

Introduction

This week we continue our series from the book of 2nd Thessalonians with the lesson entitled “Observing” with the theme: “Believers live in light of God’s promises.” In our scripture for this week Paul addresses confusion about Jesus Second Coming and false beliefs that He already came. Paul disproves the false teachings by describing the events associated with Christ’s return, and warns those who find pleasure in unrighteousness. Knowledge of the scriptures and faithfulness to the Lord will strengthen and enable Christians to stand firm.

¹⁵Therefore, brethren, stand fast (firm), and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word (of mouth), or our epistle (letter, scripture). 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Since there is no scripture between last week’s lesson and this one, I’ll focus below on an introduction to our Sunday School instead of the usual introduction to the lesson.

A New Adult Class Starting June 5

We’ll be starting another adult Sunday School class June 5.

This new class will meet around the hall in the last classroom on the right. This smaller room will make it easier for those that have difficulty hearing in the large fellowship hall to engage in class discussions.

Teachers: Craig Pleasants & Bob Kemble.

It will use the Lifeway “Bible Studies for Life” curriculum which is organized as a topical study series. The upcoming quarter will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit and Love for our Neighbor.

The first four lessons are as follows:

June 5	Convicted by the Spirit	John 15:26-27, 16:7-15
June 12	Born Again by the Spirit	John 3:1-8, 14-17
June 19	Indwelt by the Spirit	Romans 8:9-17
June 26	Filled with the Spirit	Ephesians 5:8-21

Continuing Our Current Adult Class

We’re continuing the current adult class in the fellowship hall. This class will allow for social distancing for those that may not yet be comfortable in a smaller classroom setting.

Teachers: Janice Willis & Thomas Littleton.

It will continue to use the same Lifeway “Xexplore the Bible” curriculum which is organized as a book-by-book study series. The upcoming quarter will focus on 1 & 2 Kings.

The first four lessons are as follows:

June 5	Granted	1 Kings 3:4-15
June 12	Repentance	1 Kings 8:46-60
June 19	Compromised	1 Kings 11:1-13
June 26	Divided	1 Kings 12:6-19

Children's Classes

We're continuing to offer two children's classes. India Pleasants teaches the Middle and High School ages, and I teach the Elementary age class.

*¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 3:15***

Conclusion

We need a sound understanding of Biblical teachings to help us sort truth from popular but erroneous ideas which we are bombarded with in today's world. Studying God's word together in Sunday School certainly strengthens us in this regard and also provides encouragement and comfort through the love and fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

⁴For whatsoever things were written aforetime (in the past) were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort (encouragement) of the scriptures might have hope.

Romans 15:4

Like most public gatherings, our Sunday School attendance took a big hit during the Covid pandemic. We have not yet returned to our pre-Covid standards, but are slowly building back with God's grace and help, and through the faithful efforts of our members.

*¹¹So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void (empty), but it shall accomplish that which I please (desire), and it shall prosper in the thing (purpose) whereto I sent it. **Isaiah 55:11***

Pray that our church will continue to grow in the faith and knowledge of our Lord, and that everything we do would honor Him.

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

*⁴Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: **Isaiah 26:4***

Please prayerfully consider meeting with us this week for 10:00 am Sunday School as we study God's word together from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.