



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - spinal cord completely severed in a serious 4-wheeler accident; his wife Sheri was injured too, but should fully recover; prayers requested
- Diane Cote - hospitalized last week due to an insulin imbalance; home now & doing better; also has kidney disease & health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concern
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Mei Lin (daughter of evangelist Robbie and Judy Andrews) - had recent surgery on her left foot; pray for quick & complete healing
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; prayers needed for the family
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Tornado & Flood Victims - please pray for those who have recently suffered damage and loss in the mid-west and southeastern states due to tornados and flooding (many of whom are our brothers and sisters in Christ)
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Why God Speaks

There are those who are convinced, that there is no God, therefore "He" does not "speak!" However, the creation and the Bible claims otherwise! People believe all kinds of things. Some make "sense" and some, seem to be devoid of any kind of understanding of much of anything! The Bible claims that only a "fool" would not believe in God's existence (Psalm 14:1; 10:4). Psalm 10:4 says that they are "wicked" and that they "will not seek after God." It further says that they do not think of God. Romans 1:18-32 gives a comprehensive explanation of the situation and mindset of mankind in general. It is not at all flattering of man's thinking. That whole passage is worth your reading! The Bible and creation loudly proclaim that God DOES speak and that He will hold mankind responsible for listening!

GOD "SPEAKS" THROUGH THE CREATION!

The passage mentioned above, Romans 1:19-20, says exactly that! That passage further says that mankind is "without excuse" (Psalm 19:1-3). This passage says that the heavens declare the glory of God. It says that "the firmament sheweth his handywork." It goes on to say: "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." What an awesome, power-packed description of God's creation speaking! (See also Acts 14:15-17; 17:27). The inspired Bible writers, therefore, claim that God clearly spoke through His creation!

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE BIBLE!

This is spoken of everywhere through God's word, not the least, in our scripture reading: Hebrews 12:25-29. Why does God speak? That is the question! Why? Well, God has many reasons for speaking to humankind. Here are what I consider to be the primary reasons.

1. God speaks to convince "us" to believe. God wants us to "know" about Him. He wants us to believe in Him and that He "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6). All kinds of passages in God's word talk about this. The lesson this morning will give a bunch of them. A printed lesson outline will be available and handed out. God wants us to "know" that He

loves us and that He has provided a way to "save" us from our sins and eternal condemnation (John 3:16).

2. God speaks to get us to comprehend the truth. He wants us to learn His ways, expectations and principles. He wants us to recognize our own frailty. He wants us to see the need of others. He wants us to comprehend, that "sanctification" comes through the truth (John 17:17-19). God tells us, that "we" can learn, know and comprehend the truth (Romans 13:9; Ephesians 3:18; II Timothy 2:7; Ephesians 5:17).

3. God expects us to conform to the truth.

4. God commands us to share what He has said with others.

I so look forward to sharing this great lesson with you! — *Paul A. Bullock*

RELIEF FOR JEFFERSON CITY

As of last week, bad weather, tornados and floods have continued to cause death & destruction in the mid-west. One of the tornados went through Jefferson City, MO causing tremendous damage. The Jefferson City church has been a loyal supporter of ours for a long time. Accordingly, the men of our congregation voted to send monetary support to them to help in this crisis. This money will be sent to the church so that they may distribute it as needed. Any questions, please talk to Wayne Sampson.

😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.

Have a great week!



~ Announcements ~

- **Potluck Fellowship:** Next Sunday, June 9th after services, followed by the men's business meeting and the ladies' meeting.
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺



Birthdays

5th - George Cuvellier
11th - Jan Sampson
21st - Connie Henderson
25th - Georine Cuvellier



Happy Anniversary!

Erik & Janice - June 14th

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 1412

This Month: 55



SNACKS!

June 2: Jan
June 9: Betty

Contribution & Attendance for May 26, 2019

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$715

Order of Worship

June 2, 2019

*"O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee,
I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done
wonderful things; Thy counsels of old
are faithfulness and truth."*

- Isaiah 25:1 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song — #59

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song — #13

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Hebrews 12:25-29 ~

Song — #297

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song — #273

Sermon: *Paul Bullock*
"Why God Speaks"

Song — #644

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Alternate: *Paul Bullock/George Nick*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## June 2, 2019

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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