

Just Your Interpretation?

Popular opinion has it that the Bible can be interpreted any number of ways, and that all of them are equally valid. The fact is, that the result that is desired often determines that method of interpretation that is chosen. The word “interpret” means to “explain the meaning or words to a person who does not understand them; to expound” (Webster). Many Jews did not know or understand the law of Moses after they returned from captivity, so Ezra, with the help the priests and Levites, “caused the people to understand the law” by reading the law of God distinctly and giving the sense, thus, causing them to understand the what was being read (Neh. 8:7-8). Although there were many assisting in the interpretation, and even more listening, there was no disagreement because all respected the Scriptures enough to seek common understanding through responsible , reverent, and accurate interpretation.

Many of the problems in understanding the Bible that exist today arise from attempts to interpret it into, and to make it fit, the particular situation into which it is read. Individuals and groups interpret it through the lenses of their prejudices and preconceptions, rejecting divine inspiration and rules of interpretation so they can declare that their previously drawn conclusions can be “proved.” Had Ezra and his contemporaries interpreted the Scriptures like many do today, they would have avoided correcting the pervasive problems that were addressed in the book. If divine inspiration of the Scriptures and rational rules of interpretation are accepted, then society must be interpreted in view of the Scriptures, rather than the Scriptures being interpreted in view of society. Making our situation in life the standard for Biblical interpretation robs the Scriptures of their authority and relegates them to a no longer relevant role of obsolete philosophy. The inspired word of God tells the truth about sin, confronts man with his disobedience, and commands that he change. This will never be popular in a self-centered world. Let us stand for the truth, for if we do not, we will surely fall.

– Randy



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth

Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, June 10th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Dave H.
Song Leader:	David N.
1 st Prayer:	Randy
Table:	Adam N.
Serving:	Gary, Don, Chris, John, sub: Dave H.
2 nd Prayer:	Chuck
Scripture:	Don - 2 Thess. 2:8-12
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Jim

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Dave H.
Song Leader:	Allan
1 st Prayer:	Dave H.
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Gary

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

6/6 - Rod
6/13 - John
6/20 - Allan
6/27 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Adam Neill |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | June Rhines |
| May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | Landon Fawcett |
| Linda Reichart | Waylan Whitten |
| Florence Homolek | |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- There will be a Ladies Bible class tomorrow, Monday, June 11th, 6:30 pm, at Allison Park’s home. Her address is 218 Madison Ave. All ladies are encouraged to come and bring a friend!
- There have been many prayer requests. Terry Ortz, a friend of Larry’s, has cancer. Due to other health issues, he is unable to receive any treatment for it and has entered hospice. Lizzie Miller, a friend of Betsy’s mother, is an 18-yr-old with serious stomach and intestinal issues. Surgeries have not helped. Milton Filey, the father of a friend of Joe’s, is also in hospice. Paul’s dad, Dean, is also having health issues. Please keep them in mind as well as those on our list.

- There will be a potluck meal following this morning’s services at the pavilion. Please stay and enjoy Christian fellowship and wonderful food.
- VBS is scheduled for June 21 – 23 from 6:00 – 8:00 each evening. It is coming up very quickly. The sign-up sheet is on the back board.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



6/12 – Gretchen (Seigworth) Raybuck
6/16 – Sue Seigworth

Memory Verse of the Week:

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:12

Bible Question of the Week:

Which OT judge had thirty sons who rode thirty donkeys and controlled thirty towns in Gilead?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

What was the name of Timothy’s grandmother?

Lois, 2 Timothy 1:5

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Sue: Why couldn’t the coffee bean go out to play?

Allan: He was grounded.