

Read Your Bible; Tune into Life

Arthur Barry

The daily Bible reading program has begun anew for this year of our Lord 2023 and we get to read first five chapters of Genesis today (Jan 1). In less than 30 minutes we have taken in the creation of the universe and the fall of man, and the effects of that fall leading to acts of murder. Our modern society expends huge amounts of resources in time and money trying to delve into the causes of strife and conflict that plague mankind. Physical and emotional turmoil prevails in our world, and nobody is untouched by it. It only makes sense that we apply ourselves to finding remedies and do whatever it takes to eradicate the ills that mar our existence here on Earth.

The solution is in the Bible, and it does not take much time to cut through all of man's meddling and get to the heart of the matter. We need to accept that we will never have enough resources on Earth to make things right. All the plagues of mankind are caused by sin. Before sin became a reality Adam and Eve had no worries and gave no thought even to such things as clothing (Genesis 3:1-7). Can you imagine such a life? But sin changed all of that and those things God had provided to care for mankind now needed mankind to care for them (Genesis 3:17-19). Driven from the Garden of Eden they now were forced to work the land in order to survive (3:23). Things got worse when Cain murdered his brother (4:1-7). The ground would no longer yield its strength (4:12). It seems that once blood was shed upon the ground (4:10) the ground itself turned against mankind. It is interesting that God's initial plan for mankind included the command to "subdue" the earth, along with the command to be fruitful (Gen 1:28). The command to subdue the earth was not included, however, when God repeated those instructions to Noah after the flood (Gen 8:17; 9:1, 7). Mankind had been subdued by sin and was no longer capable of subduing the earth.

We can put our hope in our ability to reason and write law, upon law, upon law, or we can put our hope in what is written in the law of God. Time spent in God's Word will get a person's head on straight about these things.



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: Our All-Seeing God

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

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

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm December 21, on Zoom, Arthur is teaching from 1 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** January 15.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Next class January 3, 2023.** Make sure you have a copy of the new book, **Women of the Genesis** by Cindy Colley.
- ❖ **Annual Corporation Meeting-** January 8
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing - January 29th at Horseheads.**



Next Sunday we will have our yearly corporation meeting following worship. In this meeting we need to appoint a treasurer, select a man to fill in the third year of the 3-year trustee, and elect a 1-year trustee.

Steve's younger brother Chris and his former wife lost their son, Aaron, age 26, on Tuesday. We extend heartfelt sympathy for this tragic loss.

Don't forget our **MAGI boxes** and the things we need to be gathering toward filling them. Thank you to all who have contributed things and money toward this good work.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRAYERS

- **Pray for Paul and Dawn and family as they worship with the church in Horseheads.**
- **Continue to pray sincerely for the people of Ukraine** in this time of tribulation, especially **those in the church** both in Ukraine and in Russia and surrounding countries
- **Pray for peace and comfort for Chris Connors and his ex-wife on the loss of their son, Aaron.**
- **Pray for Henry** as he is having radiation therapy for his cancer.
- **Dan Myers** has an aneurism that has grown worse, and he will need an operation to treat it.

Pray for these people:

- **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike will return to Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A. for surgery on Jan 30 and 31, 2023.
- **Pat Guthrie (lung cancer, side effects from chemo)**
- **Jerry Lowe**, needs knee surgery, not connected to the Lord's church in Las Vegas.
- **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain)
- **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
- **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) Jim lost his mother last week also.

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.