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May 3

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Dismiss Services Joe Holloway

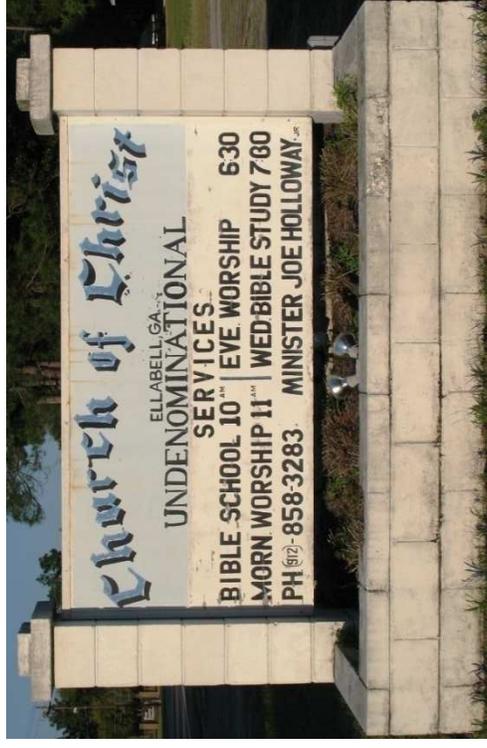
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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where
 The Bible Is Silent

May 3, 2009

Why Study God's Word

By *Ron Boatwright*

Just as we eat 3 meals a day to sustain our physical bodies, we must also feast on God's word daily to sustain our souls. If we don't we are in danger of losing our souls.



God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God's instruction book on how to go to Heaven.

Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 that people will be lost "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Satan wants to distract us with the cares and deceits of this world. He does not want us to read and study our Bibles every day. He knows that we become weak and vulnerable when we fail to study. Our strongest defense is a shield of faith. How do we obtain that shield of faith to protect us? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by

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hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. If we want to protect ourselves against Satan we must have a strong faith.

In years past we in the churches of Christ were known as "walking Bibles" because brethren then studied their Bibles. But sad to say, this is no longer true because we have failed to study God's word, as we should. But what happens when we fail to study God's word and become spiritually starved?

2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God's word unless we study it. And because of this Jesus says in Matthew 15:14, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead

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The Church Council has developed a new stimulus plan to combat moral bankruptcy. We call it "Bible study."

the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

To keep from wandering around in spiritual darkness, let's study God's word so that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). Let's not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God's word. Let's take time to study it daily.

An overweight colleague of mine decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at work carrying a gigantic coffeecake. We all scolded him, but his smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special coffeecake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious coffeecakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

Announcements

Social – not this Wednesday but the following Wednesday, the 13th Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles **Bulletin Board**-Make sure you read the bulletin board as there are many things of interest now. The bulletin is getting too long **Church Directory**-The church directory is now online. You can access it from our website. See Joe for the password.

Email – Please give Joe your email address for the online church directory. Also blogs or any web site you have.

Thank You – from Raintree Village. On bulletin Board.

Gospel Meeting – at Louisiana Avenue in Savannah-notice on bulletin board.

Paris-a note from Rose and the latest bulletin of the church in Paris is on the bulletin board.

Raintree Village-The truck from raintree will be here June 1 or 2. The list of needs is in the bulletin...elsewhere.

Raintree Truck Coming- Here is a list of needs at this time.

OUR PRESSING NEEDS:

- CANNED PEARS; BEANIE WIENIES; VIENNA SAU- SAGE; CANNED CHICKEN/BEEF; POTTED MEAT; #3 & #4 DIAPERS; CEREAL BARS; COOKING OIL; SUGAR; BLEACH; POP-TARTS; HOT SAUCE; RANCH DRESSING; PAPER PLATES & CUPS; SELF-RISING FLOUR; SHORT-ENING; CRACKERS/COOKIES; COOKIE MIXES; LAUN- DRY STAIN REMOVERS; AFRO-AMERICAN HAIR GEL; TEA BAGS (REG/DECAF); ASSORTED PRE-SWEETENED CEREALS;

WE DO NOT NEED CANNED VEGETABLES AT THIS TIME. AND WE CANNOT USE EXPIRED FOODS. PLEASE NO GALLONS

PLEASE NOTE BADLY NEEDED ITEMS;

- CANNED FRUIT DRINKS
- DISHWASHING /DISHWASHER DETERGENT
- BLEACH
- PAPER PLATES/ CUPS

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE REQUESTED ITEMS!!

Cut this list out and take it shopping