

Encouragement to Work with Your Pastor through Preaching & Teaching

To help us all "grow-up in Christ," I provide what I call "Preaching and Teaching." I have taken the sermon for the day and enlarged and improved it to provide more depth of Bible teaching than normally happens. In addition to our Sunday morning time together, I provide Preparation Packets the week before, so that you have opportunity to read the text and wrestled with application questions on that portion of Scripture, before I preach on it. That way you are not coming in "cold" that Sunday and hearing the text for the first time. In the Preparation Packets are also other articles, taking you deeper into aspects of that text, to further your growth in the Word of God.

On Sunday, I provide you with a sermon outline that takes apart the text of Scripture and puts them into bite size pieces for us to handle, understand and take to heart. Part of that outline will also give us exercises to do or challenging personal evaluations that provide us directions for our personal prayer life. This way we fulfill what James said, "Be not hearers of the Word only, but also doers of the Word of God."

Ever wonder why did I do all this? The bottom line is that so few of our members are involved in any kind of quality Bible study with me, that I feel constrained to provide Bible study at the **ONLY** time when most of our people are present = the weekend services.

In November, we will participate in a 4-week study on people who have failed in their walk with God. We will look at the lives of the Samaritan Woman, Abraham, Miriam, and Peter. To accomplish all of this, our services on Saturday and Sunday will again be 90 minutes long. While some will complain, my purpose in this is to fill you up with the teachings of God's Word and to challenge you to take what you have learned and put it into practice.

But Saturdays and Sundays are not the only days when we can grow in understanding God's Word. I will be offering a variety of Bible Classes and Special Teaching Events for our members and any guests you might like to bring, to grow up in Christ. These include:



"Walk through the Bible Class"

Pastor Jim's Tuesday Walk through the Bible Classes are held each **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month at **1:00 until 2:30 PM or at 7:00 until 8:30 PM**. Please note the earlier start time for the afternoon class.

But in the month of October, we will only have **ONE** class on October 23rd. Pastor Jim will be away at Pastor's Conference in Mason, Ohio October 8th through 10th.

We are studying the Book of Numbers. You may still join this study. All you have to do is let Pastor Jim know so that he has materials for you.

10 Questions & Answers on Mormonism - September 30th at 7 PM

Mormonism



On Sunday, September 30th from 7:00 until 9:00, Pastor Jim will present the teachings of Mormonism and how it compares to Christianity. We have a presidential candid who is Mormon, so it is important to try to understand how Mormonism and Christianity differ. Please note: Pastor Jim is not trying or even suggesting how you should vote in the coming presidential election.

Sunday School in October

St. John will offer Sunday School classes to our elementary school children in grades 1 through 6 on Sundays, October 14th and October 28th (2nd and 4th Sundays of October) beginning at 9:30 am until 10:15 when the children will join their families in worship.

This is a trial period to determine the need and desire for this kind of ministry. We will evaluate this ministry based on attendance and participation to see if this is something St. John needs on a regular basis. Therefore it is important that families with elementary children make full use of this opportunity so that it may continue.



Reformation Time Line

Sunday, October 14th, from 7:00 until 9:00 PM

Pastor Jim will lead a study of the Lutheran Reformation. What events led up to Martin Luther discovering anew the Gospel of Grace through faith in Jesus Christ? Learn how we can both appreciate our heritage, without simply romanticizing it as “Holy History” but give thanks to God for our Salvation by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ and work to make that a living and sacrificing faith of today. The Church of today needs reformation too!

Sunday, November 18th, at 7 PM

Does the Bible have anything to say about money and possessions and how we are to use it? You may be a little *SHOCKED* to find out that the Bible has lots to say about money and how our use of this blessing may even keep people from going to heaven. Jesus said, “It is hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven...”

Pastor Jim will teach on what the Bible Says About Money. Come and find out. You will be glad you did!

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