

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear our sins, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through obedience of faith in Him.

Believe the Gospel (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16)
Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

Repent (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12)
Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

Confess Jesus as Lord (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
An outward expression of your faith & submission.

Be Baptized [immersion] (1 Peter 3:21) - In baptism you are buried with Christ, and raised up with Him (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). At this moment you're **added to the church** (Acts 2:41), which is the BODY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 1:22-23) - the SAVED (Acts 2:47).

Remain Faithful (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23)
Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

	04-30-23 (AM)	05-07-23(AM)
Greeter	Roger Reuter	Roger Reuter
Song Leader	Noah Riggs	Phil Legate
Prayer Table	Troy Wallis	Jacob Sorensen
	Art Wallis	Steve Haugsted
	Steve Haugsted	Kim Sleege
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Scripture Reading Speaker	Brad McGowan	Doug Phillips
Closing Prayer	Matthew Brotherton	Matthew Brotherton
Lord's Supper Prep	Kim Sleege	Jason Thompson
	Abby Riggs	Joyce Haugsted
	04-30-23(PM)	05-07-23 (PM)
Speaker	Singing Service	
Wed. Song Leader	(05/03) Doug P.	(05/10) Troy W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies Bible Class Monday 5/1@ 7 pm here at the building.

Providing meals to those who are sick or in need has always been a great work of service. We now have a freezer downstairs as well as disposable casserole dishes of various sizes for members to take home and make freezer meals to be brought back and stored in the freezer. For more information see Abby Wallis.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 05/03 Kayla Wallis
- 05/08 Phil Legate
- 05/09 Coleen Long
- 05/10 Esse Wallis
- 05/12 Isla Powell
- 05/15 Wayne McGowan
- 05/23 Donna Thompson
- 05/27 Edna Tull
- 05/16 Noah & Abby Riggs
- 05/26 Art & Nancy Wallis
- 05/27 Steve & Joyce Haugsted



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WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY

- 9:30A.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALL AGES)
- 10:30A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP
- 6:00P.M. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
(ALL AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AND YOUTUBE)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS
(ALSO AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AND YOUTUBE)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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The Case for a Paper Bible

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First things first: I am not anti-electronic Bible. In fact, I know people who basically must use one if they are going to be able to read the text. A lot of older people with failing eyesight have been blessed by being able to blow up the font size on a tablet to very large sizes so they can continue to read God's Word. I use an electronic Bible from time-to-time. So this is not an article meant to say "don't ever use one of those techy things."

However, I do want to encourage the vast majority of us—especially parents—to use old-fashioned paper Bibles far more often and also encourage our children to do so. Why? Here are just a few reasons to consider:

My Children (and Others) Know What I'm Doing. If I am reading from my phone and my kids walk through the room, what will they think I am doing? (Answer: staring at my phone!) But if I am holding that special book, that makes a great impression. Dad is taking this moment to look into God's Word.

You Remember More. It has been shown in study after study that reading from a paper book leads to far more retention of the information than reading from a screen (even when reading the exact same material). There is just something about reading from paper that triggers our brains to grab more of the information and hold onto it. If there is anything that we should want to remember, it should be God's Word.

There's Something to be Said for a One-Purpose "Thing." When I pick up my phone, tablet, or computer, I can do any number of things. But when I pick up my Bible, my mind immediately knows what I am doing. I am going to read and study so that I can do my best to be drawn closer to my God.

It Isn't All about Ease. The main reason I hear people give for using a screen for their Bible is "it's just easier." Often, they are talking about the ease of finding a text. Maybe...but maybe not. It may be easier at first (and for awhile) to find a text using the phone, but if you will stick with a paper Bible, you will find, over time, that you can flip from John to Jonah or from Luke to Lamentations without even really thinking about it. It becomes almost second nature because you have so familiarized yourself with the book.

What Will I Leave Behind. As I get older, this has started becoming precious to me. I bought a new Bible a few months ago. My hope is that it is the last "main" Bible I ever buy. If I have lived a godly life, there is no thing I could leave to my wife or my children that would be of more value than the book that helped me be close to God.

Again, I am not saying that no one should ever use a screen. There can be a place for them. But I do deeply believe we lose something when we exclusively use a screen to read the Bible. These are just some reasons to consider. No matter what you choose, though, being in the Word is what matters. Let's never lose sight of that.

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry's health
- ◆ Leonard Weber - Cancer treatment
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shelley Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer's
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Marnetta Tillman - friend of the Haugsted's - health issues.
- ◆ Sharla Ashcraft - sister of Kayla Wallis - MS ; pain management
- ◆ Deb Bell - Upcoming surgery (May 8th) to remove a portion of her intestine.

