watch every move,  
T o see if I'll mess up, and sometimes I do."  
T hen out of the silence, I heard this reply,  
I'll be with you always, just point them to Christ.

- Gayla T hornburgh

September 2008

## There is But One Decree for You”

**Announcements** Squeaky Valentine  
**Song Leader (AM)** Eric Earnhart  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
9/7 Charlie Maness  
9/14 Danny Guard  
9/21 Gene Benefield  
9/28 Jerry Anderson

**Preside at Communion** Tom Rogers  
**Serve Table** Adam House Jeremy White  
Jim Harrington Bob Garby

**Closing Prayer**  
9/7 Roger Mays  
9/14 Barry White  
9/21 Tom Richardson  
9/28 Greg Edwards

**Song Leader (PM)** Jeff Durham  
**Opening Prayer (PM)**  
9/7 AC Janney  
9/14 Richard Simms  
9/21 Glenn Hartman  
9/28 George Mellon

**Scripture Reader** Ethan Rogers  
**Closing Prayer (PM)**  
9/7 Herb Baker  
9/14 Josh Whitlow  
9/21 Mike Durham  
9/28 Don Pettit

**Serve Table (PM)**  
Sam Valentine Shawn Simms

**Song Leader (Wed)** Eric Earnhart  
**Prayer (Wed)**  
9/3 Mark Brooks  
9/10 David Brown  
9/17 Garrett Durham  
9/24 Jim Cooke

**Open/Close Bldg** Richard Simms  
**Greeters** Gilpin Bush  
**Nursery Attend** Sandra Altizer Evelyn Scott  
**Ushers** David McFalls Norris Gearhart  
**Handouts** Mike Durham Garrett Durham  
Bradford Durham Sam Valentine

**Alternates** Lyn Shrader  
**Prepare communion**  
Jo Hartman Hazel Maness

**Cards & Pencils**  
Sydney Durham Rebecca Doss

Like so many books of the Bible, Daniel is filled with action and intrigue. Daniel 2 records Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and the matters surrounding its being eventually revealed and interpreted by Daniel. Nebuchadnezzar could not remember the terrible dream and wanted his wise men to reveal it to him and then tell him what it meant. The wise men, of course, wanted him first to tell them the dream and then they would reveal an interpretation (Dan. 2:1-9). Nebuchadnezzar promised great riches to the one who could deliver such a revelation. However, if it could not be done by one of them, all of them would be put to death (Dan. 2:5). The first part of verse 9 records his fearful words to them in this fashion: “But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you.” Surely these words sent chills down the spines of those wise men.

We know, of course, how the story ends. Daniel (who, by the way, would also have been included in that execution) prayed to God and He revealed to him the dream and its interpretation. Nebuchadnezzar’s wholesale execution of his wise men never transpired. However, his words should serve as a warning to us in reference to God’s promise of eternal destruction.

The Bible reveals that there are only two options regarding man’s eternal destiny. Jesus described these as the “broad way” and “narrow way” Mt. 7:13, 14), the “wide gate” and the “strait gate” (Mt. 7:13, 14). His judgment scene of Matthew 25 concludes with either “everlasting punishment” or “life eternal” (vs. 46). In the account of the rich man and Lazarus, one was in torment (Lk. 16:23) and the other was “carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom” (Lk. 16:22). Other passages demonstrate this same truth.

The Bible plainly reveals that those who fail to obey the Lord’s commands will suffer the consequences eternally, while those who are obedient will enjoy eternal bliss (II Thes. 1:6-9). Sadly, for those who neglect God’s will or who choose to disobey Him, “there is but one decree for you.” Although God is love (I Jn. 4:8, 16), He is also a God of justice and vengeance (Rom. 11:22; 12:19). He will keep His word (II Pet. 3:9), just as Nebuchadnezzar fully intended on keeping his. Remember the king’s words and realize the King’s warning should you make the choice to reject His counsel- “there is but one decree for you.” -Eddy

### Last weeks attendance 8/24&27/08

Bible Class—156 Worship Service—178  
Sunday Eve.—131 Wednesday Eve.—136  
Contribution—\$5436

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