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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Morning

8:30 Bible Classes

Mark 12:28 ff

Classes in English & Spanish

**PRAISE &
WORSHIP**

9:00 Prayer Worship

Please give us your requests

9:30 Worship Service

Worship in English & Spanish

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Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

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password: purplelemon096

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



9 – Sandy Westbrook

15 – Mary Porter

27 - Adelfa Diaz

29 – Mary Clements

2 - Chris and Natalie Booth

20 – Barbara and LeRoy Pflugh



"Pray without ceasing."

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Reminder...The sign-up list for the building cleaning for
September is on the back left table. Please sign up.

TONGIHT - Song and Supper - Bring a dish and your voice

September 1 - Elders' Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

September 3 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

September 3 - Thursday night Dinner @5:30 p.m. Cook: Jan

September 5 - Men's and Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

Men's 8:00 a.m. in the church kitchen

Women's 9:30 a.m. at Vivian's house

September 10 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

September 17 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

September 17 - Thursday Night Dinner @5:30 p.m.

Cook: Darlene

September 24 - Men's Bible Study in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m.

October 24 - Ladies Day at West Visalia Church of Christ

Pastor's Corner of Light

Bible Study part 2

A practical approach to take for Bible study is to make a plan. This will go far in establishing a habit for meeting with your Lord regularly. **A)** First you should decide on **how often** you can realistically implement and continue with your plan. The blessed, happy man in [Psalm 1](#) delights in God's word and "meditates" on it "day and night". While this isn't a command, it is a principle we would be wise to observe. What gives the man spiritual growth is his daily exposure to God's word. And this is more than randomly reading some passage but rather he *meditates* on Scripture, meaning he thinks deeply about it. As you study, you'll be more certain and aware of His faithful love. **B)** How long? If you're new to Bible study, start small. The best way to avoid early burnout is to not start too strong. Start by spending 10-15 min. studying and in prayer. As you study regularly, your desire will deepen, and you'll find yourself adding to that time.

C) When? The man in [Psalm 1](#) meditated on God's word day and night. While this implies that the word was on his mind all the time, it can also help us consider different times of the day as options for study time. Some texts refer to seeking God first thing in the morning; other texts, though, speak of seeking God at night. The principle we can gather from texts like these is that there's no hard-and-fast rule about when we meet with the Lord. We can study and pray at any time of day! The point is that we need to carve out time and make it nonnegotiable. Don't schedule other things for that time. **D)** Where? Find a place in your home or office where you can keep your Bible and notebook. If you designate a space and leave your study tools there, you will find yourself more faithful to your study time than if you're moving around all the time or looking for your notebook.

E) What should I study? Perhaps one of the most intimidating parts of making a Bible study plan is knowing where to start. When it comes to starting any new habit, it's helpful to give yourself an easy starting point so you don't get discouraged early on. I suggest beginning with the book of James because it's short, simple to navigate as a beginner, and easy to understand. The Gospel of John is another good place to start because it's a good mix of narrative (recounting historical events) and theology (what we believe about God).

This is a bold suggestion, but I would like to discourage you from using screens during your Bible study time. It's too easy to become distracted by social media and notifications. Put away your devices and let God's voice be the only one you hear—open a physical Bible and grab a pen and a notebook. Blessings!!!



*Wisdom is found with the elderly, and
understanding comes with long life.*

~ Job 12:12

Prayer REQUESTS

If you need prayer, please let the Elders know, or call Vivian Fisher (889-4075) to start the prayer chain.

Lord, give me concern and compassion for the lost that I meet today. Open doors so I might share YOUR message!

