

# SPENCER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in Central Wisconsin

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SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY 9 a.m. Bible Classes; 10 a.m. Worship  
WEDNESDAY 7 p.m. Bible Classes

ATTENTION YOUTH: Wednesday, November 22 is our annual "talent" night. The young men will be able to lead a song, give a short lesson, read a scripture or say a prayer. The young ladies are invited to share their talents with the group also with some goodies afterward!

SERMON TITLE:  
Things for Which I am Grateful  
SCRIPTURE:  
I Thess. 5:16-18

**PRAYERS FOR:**

- \*Jerry Weichelt and family- Please send a card!
  - Ruth Waddell-Laura's grandmother
  - Nelda's son
  - \*Deanna's foot
  - \*Those traveling
  - Our shut-in's; our missionaries
- PLEASE EMAIL PRAYER REQUESTS TO RHONDA!

**PARENTS: Please talk with your children about playing in the classrooms and leaving a mess. Thank you!**

OUR ATTITUDE  
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING: 1989  
BUDGET: \$1961



**December's potluck will be December 3 and will be a special potluck in honor of our elders and their wives!**

Pete and Amy were baptized into Christ on Tuesday! We are so happy to have them as part of our Christian family!!



**EVANGELIST**  
Rodney Nulph  
330-988-7063  
RODNEY'S OFFICE HOURS  
(Be sure to call BEFORE you stop to be sure he is in)  
Tuesday-Friday  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**OUR LEADERSHIP**

- ELDERS:**  
Duane Anderson  
715-659-2327  
Russ Draeger  
715-676-3982  
Gary Nieman  
715-897-2248  
**DEACONS:**  
Dan Anderson  
715-659-4530  
Mark Anderson  
715-659-4117  
Clint Nieman  
715-650-7988  
Don Nieman

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SCRIPTURE	Kyle	Mark R.
ANNOUNCE/PRAYER	Rusty	Duane
SONG LEADER	TY	Paul
PRESIDING	Ken	Gary
SERVING	Mark R.	Jim
SERVING	Don	Jesse
SERVING	Jim	Clayton
CLOSING PRAYER	Dan	Clint

**Please join us** next Sunday, the 26th immediately after worship to visit the nursing home where Howard is living. His birthday is next week and we plan to drop by to wish him a belated birthday!



*I will enter His gates with  
thanksgiving in my heart....*

**Psalm 100:1**

### **THE BIBLE, A BOOK FOR ALL!**

An interesting survey has recently been completed by the Barna Group, which results found the Bible plays an important role in the American armed forces, even for military personnel who aren't particularly religious. Some service members who do not regularly read the Bible often turn to the Book during difficult times in their service to our country. Researchers found that 37 percent of non-Bible readers in the military read the Good Book when they are looking for comfort, 30 percent read it during a deployment, and 17 percent read it when they are separated from family. These results show that even among folks who are not regularly filled with Scripture, Scripture still brings a source of help that nothing else can provide. Of course, folks who are regular students of God's Word have already learned this wonderful blessing and continually draw from His Holy Precepts. Interestingly, whether a person is a believer or an infidel the Bible is truly a Book for all! Consider...

Firstly, for the ATHEIST THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF CONDEMNATION. The atheist affirms that he knows God does NOT exist. While any reasonable, logical person understands clearly that statement could NEVER be proven, there are still some who promote this sad theory. However, the evidence for the existence of God is overwhelming! By means of Natural Revelation (the creation), God has not left Himself without witness (Acts 14:17), so much so that His existence is clearly seen and there is no excuse for someone to not believe in God (Romans 1:20). Therefore, the Bible strongly condemns one who will not look at the irrefutable evidence for God's existence. Truly, "The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God...*" (Psalm 14:1a; cf. Psalm 53).

Secondly, for the AGNOSTIC THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF CONVICTION. The agnostic declares that he cannot know for sure as to God's existence and no one else can know for sure either. However, either God exists, and we can know it (because He revealed it to us), or else He does not exist (and the evidence we have is faulty). There is no middle ground! Because of Natural Revelation (the creation) and Special Revelation (God's Word) we know that God exists. If the Bible is from God, then God exists! For the one who does even a cursory study of the Bible, it becomes abundantly clear that this wonderful Book is not a product of mere man! The harmonious unity, scientific foreknowledge, prophecy made and fulfilled, and much more evidence convicts the agnostic. Agnosticism is a position held by those who have not really, honestly considered the Bible (1 John 1:1-4).

Lastly, for the ADVOCATE THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF COMFORT. For those who have logically examined the evidence, God's Word is a daily source of help and comfort through life's struggles. What hope is there in this life if God does not exist? What hope is afforded the one who is not sure of God's existence? However, to believe in God is to have hope and comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). For those who are burdened, Jesus says come (Matthew 11:28-30). For those facing death, God is with you (Psalm 23:4). When we are so burdened with life that we are not even sure for what to pray, God's Spirit is available (Romans 8:26-28). The Psalmist knew, "*Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart*" (Psalm 119:2).

What a Book! God's Revelation is truly a Book for all. And one day, all will be judged by that Book (John 12:48). Therefore, it behooves us to study, seek, and submit to God and His inspired Word. "*Blessed is the man...*" (Psalm 1:1-6).