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Fall Time!

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It's Praying Time

2 Chronicles 7: 1-22



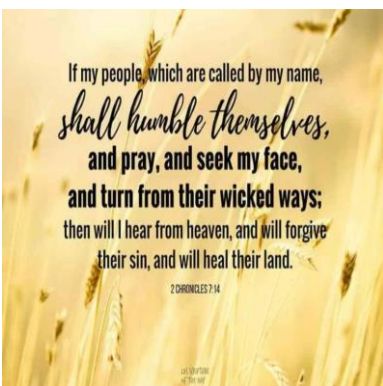
We live in a time of turbulence. The fact is, we can look at the world and complain about how badly things are going. We may blame the decay of our society on government leaders or sit around and cry, "Woe is me" for all that's going wrong in our communities. However, scripture makes it very clear that no matter what it looks like across this nation, God's people have the power, authority, and responsibility to turn things around through the power of prayer.

In 2 Chronicles 7, we find God answering the prayers of Solomon and the children of Israel. They had just built the temple in Jerusalem, and everything seemed to be going as it should. However, Solomon knew the temperament of the people, so he prayed and asked God to have mercy on the people when they got off track and began to operate in error. He asked God what they should do when times got hard and pestilence and famine hit the land.

It took God a little while to answer, but Solomon kept praying. When God doesn't answer when we think He ought to, we have a tendency to quit praying. But that's not the time to get slack - it's the time to press on in prayer even more. That's what Solomon did. He prayed and made sacrifices to God on the altar for seven days. On the eighth day, he sent the people home.

That very night, God finally spoke to Solomon and said, *"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice."* (2 Chronicles 7: 12, ESV) He went on to say that if He didn't let the rain fall, or sent locusts to devour the land, all the people would have to do is pray. In verse 14, God says, *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* (ESV) He said He'd do it for them because they're His people. He'd chosen them as His own. He knew what was in their hearts, and He'd watch over them and listen for their cry. No matter what they came up against, God would be there, ready to help.

That same promise has been applied to our lives today, but we must do our part. We must pray, humble ourselves, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways. This passage in 2 Chronicles shows us after we do our part, He'll heal what has been torn apart. When we do our part, we then have to trust Him to keep His Word concerning our lives. Without a doubt, it's praying time!



Another “Watch out!” Warning



This month I would like to call out a subject worth mentioning, as it deals with the women of our church and the subject of study Bibles. It was recently brought to my attention that there was a study Bible being released that caters to women and their issues with being a wife and mother, etc. The question at hand was whether a certain Bible called the “*Every Woman’s Bible, A Call to Extraordinary Purpose*,” by Tyndale Publishers was okay to use. This is a Bible that is done in the NLT version.

To be clear, there is no issue with the translation, the Bible is the Bible and it is given within this translation framework. What I am thinking about is the subject of it being a “*Study Bible*.” The proper object of the study Bible is to begin with studying the words, phrases, and context within the Scripture itself. Where the potential problem comes in is that somehow the goal is to address the subject, in this case women, and how women are to respond to their unique circumstances in life. There is nothing wrong with women having a study dealing with their unique circumstances —our women’s Bible Studies do this all the time. The part that we need to be aware of is why you would have a study Bible dealing with these issues. Isn’t the object of a study Bible to meet God and His Word and address His wisdom and character to men, women, and children of all ages?

What so often happens within the publishing mega machine is to develop new ways to sell their Bibles. I do not think this is helpful. A new Christian has to be totally overwhelmed in walking into a Christian bookstore to look for a Bible. They don’t just sell Bibles — they sell all kinds of Bibles: Senior Bibles, Kids Bibles, Prophecy Bibles, Married Bibles, Gen X Bibles, Teen Bibles, Married with Children, Married Without, Blended Family Bibles, Bibles for Reformed people, Bibles for Charismatics...the list goes on and on! What happened to just the Word of God, with study notes that try and explain the Bible? After all, the intent of a good study Bible is to properly look at the text of Scripture, explain what God’s intended meaning was within the context of the text, and from that text put it into practice, every person who reads it — men and women.

