

How To Study The Bible

We have ventured into proper Bible study. This leads to proper biblical teaching. Which, of course, leads to pleasing the Lord God.

From our last lesson on *Context*, we will approach scripture correctly. For instance, in John 15, we find Jesus' teaching about the Vine and the Branches. The Vine is Jesus. The Branches are the apostles, not you and me. See, 2 Peter 3:2.

How do we know that? Context. In John 13-17 we find Jesus speaking to/with the apostles. These verses are not a general teaching for all Christians. Jesus knew he was about to depart this world and he needed to do some teaching to the apostles.

To apply these verses to all Christians would bring many false teachings. For instance, the Pentecostals can be heard quoting 14:15ff about the coming promise of the Holy Spirit. Then they say they can do what the apostles did. Wrong. This promise is ONLY for the apostles. They were to lay the foundation of the church, not you and me. See, Ephesians 2:20.

The **gifts** of the Holy Spirit came to help the apostles *recall or bring new revelation*. See 14:25-26. To say these apply to all Christians would make us apostles. Not true. (The Christian receives the **gift (singular)** of the Holy Spirit at baptism. See Acts 2:38.)

Remember the Rule: Who is speaking, to whom are they speaking and what is the context of what is said.

Always approach scripture like you would with a commonsense reading.

--In Him, *Gary*.

Medical & Prayer Needs

Roxie Albritton – RSV. Baby of Valerie.

Kathy Carter – More tests.

Tom Carter – Therapy.

Jerry Castelli – Cancer. Per Beckey Scarborough.

James Justice – Many health issues. Per Rosa.

Rhonda Poff – Heart surgery. Friend of Kathy Lindsey.

Rita Ward – Hospital. Friend of Laura Kuhn.

Trish Williams – Surgery 12/5. Sister of Kathy Lindsey.

Prayers for the family of **Glen Priddy** upon his death.

Funeral For Glen Priddy

Monday December 8th.

Visitation: 10:00 – 11:30 at East Broad Street. Funeral: 11:30-12:00. Internment following. Meal for family/guests following.

Extended Prayer List:

Susan Buck, Adele Gall (Lisa's mother), Joyce Herring (Kathy L. sister), Jessi Hruss (Kathy Carter's niece), Barb King (Eileen's niece), Alice Moreland, Jerry Mullins, Haliee O'Connor (Eileen's niece), Ruth Watson.

Notes

NOTE: Money donations for widows/widowers' gifts can be given to Gail or Nancy. By today.

Youth Fellowship

Saturday, December 13th.
10:00 am. Ya'll come!

Monday For The Master

December 15th, 4:00.

Teacher Appreciation Meal

December 21st, in a.m.

No Wednesday Class 12/24.

New Year's Eve Fellowship.

December 31st after Wednesday Bible Study. Bring an appetizer or finger food and a dessert or pop. Also, bring a "white elephant" gift (wrapped) for a fun exchange. Family friendly games are welcome. Punch and coffee provided.

Secret Sister Tea

Sunday January 4th at 4:30 PM. Secret sisters of 2025 will receive a final gift and an opportunity to guess her Secret Sister. Secret sisters for 2026 will be assigned.

Secret Sisters for 2026.

Sign-up sheets for 2026 are available. Deadline to return to Terry is December 28th.

Trivia Answers & Scriptures are given to Gary on paper with your name OR by texting him. C'mon, join in!

Trivia: According to Esther 9, what annual celebration was instituted to commemorate the Jew's victory over their enemies in Queen Esther's time?

Answer: Purim. **Answerers:** Bill & Rosa Morrison, Eileen Kerns, Terry & Gail Priestersbach, Anita Mattingly, Emily Mattingly, Roger & Mary Davis, Sharon Woodrum, Kathy Lindsey, Becky Kois, Linda Ropog, Nancy Scarborough, Becky Scarborough, Aiden Scarborough, Olivia Scarborough.

New Trivia: According to John 11, when Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again, she thought He meant Lazarus would rise again at the resurrection at the last day. TRUE or FALSE?

A Limerick

Ferrets live by a code tried and true,
From which humans could benefit too:
Teach your sons and your daughters
To do unto otters
As otters would do unto you.

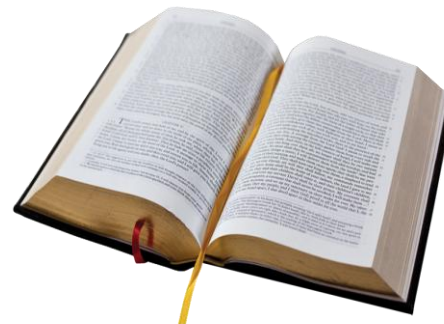
December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lloyd Cisco	2
Charlotte Brown	4
Tommy Carter	9
Brian Thompson	10
Shannon Ryan	10
Randy Kuhn	12
Evelyn Scarborough	16
Beth Miller	19
Eric Truskolaski	23
Noel Letso	24
Liney Woodrum	29
Gary Standen	30
Steve & Beth Miller	11
Greg & Denise Anderson	31

Widows & Widowers

Lola Anderson, Joyce Brewer, Frances Brown, Kathy Carter, Linda Caldwell, Joyce Fetzer, Margaret Jordan, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Maxine Mathes, Alice Moreland, Jerry Mullins, Mary Ann Priddy, Shirley Sarver, Dora Talbert, Ruth Watson, Diana Wirth, Sharon Woodrum.

East Broad St. Church of Christ



December 7, 2025

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion...

2 Corinthians 9:6-7. ESV.

All the churches of Christ greet you. Romans 16:16. ESV.

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and put it in the offering plate. We hope & pray you will return soon.

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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm