

## WHAT CAN WE DO TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH?

**Read the Bible every day.** This is the way God speaks to us. Just reading the words is not enough. We need to study, meditate, and research the Scriptures (Isaiah 34:16).

**Pray to God every day.** This is the way we speak to God. We should pray for ourselves, that we may have a Christlike attitude, and thank God for the blessings we receive. We should pray for those who have mistreated us. We should pray for the church, for the elders, the preacher, and all of the membership. And pray for the lost (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

**Memorize the books of the Bible.** This may not be necessary to go to heaven, but it will help strengthen our faith. Any person who claims to be a student of the Bible should memorize the books of the Bible and classify them (Psalm 119:11).

**Study the plan of salvation.** Learn book, chapter, and verse of the Scriptures on hearing about Christ, believing that Christ is the Son of God (John 8:24), confessing Christ before men (Matthew 10:32), repenting of our sins (Luke 13:3, 5), and being baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). We should memorize these Scriptures, or at least be able to find them in our Bibles.

**Learn sound doctrine (Titus 2:10).** We need to know where the book, chapter, and verses are that teach us about: the Lord's supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-29); about giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-2); about singing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16), about the oneness of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23); and the qualifications of elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) and deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

**Attend every service of the church.** There may be an occasion when we just can't be present for a church service, but if we really want to be present to worship God and enjoy the fellowship of our brethren, most of us can be there 99.9 percent of the time (Hebrews 10:25).

**Participate in the activities of the church.** Be as active and helpful as you have the ability to do so (1 Corinthians 15:58).

**Teach someone the gospel plan of salvation.** We should not be afraid to talk to someone about their soul. We have the truth, and we need to share it with others. Our friends and relatives are going to be eternally in one of two places; let us try to take them to heaven with us (2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 7:13-14).

**Leonard Wilson** *from Glad Tidings of Good Things*

### IF I MISS HEAVEN

- I'll miss the greatest, grandest, most glorious place ever conceived (Revelation 21:1-4).
- I'll miss a grand reunion with Christian family members who preceded me (Genesis 49:33).
- I'll realize the tragedy of taking for granted the blood Christ shed in sacrifice for me (Hebrews 2:9).
- I'll recall forsaken opportunities to be a child of God and a faithful follower of the Savior (Luke 16:25).
- I'll never again see the light of day (Matthew 25:30).
- I'll suffer unbearably and unendingly (Mark 9:43; Matthew 25:46).
- I'll never again have the opportunity to praise and worship Jehovah God (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

- I'll abide forever with the most horrific characters from human history (Revelation 21:8, 27).
- I'll be punished with the demons (Matthew 25:41-46).
- I'll not have one friend or loved one to care about my fate (Revelation 21:4).
- I'll have no hope (Romans 8:24; Titus 1:2).
- I'll be lost forever (Revelation 14:10-11).

*Author Unknown*

## THE WINDOW THROUGH WHICH WE LOOK

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

*Author Unknown*

## BIRTHDAY

Millie Robertson, 09-02.

## ILL

**Sunday:** Millie Robertson (PM).

**Wednesday:** Monica Nemechek; Millie Robertson

**Those battling cancer:** Ledgia Campbell, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

## HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Cleo and Marion Stone are at home. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at Sharon Lane in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

## OUT OF TOWN

Paula Stillwell is visiting relatives in Arkansas this weekend. Debra Gragg was in Iola, Kansas last Sunday.

## POT LUCK DINNER

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held next Sunday, September 6 following our AM worship. Plan to come and enjoy the good food and great company!

## MID-WEST LECTURES

The **27th Annual Mid-West Lectures**, will be held **September 20-24** at the 39th Street congregation. The theme this year is *"God's Precious Promises."* There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to provide a dessert or assist in other ways during the lectureship.

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 50; Sunday PM, 34; Wednesday PM, 30.

*"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."* **Galatians 6:10**

## Those To Serve

August 30, 2009

**BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Nelson**

### MORNING WORSHIP

**ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas**  
**SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher**  
**OPENING PRAYER ..... Steve Brown**  
**PRESIDE ..... Jared Nelson**  
**ASSIST ..... Jeff Nemechek**  
**ASSIST ..... Steven Schleif**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... John Cody Carter**

### EVENING WORSHIP

**OPENING PRAYER ..... Joel Nelson**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... John Dodson**  
**LORD'S SUPPER..... Jared Nelson**

**WEDNESDAY Sept. 2nd**

**SONG LEADER..... Ted Thrasher**  
**INVITATION ..... George Thomas**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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