DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- > Scripture Reading...Jeff Isbell Reading: TBA
- > Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- > Opening Prayer......Kenny Johnson
- ➤ Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Eli Todd Serve.....Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer......Michael Pickford

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Kenny Johnson
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord's Table: Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer: Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader...Kenny Johnson
- Invitation: Michael Pickford

God's Plan of Salvation

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- > Hear the Gospel: Romans 10:17
- ➤ Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- > Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- ➤ Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

We would welcome a visit from you. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

Capable Bible teachers would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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Shocking!

When someone says or does something unexpected, we're often left wondering what to say or how to react. We are shocked. Even Jesus was pleasantly surprised (shocked)



at the faith of a gentile who expressed a greater faith in the power

of Jesus than anyone in Israel (Matthew 8:10). The centurion knew that Jesus didn't need to be present to heal his servant. He knew that Jesus could simply speak a word from where He was, and the sickness would obey Jesus just as the centurion's servants his obeyed commands (Matthew 8:8-9). What faith! What trust! Matthew stated that Jesus marveled. Would Jesus be pleasantly shocked at my faith? How about yours? -

Memory Verse

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways

acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."

-Proverbs 3:5-6

Timeless Wisdom

Wisdom for all! This is the message of Proverbs 1:1-6. Everyone needs more wisdom, even the wise! (vs. 4-5). Wisdom is "properly applied knowledge;" the ability to live skillfully as a child of God in everyday life. **Proverbs** teaches us how to live godly in an ungodly world as it teaches us to properly relate to God, parents, children, neighbors, employers, etc. The book of proverbs is practical for all ages. -

Is Money The Root Of All Evil?

DOES THE BIBLE TEACH that money is the root of all evil? Many believe so based on a misquote of 1 Timothy 6:10, which states, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil..." (NKJV).

Money is not the root here. The root is the love of money. Money itself is spiritually neutral. It is neither good nor evil. Loving money is the problem. When one possesses an inordinate desire for riches, he becomes vulnerable to falling "into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition" (1 Timothy 6:9 - NKJV). Focus on the word "drown." Those who love money often engage in activities that ultimately leave them in situations where they are drowning in desperation and despair. They often turn to gambling through which they incur overwhelming debts. Many have lost homes, family, friends, and jobs. Worse, they lose their souls (destruction and perdition). They often turn to alcohol, drugs, stealing, killing, extortion, suicide, and the dark destructive list goes on. Even overworking due to an inordinate desire to accumulate money is dangerous. "Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!" (Proverbs 23:4 - NKJV).

Note also that the love of money is not the root of ALL evil. It's the root of "all kinds" of evil. There are many evils that do not have their root in the love of money. I doubt Adam and Eve's first sin was financially motivated.

Let us never forget that "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death" (Proverbs 11:4 - NKJV). —

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Quotes To Ponder

"A merry heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."

-Proverbs 15:13

"All the statistics in the world can't measure the warmth of a smile,"

-Chris Hart

"A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks"
-Charles Gordy

"All people smile in the same language."

It's important to know the order of the books in the Bible.	
There are 27 books in the New Testament. Below, number	
them in their proper order. I've done the first two to get you	
started.	
Galatians	John
2 Timothy	Colossians
James	Romans
3 John	Luke
Revelation	2 Thessalonians
1 John	Philippians
2 Corinthians	Hebrews
2Mark	1Matthew
Jude	1 Timothy
2 Peter	Philemon
2 John	1 Thessalonians
Acts	1 Peter
Titus	1 Corinthians
Ephesians	