

“Are You Ready?”

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

I. Extremes we need to guard against

II. The truth will set you free

III. The Second Coming step by step

IV. What does it mean to be ready for Jesus' return?

December 3, 2023 • Ray Rose

TODAY'S GREETERS: Greyson Waide & Luke Rehmel

SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium - Adults (Ray Rose)

The book of Philippians

Multipurpose Room - Teens (Doug Boyle)

Church History

WEDNESDAY PM - December 6th

Greeter

Song

Scripture (1 Peter 1:22-25)

Lynda Malaska

Aaron Boyle

Greyson Waide

WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium - Adults (Frosty Munsell)

The book of 1 Thessalonians

Teen Room - Teens (Ray Rose)

The book of Philippians

Fellowship Hall - Ladies Class (Fern Boyle)

Biblical Geography

BLAST Class - PreK - 6th (Dec 6th: Beth Gaddie)

NEXT SUNDAY - December 10th

Greeters

Announcements

Songleader

Scripture Reading/Prayer

Lesson

Communion

Closing Prayer

PM Songleader

PM Prayer

Matt & Kayla Nichols

Dan Bibby

Doug Boyle

Bill David Walker

Ray Rose

Matt Nichols

Travis Key

Greyson Waide

Tucker Fuxa

ELDERS

Doug Boyle

***Elder of the Month - December**

***Greg Waide**

DEACONS

Tim Ford - Audio-Visual/Technology

Tim Rehmel - Education

***Responsible for locking the building - December**

***Roger Gaddie** - Building/Communion Svc

If you ever miss a robo-call from the church, you can hear the most recent message again by dialing: 1-877-333-9336.

PULPIT MINISTER - Ray Rose

SECRETARIES - June Munsell & Jennifer Waide

Office Hours: 8:30 to 4:30 (Mon & Wed-Fri)

Notary services are available in the office Wed-Fri.



ALL SERVICES
INTERPRETED FOR
THE DEAF

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:30 am

AM Worship 10:30 am

PM Worship 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Boost Meal 5:30-6:30 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm



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SILLY THINGS PEOPLE SAY

Religious people show intellectual silliness and shallowness when attempting to justify unauthorized religious practices. Some of the arguments used to approve such practices are not biblical but foolish. They reflect ignorance of the Bible. They reveal that somebody hasn't been reading God's word closely. From a casual reading of Scripture, a clear and unbiased mind is compelled to conclude the following:

That women teaching/preaching in public assemblies where men are present is forbidden (**I Cor. 14:33-34; 1 Tim. 2:12**).

That failing to observe the Lord's Supper every first day of the week as worship to God is falling short (**Acts 20:7**); eating it on Saturday, or at weddings, or at funerals is going too far; unauthorized by Scripture.

That employing instrumental music in worship is unauthorized; the Bible says to sing; **not** play, **not** sing and play (**Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16**).

That baptism is by immersion; (that is the meaning of the word itself - to bury, to plunge, to submerge) (**Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12**). Sprinkling or pouring water on someone's head does not constitute a burial, and therefore does not qualify as baptism; it just can't; that shoe doesn't fit.

Now notice some of the silly attempts to authorize these unbiblical practices.

Folks will say such things as:

"I don't see anything wrong with it."

"I think it's okay."

"I don't have a problem with it."

"I like it."

"I don't think it makes any difference to God."

A common denominator in each of these attempts to authorize is the word "I." It's amazing and absolutely astonishing what we can justify in our own minds by starting a statement with the word "I," as if what "I think" or "I like" constitutes authority in religious matters.

One lady from another church told me that she had been immersed but her husband had been sprinkled. She said, "I think that's okay." She went on to say that if she had to be baptized again she would be immersed, "Because that is how I was raised; but my husband would be sprinkled because that is what he prefers." Does it really just boil down to a matter of man's personal preference?

Actually, it boils down to God's preference. It has everything to do with divine authority (**Col. 3:17**). It's a matter of obeying Jesus out of love (**Jn. 14:15**). It's an issue of submitting to inspired Scripture (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**). It's the resolve to accept only what is authorized (**Lev. 10:2**). It's a call to self denial (**Lk. 9:23**). It's replacing pride with humility (**Jas. 3:6; 10**). Rather than spout off silly sayings to justify religious practices, simply submit to God's word in humble obedience.

BULLETINDIGEST (Jan 2012)
1002 N Johnson St
McCrary, AR 72101

James Cudd
Hinton church of Christ
Hinton, OK

Prayer Works



Jason (Grandson of Jerry & Shirley Lorenz)...He is at Mercy Hospital in OKC with complications from surgery.

Mike Goodpasture & Family (Cousin of Dan Biby)...He is back at OU Medical. His cancer is spreading quickly, and the doctor has given him only six months left to live.

Family of Bart Wilder (Uncle of Teresa Rose)...He passed away Thursday night.

Chris Strate.....She has been diagnosed as borderline diabetic and would appreciate prayers.

Lynda Malaska.....She had an abnormal EKG and is undergoing further testing on her heart.

Kathy Wade (Aunt of Bill David & Connie Walker's daughter-in-law)...The Mayo Clinic diagnosed her with ALS and MS. She was released to go home on Hospice care.

Garry Osburn.....He is still weak and is having dizzy spells.

Mission Trip to Ghana, Africa...Please be praying for Amanda Turpin, Jonathan and Re'Elle Crowell as they prepare for their trip, Dec 8-23.

