

Tidings From Timothy

Christians are distinguished in various ways. I know pretty soon after meeting with someone whether I am dealing with a Christian, a pretender, or someone who has no faith at all. This morning we will detail these things in a sermon titled: *Distinctive Marks of the Church*.

Tonight, since it is the 5th Sunday, we will be doing Bible Questions and Answers. And don't forget that everything over our average contribution will be used for benevolence. .

In Need of Prayer: **Phyllis Dyer** is now getting therapy in the local nursing home. She is in room D1. **Charlie Williams** is back at home. **David Barnett**, the nursing home resident we baptized, has been in BG Medical Center critical care with aspiration pneumonia. **Suetta Adams** has been in the local hospital. **Becky Shaw** is now out of the hospital. **Johanna Hayes** is in the local hospital with pneumonia. Get the whole prayer list at www.mtgileadchurch.net!

Next Big Event: Our next big event will be *Friends and Family Day*. Please help me with this by making sure I know the names of all church members who have passed since last summer. If you had a loved one to pass away, then make sure I have them on the list. Thanks. Advertisements are out front and by the doors.

Bible Bowl: We have been narrowing down the date for this year's Bible Bowl. Last year we had a conflict in dates so we wanted to try to avoid that as much as possible. Be listening for an announcement on the time.

8 Tips to Get More out of Your Bible Study

Are you discouraged with your Bible reading? Find it hard to be consistent? Want to get more out of the Word? Here are a few tips that have helped me to be more consistent and enjoy my devotions more over the years.

1. Prepare the night before

Every night before going to bed, I grind some coffee, put a filter in my Aeropress coffee maker, put my coffee cup on the counter and fill my Hot Shot with water, so all I need to do is push a button to heat the water for my morning cup o' joe. I make sure everything I need – Bible, marker,

journal, Kleenex – is on the stand next to the couch in the den. This saves me having to scramble around wasting time in the morning, and I can get reading more quickly.

2. Pray

I usually spend a couple minutes praying before I read. I thank my Father for his love and the gift of sleep, and for protecting my family and me during the night. I also thank him for his gracious invitation for me to enter boldly into his presence through the merits and blood of Jesus. Then I often pray John Piper's I-O-U'S: "Incline my heart to your testimonies," "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law," "Unite my heart to fear your name," and "Satisfy me with your love."

3. Same time, same place every day.

Find your best time, when you can concentrate and have the least number of distractions. For me, it's first thing in the morning. The house is quiet and no one else is up. If I start in on projects or reading the news, I never get to reading the Bible. In the evening I'm too distracted and tired. For some, evening is their best time. The important thing is to find a time when you are least distracted and can concentrate.

I read in the same place every day. As I said earlier, I keep my Bible, marker, journal and prayer notebook on the end table next to the couch in the den. That way I don't have to waste time searching through the house for things before I read.

4. Keep track of what you read

After reading, in the back of my journal I write the day, date, and the passage I read. That way I don't have to try to remember where I left off the day before. You can use a bookmark as long as it doesn't fall out and you lose your place. (continued next week)

JULY 30, 2017

Announcements:	Tony Harlan	
Opening Prayer:	Steve Hagan	
Closing Prayer:	Tyler McHenry	
Scripture Reading:	David White	
Song Leader:	Bobby Harlan	
Head Table:	Steve Carter	
Wait on Table:	Wendell Emberton	Lincoln Arnett
	Darrell Emberton	TBA
Ushers:	Timmy Hammer	Andy Copas
Main Door Greeter:	Ray Cecil Lyon	
Side Door Greeter:	Michael McPherson	
Kitchen Dr Greeter:	Gary Rowland	

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**

Jimmie	Proffitt	08/01
Virginia	Smith	08/01
Shawn	Massingille	08/02
Gary	Bartley	08/04
Paisley	Ford	08/04
Mary	Jackson	08/04
Dalton	Stoops	08/05
Josh	Ramirez	08/06
Brenda	Short	08/06

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¹¹ And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

¹² He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.
1 Chronicles 17:11-12 (NKJV)

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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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