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Assembly Times

Sundays
 Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
 Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Shechem (Josh. 24:32)
2. Cana (John 2:1-11)
3. Jericho (Joshua 6)
4. Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22)
5. Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19)



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
 Ephesians 6:13

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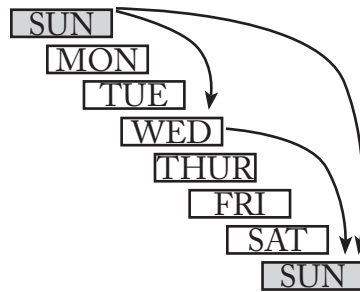
Heart Blockage

With the advent of modern surgical techniques, doctors are able to remedy many heart problems that killed people a hundred years ago. Among these are procedures to open clogged arteries and improve circulation through the heart. The Bible speaks frequently of the heart of man. Not referring to this muscle doctor’s deal with, but referring to the mind of man.

We desire to serve God, but often the arteries of our spiritual heart become clogged, preventing us from serving God as we should. This condition if left unchecked can easily lead to our spiritual death. God spoke of the Israelites as a people with a *“stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and departed”* (Jeremiah 5:23). What blocked their heart from serving God was following after their own desires. Likewise, pride is an abomination in God’s eyes (Prov. 16:5) which prevents our heart from serving Him. When the word of God is unable to penetrate the heart Jesus says, *“out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile man”* (Matthew 16:19-20). These sins are a blockage to our service unto God and need to be removed.

God’s actions have helped us clear away the blockage so our spirituality can grow. Through the operation of His love toward us, He sent, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Matthew writes He will *“save us from our sin”* (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is the only one who could effect a cure for our heart problem. When Lydia was converted by Paul, Acts 16:14 says *“the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken.”* The love God has demonstrated toward sinful man can pulverize a hard heart, removing any obstructions that would prevent service our of reciprocal love. *“For God, who said, ‘light shall shine out of darkness,’ is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ”* (2 Cor. 4:6). This was done so our heart might be pleasing in His sight and we might choose to serve Him.

It’s a long, hard step from Sunday to Sunday.
 There is nothing that will help you get through the week like gathering with the saints. It is a spiritual “stepping stone” of study, prayer, song, and encouragement.



Will You Be Here Wednesday?

This Week’s Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot
 Announcements: Eddie Bowen
 Encouragement Talk: John Franks
 Opening Prayer: Billy Lovell
 Scripture Reading: Billy Scherry
 Luke 2:8-14
 Song Leader: Gary Tuttle
 Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
 Contribution: Sandon Spyker
 Helper: Corwin Richardson
 Fruit of Vine: Casey Thomas
 Helper: Verlin Wilson
 Helper: Lester Mabry
 Closing Prayer: Kevin Buckner

Sunday Afternoons

Oct 6 Nothing
 Oct 13 Group Visitation (no meeting at the building; go with a friend)
 Oct 20 Nothing
 Oct 27 Classroom Quarter Change

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson
 Speaker: John Franks

The positive response in our life is we benefit from a spiritual heart that is free from disease and can be fully devoted to Him. Our belief comes from the heart (Rom. 10:10) and our love for God is *“from the heart”* (Matt. 22:37). With sincerity we praise Jehovah! There is nothing in our heart that prevents our service, or causes us to doubt the truth. Because of this sincerity, we can follow Peter’s instructions in sanctifying the Lord Jesus in our heart (1 Pet. 3:15). This in turn leads to *“doing the will of God from the heart”* (Eph. 6:6).

A removal of the heart blockage is achieved in obedience to the gospel and our continuing in the truth. Our adoration and praise for God can then cheerfully go up to Him from the sincerity of our heart!

By Charles Willis

Tract Cards Now Available In The Tract Rack

Take a few to hand out or place some for others to pick up. Feedback and suggestions are welcome and desired.

AUDIO TRACTS SET #1	AUDIO TRACTS SET #2	AUDIO TRACTS SET #3	AUDIO TRACTS SET #4
<p>Point your camera at each QR code and touch the link to start the recording.</p> <p>One Or Many Churches?</p> <p>Strange Worship</p> <p>Music In Worship</p>	<p>Point your camera at each QR code and touch the link to start the recording.</p> <p>Just A Christian</p> <p>Jesus' Plan Of Salvation</p> <p>Conversions In Acts</p> <p>The Three Crosses</p>	<p>Point your camera at each QR code and touch the link to start the recording.</p> <p>Is The Bible True?</p> <p>Bible Authority</p> <p>Attitudes About God's Word</p>	<p>Point your camera at each QR code and touch the link to start the recording.</p> <p>God's Line Of Separation</p> <p>God's Peace</p> <p>Anger</p> <p>Come To Me</p>

A Part-Time Employee

By Charles Willis

“For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God” (1 Thessalonians 2:9). Paul wrote this letter, but speaks of the labor and travail of himself along with Simvanus and Timothy (1:1). Evidently they found employment during the day and preached the gospel during the night so that they would not be chargeable to anyone. Can you imagine being the employee of a tent maker who was working next to one of these men while they were in town? What conversations would have occurred, and on what topics? What events took place that were used to the benefit of the gospel? How many of Paul’s work related friends became Christians? It’s a question worth pondering.

Know Your Bible

Cities

1. In what Canaanite city were Joseph’s bones finally laid to rest?
2. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
3. What city is associated with Joshua and the blowing of trumpets?
4. What city had Christians that were neither hot nor cold?
5. What 2 cities of the plain were destroyed by God for their wickedness?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



The Apostle Barsabbas

by Charles Willis

My heart soared because my name was put forward. You see Peter was speaking of a need to find a replacement to fill the vacancy left by Judas. He said this had to be a man who had been travelling with Jesus since the beginning. Many of us had been doing that, but he said it have to be someone that had been travelling with them *“beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us.”* That narrowed the possibilities some, but I met the qualification.

Two names were appointed. The apostles did not say how it was narrowed to two men. I imagine there was some discussion about the merits of each man and personal relationships that had developed while traveling with Jesus the last few years. The apostles prayed *“You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”*

It was difficult to contain my joy at the prospects of being thought worthy by the eleven apostles to join them in their most holy work. I am more than ready to do the work and I have no fear because I know God will be with me just as He is with them. I received the praise and congratulations of the many friends who were present and had been traveling with us for some time. I secluded myself for a while and humbly prayers seeking God’s forgiveness for feeling puffed up and asked that if it be His will that He use me in His service.

At the appointed time the Apostles were ready to cast lot to determine who would fill Judas’ place. They believed God would cause the lot to fall on the man who God chose, whose heart most pleased Him. *“The lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.”*

I was not chosen. I kissed Matthias on the cheek and congratulated him. He is a great man of faith who will do no harm to the Lord’s church and will in fact do great things. I must confess, it was interesting for a while to consider the sound of *“the apostle Barsabbas.”*

(This is a work of fiction based on the truth of Acts 1:15, 21–26. To demonstrate the faithfulness of a man hardly mentioned in Scripture is my sole purpose. CLW)