

## Bible Class

Don Hatch

**Bible classes are designed** to take a child from Genesis to Revelation several times during their youth. Usually there are 40 minute classes twice a week [Sunday and Wednesday] with age appropriate materials. With about 1000 class periods the youth are given Bible instructions which allow them to piece the Bible together in order that they might know the Old Testament and New Testament separation. Bible classes seek to make the New Testament the most important part of their study. The reason is that the New Testament is the covenant under which they will live. The Old Testament instructs them and brings them to faith in Jesus Christ (Gal 3:22-24). The Old Testament is written aforetime to help learning, that through patience there is comfort found in the hope stressed about Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world (Rom 15:4,5; 1 Tim 1:15). Things found in the Old Testament are examples, written for admonition, that no temptations overtake a Christian and a way of escape is found (1 Cor 10:1-13).

**Exposure to the stories of the Bible** equips youth to find practical lessons and help in times of trouble or floundering faith. The inventory of information is validated when a child reaches young adulthood and can use the Bible with a certain amount of skill. Hopefully the books of the Bible are repeated often enough that the child can recite much of them by memory and find them readily when engaged in study. Time lines of the Bible are helpful in establishing periods of Bible history in comparison to secular history. Great Bible characters are meaningful and should be a part of memory work, seeking to have these names embossed upon the young person's mind. Knowing the apostles will become vital as the young person reads and studies the New Testament. Pegging these in the young person's mind during formative years is an imperative.

**We want the child eventually** to become a baptized believer. Therefore, stressing the first principles of the gospel is mandatory. Usually these principles are reinforced in class and at the conclusions of sermons during worship. The child should be able to recite the first principles easily by the time they are at an age of accountability. Many congregations pay scant attention to the Bible and more to the social involvement of the youth. Such inattention will lead to an imbalance in the youth's spiritual growth. Refreshing the memory of our youth about the need to be obedient to the first principles is not irksome, but rather profitable.

**Setting goals early in life** allows the young person to make a choice. Good Bible study grounds and roots a young person early in their life (Eph 3:17-19). Becoming a preacher, elder, deacon, teacher and faithful member of a congregation is planted in the heart of a young person in their formative years. Obviously youth need to have a good working knowledge about the fundamentals of the faith. Young people do not aspire to things of which they have little or no knowledge.

**A plan of action is to be made for all youth** to understand the Bible and be able to use it effectively. Such things as "core beliefs" are disturbingly brief lists. Children can be taught the entire Bible and given the tools to "rightly divide it" (2 Tim 2:14-28; 1:3-14; 3:14-17). Bible classes would fall short of their goals by not providing ways and means for the youth to make good choices and become an established, faithful Christian. Coordinating classes from the cradle to high school provide assurances that the young people are "thoroughly furnished unto every good work" (2 Tim 3:16, 17).

**Taking inventory of a congregation's Bible School** determines how effective the program has become. A study of Timothy and the books written to him demonstrate a young person being taught and nurtured until he became an effective "instrument, useful in the Lord's work". We will find the next preachers, elders, deacons and Bible school teachers in our Bible classes Sunday and Wednesday. **Setting goals for the Bible School Department** for each child to have basic skills before they graduate from High School is practical.

**Parents are the backbone** of the Bible School Department. Parents should bring their children to each opportunity for the child to learn. This is of the uttermost importance. Children have many activities which tug at their time. Sports at one time never "invaded" Wednesday evening "prayer service" but now many demand children be away from the local congregation. Many other things are obstacles. Parents who put the souls of their children first are praiseworthy. Seeing that they have that extra hour of study in Bible principles and precepts will pay huge dividends in the child's adult life.

**Informing and reinforcing** a child's Christian education will assure that the way of the Lord is soundly placed in their hearts and minds. Periodically teachers send things home for parents to see or read. These are integral parts of the teaching process. Every parent taking the time to read and comment on those things which have been given out will reinforce the teacher's work in the class room.

**Before a child graduates** from **Bible School** it is important to see if they have learned what the curriculum has been teaching. Asking appropriate questions will tell the story. **Bible School** should have given a child a broad over-view of the Bible, reasons to love God and Christ, the plan of salvation, guidance in the Christian walk and valuable tools for understanding the Bible.