NEW

Prayers for **John/Lori's children** as they deal with various life struggles

Natalie is dealing with work stress

Praises for **Borjas, Tommy** and **David's** safe trip home from Oklahoma

Doreen, Trina's aunt, was airlifted to Sioux Falls for a brain bleed

Continued Prayer

Sally's brother, **Reuben**, is struggling with back pain

John and Ashley are dealing with personal family issues

Trina's aunt Alice had gall bladder surgery this past week

Cynthia Stevens, a member at Central, her husband passed away this week

Tank had surgery on Tuesday, the 18th

Mike will be having several tests over the next few weeks; he and **Sandy** are having multiple issues

Sandy will see hopefully see the surgeon on the 12th if the date does not change again

Those who were on the green Continued prayer list last week were moved to the long-term prayer list. Please continue to remember them also in your prayers.

"The eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."

2 Chronicles 16:9 NASB

O, God, have mercy on me. I know that in my foolishness I have looked to other things to fulfill me. Yet, there you are, waiting for me to cry out to you. I ask that you would help me to turn away from the worthless things and extract the precious – the things you have for me.

I want to pursue the knowledge of your character so I can emulate the things you do. Continue to put in me a hunger for the things of your Spirit and help me to deny my flesh.

Thank you for your support of me, even when I do not notice it, God! You are actively looking for those whose hearts seek after you. You are not idle. I declare that you are good, and your ways are perfect. I enjoy who you are. My heart is yours.

(Taken from 365 Power Prayers for Men)

WHO IS THE PROVERBS 31 WOMAN?

Somewhere along the way, being a “biblical woman” got quietly tangled up with this Pinterest perfect idea of a woman who is always gentle, always tidy, always calm, always smiling, always speaking softly, and somehow managing a full schedule, a full home, and a full plate without ever breaking a sweat. She’s the kind of woman who looks like she wakes up naturally at 5 a.m. with Proverbs playing in the background while she kneads sourdough and waters her thriving houseplants.

Meanwhile, many of us wake up looking like we wrestled a raccoon in our sleep, drink cold coffee because we forgot about it again, and start the morning already negotiating with God about the day ahead. And honestly, that version feels a lot closer to reality.

The thing is the Bible never described women the way modern church culture sometimes does. When God said He would make Adam a “helper”, the word used wasn’t “assistant” or “the quiet one who never rocks the boat.” The Hebrew word was ezer, which is the same word used to describe God as Israel’s rescuer. It means strong help. It means life-saver. It means the one who steps in when the battle is too much. That’s the original blueprint. Not delicate accessory. Strong ally.

And then there’s the Proverbs 31 woman. She has become the unofficial mascot of Christian womanhood, often presented as a mythical creature who never gets tired, never forgets anything, and never once has a meltdown in a grocery store parking lot. But the Hebrew phrase used to describe her is eshet chayil, which means “woman of valor.” Valor isn’t quiet perfection. Valor is courage. Valor is strength. Valor is keeping faith on days when everything feels heavy. Valor is doing your best and trusting God with the gaps.

The Proverbs 31 passage wasn’t a checklist for women to exhaust themselves trying to complete. It was a poem praising the strength and dignity of a woman who walks with God in the middle of real life. A woman who is resourceful, wise, resilient, trustworthy, compassionate, hardworking and deeply rooted in her faith. A woman who shows up. Not one who never struggles, but one who keeps going.

Scripture is full of women like that. Deborah led with authority. Jael handled danger head-on. Esther walked into rooms that terrified her. Ruth survived unimaginable loss and kept moving forward. Hannah prayed until her whole heart emptied out. Mary carried the weight of God’s plan without a roadmap. These are not quiet decorative lives. These are strong, brave, deeply human women who trusted God in some very messy situations.

So maybe a biblical woman is not the Pinterest version so many people imagine. Maybe she’s the woman who loves fiercely, works hard, prays honestly, laughs loudly, protects what God gave her, gets overwhelmed sometimes, stands up for truth, collapses into God’s grace when needed, and keeps moving anyway.

Maybe biblical womanhood isn’t about perfect presentation. Maybe it’s about holy perseverance. Maybe it’s about courage disguised as everyday life.

And honestly, that feels a lot more like something we can actually live. And a whole lot more like the way God designed His daughters from the beginning.

