

## Why Go to Class?

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Besides assembling for worship on the first day of the week, this church meets regularly to study the scriptures in class settings. Some may ignore these opportunities and others may simply take them for granted, so it is worth inquiring: Why go to class?

We go to class because "*He gave some to be ... teachers*". The Lord equipped the church with people in various roles to foster its growth, as Paul penned, "*He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*" ([Ephesians 4:11-12](#)). Certainly, each position listed — apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor — is one whose work includes teaching. Nevertheless, mentioning "teachers" as a distinct role implies that it is possible to be a teacher without being an apostle, prophet, evangelist, or pastor. Since there are teachers who are not evangelists or pastors, then there must be teaching that is neither preaching nor shepherding. A class is the setting in which such teaching would occur. By neglecting to participate in these classes, one diminishes the ability of the body to effectively edify itself.

We go to class because some need "milk" and some need "meat". Any healthy church will include members from across the spectrum of spiritual growth. There will be the mature and knowledgeable, as well as the uninformed, and those in between. Members of every standing are necessary ([I Corinthians 12:14-24](#)), and each has different needs, as it is written, "*For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil*" ([Hebrews 5:13-14](#)). Just as a nursing infant would choke if fed a steak or pork chop, so the novice Christian may be overwhelmed by some of the controversies debated among brethren, requiring instead "*the first principles of the oracles of God*" ([Hebrews 5:12](#)). Paul explained to the Corinthians, "*I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it*" ([I Corinthians 3:2](#)).

Conversely, an adult cannot receive sufficient nourishment from milk. It will not sustain him; he needs meat. The Christian who is fed nothing but a constant repetition of "*the elementary principles*" ([Hebrews 6:1](#)) will never grow to the maturity desired by God. As Paul admonished, "*Brethren, do not be children in understanding ... but in understanding be mature*" ([I Corinthians 14:20](#)). Thus, opportunities are needed to address various members of the church at their respective levels of knowledge and growth. Classes furnished by the church are an appropriate setting in which to accomplish this.

Christians have a responsibility to "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" ([II Peter 3:18](#)) and the Lord has supplied the church with teachers to expedite this purpose ([Ephesians 4:14-16](#)). Members of the church need to let the teachers teach by attending and participating in their classes.

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.**



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**Prayers** *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

**Let's keep the Mellott family in our prayers.**

**Edie Sumner** - She entered the hospital on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> for another round of chemo and then transfusion of bone marrow. She will be inpatient approx. 3 weeks. Let's pray that things go smoothly.

**Joan Nair** had knee surgery on Jan. 8 and things went well. Let's pray that she continues to do well.

**Fran Fees** recently had a tightness in her chest. Rick took her to the hospital and she had 5 stints put in.

**Elaine Fees**, the wife of Rick's brother – Ron, recently twisted her foot and broke her ankle.

**Jim**, Nancy Schul's son in Texas, suffered a perforated bowel and he had surgery Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. The surgery was successful and it was planned that he be released from the hospital Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Cindi Lewis**, former member here and now living in Texas, is dealing with lung cancer.

**Betty Leistner** Her cancer is progressing.

**Jessica Cameron**, the 25 year old woman set on fire by her boyfriend at a Tim Horton's in Tonawanda Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, is now out of an induced coma.

**Bobbi**, Charles Bennett's cousin, is in St Mary's dealing with complications from pneumonia.

**Sharron Gantt** went to the ENT doctor on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> to check out an ear and throat problem she was having. She found out she does not have vertigo and they also changed some of her meds.

**Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

Also

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time. (Scott Forney, Robert Horrace)

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

**Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Jan. 20 Today.** Men's Business Meeting

**Jan. 21** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Feb. 03 Potluck** Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

**Feb. 14** Valentine Day

**Directory & Phone Tree**

A new *Directory* is being passed out today.  
Copies of the new *Phone Tree* are on the back table.  
Please discard previous versions of both of these items.

**Classes and Sermon**

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

**Sermon Topic Today:** "God Has More Grace For Liberals Than He Does For Legalists"

**Scripture Reading:** Gal. 5:1-12

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Kings

**Serving Today**

**Announcements** Bruce Brink

**Song Leader** Marvis Garrett

**Direct Communion** Michael Rice

**Serve** Bruce Brink

**Serve** Ron Cameron

**Serve** Doug Flanagan

**Clean Trays** Wilma Patterson

**Weather Related Cancellation of Services**

With the possibility for inclement weather be sure to check TV station Channel 2 for any cancellation of services. If you are unable to view this channel please call someone before traveling to the building to confirm whether services are being held.

The "Phone Tree" will also be used in this situation.

Always use your own discretion when traveling in inclement weather.

The safety of our members is of utmost importance.

**FYI** Mark & Roger get together to make the decision and they call Ron Cameron who informs Channel 2 of the closing.

**A TRUE STORY**

I once witnessed an incident of charity that restored my faith in people. While working at a shoe store in downtown Truro, Nova Scotia, I noticed outside the bakery shop next door, a little boy standing on the hot air register in his bare feet, trying to keep warm. I was unsure whether or not to invite the boy into our store, or just what to do with him, when a lady came by. After a few words with the barefoot boy, she brought him into the shoe store. She bought him new shoes and heavy woolen socks, for which he awkwardly tried to thank her. "Are you God's wife?" he asked his benefactress. Taken aback by the question, she took some time before replying, "No, son, I'm just one of His children." "Well, I knew you must be some kin to Him," he said, as he thanked her again and ran out the door. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12 "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him." 1 John 3:23, 24 "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1John 3:18 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17

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