

In our **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** readings this week we encounter a prophesy that is played out in front of the people via a prophet's own marriage. Through about 150 years of being a broken kingdom the people of Israel have not been willing to put away their idols or forget their pagan Baal. If there is anything which especially affronts God, it must surely be the sight of His children whom He had created, bowing in worship to sticks & stones (which He had also created & which, therefore, had no intrinsic power). This was especially true because God had repeatedly & patiently demonstrated His concern, love, and protection. To God, the people of Israel were a wife in covenant relationship with Him. And yet their continual idolatry was a constant reminder of their unfaithfulness to the covenant. In an effort to draw Israel away from her idolatrous lovers & to show her the danger of infidelity, God calls upon the prophet Hosea to bring his message & warning through both difficult preaching and prophecy played out in his own marriage. God calls upon Hosea to marry a woman whom God knows will be unfaithful to him & will bear children of her unfaithfulness. Even the children's names pronounce God's prophecy of the terrible future if Israel did not repent. When Hosea's wife, Gomer, consorts with other lovers, she only typifies Israel's unfaithfulness in playing the harlot with false gods. And yet, as always, God speaks a message of hope through Hosea. Just as Hosea redeemed Gomer from literal slavery, God stands ready to redeem His people from sin. God is still waiting today to redeem His children.

As you picked up your daily BSME lessons, don't forget to look at the GREEN TRAYS because they always contain BONUS information that will make your BSME study better. Don't overlook this valuable resource!

How important is **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY**? Here's what one person recently said about BSME: "Here's one thing I have gained from BSME... I am familiar with most of the stories & have examined them in the past. In other studies, I have focused on SIN & why God punishes sin. Of course that's a fact! But this time I have realized how tolerant God was of His O.T. children. He offered love, grace & waited for them to change their ways, but so often they unfortunately did not repent. That's an important lesson for me to remember."

Don't forget to pick up your weekly study guides. If you prefer, you can receive the study guides every Monday by email. Just let me know and I will have your email address added to the email group list.

If you don't have a daily Bible reading program, you need **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY**. There are so many options on how to use BSME, from 7-minutes per day and on up. **What amount of your time will you give God this week?**

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!



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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Mark Livingston
Song Leader.....Jonathan Bonde

R#167 - "Hoganna"
R#490 - "It Is Well with My Soul"

Prayer.....Jason Powell

R#382 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

COMMUNION
Scripture Reading & Prayer
Tim Wiemer / Thomas Livingston

R#123 - "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"
R#448 - "The Greatest Commands"

Scripture Reading.....Andy Tolleson
Sermon.....Michael Cox

**'Where is Your Faith?'
Luke 8:25**

R#674 - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
R#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Bob Cole

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Mark Livingston
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

B#220 - "He Lives"
B#419 - "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"

Prayer.....Thomas Livingston

B#764 - "When We Meet in Sweet Communion"

COMMUNION
Scripture Reading & Prayer
Tim Wiemer / Thomas Livingston

B#735 - "What a Savior"

Scripture Reading.....Andy Tolleson
Sermon.....Michael Cox

**'Are YOU Able to Drink the Cup?'
Matthew 20:22**

B#767 - "Who at the Door Is Standing?"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Bob Cole

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
Michael Cox

Room#118
Old Testament History
-Andy McCormick

Room#112/Library
First Principles
-Danny Griffith

MPB-1st floor
Young Professionals
- Tim Togami

Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:

MPB-2nd floor:
9th - 12th
Josh Romo

Room#113: 5th -8th
Will Livingston

Room#114: 1st -4th
Stephanie Johnson

Room#108: 4yrs -K
Martha Dean

Room#107: 3yrs
April Bonde/Keri Powell

Room#104: 1-2 yrs
Kerry McCormick
Hannah Landrum

Room#106: 3-18 mo.
Cradle Roll
Angela Livingston

Happy Hollow Bible Camp

happyhollowbiblecamp.com

Session 13

August 2-8

Our Record: 7/12/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....103
10:15 AM Worship.....196
PM Worship.....96
Wednesday Bible Class.....55
Contribution.....\$11,175.05

JULY ELDERS / DEACONS

Bob Cole
Rick Palmer

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:

Angie Drennon
Kim Nickolson

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcomes You!

The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Isaiah 32:17

SUNDAY: BIBLE CLASS @9AM; WORSHIP @10:15AM; WORSHIP @6PM;

WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY @10 AM- room 118 & @7:00 PM-in auditorium

When the Task is Hard, But the Reward is Worth It!

The Scriptures are full of examples of the title of this article. Look at Noah. See Joseph. Watch Moses. Learn from David. Hear the prophets. Follow Jesus. As I have had a few days now to reflect upon our recent week at camp, I wanted to share with you a few thoughts.

First, I haven't been shy about my feelings about camp!

I love it! About the only thing I don't love about camp is that, while my wife and boys may be there, I don't get to spend a whole lot of time with them out there. What I do love about camp, perhaps more than anything else, are the relationships that are built upon year by year.

As I reflect back on my week of camp (that is, the week that I direct), this year was perhaps more challenging than any other year I have directed. It was challenging on multiple levels. It was a challenge in one regard because my proximity to camp on a day in day out basis has changed from what it once was. It was challenging this year also because of a couple of events that occurred that I had not had to deal with anything like them up to now (that said, accidents happen and I know it was only a matter of time before something/anything happened on my watch, so to speak; it's still a shock and challenging when it happens). Though this year had its challenges and its scares, I still believe, at least for me, that it was one of the most rewarding years I've had at camp. Not everyone may feel that way, but from my perspective, I believe every person involved with our session at Happy Hollow this year walked away having learned something and grew in their walk with Jesus.