So, to explain, where the danger lies in this subject is in understanding what the study notes of such gender Bibles are actually doing with the text of Scripture. In theology, when we try to study the Bible, we have to distinguish between two terms, exegeses and eisegesis. Both are ways one interprets a text and the meaning they derive from it. Exegesis is the critical interpretation of a text that relies on the original context to determine its meaning. Exegesis is to take out of the text what is actually there; it is what the passage is actually saying. Eisegesis is an interpretation of the text that expresses the interpreter’s own ideas, bias, or subjective interpretation, rather than the meaning of the text. Eisegesis is highly subjective and does not concern itself with the original historical context of the text. This is where the danger lies. This is how misinterpretation happens. They start with a subject, like marriage, singleness, etc., and they start there and find Scriptures to fit into that subject, whether that’s what the original verse meant or not!

This type of practice is what some study Bibles are in essence accomplishing. It is notable that there are study Bibles with a variety of subjects; however, it is my opinion that all one needs to grow in the faith is a faithful approach to Scripture with Bible helps that give us the pure Word of God. When I apply the unadulterated text with whatever situation I am facing, it is there I will meet with God, and the Holy Spirit will bring a proper understanding from His wisdom to bear in my life. Let me be quick to add, that does NOT mean that study Bibles are not important. I use them regularly. There are great, faithful, and respectable study notes within study Bibles that are faithfully responsible with the actual text of Scripture.

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These are very helpful in our alone time with God in His Word. Here is a list of the best study Bibles on the market given in what I would call, “faithful order” — *The MacArthur Study Bible; The David Jeremiah Study Bible; The ESV Study Bible; The Ryrie Study Bible; The NLT Illustrated Study Bible; The Reformation Study Bible; The Hebrew Greek Key Word Study Bible*, and the *NIV Study Bible (1984 edition)*.

The Study Bibles to avoid would be *The Dake Study Bible, “Charismatic (FIRE) Study Bible, The Full Life Study Bible, and The Spirit Filled Study Bible*. These are written with a theological bias towards them. Another issue that has hit the Christian market by storm and should be avoided is the popular *Jesus Calling* devotionals by Sarah Young. It is very dangerous, and many Christians have fallen into it without knowing it. These devotionals devalue the Bible by encouraging readers to look for words from the Lord outside of the Bible. *Jesus Calling* can drive a wedge between God and His people. It also elevates emotional experiences by teaching that hearing words directly from Jesus is a normal Christian experience. *Jesus Calling* can elevate emotional experiences to the level of divine authority. These are very subtle in their approach and can seem okay from the outside. But Satan is clever in his disguising apparent truth that cuts across God’s authority and His perfect inerrant Word.

I hope this helps a little when deciding on a good Study Bible, and avoid the mass-marketing of specific agenda focused subjects. God has provided us so many resources today that are very helpful. We just need to trust His Spirit who works within us to make spiritually healthy choices.



Thank you
Pastors Brett
and Pastor Randy!

Pastor Brett Werner has dedicated his knowledge, studies, and service to our Lord at Woodville Community Church for 17 years! God has truly blessed this church and Pastor Brett. Please take time in the month of October to show appreciation to both of our pastors, Brett and Randy, as they continue each week to serve our Lord.



MISSING AN ITEM?

WCC has a lost and found container in the narthex on the coat rack by the bathroom and a container on the downstairs kitchen countertop. If you have left something behind, or lost an item here at church, please check out those two areas.



In this issue:



Changing times for some Cowboys, Ranchers, Farmers

As we learned in the last issue, the open range era ended with the homesteaders taking over the fenced lands.

Cowboys adapted their techniques and were hired by private ranchers, or they continued to work cattle drives on a smaller scale until the mid-1900s.

Feedlots come into play...