<b>FAMILY CARE</b> <b>A Message from Our Shepherds</b>
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This past Sunday, the elders presented the 2011 Budget in an abbreviated format. The elders are thankful for the feedback and the questions. **One of the questions**, was how much monthly financial support do we give to each missionary?

Oleg and Natasha Yakimenko, St. Petersburg, Russia - \$1,000

Roland and Rose Mohsen, Paris, France - \$300

Dennis and Beth Johnson, Chennai, India - \$300

Charlie and Mary DiPalma, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - \$300

Douglas and Sandra Alvarenga, San Juan, Argentina - \$300 (beginning in September 2011)

Rohan and Sandra Jones, Cape Town, South Africa - \$300

Church of Christ, Hyderabad, India - \$250 ( for meeting place, Vijay Erapaga - volunteer preacher)

Ted Lingren, Sisophon, Cambodia - \$200

Wil and Telanda, US Military, Germany - \$200

Glen and Kuin Tattersall, Tasmania, Australia - \$200

Willie and Del Gley, Accra, Ghana - \$200

Terry and Pam Laurence, Ft. Defiance, AZ, Navajo Nation - \$100

Dan Keele, Bear Valley Bible Institute, Denver, CO - \$100

**Some of our members** generously give additional amounts to our missionaries individually. We have thirteen different missionaries in eleven different nations. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" Matthew 28:19-20

**Another question was, what about our children?** We have set aside \$156 a month for subscriptions including the Discovery magazine for children. When we have youth work

days the church pays for the meals. Vacation Bible School is paid through budgeted money. We participate in the Summer Youth Series. “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

**The elders are generally meeting every Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.** Please call us, if you would like to meet. You must be willing to take the time to visit with us. We are ready for discussion with any member to help Belt Line Rd. church of Christ be more successful for the cause of Christ. “Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.” I Timothy 5:17

**A third question,** what about the orphans in the budget? Members of the church individually help in visiting the children’s homes, collecting cans of change and groceries for the orphans. A few weeks ago, we had Ron Brown, Director of Chinese Agape Foundation speak to us. He said that \$35 a month could care for one Chinese child in their cottages. The elders have considered this idea. We would like to hear back from you as an individual desiring to participate or desiring that it be in the 2012 Budget. Some members may want to have their own ‘child’ to financially support. “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

**This question was not asked,** are my trips at church expense. God has blessed my family with finances that allow me to travel for the church and Mission Printing at my expense. Thanks to those who have helped me with free tickets on some trips.

Richard Renfro

“And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need. Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account. But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, and odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now unto our God and Father be the glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Phil 4:15-20).

#### **GREETER ASSIGNMENTS**

**January 23, 2011**

***Front foyer:*** Richard and Carolyn Renfro

***Back foyer:*** Roberta Price & Max Melton

**January 30, 2011**

***Front foyer:*** Stan & Doris Selby

*Back foyer:* Thomas Rathbun & Ilene Ashworth

**Sermon Titles**

**January 23, 2011**

a.m: "Bartimaeus"

Scripture: Mk 10:46-52

p.m: "Shiloh"

Scripture: Gen 49:8-12

**January 30, 2011**

a.m: "Jacob's Dream"

Scripture: Genesis 28:16-21

p.m: "The Church's One Foundation"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

**Contribution Counters** -Darrell Allen, Mike Garrison.

**MISSION PRINTING**

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

**SINGING SESSION**

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.

**MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL**

The **Monday morning** devotional will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

**Investment In Others**

As you read the New Testament this year make your cards that list various items we do in the name of the Lord (Gal 6:1-10; Col 3:17). On the back side of the card write the names of those you are going to contact this year.

**Teens**

Teens will visit the shut-ins after Morning Worship February 6<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be in annex.

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**LADIES**

The **Ladies Class** is studying the "Parables of Jesus". Vera Gleghorn will teach on "Workers In The Vineyard (1/25). Make plans to attend.

