

God's Word Is Always Relevant

It really shouldn't be surprising that the word of God is current to every culture and generation. Since God is timeless and cultureless, it shouldn't surprise us that His word is also that way. Though it's not surprising, it is none-the-less amazing!

It is true that the Bible is set in time and culture as the plan of God was slowly revealed through the centuries. The people in the Bible were real people who lived in various cultures at various times. But as God intertwined their backgrounds and futures, He let the world in on the plan He had before the world was created (*Ephesians 1:4*). He chose to develop through the Jewish people His plan for redeeming the entire world. When God became flesh and lived on earth (*John 1:1, 14*), He did so in Jewish society. Yet, when Jesus went to the cross, He broke down those cultural barriers and opened up for the entire world His gospel (*Ephesians 2:12-16*). Jesus wanted to be relevant to every generation and culture.

At this point you might be wondering where all this is going, so let me tell you. There are people every day who are searching for relevant help to deal with their personal problems of life. Many of these people go to church every week. Many of them pray often. Yet, they seem to wonder if God really understands their unique situation, and if so, does He have something significant to say to help them. These people live all around us, and perhaps, even in our own homes. But they also live in Nepal and Argentina and Scotland. No matter when or where people may live, no matter what their culture or customs may be, people are longing for, needing, a word from God. No one is exempt from needing to hear from God. And the Bible is just the place to look. It's the *only* place to look.

Since God created us, He knows all of our needs. And since God transcends time and culture, He's not locked in to only one way of doing so. He not only knows us inside out as individuals, He also knows what's going on around us. But the really amazing thing is that *whatever* my needs may be, the Bible can help us. The word of God is living and active. It penetrates the soul and spirit, and can judge all of our thoughts and attitudes (*Hebrews 4:12*). The Bible may be thousands of years old, but it is amazingly relevant to every one of us.

There is no need to struggle through each day wondering if anyone cares, if anyone can help. God cares and He has given us His word to be our source of direction and comfort. Read it every day. Meditate on it. Study it. Learn it like never before. Then, when Satan tries to defeat you, like Jesus, you can draw from God's word just the help you need (*Matthew 4:1-11*). You'll be amazed at how relevant God's word is!

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SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord's Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays

“Good News Today” at 7:30 a.m. Sundays

“A Bible Answer” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: Collegechurchofchrist.org
(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SYMPATHY: We extend our sympathy to the family of Liam Dunigan. Karie Ann Clark, Jeanie Barker's cousin, was Liam's grandmother. Liam lost his battle with cancer at the age of 4. Please pray for his parents, his brother Aiden, his grandparents & all his family at this very difficult time. Karie wrote the following: "Oh my sweet Liam. You fought so hard. You were such a little warrior. You kept us on our toes with your energy. Now you are in the arms of my Jesus. Papa and I are going to miss you so much. We will see you again bubba. Thank you, my Lord, for letting us have him even if it wasn't as long as we wanted. I couldn't wait to see what you'd become. It's not fair. It hurts so bad. I love you so. RIP sweet baby. Wait for us. I look forward to that glorious day when I get to hug you and kiss your face again"

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Please note that the Tanners are eliminating their landline, so be sure to put their cell phone numbers in your phones. Larry's is 573-986-8363 and Karen's is 573-587-4159. Also, Carolyn Haggett has an additional email while an issue is being fixed with Outlook. You can use haggettcarolyn@gmail.com for now.

CHILDREN'S HOME

The new list of items includes Chocolate Chips, Instant Potatoes, Canned Mushrooms, Powdered Sugar, Snack Crackers and Rotel. The next pick up will be in April.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries	
None this week	

Hank Sessoms' father, Henry, is now out of the hospital and at the Lutheran Home for rehab. Praise the Lord for this improvement and keep praying for his continued recovery.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR NEWS: The Church of Christ in Sedalia, MO, wants us to thank us for our past support and to know that because last year's fair was cancelled, all funds raised go toward this year's effort and no funds are needing to be raised. However, they do request our prayers for their efforts at the Missouri State Fair, and volunteers to work the booth are needed and always welcome. If you want to be a part of their evangelistic effort at this fair in Sedalia from August 12-22nd, please contact James L. Foster at 660-281-0691.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Jennis Benefield	Betty Allen (hospice)	Sunday a.m. Worship: 43
Helen Coburn	Donna Barnes (cancer)	Contributions: \$2,782.84
Joan England (Life Care Ctr)	Tom & Mary Bollman	Budget: \$3,059.12
David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr)	Michele Campbell (back)	Family First: \$0
Mark McAllister (glioblastoma)	Liam Clark	
Pat Smart (stroke/fall)	Angie Northern Fabing	
Betty Tanner (shut-in)	Scott Hartline	
Richard & Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Karen Hubbs (brain cancer)	
	Chris Hutson	
	Sam's sister, Emma (covid)	
	Suzanne Meert (cancer)	
	Kevin Plemons (brain tumor)	
	Henry Sessoms (COVID)	
	Barry Tate (stroke)	
	Scott Taylor (cancer)	
	Donna Thieman (cancer)	
	Tony Wells	

Please remember to leave your contribution in the tray on the table at the back of the auditorium.

WISE SAYINGS?

"The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

"There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

There is a fable concerning a fox who kept leaping up at some inviting looking grapes. Unable to reach them, despite his best efforts, he came to the conclusion that they did look rather sour. He then walked away without pangs of covetousness.

Be smart as a fox if you want to be happy. Consider the things that you cannot obtain as "sour grapes."