

# Tallapoosa church of Christ

*"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32*

### Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

### Prayer Request

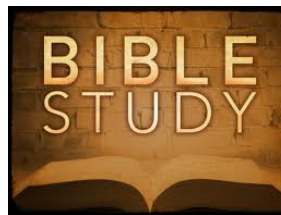
- .....
- Jason Rowell
- Teddy Cauthen
- Pete Bridges
- Linda Rider
- Pat Blumer
- Diane Aldridge
- Pepper Daniel
- Marie Crumbly
- Jeremy & Candyce Isabell
- Penny Hicks
- Wilkerson's

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- Shane Buchanan 1
- Betty May Mallory 3
- Candyce Isabell 6
- Sarah Stapler 27
  
- Carlos & Martha Payne 18
- Lupe & Misty Medina 22

### Bible Study is Eternally Important

I daresay that it is far more than likely, that just about every congregation of the Lord's church whose leadership has decided to give their members the opportunity to get together and study the Bible either before or after their Sunday worship assembly, encounters virtually the same phenomenon every Lord's Day: Bible class attendance numbers that are markedly less than that same Sunday's worship assembly attendance numbers. Why is that? (Now, obviously I am not talking here about those few folks in each congregation whose physical health limitations prevent them from being there and sitting through both – Matt. 26:41b.)



Destroyed for a lack of knowledge?

Is it perhaps because some have come to the conclusion that worship assembly attendance is a requirement in order to get to heaven (which it is – Hebs. 10:23-31), but that taking advantage of every opportunity possible to study God's word and steadily grow in their faith after conversion,

I AM  
the LORD  
your God...  
You shall have  
NO  
other gods  
before Me.



### God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful

#### **This Week Leading Worship:**

##### Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Tony Hotalen
Scripture	Brennan Mallory
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Joe Mallory
Table	Cory Payne Camp Mallory
Assisting	Troy Stapler Steve Cole
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

##### Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Cory Payne
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Caden Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Tony Hotalen

#### **Next Week Leading Worship:**

##### Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Harel Otwell
Table	Tony Hotalen Kenny Laminack
Assisting	Steve Cole Caden Mallory
Closing Prayer	Wayne Aldridge

##### Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Brandon Estvanko

somehow isn't all that important? Does not the Bible itself show that being in a constant and consistent state of Bible study, whenever possible and wherever the opportunity is presented, will provide both incredible earthly as well as eternal blessings to those who do so – including helping to guarantee their entrance into heaven? It certainly does (2 Ptr. 1:2-11). What else does the Bible say about the importance of taking consistent advantage of every opportunity one possibly can to study it?

- God's O.T. people were commanded to do so constantly (Dt. 6:4-9).
- God promised prosperity/success to those who did so (Josh. 1:8-9).
- God's word is worth far more than anything else on earth (Ps. 19:7-11); therefore, isn't spending time within it, far more beneficial than time spent doing anything else in the world (Ps. 119; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)?
- God's O.T. people were destroyed because of their lack of Biblical knowledge (Hos. 4:6-10; Matt. 13:14-15, 22:29) – and the Bible teaches that such destruction will not be limited to them alone (Matt. 7:21-27; Acts 17:30-31; Ro. 10:1-3).
- In order to truly be His disciple, Jesus said one must "abide" ("take up residence," "live") in His word, and thus know the truth (Jn. 8:31-32).
- Bible study is how we show we are approved of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

Yes, for all of these God-given reasons and more, it is easily seen that taking constant and continual advantage of every opportunity we possibly can to grow our faith through the study of God's word (Ro. 10:17) is vital to our eternal life. Please consider coming and growing in your faith as we study God's word together each Sunday and Wednesday as if your eternal life depended on it... because it does (2 Ptr. 3:14-18).

Doug Dingley

### **Reminders:**

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM  
 Sunday Worship: 11AM  
 Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM  
 Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister  
 770-597-5009  
 Cory Payne, Bulletin  
 770-328-1745