**Ladies...**

**Please plan to meet next Sunday evening following worship**, at 7:00 pm in room 116. **Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' ½ Day** is just a few months away---Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is time for making final plans and all ladies' input is **IMPOTANT!!**

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### **Christ's Haven**

There are sacks with list of grocery items in both foyers. The home will come by to pick them up on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Responses**

We are glad that **Jerry Seright** placed membership. His address is 3920 Double Tree Tr. Irving, 75061. 972-313-1001

**Bryan Rosenbalm**, grandson of Jan Smithson asked for prayers saying "I have lost my way and have been out of the light to long. I need help to find myself."

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### **NEWS OF THE SICK**

- Linda Brown** had an MRI and is to have a CAT scan.
- Maxine Prude** has arthritis in her left shoulder and is in a lot of pain. She had an MRI Friday at Baylor Irving and waiting for results (1/14).
- Evelyn Armstrong** was released from rehab Saturday (1/15).
- Mike Batot** has had a respiratory relapse and now has bronchitis.
- Roberta Price** has a fractured metatarsal bone in her left foot and will need to wear a boot for 3 to 5 weeks.
- Janice Daniel** friend's mother Mrs. Mays had whipple surgery Thursday (1/13) at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, to remove a mass on her pancreas.
- Gail Hieronymus** has had a serious setback and complication with medication.
- Samantha Howard's** uncle, James Coates is suffering with lung problems and is in a Desoto Hospital.
- Debra Alonzo** has returned to Oklahoma to be with her father, Raymond Forbus.
- Billie Beverly** has been ill with Asthma and the doctor has given her more antibiotics. They are also trying to regulate medication.
- Carol Swinney** had a bone marrow biopsy. She is awaiting results.

·**Beverly Sweat** is having problems with her blood not clotting. The surgery on her hip has been postponed until this issue is cleared up. She has moved to Carrollton.

·**Tuesday**, Johnny Bowman, Nancy Pond's brother is scheduled to have a procedure at Arlington Memorial to remove kidney stones (1/18).

·**Gina Pearson**, the daughter of Jerry and Laquita Baker, is having heart and lupus complications.

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*Each year we try to save money on our mail out bulletins. We want everyone who wants one to have it. However, if you would like to receive the bulletin in your email rather than a printed copy please contact the office. It will save us postage. We will need your email address. Thank you Don Hatch*

**Be sure and mark your calendar –**

·Ladies' Class January 25<sup>th</sup> Vera Gleghorn will teach on "Workers In The Vineyard" Matthew 20:1-6.

·Christ's Haven pick up of groceries (2/15)

·Teen will visit Shut-ins after AM worship February 6<sup>th</sup> and have lunch in annex.

**LORD'S TABLE/MORNING**

**Front Table**

·Purman Cofer

·Jerry Baker

·Dorris Walker

·Marvin Brown

·Mike Garrison

·Denzel Myers

**Rear Table**

· J.C. Ross

·Robert Taylor

·Brent Howard

·Max Melton

·Thomas Rathbun

·Darrol Allen

**SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS**

· Richard Renfro

· Jerry McKey

· John Mayer

**A.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Mike Batot

Mark 10:46-52

**SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS**

· Marvin Brown

· Mike Garrison

**LORD'S TABLE/EVENING**

·Glen Kelly

·Robert Ruckman

**P.M. SCRIPTURE READING**

· Kenny Mayer

Genesis 49:8-11

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

·Bill Paschall

**A.M. SONG LEADER****P.M. SONG LEADER(S)**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
·Garl Latham				
			· Jerry Baker- Denzel Myers	
Sun. Class	77	82	82	100
A.M. Worship	130	134	144	150
P.M. Worship	60	72	75	75
Wed. Class	75	71	76	75
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	29	25
Contribution	\$4762	\$5162	\$5057	\$5553

**MISSIONS**

Willie &amp; Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa

Charlie &amp; Mary DiPalma - Malaysia

Roland &amp; Rose Mohsen – France

Glen &amp; Kuin Tattersall – Australia

Gary &amp; Nadya Workman – Ukraine

Oleg &amp; Natasha Yakimenko – Russia

Wil &amp; Telanda Sadler – Military Missions

Hyderabad Church of Christ - Hyderabad, India

Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX

Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX

Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web

Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching

Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia

Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

Terry &amp; Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation

Dennis &amp; Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India

Rohan &amp; Sandra Jones Capetown South Africa