

## Our Bible Study Classes

I want to commend Bible class teachers for the great job you are doing and especially those teaching children. Teaching others is a very important responsibility in grounding our children, young people, and adults in the faith to help them to go to heaven. The eternal destinies of many souls are involved. We are only one generation away from apostasy. If we don't teach our children the truth of God's word while they are under our guidance, they will apostatize and be lost. This is very serious.

God wants His word to be taught diligently. We read in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Teaching God's word is one of the most important things we can do. In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul told Timothy, "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation." Timothy was taught as a child but what happens when God's word is not studied and taught? God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." If we fail to study and teach God's word both our children and we will be destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Why do people fall away? Hebrews 3:12 says, "Beware brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." How do we build our faith so we will not have "an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God"? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." And as James 1:21 says, "Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." Only by knowing God's word can our children and our souls be saved so we can go to heaven. Besides our study at home, let's take full advantage of our Bible study classes at church.

Ron Boatwright <http://www.netbiblestudy.net/bulletin>

### Leadership

**Elders** Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey  
**Deacons** Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale  
 Joe Sweeney  
**Pulpit Minister** David Wright  
**Associate Minister** Irvin F. Williams

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AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Leon Stocksdale
Opening Prayer	Ernie Marshall	Bible Reading	Ron Iverson	Lord's Supper	Rick Martin
Scripture	Greg Blanton	Selection	16	Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Sermon	David Wright	Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Usher	Fin Burton
Lord's Supper		Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Message	Irvin Williams	Closing Prayer	Matt Johnson	Assist Count	Art Patrick
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery	<i>If you are unable to serve, Call Art Patrick 293-4745 or Harold Tincher 288-5956</i>		<b>Last Sunday</b>	
Attendant	Marc Owens	Contribution		Attendance	
Closing Prayer	David Wright	\$2744		76	

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM



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## A Young Boy That Had Some Fish and Bread

John 6 records the miracle of Jesus feeding five thousand people with five barley loaves and 2 small fish. Often we concentrate on the great power of Jesus, Philip's response when Jesus asked him how they would feed the multitude, or the food leftover from the miracle. There is another person I want to examine in this article.

"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" (John 6:9) What can we learn from this young boy and the miracle? First, the lad was a young boy. The term refers to one single person. His presence tells us he was at least among those who were following Jesus. Jesus could have performed this miracle with or without this young boy, however, this young man was about to learn a lesson he would never forget. He would not have learned this lesson if he had not been there. Let me say something that may sound silly. A person can not follow and learn Jesus if they are not interested. A person is really not interested in following Jesus if they do not read His Word, obey His Word, and assemble with the saints to worship Him.

Second, this boy was young. Religion is not just for grownups and old people. Joseph, Daniel, and David were young people who were following God. Solomon wrote, "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, I have not pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). God knows the abilities of each and every young person. He expects all of us to obey Him according to our ability. "Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right" (Proverbs 20:11NIV).

Third, Jesus took the young boy's bread and fish. Literally the term translated as "small fish" indicates two small dried or pickled fish comparable to large sardines. This boy did not have much to eat and he was being asked to give up what he did have. By giving Jesus his fish and bread this boy and the multitude was given more than enough to eat. We may not have much but we have to be willing to give Jesus everything. However, we know that we will receive more than what we have given up. Young people you may have to give up your friends, activities you enjoy, popularity, or some other things. Yet you will receive a greater reward.

We do not know what became of this young boy. Did he continue to follow Jesus? A lot of people did not, John 6:66. Did he go out and tell others about Jesus and the great miracle of feeding five thousand people with his 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread? Was he there as Jesus died on the Cross? Did he hear the first gospel sermon on the Day of Pentecost? We do not know the answer to any of these questions. We do know Jesus died for this young boy and he could have obeyed the gospel. The same thing can be said for each of us. Jesus died for all of us and all of us can go to heaven if we listen and follow after Jesus.

Dennis Tucker Westside church of Christ Owensboro, KY

## Our Preacher Shortage

[David Wright](#)

The churches of Christ in this country are experiencing a preacher shortage. When a large congregation advertises an empty pulpit, résumés flood in by the score. This outpouring of interest is misleading, though. Primarily, it reflects the perceived opportunity for advancement that a bigger church affords. When a smaller congregation looks for a preaching minister, the search is often long and frustrating.

Why are so few well-prepared preachers available these days? Many churches, assuming that other congregations will raise up future preachers for the brotherhood, do almost nothing to encourage their own young men to make preaching their life's work. Dads worry that a career in ministry may have financial disadvantages. And moms are reluctant to encourage a profession that almost inevitably results in a son's moving away.

Timothy's calling suggests the way to address this problem. This young man was a native of Lystra, a city in the Roman province of Galatia. Timothy had no Damascus road experience like his mentor Paul, but the environment in which he grew up strongly influenced his decision to preach the Gospel. Timothy's training began at the knees of Eunice and Lois, his mother and grandmother. "From childhood," Paul reminded him, "you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15). The church played a key role in Timothy's calling too. Even as a very young man (perhaps 15), Timothy "was well spoken of by the brethren at Lystra" (Acts 16:2). That is, the congregation said encouraging things—about Timothy and to him. And "the elders laid their hands" on the Young man (1 Tim. 4:14), thereby communicating their affection, support, and approval.

The Hamburg Pike congregation cannot force its young men to preach. Nor should any such attempt be made. But are we planting the seeds of encouragement? Are we telling our boys that preaching the Gospel or serving as a missionary is the greatest work in the world?

### [Sermons](#)

Acts 2:1-8

The Upper Room (a.m.)

Jesus Learned Obedience (p.m.)

<sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup>How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:9-15

## Prayer Requests

Thanks to all who participated in the annual "Right to Life" signature campaign conducted by the Right to Life Of Southern Indiana, Inc. Thanks to Brother Hayward Blanton for his diligent leadership in this effort. More than 3,000 babies were aborted in Louisville in 2013; 1,000 of those were from southern Indiana. Please remember in your prayers the efforts to stop the murder of innocent unborn babies in Indiana, this nation and around the world. For more information you can visit the Right to Life of Southern Indiana website at [www.rtlosin.org](http://www.rtlosin.org).

**Prayer List:** MARTIN BONNEY, Larry Coulter (Lou Ann), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Steve A. Hueston (Harold), RON IVERSON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Lynn Tincher (Fern), Fulton Wilson (Ann)

**Military Service:** Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

### Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Hope to see you there. Please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

Hank and Cassie's Fellowship group will host the January Youth Activity on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> after the evening worship service. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

We welcome our new sister in Christ Reba Gaither. Reba was baptized Sunday morning by Jeremy Montgomery. We rejoice in her decision and are grateful for Jeremy's good influence.

Thanks to all those who helped in so many special ways to make the visit from our Panamanian brothers and sisters possible. A special thanks to the Blanton family for all their efforts. Our visitors had a wonderful time and were impressed with the kindness and hospitality shown them.

Clint and Debbie's Fellowship Group will meet February 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the morning worship service. The theme is soup and salad; don't forget desserts.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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