

**THINGS THE GOSPEL CANNOT DO.**

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Man's true hope of going to heaven through Jesus is revealed in the gospel. Yet there are some things the gospel cannot do.

*THE GOSPEL CANNOT SAVE A PERSON WHO IS DETERMINED TO LIVE IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD.* The gospel has the power to make believers and save obedient believers (Romans 1:16–17) but it cannot save those who will not repent of their past sins and submit to God's word.

*THE GOSPEL CANNOT HELP A TROUBLED MARRIAGE AS LONG AS BOTH SPOUSES REFUSE TO HEAR AND HEED WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS.* The New Testament has specific, helpful instructions for every wife and every husband (Ephesians 5:22–33). When such teaching is carried out properly, marriages will not only survive, they will also bloom. But as long as neither spouse is willing to do things God's way, the gospel cannot help their situation.

*THE GOSPEL CANNOT DO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.* The gospel does not preach itself (Mark 16:15). The gospel itself cannot feed the needy. God's gospel can motivate Christians to be compassionate, but His children must step up and share their bounty. The gospel contains complete instructions that can strengthen and equip the church, but the gospel itself cannot take what Christians have learned and teach it to others so that they too can teach (2 Timothy 2:2).

*THE GOSPEL CANNOT SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PRAYER.* The same Savior that tells us to preach the gospel also tells us to pray (Luke 18:1). The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write that the gospel is God's power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), but He also led that same apostle to pray for opportunities to preach the gospel (Colossians 4:2–3). We live the gospel, teach the gospel, and defend the gospel, but we still bring our petitions and thanksgiving before our heavenly Father in prayer (Philippians 4:6–7). The gospel is great, but it cannot take away the need to pray.

*THE GOSPEL CANNOT TAKE THE PLACE OF FAITH.* "We have the gospel. What else could we need?" It is true that faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). It is equally true that the word of God can build us up and give us an inheritance among the sanctified (Acts 20:32). However, we must not be

deceived into thinking, "Hey, we have the gospel, so why do we need to have faith?"

Faith is man's proper response to the gospel message. The faith that pleases God is the faith that acts by love (Galatians 5:6). There is no benefit or consolation in having several copies of the Bible in our house if we are not going to put its teaching to use in our lives. It is still true that "without faith it is impossible to please" God (Hebrews 11:6) and "the just shall live by faith" (Hebrews 10:38).

I am so thankful that precious people taught me the gospel. I thank God for the power of the gospel to change people's lives and people's eternal destiny. But there are some things that even the gospel of the Lord Jesus cannot do. —Roger Campbell

**ROMANS CHAPTER FIVE**

G P A D U L R W R D E M A H S A E	ABOUND	JESUS
T L O A T E E E T H H S S E C C A	ABROAD	JUSTIFIED
I R O O S Y L C V E T T T E N R T	ABUNDANCE	MOREOVER
O C I R R H L D I O T R A E H R A	ACCESS	OBEDIENCE
I E S B Y E N D T O E I I E A N T	ASHAMED	OFFENCE
H N J A U U I S O D J R E W D S O	ATONEMENT	PATIENCE
S T I N O L U G E G E E O T H B N	CHRIST	PEACE
U E G B D S A I N P N E R M E E E	DEATH	RECEIVED
O R A N E E F T X E C U F D T C M	ENTERED	REIGNED
E E F J E I V E I N D A I R E N E	ETERNAL	REJOICE
T D I E T R P I A O I E C A R E N	EXPERIENCE	RIGHTEOUS
H I G S T E T D E T N E Y W N F T	FAITH	SINNER
G O U F A R N S H C O C M O A F E	FIGURE	STRENGTH
I J R C T U O H E E E A L T L O P	GLORY	TOWARD
R T E H B T S I R H C R E N N I S	GRACE	TRIBULATION
E M P A T I E N C E Z G Y R O L G	HEART	UNGODLY

😊 Special Days 😊			
Happy Birthday, May!			
Zackary Frazier	1	Nina Cottoner	3
Jesse Okiyi	5	Marilyn Kent	6
Christy Comeaux	10	Roger Merritt	13
Will Davis	14	Catina Cottoner	20
Marion Hall	23	Christine Liddell	27
Sue Bilbrey	30		
Happy Anniversary, May!			
Wayne and Kennetha Marbury			5
Brian and Marilyn Kent			8
Lenny and Linda Skutnik			14
Keith and Miranda Gillispie			24

**WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST**



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**May 7, 2017**

**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: King James Version, New 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	May 7	Romans 5 - 6	Romans 5 - 6
The Law	May 8	Genesis 8 - 11	Genesis 8 - 11
History	May 9	Joshua 11 - 15	Joshua 11 - 15
Psalms	May 10	Psalms 6 - 8	Psalms 6 - 8
Poetry	May 11	Job 3 - 45 - 6	Job 3 - 45 - 6
Prophecy	May 12	Isaiah 12 - 17	Isaiah 12 - 17
Gospels	May 13	Matthew 5 - 7	Matthew 5 - 7

**Bible Class Schedule for the Week**

Week of May 7			
Sunday	Lesson 41	Genesis 5	
Wednesday	Lesson 42	Genesis 6	
Week of May 14			
Sunday	Lesson 43	Genesis 7	
Wednesday	Lesson 44	Genesis 8	

**Announcements**

**Baby Shower:** There will be a baby shower for baby Gillispie at the church building at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 3. The shower is being hosted by Christy Comeaux and Katie Wedge. Small gifts and gift cards would be appreciated due to the military weight restrictions with their upcoming move to Hawaii. They are registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby. Please see Christy or Katie if you have any questions.

Assignments		
Today	7 May	14 May
Announcements	Wertz	Anthony
Song	Wertz	Gillispie
Prayer	Merritt	Z. Frazier
Preside @ Table	Marbury	Neal
Assisting	Beauvais	Cottoner
Assisting	Caples	Crayton
Assisting	Comeaux	Chris Dollard
Prayer	Z. Frazier	Gauvin
Evening Worship*	7 May	14 May
Announcements	Wertz	Anthony
Song Leader	Wertz	Gillispie
Prayer	Lake	Marbury
Communion/Prayer	Marbury	Neal
Wed. Evening Worship	10 May	17 May
Announcements	Wertz	Anthony
Song Leader	Wertz	Gillispie
Invitation	Chris Dollard	George
Prayer	Alex Parramore	Porter

*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.*

	May	June	July
<b>Prepare Communion</b>	George	Johnson	TBD
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Wertz	Maiwald	TBD

REMINDERS			
<b>Mens' Breakfast</b>	5/13/17	8:00 am	OC Buffet
<b>EDP Meeting</b>	5/13/17	9:30 am	Building
<b>Gillispie Baby Shower</b>	6/3/17	10:00am	Building

**Helpful Contact Addresses:**

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**For our Prayers**

**New**

➤ **Kiera Oyola** will be returning to the doctor for problems she is having with her foot that she broke two years ago.

**Update**

➤ **Eric Anthony** will be having surgery on his ankle on May 30.

➤ **Joyce Porter** (Lee Porter's mother) is waiting on results from her test last week to check her bone marrow in her legs.

**Assisted Living**

➤ **Gayle Swabb** (Greenfield Assisted Living)

➤ **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place)

**Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:**

➤ **Omer Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's brother) Cancer

➤ **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer

➤ **Lucille Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's sister-in-law) Cancer

➤ **Harry Sweet** (Cancer)

➤ **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)

➤ **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's

➤ **Vicky Smith** (Kennetha Marbury's cousin) kidney

➤ **Les Carlson** (friend of the Merritts) Pancreatic/Liver Cancer

➤ **Tom Gilley** (Bobbie Girard's brother) memory problems

➤ **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension

➤ **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care

➤ **Pat Kelsy** (Katie Wedge's aunt) hospice care

➤ **Louise Carr** (Erica Riley's mother) strokes

➤ **Ryan Schick** (friend of the Gillispie's) motorcycle accident

➤ **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)

➤ **Tiffany Fragala** (Kiera Oyola's half sister's mom) Lyme Disease

➤ **Cayla Johnson** (Bobby Johnson's daughter) Colitis

➤ **Amelia** (Miranda Gillispie's cousin) breathing problems

➤ **Hailey** (Miranda Gillispie's cousin) neck problems

➤ **Juanita Johnson** (Bobby Johnson's mom) Thyroid Surgery

➤ **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor

➤ **Connie Fletcher** (Bobbie Girard's daughter) Stroke/Rehab

➤ **Joyce Porter** (Lee's mother) circulation problems

➤ **Robert Cottoner** (Jason's father) prostate cancer

➤ **Angelica Garcia** (friend of Linda Skutnik) Stage 4 acute leukemia

**Continued prayers for our members**

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Neal Family
Colleen Wertz	Christine Liddell	Betty Perez
Tom White	Deb Neal	Endy Family
Zayda McCorkle	Mike Neal	