

Don't Be Like the Frog

A story is told (perhaps apocryphal) that if you place a frog in boiling water, it will quickly jump out. Yet if you place a frog in a kettle of tap water and slowly increase the temperature, the frog will remain until it boils to death.

America was founded on the principles of the Bible. Early leaders and citizens read, believed, loved, and revered God's Word. Today, less than half of Americans read the Bible once a week. Of those who do, less than ten minutes a day is spent in study. Is it any wonder that Bible knowledge is lacking? Our environment (culture) affects us. We are in a lukewarm kettle that may boil us to death. Too little time is occupied with Matthew, Mark, Peter, and Paul and too often occupied with TV, cartoons, Oprah, and ball. How can we keep from becoming like the frog?

We must recognize the value of a good working knowledge of the Bible.

The Bible is the only book which can tell our past, present, and future. We were created in the image of a loving God (Genesis 1:27); our purpose is to praise Him (1 Peter 2:9); and our future can be heaven with Him (John 14:1-3). The only way to become a child of God is to learn the Bible's teachings (John 6:44-45). No other book contains the way of salvation (John 14:6), hope in death (1 Peter 1:3), or the road to heaven (Matthew 7:13-14).

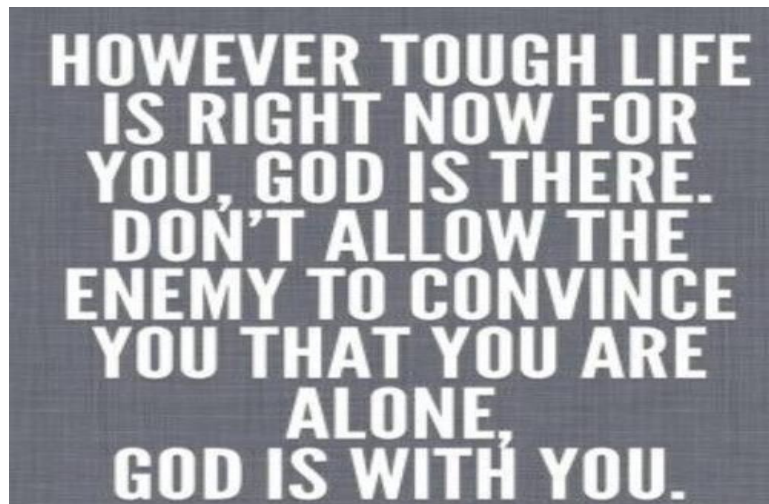
Studying is the only way to become what God wants us to be. Christians become strong by study (Acts 20:32) and, conversely, weak without it (Romans 10:17). Those with weak faith make easy prey for the devil (Ephesians 6:16). We must not be satisfied with the status quo (2 Timothy 2:15). We might say, "I know as much as the average person." Paul wrote of those who compare themselves among themselves. His conclusion: They "are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:12). Let's be like the sponge that is always thirsty, and unlike the camel that goes for days without a drink.

We must count the cost and be willing to pay the price. One remarked of his desire to know the Bible like a certain preacher: "I would give half my life to know the Bible like he does." To which was replied, "That is the price he paid." We must do more than wish; we must work. We must do more than desire; we must dig. We must do more than read; we must remember. The Bereans were commended because they searched the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11), and David delighted in the Word day and night (Psalm 1:2). If one expects to grow, he must feed on the "pure milk of the word" (1 Peter 2:2). Just as a man with no appetite is physically unhealthy, so the man with no hunger for sacred knowledge is spiritually sick (Matthew 5:6). We become concerned if a loved one loses his appetite; we should exercise greater care if the spirit never hungers. Why not resolve to make reading God's Word a daily part of your life? Don't be like the frog! —Allen Webster, Jacksonville, Alabama

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R U E R H T A E D O N E H S U B	APOSTLE FILLED
L O A L S P A Y C R E M U O S H	ASHAMED FIRST
L E D I T L E A R S U S T R L G	ASIA GHOST
F U R E A S E A U S E V E R N Y	BEGAN GRACE
G H F I L L O S C H H Y E I R N	BELOVED GRANT
C R O D E L E P P E A T S I N G	CALLED GREATLY
A V A L N J A E A R E A I I S T	CAUSE HOLY
U G O C T I A C P K E V A A R L	CEASING JESUS
S O H S E S M S P C N H A L F E	CHAIN KNOWEST
E E R O H O A B G R C O V E R W	CHRIST LOIS
E I L A S V O R E N O E W E E D	DEATH MERCY
F U M L I T E S T L A M B E E N	DWELT MINDFUL
L E N O R A N G E S O V I L S A	EPHESUS PEACE
D O U I T T N A R G I V L S I T	EUNICE PRAYERS
P R I L C L E A N S E I E S E T	FAITH PROMISE
B U Y S B E G A N O F B A D E N	FEAR SAVIOUR

