

PRAYERS

Butch and Chris - Chris had her last chemo treatment and they will schedule surgery next.

Wilma (Anita's Sister) – Broke her arm and ribs and punctured her lung.

Connie LaRocque – With her sister in NV and recovering from surgery.

Mark (Linda's family) – Making good progress in rehab.

Deb's dad – Passed away Saturday morning in Houston.

Corban Crawford – Was in the hospital with pneumonia. He was released on Saturday.

Congregation News

Pot Luck is next Sunday. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the food and fellowship. Please plan to stay for the afternoon singing immediately following.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Real courage makes both friends and foes.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

2/11/18

2/18/18

Bible Class	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Announcements	Paul Darling	Colby Crawford
Song Leader	Tom Bright	Paul Darling
Opening Prayer	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Lord's Supper	Colby Crawford	Colby Crawford
Scripture Reading	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Sermon	Paul Darling	Tom Bright

Bible Classes

Sunday Morning

Wednesday Evening

Adult	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 11	Steve Scheff
February 11	Shawn & Valerie Brist

Building Cleanup

McBrayer

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Bulletin Submissions

If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: tlbj@sbcglobal.net

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Advantages of Daily Bible Reading

It Leads to a greater knowledge of God's Word

Apart from the individual study of the Bible, there can be no real knowledge of God's Word. Geologists can tell us much about the foundation of rock, clay, minerals, etc., that lie beneath the surface of the earth. Their knowledge has been acquired through digging, drilling, mining and close observation. Much time and effort are likewise required of those who would come to know the Word of God. But, when gained, this knowledge will not only benefit its possessor, it will also enable such a one to help others who need light and instruction.

It Leads to a closer walk with God

It has been said, "When we pray, we talk to God; when we read the Bible, God talks to us." Some make their conversation with God too one-sided. They are often telling God their wants of Him, but they spend little time in finding out what he wants of them. Saturate your mind daily with God's Word and you will find your life being molded and made into the likeness of God. Life will grow richer and more meaningful. It will take on real purpose, for no one can walk with God and feel that one is living in vain.

It leads to an open and manifest life of faithfulness

"Neither do man light a lamp and put it under the bushel, but on the stand and it shineth unto all that are in the house." (Matthew 5:15) The daily reading of the Bible makes one want to share his information and inspiration with others. One will be anxious to attend the Bible classes; one will relish sermons that draw from "the deep things of God"; a person's heart will soar to lofty heights during the solemn prayers and with the melodies of the sweet, sacred songs. One would fain weep while rejoicing each time one approaches the Lord's Table. A person's liberal hand gives readily of such as God has first given. We do not believe daily Bible readers are commonly absent from the meetings of the church. Daily Bible reading cultivates the spiritual mind and prepares it for the appreciation of worship, both private and public. We believe there is an inseparable link between daily Bible reading and regular attendance at public worship. The last may exist apart from the first, but, we think the first is rarely found apart from the last.

Have you come to know the fruits of daily Bible study in your life? Truly, your joy and usefulness can be greatly increased thereby. Try it and see!

How is the Human Heart Changed?

If the human heart embraces the intellect, emotions, will and conscience, there can be no complete change of heart until each has been changed. Each must be changed, if man's whole heart is changed. The heart must be changed from evil thoughts to good thoughts, from wicked reasoning to good reasoning, from ignorance of God's word to a knowledge of it, from unbelief to belief, from despicableness to admiration, from the detestation of good to its desire, from the love of the world to the love of the Lord, from trust in material things to trust in God, from unrighteous determinations to righteous determinations, from un-scriptural intentions to scriptural intentions, from unholy purposes to holy purposes, from disobedience to obedience, and from a condemning conscience to an approving conscience. This is the change of heart which is essential to man's salvation.

The **intellect** is changed by evidence or testimony. It is changed from one state to another according to the evidence presented. Thomas' thoughts, reasoning, understanding and faith were not changed until Jesus appeared and said to him, "Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side; and be not faithless but believing." Thomas then exclaimed, "My Lord and my God" (John 20: 24-29). Consider another example: Not so long ago the father and mother of a sailor received a telegram from Washington stating that their son was killed in the Pearl Harbor attack. Their thoughts, reasoning, understanding and faith were wholly changed. A few weeks later they received another telegram from the same authority saying that the first was all a mistake and that the boy was alive. This testimony produced another change in intellect. Thus it is easy to see that evidence or testimony controls the intellect. The word of God is the testimony God has given to change man's intellect: "These are written that ye may believe" (John 20: 31) Again, "So belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17)

The **emotions** are changed by faith in the testimony presented. It is the testimony believed that produces the change in emotions. Despicableness, desire, love and trust are the effects of the thing believed. The mother and father spoken of in the above paragraph had gladness turned to sadness and vice versa because of the thing believed. It is faith in the testimony of Christ that produces the change in the sinner's emotions from the desire of evil to the desire of good, from the love of the world to the love of Christ, and from trust in material things to trust in the Lord.

The **will** is changed by motives produced by faith. Saul determined, intended and purposed not to obey Christ, thinking that He was an impostor. We see

this persecutor with a determined will traveling on the road to Damascus to persecute Christians. Saul had no New Testament to read, but the audible word of Christ changed his heart from unbelief to belief. When he was told to be baptized and wash away his sins (Acts 22: 16), he unhesitatingly obeyed. A disobedient heart was changed by motives produced by faith: belief in the goodness of Christ (Romans 2:4), a motive; belief in the reward of the obedient (Hebrews 5:9), a motive; belief in the punishment of the disobedient (Revelation 20:15), a motive. Saul's sins were washed away in the act of obedience. An obedient heart is indispensable to man's salvation. One becomes free from sin and a servant of righteousness by obeying from the heart: "Whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; and being made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). The degree of faith which leads to salvation is a belief with all the heart which incites complete obedience from the heart. No man is a servant of Christ until he obeys from the heart. No heart is right until it is an obedient heart.

The **conscience** is changed by faith in having done right. If a man understands and believes what Christ has commanded, he can never have an approving conscience until he does it. For instance, baptism is a command (Acts 10:48); this being true, if one understands and believes baptism is a command to be obeyed in order to enjoy the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), he cannot have a clear conscience until he has been baptized: "Which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:21). It is faith in having done right, having obeyed the commands of God that changes the condemning conscience. The conscience does not hurt until one believes he has done wrong. This is why multitudes are in disobedience to God with an approving conscience. They just do not know or believe they are living in disobedience. This was true of Saul. He, with a conscience as clear as a crystal (Acts 23:1), persecuted Christians, and did not have a condemning conscience until he learned and believed the truth. Saul's condemning conscience was then changed to a state of approval by obeying Christ.

When man's **intellect, emotions, will** and **conscience** are changed, man's whole heart is changed. It is evident that some who have talked the most about "heartfelt religion", a changed heart, have really said the least. They preach only a partial change of heart, telling the people that belief only, a changed intellect, is the only essential item in man's salvation. But conversion to God demands a change of the whole heart.