

Study & Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:30 a.m.
Worship — 10:20 a.m.
Afternoon Worship — 1:30 pm.

Wednesday

Bible Study — 7:00 p.m.

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Weekly Bible Reading

“like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,” 2 Peter 2:1

Let's Read Through the New Testament Every Month

Monday:	Romans 16 – 1 Corinthians 8
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 9 – 2 Corinthians 1
Wednesday:	2 Corinthians 2 - 10
Thursday:	2 Corinthians 11 – Galatians 6
Friday:	Ephesians 1 – Philippians 4
Saturday:	Colossians 1 – 2 Thessalonians 1
Sunday:	2 Thessalonians 2 – 2 Timothy 2

Know Your Bible Answer:

*“Behold, **the ark of the covenant** of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan.”*

~ Joshua 3:11

Mind Protein

“I don't have the liberty to change the Word; the Word must change me.”

~ Neal Pollard

“For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:13

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Tired of Watching Reruns?

It never fails. You get sucked in to a new TV show, watch all the episodes, and then you have to wait for months for a new season to start. In the meantime they air reruns. But you've seen those episodes already. You know exactly what happens. The excitement is gone, and boredom sets in.

Bill Blankschaen is a writer and a former pastor in a denomination. Last week he wrote an article titled, “Why I'm Still Struggling to Sing in Your Church.” Here he spoke of his frustrations with the modern, concert-style worship bands:

“I have no doubt this trend started out for good reasons, but the end result has been less of an emphasis on people singing together and more focus on the performance of a select few. And when the majority of songs being sung are written for radio air-play and concerts in the first place, there is now little room for the typical believer to join in unless they have been blessed with vocal talent. Scripture calls us to sing together, not watch a handful of people do it for us. It's like we outsourced worship to the “worship band” (a fundamentally flawed entity), instead of singing together with one voice.”

Wow! Even some in the denominations are seeing the negative fruit of an entertainment-driven worship mentality. But before we “amen”, does this mindset ever affect you? Do you find yourself bored or “checked out” of worship because you know what's going to happen like a TV rerun? The best way to overcome this fleshly attitude is to remember that God, not us, is the audience and every Christian is the performer.

Jess Simpson

January 17, 2016

Calendar

January

18-23—Jess to participate in leadership workshop in Ripon, CA
 20—Guy to preach two meetings in Texas
 20—Singing night
 24—POT LUCK
 27—Guy to preach two meetings in Texas
 31—5th Sunday Singing in Aztec, NM

February

13—Men's business meeting
 28—POT LUCK

2016 Theme: Higher Heights

Know Your Bible

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land what went before them?

Answer on back cover...

Prayer List

Koben Puckett ... Ruth Sutherlin ... LeRoy & RosaLee Cundiff ... Loren Hopkins ... Suzanne Puckett (brain cancer)

Brothers in the military:

Michael Ogle, Andrew Kays, Nathanael Harris

Family Happenings

Suzanne & Roy Puckett just received news that the cancer around the lining of her brain is untreatable. She has gone home to be with the family. Please be praying for the entire family during this very difficult time.

Margie's sister-in-law Bernice passed away last Sunday. Please be praying for Margie and the family during this time.

Jess will be in California all this week participating in a church leadership training workshop.

Don't forget, next Sunday will be our first pot luck lunch of the year!

1st Century Satire

Here are a few conversations that I'm pretty sure never took place between any of the apostles:

- "I'm so happy that the laws in our country are all in harmony with what we believe."
- "What will we do if the government takes away our tax exemption?"
- "It's so nice to live in a place where none of us have to worry about being persecuted for what we believe...or be put in jail for it."
- "If the majority of people around us don't believe what we believe, our cause is doomed!"
- "Well, at least we'll never have to worry about Christians being mean to each other over what they believe."
- "Things are so bad, the Lord must return soon." (WAIT: They actually did have that conversation!)

How many times in the church have you seen some of these attitudes displayed? It's so easy to get caught up in the mindset of the world that we begin to lose trust in God and His mission for us. Let's strive for the courage and singleness of purpose our ancient brethren displayed in their faith.

Joe Beam

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Action-Based Christianity — Acts chapter 9

Sunday Morning Sermon

Portrait of a Truth Seeker

Sunday Afternoon Sermon

Guy Orbison will be speaking to us

Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class

Singing night