😊 Special Days 😊			
Happy Birthday, January!			
Skyler Medina	1	Julianna Okiyi	2
Kimberlee Short	4	Kasmyne Pender	10
Sharon Lake	12	James Roberson	13
Josh Endy	17	Lindsey Dollard	19
Ireland Dollard	21	Jody Medina	24
Kennetha Marbury	24	Eric Anthony	25
Nancy Davis	31		
Happy Anniversary, January!			
James and Suzette Roberson			8



WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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December 30, 2018

Services	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal Lee Porter
Tim Wertz

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

The Woodbridge elders recommend the following Bible translations for our public worship and study:
New King James Version, King James Version and American Standard Version, 1901

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

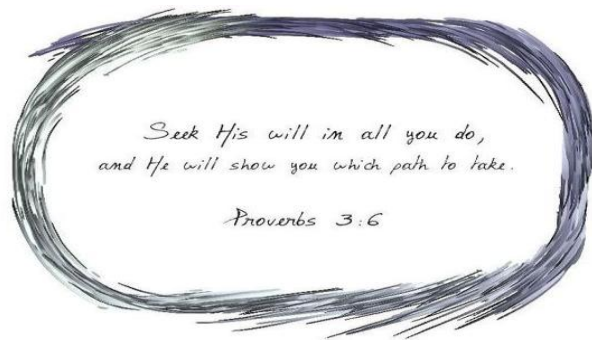
If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

		Morning	Evening
Epistles	December 30	II Timothy 1 - 2	II Timothy 1 - 2
The Law	December 31	Numbers 9 - 12	Numbers 9 - 12
History	January 1	I Chron 15 - 19	I Chron 15 - 19
Psalms	January 2	Psalms 102 - 104	Psalms 102 - 104
Poetry	January 3	Proverbs 20 - 21	Proverbs 20 - 21
Prophecy	January 4	Hosea 8 - 14	Hosea 8 - 14
Gospels	January 5	John 10 - 12	John 10 - 12

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of December 30		
Sunday	Lesson 196	I Peter 4
Wednesday	Lesson 197	I Peter 5
Week of January 6		
Sunday	Lesson 198	II Peter 1 - 2
Wednesday	Lesson 199	II Peter 3



Assignments		
	December 30	January 6
Announcements	Anthony	Comeaux
Song	Anthony	Beauvais
Prayer	Earwood	M. Frazier
Preside @ Table	Lake	Marbury
Assisting	Johnson	Medina
Assisting	Kent	Pender
Assisting	Marbury	Porter
Prayer	Merritt	Neal
	December 30	January 6
Evening Worship*	Anthony	Comeaux
Announcements	Anthony	Comeaux
Song Leader	Anthony	Beauvais
Prayer	Mike Ambrose	Caples
Communion/Prayer	Lake	Marbury
	January 2	January 9
Wed. Evening Worship	Anthony	Comeaux
Announcements	Anthony	Comeaux
Song Leader	Anthony	Beauvais
Invitation	Wedge	Anthony
Prayer	Chris Dollard	George

	January	February	March
Prepare Communion	Wilson	Caples	Cottoner
Building Lockup	Maiwald	Neal	Wertz

Notes:

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. *Transportation. If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

Calendar of Events:

Mens' Breakfast	1/12/19	8:00	OC Buffet
EDP Meeting	1/12/19	9:30	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

Church building: www.woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
Minister: preacher@woodbridgechurchofchrist.com
Associate Minister: churchofchristgospelpreacher@gmail.com
Bulletin: obxchca66@gmail.com
Facebook: WOODBRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For our Prayers

New

- **Donna Wirt** has been diagnosed with Parkinson Disease.
- **Eric Anthony** injured his shoulder in a fall on the stairs. He will see the orthopedist on Friday to determine if there is any damage to the rotator cuff.
- **Roger Merritt** spent 4 days in the hospital for the flu. He is at home recovering.

Update

- **Amanda Cook** (sister of the son-in-law of the Porters) has leukemia and is having aggressive treatments. Four people have volunteered for the bone marrow transplant. Please pray that one of the four will be successful.

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Angelica Garcia** (friend of Linda Skutnik) acute leukemia
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Gerrie Fleener** (Jody Medina's mom) knee replacement.
- **Tim Williams** (Friend of the Crayton's) Stage 4 Cancer
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Lori Bennett** (friend of Logan Dollard) blindness
- **Sarah Schilling** (Tammy Elliott's sister) neurosurgeon for neck
- **Lupe Medina** (Dan Medina's mom) hospice care
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease

Continued prayers for our members

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Dan Medina	