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hanks to Kevin Sweezy for bringing the lesson this morning. Remember the young men have the service for tonight.

IN NEED OF PRAYER : Calvin Shaw and Becky Shaw are both home and would like company. Pansy Gillenwater is in MCMC undergoing tests. Connie Carter has been to Nashville for tests. Rachel Bartley is recovering from toe surgery at home. Rondal Owen is in MCMC and not doing well. Maureen Deckard has undergone cataract surgery. Lavonne Welch is home, but still in a considerable lot of pain after her knee replacement.

Friends and Family Day. Adverts are out front and it is not too soon to start working for a big crowd.

Tompkinsville's VBS is July 26-29. I will be gone on Vacation during that time, so you all make sure to support their VBS as they did ours.

Two new pew bibles have been donated in memory of **Carlene Barksdale**, Glenda Wilson's sister and **John Rouse**, Roger Rouse's brother.

How to Stop Missing the Point When You Study the Bible

(by Wes Adams---second of two parts)

2. Stop Focusing on Peripheral Details

Some people miss the point of a passage because they spend all of their time thinking about the incidental details of a story, rather than focusing on the main point(s).

As an example, my whole life I've heard people talk about whether it was a "fish" or a "whale" that swallowed Jonah. Believe it or not, some people get really caught up in that; insisting it couldn't have been a whale because a whale is a mammal and not a fish. In fact, I'm fairly certain I'll get some comments from this blog post about whether it was a whale or a fish.

But the truth is, it really doesn't matter. That's not what the book of Jonah is about. Why did God choose Jonah to be His spokesman

to Nineveh? How does the story of Jonah fit into God's grand scheme of redemption? What message was God sending to His people at the time? Those are the important questions; not whether it was a whale or a fish.

If we are ever going to be "transformed by the renewing" of our minds (Romans 12:2), we must stop getting lost in the weeds. We have got to stop focusing on the peripheral details.

3. Consider the Big Picture of Scripture

Another reason many people miss the point when they study Scripture is because they read passages as if the passage stood entirely alone, isolated from the rest of Scripture. You cannot possibly come to right conclusions when you read Scripture this way. You must see every passage in the context of the book in which it is found and within the context of the entire Bible.

The Bible is like a puzzle. God spent about 1,500 years revealing one piece at a time to His people until the picture was complete. When you put all the puzzle pieces together, it tells the story of how God the Father is continuing to redeem and bless the world through the life, death, burial, and resurrection of His Son. Every passage of Scripture makes sense as a part of that grand story. But if you remove a single piece and try to make it stand on its own, you will not only miss the point of that piece of the puzzle, you will likely miss the point of the whole story.

When people isolate verses like Matthew 7:1 and say things like, "Well, I'm pretty sure Jesus was all about not judging people," they have missed the point of that passage and the point of the entire Bible.

The psalmist said, "The sum of Your word is truth" (Psalm 119:160). Meaning, when you put it all together, you have the "truth." The Bible is not an encyclopedia or a dictionary, where you can simply look up a verse and say, "Ok, so this is what the Bible says about this." You have to understand that verse in light of the big picture of Scripture.

SPECIAL DONATION: Eric and Cassie England are at Vanderbilt in Nashville with their surviving twin. The baby will probably be there until January. If you would like to help with the family's expenses, please see Roger Deckard. Cassie is the daughter of Paul and Carole Davis from the Corinth congregation.

WORK LIST ON BACK

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**

Then, as a Christian we must:

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

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WORK LIST FOR JULY 26, 2015

Announcements:	Gene Goode	
Opening Prayer:	Mike Starnes	
Closing Prayer:	Roger Deckard	
Scripture Reading:	McKale High	
Song Leader:	Steve Hagan	
Head Table:	Bobby Geraldts	
Wait on Table:	Jamison Geraldts	Cass Thomas Frodge
	Lucas Geraldts	Freddie Cornwell
Ushers:	Kaleb Sweezy	Ray Cecil Lyon

Birthdays

John Payton	Hammer	07/26
Christie	Lyons	07/27
Matthew	Walker	07/27
Jimmie	Proffitt	08/01
Virginia	Smith	08/01
Shawn	Massingille	08/02

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Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Geraldts, 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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