



**T**oday we continue our series of studies this month on faithfulness. We focus today on specific ways to measure it, how you can tell if you are making progress, backsliding, etc. Tonight, I would like us to study on “What is important.”

**Church Camp:** After meeting with the Elders, we decided that it would be good to make the camper applications available early this year. Hard copies are available out front and digital fillable-form copies are available at [www.mtgileadchurch.net/stateline](http://www.mtgileadchurch.net/stateline)

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** **Buel Abney** and **Bobby Harlan** are both out of the local hospital. Several are still trying to get over the crud, bronchitis, etc. Pray that we might all serve God with healthy bodies in 2015!



## Why is Serving God Important?

Is it really necessary to serve God? What is the purpose of changing our priorities to accomplish tasks that God could honestly do better and more quickly without us? Peter addresses the importance of serving God in 1 Peter 4:10-11 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” Peter makes it clear that we have received our gifts from God for two purposes—to serve others and to bring praise to God.

Serving isn’t about us receiving attention or glory; it is for Him to receive glory.

How does God receive glory when we serve? The transforming power of Jesus Christ is on display in the lives of those who have traded selfishness for selflessness. Peter says believers should recognize that we are speaking and serving directly on behalf of God to others, while He gives the ability and strength for us to do so. And when we direct glory towards Him instead of accepting it for ourselves, we stand out from the crowd of those who glorify only themselves. And that difference in our lives causes people to examine the life-changing nature of a relationship with Jesus Christ. It validates our faith in front of others.

Romans 12:1-2 says, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Paul’s point is that for those who have been saved by the blood of Jesus, it only makes sense to honor Him. Giving ourselves to God is our spiritual act of worship (the Greek word for “spiritual” can also be translated “reasonable”). It’s only reasonable that we would serve the God who has provided the greatest service of all: salvation from sin and self and eternal life with Him in heaven. adapted from <http://www.gotquestions.org>

### WORK LIST FOR January 11, 2014

<b>Announcements:</b>	Bobby Geraldts	
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Tony Harlan	
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Veachel Harlan	
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Brian Geraldts	
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kevin Sweezy	
<b>Head Table:</b>	Jim Stoops	
<b>Wait on Table:</b>	Tyler McHenry	Wendell Emb
	Jeremy Copas	Darrell Emb
<b>Ushers:</b>	TBA	Ray Cecil L

*What must I do?*

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

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**Verses for the Lord's Supper:**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

### **Birthdays:**

John	Biggerstaff	01/11
Julie	Evans	01/11
Glenda	Lyon	01/11
Leandra	Price	01/11
Delma	Proffitt	01/12
Brenda Sue	Harlan	01/13
Hillary	Lee	01/16
Linda	Branstetter	01/18

#### *Elders:*

Veachel Harlan.....487-5727  
 Roger Deckard.....487-8544

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Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland, Tony Harlan

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#### Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:** Bible Study...  
 9:30am  
 Morning Worship...  
 10:05am  
 Evening Worship...  
 6pm  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study...  
 7pm

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**8:30am each week, and to our weekday  
10min program after the Noonday news.**