The task of directing this year was hard. But was it ever rewarding! I got the opportunity to grow relationships. I was able to have late night talks and walks with young men that just needed someone to hear them (actually hear them). I was able to have bible studies with young minds that are hungry for knowledge. I got to witness young people study God's Word, not only for their individual classes but also for our Bible Bowl (Eva Livingston brought the girls all the way back from down by nearly 20 points, to make it only a 2 point deficit!). I was privileged to baptize five young people for the remission of their sins into the service of our Lord! Jessie Shrable, Aalea Hall, Savannah Nash, Chase Singson, and our own Tailyn Harris all gave their lives to Jesus while at camp! Please keep all of these young people in your prayers as they have begun their walk with the Lord!

Despite the relative difficulty of our session this year, the rewards far outweigh any difficulties that arose. I thank all of you for your support in helping to make that week at Happy Hollow happen. All of you that donated or prayed for our endeavors at camp, I cannot thank you enough! You make camp possible! Thank you for investing in these kids! I do not have the words to express how much I love each of the children that come to camp each year. Neither do I have words to express the love and appreciation I have for every person on my staff. All I can say is THANK YOU!!! May the Father's will be done in all matters, no matter how difficult the task may be! The reward will be worth it! Matthew 25:21, 23.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(As a courtesy for hosts please RSVP on LightPost Calendar)

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)** • 10AM • Room #118

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- ♦ **SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY!** • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)** • 10AM • Room #118

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 -SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

- ♦ **HAPPY HOLLOW CHRISTIAN CAMP, SESSION 8**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON** • 11:30AM • TBD!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- ♦ **SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY!** • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

Congregational EVANGELISM
Training Seminar on **AUGUST 29-30**
Over 8,000 baptisms since 2018
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Rob Whitacre



Nicole Whitacre

**TRAINING THE
SAVED TO REACH
THE LOST**



Rejoice! We have a new sister in Christ!
Tailyn Harris was Baptized on Thursday, June 9th
for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
& added to the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12)
Prayer Requests

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

- ⇒ **Vicki Cole & Family**, her brother-in-law, **Jim Haught** passed away on Thursday, 7/9. He is survived by his wife Diane & 4 children & their families. (Diane is Vicki's sister in Paragould)
- ⇒ **Festus Ugbade & Family**, his oldest sister, **Grace Ugbade** passed away in late June

MEMBERS

- Phyllis Allen • **Tyler Baker** • Bill Cooley
Nancy Dunn • Bob Garner • Calvin Gordon
Jean Kazimier • Walton/Elaine Kyle
Scott/Carla March • Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall
Glenda Pannell • Karen Pate • Leslie Pate
Stuart Reeves • Freddie Sharpe • Neva Tharp
Ann White
- ♦ Davis, Mary – 7/7 procedure @AR Heart Hosp., Bryant, was successful, stent placed in right leg
 - ♦ Dunn, Nancy – Total hip replacement 7/13 went well, home now
 - ♦ **Pratt, Frankie –Health**
 - ♦ **PRAYERS –for safe travels for PTP groups expected back on Tuesday, 7/21 from Branson, MO**
 - ♦ Rutherford, Roger –Shoulder surgery, 7/13 went well, home now
 - ♦ Sudmeyer, Patty –home w/2 compressed, fractured vertebrae in lower back. Dr's have prescribed pain medication & lots of time & rest for healing
 - ♦ Ugbade, Festus –home now w/heart monitor

SHUT-INS

- Craig Archer • Mike/Shirley Baka • **Henry Cook**
Pauline Crenshaw • LaVonne Depew
Ola Freibolt • **Debbie Frenzel** • Marcelle Green
Billie Gregory • Lorene Mount
Charles/Virginia Parker • David Pendleberry
Wes Poole • **Barbara Reding** • Judy Walters
Linda Woeppel
- ♦ **Cook, Henry** –Will soon be moving to Country Club Village across from Nat. Park Hosp.
 - ♦ **Friebolt, Ola** – leg is better but now has a carcinoma on her forehead
 - ♦ **Frenzel, Debbie** –Now @Red Oak Rehab

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * *Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now*
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Charlee Gordon • Gloria Miller • Avery Pozarek
John/Marsha Pruett • Don Rutherford
Wanda Smith • Bob Troutman • Harrel Walters
Kay Ward
- ♦ Apple, Randy (Linda Hudson's 49 yr. old son) Home now w/heart monitor

BATTLING CANCER

- Jennifer Baker • JL Bice • Jim Blagg
Allen Constant • Jack Haywood • Terry Horne
Kirsten James • Jeff Janus • Sandy Land Brenda
Lavender • Deborah Long • Daryl Macon
Delorious Tolleson • Bettie Lou White
Frankie White
- ♦ **Harris, Jerry (Karin Grisham's cousin)** finally accepted into MD Anderson in Houston. Trying experimental treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- ❖ Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- ❖ Pacific Islands -Randy English

••• **ELDERS:** Bob Cole; Ed Courtney; Danny Griffith; Donnie Pogue, Jr; Tim Togami; Festus Ugbade ••• **DEACONS:** Jonathan Bonde; Lessel Collier; Derek Landrum; Chris Nickolson; Rick Palmer; Tom Shelton •••