Please continue to pray for:

Lena Stites Marsha Hager Nancy Thomas (Sister of Polly Watkins)
Lucille Wilder Tina Wilder Eldon Gritz Misty Walker

DECEMBER EVENTS:

- 9th 8:30 am, Area Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast
Hosted by North Garland church of Christ - More details on bulletin board
- 10th 12 pm, Holiday potluck honoring widows & widowers
6:30 pm, Devotional at the Boyles' home
- 13th 5:30-6:30, Mid-Week Boost meal
- 14th 6 pm, Ladies Night Out Christmas party
- 17th Teen devo & Christmas party - *More details to come!*
- 24th 2-5 pm, Shepherds' Christmas Come & Go at the Boyles' home
- 31st 7 pm, Evening services **** Please NOTE the time change! ****
8 pm, New Year's Eve party

DAYS IN GOD'S WORD

(Nov 19 - Nov 25)

Number of days: **146**

Slips turned in: **23**

OUR RECORDS

Week of November 26, 2023

Bible Class	33
AM Worship.....	47
PM Worship.....	36
Contribution	\$3,380
Wed PM.....	28



MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

- Elio Vergara - Panama**
- Andrew Boyle - Memphis School of Preaching**
- Jonathan Crowell - World Bible Institute**
- Ariana Crowell - Wales**
- Re'Elle Crowell - Ecuador & New Zealand**
- Garriott Road Prison Ministry**
- In SEARCH of the Lord's Way**
- Lariat Creek Christian Camp**
- Future Teacher Training Camp**

ORDER OF WORSHIP - Dec 3, 2023

AM ANNOUNCEMENTS - Tim Rehmel
ELDER WELCOME/PRAYER - Greg Waide
Hebrews 1:1-9

SONGLEADER - Ron Scott
509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
712 Jesus Is Coming Soon
916 What a Day That Will Be
881 Mansion Over the Hilltop
852 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
SCRIPTURE/PRAYER - Tucker Fuxa
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

LESSON - Ray Rose
"Are You Ready?"
948 I Am Resolved
324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
LORD'S SUPPER - Frosty Munsell
885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
CLOSING PRAYER - Matt Nichols

PM SONGLEADER - Ron Scott
537 Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims
469 Faith Is the Victory
PRAYER - Roger Gaddie

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS: Greg Waide (Hebrews)



Only two more volunteers are needed to teach the Wednesday night BLAST class during the Winter Quarter. The open dates are December 13th & 20th.

WEEKLY MID-WEEK

BOOST MEAL

\$5 per adult; \$3 per child (12 & under); \$20 family maximum

THIS WEEK'S MENU (Dec 6th):

Breakfast For Dinner

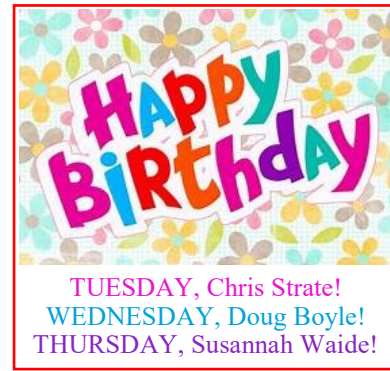
Again this year, we have an opportunity to support those who attend the prison ministry by sending Christmas cards. A list of inmates is available in the Encouragement room. Cards are available, if needed. Contact Kay Scott with any questions.

POWERFUL PRAYER WARRIORS,



Please pray specifically for these three students this week:

- KINSLEE CUMMINGS**
Granddaughter of Frosty & June Munsell
- LAUREN BURCHEL**
Daughter of Darin & Robin Burchel
- AARON BOYLE**
Son of Doug & Fern Boyle



TUESDAY, Chris Strate!
WEDNESDAY, Doug Boyle!
THURSDAY, Susannah Waide!

SUNDAY PM SCHEDULE:

TONIGHT Hebrews (Greg Waide)
Dec 10th James (Doug Boyle)
Dec 17th 3rd Sunday Singing
Dec 24th No evening services
Dec 31st Special Devo @ 7 pm

Shepherds' Christmas Come & Go
Hosted by the Boyles & Waides
At the Boyles' home
Sunday, December 24th
2:00-5:00 pm

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Next Sunday, December 10th
Following morning worship

Bring your favorite holiday dishes to share!
We will be honoring our widows and widowers at this event.

Bible Reading Schedule:

- Dec 3 2 Cor 1-4**
- Dec 4 2 Cor 5-8**
- Dec 5 2 Cor 9-13**
- Dec 6 Galatians 1-4**
- Dec 7 Gal 5-6; Eph 1-2**
- Dec 8 Ephesians 3-6**
- Dec 9 Philippians 1-4**

CARE & SHARE:

Roger & Beth Gaddie

Ladies, if you coordinated a Hearts in Harmony ministry during 2023, please complete the evaluation form found in your binder and turn the binder in to the office by Dec 31st!

Ladies Night Out
Annual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 14th
6 pm in the Fireside room

Please bring finger foods.
Wrap your "favorite things" for a gift exchange (i.e. ornaments, candles, baked goodies, movies, etc).

For more info or ideas, see Alyssa Boyle.

There will be a devotional at the Boyles' home next Sunday, following evening services. Everyone is welcome! A meal will be provided.

VERSE OF THE WEEK: Hebrews 1:3

"And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

OUR SHUT-INS:

- Virgie Lee, The Commons, Rm 305**
- Sue Mathis, The Commons, Rm 106**
- Zane Johnston, Tennyson Manor, Apt 7**
- Ken Strever, Garland Rd Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Rm 521-B**

