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## IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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## “He Has Become The Judge!”

From all appearances it seemed to be a fine morning. Hena had awoken and begun his morning routine. Last night was a blast. He and his friends had literally ravished the city; it was their common diversion. As he made his way to the local market to buy some bread, he remembered what his friends told him that crazy religious guy had said last night, that what they were doing was “wickedness.” “What a self righteous judge” he thought. His friends had thought the same. He stopped; what’s that funny smell, he wondered? He turned around and looked behind him; buildings were burning in every direction. It was sulfur. Fireballs were raining down upon the city from every direction. There was no escape.

You may recognize the setting of the above fictional story: Sodom. However, what was not fictional about the story was what Lot said about the men of Sodom’s activities; he called it “wickedness” (Genesis 19:7). What was also true in this story is the reaction that the men of Sodom had to Lot’s characterization of their activities. The Bible records them as saying, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has

become the judge!” (Genesis 19:9 ESV). Such response is stereotypical of those who are involved in sinful activities. They condemn the messenger, instead of heeding the message. Why do men accuse those who speak the truth of judging them?

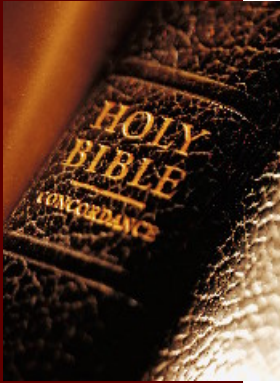
First, because they don’t know the true standard of judgment. Hosea 4:6 states, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge....” When individuals fail to know the standard of judgment, they are quick to condemn those who abide by that standard. They mistakenly assume that the individual is making himself the standard when in fact he is only reflecting the standard God has given. When God reveals what is right and wrong, the standard comes from God, not from man. When such is the case, it is God who is doing the judging, not men. Jesus said in John 12:48 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

Second, because men don’t like for their sins to be pointed out. The last thing that each of us desires is for someone else to tell us that we are wrong. Proverbs 15:10 states, “Correction is

grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.” The simply truth of the matter is that if we are wrong, we need someone to tell us. Paul wrote, “Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16). We ought never to be offended at someone telling the truth especially if it is offensive. Why? Because that usually means that we need to change and that’s usually the real reason we are offended. Third, because it is easier than admitting that one is wrong. The fact of the matter is that personal pride often gets in the way of admitting that one has done wrong. It is a lot more easier to blame the problem on another person instead of confess one’s own faults, at least, in the mind of a proud person. Proverbs 16:18 states, “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” Humility means more than simply being a kind person; it means accepting correction when one is wrong.

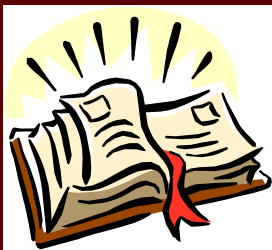
We have a choice to either accept God’s judgments regardless of who tells them to us or not. The choice is ours, but we will be judged for it (2 Corinthians 5:10).

# Bible Studies for the Week of April 9th, 2006



AM Sermon.....	TBA
Scripture Reading .....	TBA
PM Sermon .....	TBA
Scripture Reading .....	TBA
Sunday Class .....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class .....	Minor Prophets: Zechariah
Ladies Bible Class .....	The Book of 2 Timothy
Nursing Home Bible Study.....	The Book of Luke

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## Tell Me The Story of Jesus

“**T**ell me the story of Jesus,/Write on my heart ev'ry word;/Tell me the story most precious,/Sweetest that ever was heard.”

At one time nearly everyone in America had an opportunity to have some spiritual training. Most folks went to church. Today the fastest growing religious group in America is "no religion." More than 30 million adults now say they have no religious affiliation of any kind. Many millions of children are growing up without the benefit of any spiritual training at all. According to researcher George Barna, seven out of ten Americans adults (71%) had a period of time during their childhood when they regularly attended a church. Many, however, have never gone; and even more have stopped going anywhere.

There are more than 50 million children under the age of 18 in the United States. If only 45 percent of Americans attend church on a typical weekend, then the rest attend only sporadically or not at all. We must wonder how many people today have never really heard the story of Jesus. You might not realize it, but America is now the third largest mission field in the world.

There are today more churches of Christ in Sub-Saharan Africa, and perhaps in India as well, than in the United States. We must see the urgency of telling the story, because those who live their lives without the Lord's help and blessing will one day face Him for judgment.

