

**Those To Serve**

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Gary Bridgman

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Randy Harris

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

**The Record:**

**Attendance:**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

AM 49 PM 36

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [57] PM [36]

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

36 *[Average for the Year]* [38]

**Contribution:**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Actual \$ 1,729.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 101,256.00

*[Average]* \$ 2,410.86

*[+/- Budget]* \$ (771.00)

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ (4,542.00)

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*Thoughts from Bill:*

**Seeking God**

**Jeremiah 29:7-14**

Jeremiah prophesied to the Southern Kingdom that consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin during their last days of freedom before they would be carried off into captivity. In his prophecy he would offer pictures of both impending doom and a newfound hope that would come during their captivity. That hope was based on Judah finally seeking after God and finding Him. In this article we want to explore what is involved in seeking God.

Seeking God involves *one's attitude*. Judah had sought after the wrong gods in the past because they had listened to the wrong preachers (vs. 8-9). During captivity Judah finally would listen to God's prophets and God's message

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**Plan of Salvation**

*Hear*

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

*Believe*

Hebrews 11:6

*Repent*

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

*Confession*

Matthew 10:32, 33

*Baptism*

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

**Sermons for October 27, 2024**

**A.M.—Seeking God**

**P.M.—The Blessings of**

**Discipleship**

**Scripture: Jeremiah 29:7-14**

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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and seek Him. Seeking God should be done with a ***sincere urgency***. Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 55:6: "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near." Judah and Israel would find a time coming when they would seek God, but He would not be found because He removed Himself from them (Hos. 5:6). Seeking God also involves a ***sanctified seeking*** (Hos. 10:12). This verse tells us there is a time to seek the Lord, and we must set ourselves apart to seek Him. Lastly, there needs to be a ***surrendered seeking*** in order to find God. This seeking takes place when we recognize our sins and turn to Him and make seeking Him the number one priority in our lives (Matt. 6:33).

We now want to consider God's answer to those who seek Him. It is simply this, . . . "And find me when you search for Me with all of your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord . . ." (Jer. 29:13, 14). Being found by God is first of all ***promised by Him*** (Jer. 33:3). God longs to work in our lives for good (Rom. 8:28). He is there for us and will always be there for us as long as we seek to serve Him according to His will. ***Having a pure heart*** will aid us in seeking God. Man should long for God to search their heart (Psa. 139:23-24), and if anything is amiss, they should confess their faults to God and one another (James. 5:16).

We now want to consider the phrase: "***When you search for Me with all of your heart.***" A search for God involves two aspects: ***prayer and study***. Prayer is involved because it is how we communicate with God. Our prayers should be ***persistent*** (Matt. 7:7-9). Prayers should be ***definite as far as regularity*** (Psa. 55:17). Prayers should be ***determined*** (Gen. 32:26; Lk. 18:1-5). Lastly, we should be ***dedicated*** to prayer (Dan. 6:10). Searching for God also involves ***studying God's word*** because that is how

God talks with us. The author of Psalm 119 knew the importance of seeking God in His word (Psa. 119:2, 10-11, 15-16, 26-27, 45, 54, 94, 97, 105, 176). Studying God's word is the only way we can truly seek Him and the only guaranteed way that we can find Him.

### *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Bill Coles** still needs our prayers. **Shirley Harris** had surgery on her hand on October 23. **Carol Duncan** will have cataract surgery on Tuesday. **Gary Goodman** will have an MRI done on Wednesday. He fell twice last week. **Michael Branscum**, Tammy Harris' cousin, is now home. He is still dealing with several health issues.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Chris Ball, Bonita Bangs, Michelle Cupp, Nancy Duncan, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Jean Hurte (brain tumors), Pat McGough, Eunice Mize, Jerry Morgan, Jay Slayden (cancer), and Pat Smith

**Elders and Deacons Meeting:** There will be an elders and deacons meeting next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. If you need to discuss anything with them, please let them know.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Taco Seasoning

**Romanian Children:** If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday.

**Psalm 119:2**—Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!