In the mids-1900s, the beef industry underwent a transformative shift with the widespread adoption of feedlot systems. As urbanization increased and land availability became limited, ranchers thought of more efficient ways to raise cattle. Feedlots emerged as a solution to maximize efficiency and streamline beef production.

In the 1950s & 1960s: The cattle feedlot, as it is known today, began in the 1950s as demand for beef increased. The use of hybrid grains and irrigation techniques led to a large grain harvest, which made it possible to feed large numbers of cattle in one place. This led to the merging of grain farmers, with feedlots aiding in lowering transportation costs.

The transition to feedlots systems also led to changes in cattle genetics. Ranchers began selectively breeding cattle with traits that favor faster growth and higher meat yield. This practice, combined with improvement in nutrition and veterinary care, resulted in a significant increase in beef production and improved the overall quality of meat available to consumers.

From its humble beginnings to the modern era, beef cattle production in the U.S. has undergone significant changes. The industry has evolved to meet the demand of the growing population, adapt to technology advancement, and address consumers concerns and performances. Today's ranchers are embracing sustainable practices and leveraging technology to ensure a thriving and efficient beef industry for years to come.

For some, the old cowboy legacy has not changed through time; however, the modern drover may be found working cattle with quads, motorcycles, helicopters, drones or other mechanization, ensuring the beef industry continues to supply the demand.

Cowboy quote: "May your belly never grumble, may your heart never ache, may your horse never stumble, may your cinch never break."



Thoughts from BOB, the Blacksmith

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

October

- 6 Amanda Baar & Sharon Stieg
- 13 Nancy Eveland & Lynda Kolehouse
- 20 Barb Atkins & Karen White
- 27 Sue Walta & LeeAnna Yates

November

- 3 Amy Hysell & DeeAnn Ruitter
- 10 Renee Cook & Mary Helmus
- 17 Jenna Minor & Christie Pikaart
- 24 Renee Hanlon & Kim Schaefer



Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Karen White 231-519-9488 as soon as possible.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child collection time!

As you have probably already seen, there is a bin under the mailboxes in church where we are taking collections for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Each month there is a new donation suggestion. For October, suggested donations are for clothing, toys, craft/activities. Some ideas include hats, gloves, scarves, t-shirts, sunglasses, hair accessories, socks, flip flops, watches, jewelry, bags and purses. Ideas for crafts are small games, puzzles, playdoh, jump ropes, slinkies, yoyos, building blocks, etch-a-sketch, spirograph, coloring and activity books, stickers and craft sets.

Please remember that all of these need to fit inside a shoebox!

Shoebox assembly day is planned for Friday, November 1

Please see Karen White (231-519-9488) or Robin Maring (231-245-3801) with any questions.



Harvest Fellowship Time

Ed & Paula Gray are hosting a Harvest Fellowship time at their home @ 1117 East Lincoln in Brohman on Friday, October 4, at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship, cider, donuts, and a bon-fire. Please bring your lawn chairs.

LIFE CHAIN National Event for Right to Life

Sunday, October 6th, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Meet at the corner of State Street and Cedar in Big Rapids.

WHY? That we might pray for the end of legal child killing and experience mercy for our nation.



Using your Spiritual Gifts is very important here at Woodville Community Church. To aid you in determining what your spiritual gifts are, we have tests to guide you. The tests (and info on how to calculate the scores) are located on the back table in the narthex under the mailboxes, and are also available on the church website at www.woodvillechurch.org.

Our Board encourages you to take the time to fill out the assessment form and turn in the results to the church office, where Pastor Randy will be compiling a list/board with everyone's Spiritual Gifts.



Check out the Spiritual Gift Tree in the Narthex! Let's fill our tree up with leaves!



October 2024

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Sunday
 WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School
 11:45 a.m.

Monday
 Ladies Aid Bible study
 1st & 3rd
 10 a.m.

Tuesday
 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 8:00 a.m.
 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday
 AWANA & H.O.P.E.
 6:00 p.m.
 EVENING SERVICE
 6:30 p.m.