If we can share the gospel with them, we can open a

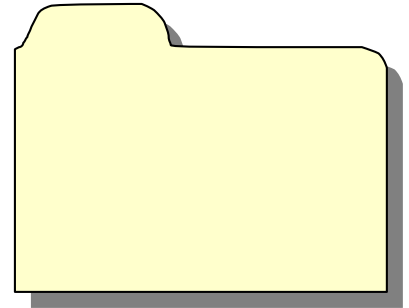
door for Jesus to make a difference in their lives. An open door with someone today can affect several generations to follow. Tell the story of Jesus (Psalm 78:1-8) to the children that follow.

Let them know of his abiding love and grace. Help them to find a future, a Father, and a family through the gospel.

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Contribution.....	\$1564.84
Budget.....	\$1743.39



### Kevin's Korner

As most of you know, today I am in Austin, Texas at the Southwest lectures (I am writing this ahead of time). This is an annual event that has been held for many years. It started when I was still a member of this congregation and living at my parents house back in the 1980s, so it is a long running event. I'm very thankful to the eldership and to you as well for allowing me this time to go and be with other preachers for a week of intensive Bible study. The theme of this year's lectureship is the book of Job, a topical commentary. So I'm looking forward to hearing several good topical lessons from the book. I'll take some notes and maybe pass on a few nuggets when I get back. As always, I appreciate your prayers during my travels. I'm planning on returning on Thursday of this week. Let me also express my thanks to Bob Deffenbaugh for filling in for the morning

assembly and to Dale Pinkley for the evening assembly.

Well, since I am not only a preacher, but also a father, every once in a while I share some family news with you and I've got some really good news to share this week. This past Monday was the school's annual science fair and Austin supplied an entry for the 4th grade. He project was on water conservation. It was a simple experiment, really and we weren't really expecting much out of it. Evidently, however, the judges really liked it. Austin got first place in the fourth grade category and then he got first place out of the division of 4-6 grades. Mary Lynn and I were really thrilled about that. At this point, Austin's experiment will be entered in the district science fair, which, from what I understand, is going to be held in Fayetteville.

Well, we are ramping up for

Family and Friends day and shortly after that we will have our yearly VBS as well. This will be our fifth annual family and friends day and we need to make it special by making sure that we get the news out to all of our family and friends in plenty of time for them to come. We have plenty of flyers on the back table and now is the time to start passing those out so that our family and friends can make their plans to be with us on that day. Also, we need to make our plans as well to be present, not only for this activity, but for all of our events.

I'll write a brief note on the construction. We're once again waiting on the plumber to come and do some work. We've got all of the insulation in the walls now. After the plumbing the room will be sheet rocked and we'll be ready to paint! Stay tuned!

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## Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Brian Guess, Janice Keck, Moises Umanna.
- Please remember Kevin as he travels.
- There are several gospel meetings in the area this time of the year. Flyers are on the back bulletin board.
- If you have a recipe that you would like to submit to the congregational cookbook, please submit it to the basket in the back. Lisa May is coordinating.
- Our monthly potluck is next Sunday after morning services. Consider inviting a friend!
- We will be putting together house to house soon. Stay tuned for the announcement.
- Remember to be planning for our family and friends day, June 4th and also our VBS which is scheduled for June 21st-23rd.
- If you have outreach names sheets that have not been turned in, please do so as the new names are needed for the program.
- Our pantry item is: Deodorant.

## God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....9:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship:.....10:20 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship: .....6:00 PM  
 Wed. Ladies Bible Class: .....10:30 AM  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: .....7:00 PM

## Serving Each Other

*April 9th, 2006*

*April 16th, 2006*

### Sunday Morning

**Songs:**

Ken Smith

Bill Fort

**Preaching:**

TBA

Kevin Cauley

**Opening Prayer:**

Bob Moore

Clay Bozarth

**Scripture Reading:**

Perry Foster

Matthew Morrell

**Lord's Table**

Clay Bozarth

Leon Duncan

(assist)

Glenn Quigley

Ken Smith

Bruce Foster

Jerry Roller

John Gass

Michael Morrell

Jerry Roller

George Eddings

**Closing Prayer**

### Sunday Evening

**Songs:**

Bruce Foster

Glenn Williams

**Preaching:**

TBA

Kevin Cauley

**Opening Prayer:**

Dale Pinkley

Dan Hand

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew Morrell

Ray Duncan

**Lord's Table**

George Eddings

Michael Morrell

Rusty Windle

Brandon Foster

**Closing Prayer**

Glenn Quigley

Ervin Hand

### Wednesday

**Songs:**

Glenn Williams

Barrett Brown

**Opening Prayer:**

Ken Smith

George Eddings

**Invitation:**

Dan Hand

Bill Fort

**Closing Prayer:**

Ervin Hand

Kevin Cauley

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