ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

Song: **524** – Just Over in the Glory Land

Song: **270** – Fairest Lord Jesus

First prayer: Shane Upton

Song: 93 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion servers: Larry Simmons & Geremy Thomas

Prayer for giving: Larry Simmons

Song: **562** – Stepping in the Light

Sermon: "Remember God in Your Youth" – Jerry Brewer

Invitation song: **456** – There's a Fountain Free

Closing song: 191 - Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Closing prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those traveling: Mernie, Mark, Debbie, David, Elliott, Declan

- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood)-hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy anniversary to **Geremy & Sydney Thomas** (June 5th)! Happy birthday to **Jerry Brewer** (June 7th)!
- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF MAY 25, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 15 AM Worship – 15 Sun PM – 13 DBR – 5 Wed (5/28) –

Contribution – \$1501

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Matthew 9:37-38 "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

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FINDING TIME TO READ THE BIBLE

So many seemingly cannot find time each day to spend a few minutes in God's book. Here are a few suggestions as to how you can find time to read the Bible daily.

- 1. Carry a Bible in your briefcase, purse, or coat pocket. No telling when you might have a few minutes and could read if a Bible were available.
- 2. Put a Bible under your pillow and read a few minutes each night before you go to sleep.
- 3. Have a Bible with you while waiting for people who are not punctual, or for a meeting to start.
- 4. Keep a Bible in your glove box. You may be in a traffic jam or stuck waiting for someone.
- 5. Never go on a trip by plane, bus, or train without a Bible. Reading is worth more to you than just staring out the window.
- 6. Take a Bible along with you to the doctor's or dentist's office.
- 7. Wake up ten minutes earlier each morning.
- 8. Read a few verses at mealtime when the family is together.
- 9. Keep a Bible in the kitchen, to read while waiting for food to cook or for water to boil, or near the phone, to read while on hold.
- 10. Never forget that reading is a command of God (Colossians 4:16).

Time is precious. Do not waste it, when reading daily from God's book is so important. If you can read just 30 minutes a day, at the end of the year you will have spent the equivalent of twenty-two 8-hour days in reading.

One magazine article I recently read told of a man who read Gibbon's Immortal "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in intervals while waiting for his wife to go out for dinner. Do not waste time. Find a way to read God's Word each day. The time is there if our desire is great enough.

Don't just own a Bible—read it!

Author unknown

THE CHURCH AT ATHEMS

The apostle Paul did much traveling, teaching, and debating in order to establish multiple congregations of Christ's church throughout the areas of modern Turkey and Greece. We read of these efforts in chapters 13-20 of the book of Acts. Then, in his subsequent communications to these churches in the New Testament letters, we find continued teaching, encouragement, admonishment, and even rebuke when necessary.

Some of the cities where he worked include Antioch of Syria, Antioch of Pisidia, Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, and Ephesus. He also spent some time in Athens teaching and debating many of the religious leaders there. Acts 17 tells us about this effort and gives us some important information about the polytheistic mindset of the people of Athens at that time.

However, while we can read a lot in the New Testament regarding the churches in Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica, and Corinth, we find nothing about a congregation of the Lord's church in Athens. Was there one established? Or did Paul's efforts fall on deaf ears, there being so little interest that a congregation couldn't be started? Or was the church at Athens established at that time but fell away soon thereafter?

Verse 32 tells us there were at least a few there who followed Paul ("Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them"). But other than this, we know nothing of any other converts. We know Paul began his work there in the public meeting areas, debating with the philosophers, rather than his

usual routine of going to the Jewish synagogue. Does the lack of a large Jewish population answer our questions about the existence of a congregation?

Why this concern? Because, though the success of his effort appears to have been less than desired, **Paul was still compelled to try:** he traveled there, taught the truth, debated with unbelievers, and attempted to save as many souls as possible. And almost two thousand years later, we can read of and learn great lessons from this effort, though it may not have yielded any apparent fruit.

This should be an encouragement to us as we also attempt each day to win souls to the Lord through discussion, teaching, challenging, and debating the people we encounter in our lives, even though a majority of those souls lacks the necessary spiritual interest that would cause them to respond to the gospel call or even to sit down and open a Bible. If Paul continued teaching even when interest was low and opposition was high, if he steadfastly sought to engage lost souls in productive spiritual discussion regardless of the outcome, shouldn't we?

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Gal. 6:9).

David Ray

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. HEAR THE WORD

Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

2. BELIEVE IN JESUS

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 8:24** – "...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

3. REPENT OF YOUR SINS

Luke 13:3—"...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." **Acts 17:30**—"And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." **2 Corinthians 7:10**—"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

4. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD

Romans 10:9-10—"if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Also Matthew 10:32-33; see Acts 8:37 for an example.)

5. BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS

Mark 16:16—"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"; Acts 2:38—"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."; Acts 22:16—"Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord"; 1 Peter 3:21—"...baptism doth also now save us..."

6. REMAIN FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 15:58—"Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"; Colossians 1:23—"...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard"; Revelation 2:10—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."