3rd Monday
 BOARD MEETING
 6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for October: Carol Tillotson & Sharon Stieg		1 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	2 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	3 Praise Team practice	4	5
6 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL LIFE CHAIN	7 <i>Ladies Aid</i>	8 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	9 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	10 Praise Team practice	11	12
13 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL Pastor Appreciation Sunday!	14	15 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study Men's Evening Bible Study	16 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	17 Praise Team practice	18	19
20 WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION SUNDAY SCHOOL	21 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Board Meeting	22 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	23 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	24 Praise Team practice	25	26
27 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	28	29 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	30 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	31 Praise Team practice		



- ### October Birthdays
- 2 Bryan Bell
 - 7 Bob Cook
 - 9 Sylvia Edwards
 - 16 Shari Hartley
 - 17 Nina Bell
 - 19 Roger Franklin
 - 24 Daryl Wabeke
 - 25 Cody Arnold
 - 26 Terry Innis
 - 27 Remi Collins
 - 29 Katelynn Arnold

- ### October Anniversaries
- 9 Bob & Carol Doornbos
 - 10 Dave & Nancy Rottier
 - 11 Trever & Amy Hysell
 - 12 Dick & Doreen Jusino
 - 13 Scott & Barb Carter
 - 16 Steve & Angie Costello

Items on this calendar are subject to change

NOVEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Sunday school 11:45 a.m.					1	2
Monday LADIES AID BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.	3 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL BACK	4 LADIES AID	5 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Election Day	6 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	7 Praise Team practice	8
Tuesday MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 8:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY 9:30 a.m.	10 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	11 Veterans Day	12 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	13 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	14 Praise Team practice	15
Wednesday AWANA & H.O.P.E. 6:00 P.M. EVENING SERVICE 6:30 p.m.	17 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	18 LADIES AID Board Meeting	19 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Evening Bible Study	20 AWANA H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	21 Praise Team practice	22
3rd Monday BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.	24 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	25	26 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	27 NO SERVICE	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29 30

November Birthdays

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| 2 Karen White | 21 Barb Carter |
| 4 Clint Cook | 22 Debra Hart |
| 3 Renee Frantz | 23 Robin Maring |
| Greg Zurawski | 25 Sharen Franklin |
| 4 Al White | Jackie Teja |
| 6 Sue Warsen | Pastor Brett |
| 9 Josh Collin | 28 Roan Collins |
| 11 Mary Sall | 29 Barb Miller |
| 12 Carianne Smith | John Innis |
| 16 Madelyn Cook | Ron Jensen |

November Anniversaries

- 6 Mike & Bonnie St. Amour
- 18 Gene & Deb Fisher
- 20 Cody & Katelyn Arnold



Food For Thought...



Slow Cooker Bacon Wrapped Smokies

Ingredients

Serves- 10

Prep time- 20 minutes

Bake Time- 3 hours

Ingredients

- 16 Ounces “Lil” Smokies cocktail sausages
- 12 ounces bacon
- 1 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon paprika
- Toothpicks

Instructions

- Cut each slice of bacon into 3 pieces.
- Wrap a piece of bacon around each sausage.
- Secure the bacon into the sausage with a toothpick.
- Combine the brown sugar and paprika.
- Sprinkle 1 cup of the brown sugar mix into the bottom of the slow cooker.
- Add your sausages in the bottom of the slow cooker.
- Sprinkle the remaining brown sugar over the top of the sausages.
- Cover and cook on high for 3 hours.
- You may move the sausages around to help them brown evenly.
- Remove from slow cooker and serve!
- ENJOY!

Pasta Fagioli

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. of ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 4 stalks of celery, chopped
- 2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomato's, undrained
- 1 (16 ounce) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (16 ounce) can white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 (10 ounce) cans of beef stock
- 3 tsp. oregano
- 2 tsp. pepper
- 5 tsp. parsley
- 1 tsp. tabasco sauce (optional)
- 1 (20 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
- 8 ounces of pasta

DIRECTIONS:

1. Brown the beef and drain the fat.....then put into crock pot with all other ingredients except the pasta. Cook on low for 7-8 hours or on High for 4-5 hours. Add the pasta 30 min. before eating.
2. Serve with crusty warm bread!!!

Note: if you do not have a large crock pot, cut the recipe in half.

Pasta Fagioli also freezes wonderfully, so you can make a big batch and freeze the rest!!!

Enjoy everyone.



Everything Ranch Cheese and Pretzel Snack Mix

Serves 8 10 mins prep
30 mins cook

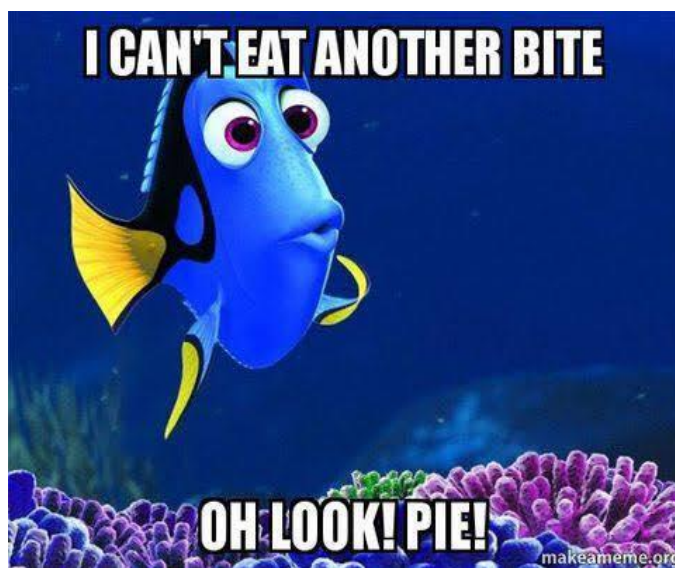


- 3 cups salted mini pretzel twists
- 3 cups mixed Cheez-Its and Goldfish crackers
- 2 cups Rice Chex Cereal
- 6 tablespoons salted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons raw sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley
- 2 teaspoons dried chives
- 1 teaspoon dried dill
- 1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon each kosher salt and black pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl, combine the butter, Worcestershire, sesame seeds, poppy seeds, parsley, chives, dill, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Add the pretzels, cheese crackers, and Chex, tossing well for 3-5 minutes or until the mixture is evenly coated. Spread the mix evenly over a rimmed baking sheet.
3. Transfer to the oven and bake 30-35 minutes, Toss 1-2 times throughout cooking. Serve, or store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

“...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine...”



A mother invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear mommy say," the woman answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

"You're the preacher?" "Yes." "So you're the guy with all the answers." "No, I'm the guy who points to that guy."

Answers to page 10

- 1. #3
- 2. #4
- 3. #1
- 4. #2

ACTIVITY PAGE

"I AM" THE BREAD OF LIFE



Discover the hidden words.

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B	V	O	J	N	I	V	L	U	U	S	D	D	O	G
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Word Bank

DISCIPLES
GOD
HUNGRY
BREAD

JESUS
TESTAMENT
LIFE
HUNGER

LORD
FOOD
NOURISHMENT
JOHN



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1. Why was John the Baptist sent from God?

- 1. To show humility by his simplistic life
- 2. To perform miracles and signs
- 3. To bear witness of the light
- 4. To explain the writings of the prophets

2. What did John the Baptist say when he saw Jesus?

- 1. Behold the Savior of the world!
- 2. Hosanna in the highest!
- 3. You are the true Son of God
- 4. Behold the Lamb of God!

3. How old was Jesus when he started his ministry?

- 1. 30
- 2. 28
- 3. 31
- 4. 25

4. What happened at the marriage of Cana?

- 1. Jesus condemned materialism
- 2. Jesus turned water into wine
- 3. Jesus healed a crippled man
- 4. Jesus forgave the couple's sins