

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

PRAYERS NEEDED:

- Bev and Ruth are both recovering from eye surgery this past week
- *Those traveling-Collin, Deanna, Paul & Holly, our campers
- Kim's Dad, Jim Husband, recovering from surgery
- Mercer family from Spencer - mourning
- Our shut-in's; our missionaries, our elders and deacons

Sorry if we missed anyone on the prayer list - Please email requests to Rhonda!

SERMON TITLE:

The Only Way

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:6

**PLEASE JOIN US
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR
BIBLE CLASS**

**The Kid Sing begins about 7
p.m., and Bible class follows**

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SCRIPTURE	Ken	Kyle
ANNOUNCE/PRAYER	Gary	Gary
SONG LEADER	Dan	Paul
PRESIDING	Clint	Rusty
SERVING	Duane	Mark R.
SERVING	Jim	Ty
SERVING	Mark R	Elmer
CLOSING PRAYER	Mark A	Collin

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED??

Hear the Gospel

Romans 10:17

Believe in Jesus

John 3:16

Repent of your sins

Acts 2:38

Confess Christ as Lord

Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized (Immersed)

1 Peter 3:21

Remain faithful

Rev. 2:10

OUR ATTITUDE

LAST SUNDAY'S

OFFERING: 1875

BUDGET: \$2118

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PTP - AUGUST 17-23 - It's not too late to register

Start planning ahead for the fall gospel meeting with Evangelist Bill Watkins - September 9-12

LOCK IN at Stevens Point YMCA - Nov. 2-3

*Oh happy day, that
fixed my choice on
Thee, my Savior
and my God....*

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

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Russ Draeger

715-600-3983

Gary Nieman

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Dan Anderson

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Don Nieman

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THE B.I.B.L.E.

Someone has correctly observed that the B.I.B.L.E. stands for “**B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth”. That sentiment is quite true! God’s Word must be known, loved, respected, and applied (cf. James 1:22-25). Certainly without God’s Word, no one is ready to depart this life or even able to really live life the way God intended (cf. Psalm 119:105; 2 Peter 1:3-4). What a wonderful treasure is the Word of God (cf. Psalm 119:162)! Consider just how wonderful God’s Book really is.

B- The Bible is a book about **BELIEF**. John’s thesis certainly attests to this fact, “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **But these are written**, that ye **might believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; **and that believing** ye might have life through his name” (John 20:30-31, emp. added). In fact, real faith can only be produced by a study of God’s Word (cf. Romans 10:17; 1:16; Acts 4:4; 8:12; 15:7). The Bible is a book about belief!

I- The Bible is a book about **INHERITANCE**. In Paul’s farewell address to the Ephesians’ elders he affirmed, “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the **word of his grace**, which is able to build you up, and **to give you an inheritance** among all them which are sanctified” (Acts 20:32, emphasis added). Paul again declared, “For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel” (Colossians 1:5). The Bible details forth the hope of which each and every faithful child of God can be assured.

B- The Bible is a book about **BEHAVIOR**. Unfortunately, “the health and wealth gospel” that is continually propagated throughout this sinful world is false! “Find God in your own way” may be popular, but it is anything but Scriptural. Paul’s words to Timothy were clear, “**These things write I unto thee**, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, **that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself** in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:14-15, emp. added). There is a proper way of behavior and an improper way as well (cf. Philippians 1:27; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Peter 1:15-16, et al).

L- The Bible is a book about **LOVE**. The theme of the Bible is the redemption of sinful man through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the glory of God (cf. Ephesians 3:10-11), which certainly is a display of God’s love (cf. John 3:16; 1 John 3:16; 4:9-10). It was love that prompted, promoted, and accomplished the scheme of redemption (cf. John 13:35; Romans 5:6ff). Although not just a “love story”, the Bible contains the real definition and display of love!

E- The Bible is a book about **ENDURANCE**. Over and over again, the Bible admonishes endurance and faithfulness of its’ readers. The Bible opens with the sad picture of those who failed to endure (i.e. Adam and Eve-Genesis 3) and closes with the consummation of salvation for those who do in fact endure to the end (cf. Revelation 21). Truly, “blessed is the man that endureth” (James 1:12). God’s Book teaches us how to begin the race, how to compete in the race, and how to win and finish the race!

There is simply no other book that is so needed in the world today than the Bible. What many have learned as children is certainly true, “The B.I.B.L.E., yes that’s the book for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, the B.I.B.L.E.”

When in doubt, choose kindness.