

Are You Hitting the Book(s)?

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It is back-to-school time and that means our youngsters will be “hitting the books” as they go about the business of getting an education that will hopefully qualify them for a worthwhile profession. The term “profession” is an interesting one as it comes from the idea of having, or making, a profession. The common meaning today is *a vocation requiring knowledge of some department of learning or science E.g. the profession of teaching.* (dictionary.com) In other words, you profess to know something about the job you are doing based on the studies you have made.

Though we simply think of the job people do these days, the meaning comes from the idea that the person is making a profession: *An act or instance of professing; a declaration.* (American Heritage dictionary) That definitely sounds like there is more involved than just doing something technically. There is also an attitude or conviction being conveyed when one is involved in a profession: *An avowal of faith or belief.* (American Heritage dictionary) There is the most fundamental meaning of the word “profession”, and it seems that it has a lot to do with what a person believes.

If you are going to be a lawyer, for example, then you will be hitting a great many books, probably more than I can even count, never mind read. All of that which you study should crystallize in you not only the technical expertise to carry out your responsibilities but also the personal conviction that you are involved in something worthwhile.

The gospel of Christ is a profession. We are to study it (2 Timothy 2:15) and prepare ourselves (1 Peter 3:15). We are to live according to it, which is to obey it (2 Thessalonians 1:8) because ...

*He called you to this through our gospel,
that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
(2 Thessalonians 2:14)

This means that we had all better be hitting THE BOOK, which is the Bible. That is where we learn our profession (Romans 6:17) and how we advance in that profession (Romans 16:25) and how we make it all the way to Heaven. The rewards are decidedly worth the effort. (1 Peter 1:3-12)



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Theme: **Resurrection**

We will share in a time of song, prayer, and readings this morning.

Scripture Reading: **TBA**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 1st, at the building, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew. Come at 6 and bring something to eat with us before the lesson if you like.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3rd Sunday):** September 19th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class will resume on Tuesday, September 14th here at the building.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Cassandra Martin.
- ❖ **Second Annual National Door-knocking Day** for Heart to Heart, Home to Home. October 2nd.



- **Today is August 29th, the 5th Sunday in August! Valley Cities is hosting the Regional Singing today at 4:30pm with food and fellowship to follow the singing. Please let Sandy know if you plan to bring soups, sandwiches, chips or desserts. Thank you!**
- We will be receiving 50 MAGI (making a Godly impact) boxes on September 8th. We have lists of what can be put in these boxes before the deadline of May 1st. Our boxes will be heading to children in Honduras via the church there. More information forthcoming.
- **Barrys are having a wing ding at their house on Saturday, September 11th. Starting at 3pm, dishes to pass gratefully accepted, but not necessary. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them.**

PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Afghanistan as there is turmoil while the Taliban takes control of the country.** Pray for those trying to flee to safety and also for the families of the fallen soldiers in Thursdays deadly attack.
- **Daniel Barry**, Arthur and Sandy's grandson in Houston was involved in a car crash yesterday. He was in ICU with a bad concussion, broken scapula and broken teeth. Pray for Daniel and for his family in AK.
- Pray for **Jackie**. She is dealing with edema of the legs and feet. They have sought a second opinion from a kidney specialist in Williamsport. Pray for Darlene as she cares for her. Pray for daughter Vickie's safe flight home today.
- **Gail Westerhold** is well enough to drive Jerry to worship this morning after her cancer surgery. For this we thank the Lord!
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return from Arkansas of **Paulette**, our most recent convert.
- **Miki's cousin by marriage, Steve Noble**, needs a lung transplant. Please pray for him and his wife Donna.
- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer), **Dan Myers** (several health concerns), **Arthur's sister Sue** (breast cancer), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's).
- **Pray for our ladies Bible class.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.