

God's Basic Math (Part 1 of 3)

by Douglas Hoff

In grade school we learned the basic operations of mathematics – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. When we read the Bible we find God also employs these functions as He deals with man.

The Lord Adds

Jesus taught His disciples to put the kingdom of God first with the promise that every necessity will be added to one's life (Matt. 6:31-33). The Lord also adds saved souls to the church (Acts 2:41,47). Shortly after the death of Ananias and Sapphira more believers were added to the Lord (Acts 5:11-14). When Barnabas came to Antioch a great number of people were added to the Lord (Acts 11:21-24).

The Bible makes mention of the book of life. This book contains the names of faithful Christians (Phil. 4:3). A natural question one might ask is, "How did their get names there?" This answer is not stated explicitly. However, it is reasonable to conclude that names are added to this magnificent ledger when a person obeys the gospel. The American Standard Version rendering of Hebrews 12:23 speaks of "the ... church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven." The King James Version speaks instead of "the firstborn, which are written in heaven" while the New King James Version says registered. To be enrolled or registered means a person's name was added to the list in writing.

There is another sense in which the Lord employs addition. It is not a pleasant thing for the one on the receiving end though. Only four verses from the end of God's word the reader is warned that, "If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18; NKJV).

Next week we will consider ways in which the Lord subtracts.



Church of Christ

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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: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Doug
Table:	David N.
Serving:	Jim, Scott, Brian, Dick, sub: Doug
2 nd Prayer:	Chuck
Scripture:	Adam N.
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Larry

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Song Service
1 st Prayer:	Dick
Sermon:	Song Service
Closing Prayer:	Rod

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

5/9 - Dave
5/16 - Allan
5/23 - Rod
5/30 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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



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

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Sister Faye fell and has a rib injury. Please pray for her complete recovery.
- Brother Joe has been dealing with a kidney stone and is in pain. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Landon Fawcett was admitted to the hospital this past week with stomach issues. Please pray he gets the care he needs.
- Sister Rachel had a test this past week to help determine her heart and ear issues. Please pray the test shows some conclusive results.
- There will be a craft night Tuesday at Karin’s from 6:30 – 8:30. All ladies are welcome!
- The next Ladies Bible study will be next Monday, the 14th at Norma’s from 6:30 – 8:00. Ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend.

- There are many invitations to area congregational activities. They are posted on the back bulletin board if you would like more information.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 5/8 – May Seigworth
- 5/9 – River Skalicky
- 5/14 – Dick and Barb Hughes

Memory Verses of the Week:

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Romans 12:16

Bible Question of the Week:

What did the great multitude have in their hands as they stood before the throne and in front of the Lamb?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

How old was Josiah when he became king?

Eight, II Chron. 34:1

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The boss called one of his employees into the office. “Rob,” he said, “you’ve been with the company for six months. You started off in the mailroom. Just one week later, you were promoted to a sales position, and one month after that you were promoted to district sales manager. Just four months later, you were promoted to vice president. Now it’s time for me to retire, and I want you to take over the company. What do you say to that?”

“Thanks,” said the employee.

“Thanks?” the boss replied. “That’s all you can say?”

“Oh, sorry,” the employee said. “Thanks, Dad.”