

The University Heights Messenger

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Website News

As we all know this society is rapidly doing away with paper and flocking toward computer and cell phone screens. These days many more people turn to the Internet to find phone numbers, make reservations, and order tickets. More often than not, people seek information from websites rather than paper bulletins, magazines, and fliers. This is especially true among younger people, particularly college age. Due to our location and the vast number of college students all around us, it would be foolish indeed for us not to take as great advantage as we can from our own website. With that in mind, several new avenues of Bible study are to be made available from our website very soon. I've set aside this bulletin to talk about them.

A weekly devotional. The word "devotion" means to express love, enthusiasm, and loyalty to a person. In this case that Person is none other than Jehovah Himself. The devotional will go out once a week on Friday's when I will send it along to David with the Bulletin.

It will be called "A Lamp Unto My Feet." Beginning in the psalms, it's designed to be a single page dealing with a small group of verses and showing how to make the essential application of those verses in everyday life. Though primarily written to offer encouragement to those who are already in Christ, they will not be so "deep" that a non Christian cannot understand or benefit from them. They can be printed off.

Question and answer powerpoints. These presentations will be just like viewing a regular powerpoint presentation during a sermon. However, instead of seeing the speaker, a person will hear him explaining the slides.

The goal in this is to answer basic Bible questions asked by those who are considering Christianity or are fairly new to it. Please consider the questions that you have heard several times throughout your life as a Christian by those you were attempting to teach. Write them down on a

sheet of paper and either hand them to me, put them on my desk, or put them in the box next to the bulletins. I will put a presentation together in which the question is answered from the Scriptures.

The number of questions submitted will determine how often these are added to the site. As of yet I have not thought of a name so any suggestions would be appreciated.

How to study the Bible. This suggested addition to the website is a great idea and one that I will begin work on very soon. The idea is to provide instruction and tips on how to make Bible study more effective and efficient. We will consider time spent within the Word itself as well as how to properly use various tools to enhance our study (concordance, Bible dictionaries, lexicons, commentaries, etc.). If you have found a method particularly helpful to you in your Bible study please pass it on.

This section has not been given a name so any suggestions you have would be appreciated. Also, the frequency of these articles has not yet been determined.

Webcast related. As all of our members know, we've been doing a weekly Tuesday webcast in which we stream live a Bible study. If folks cannot view them live they can watch them from the archives. Thus far we have been working our way through the gospel of Mark. I want to personally thank the men who have taken time out of their schedules to come to the building Tuesday nights to help me. It is greatly appreciated.

Though we have not determined the frequency as of yet, some of those webcasts will take an "open forum" format in which we will encourage and focus on questions and comments from the viewers. As long as the question or comment is Bible related, or there are Bible principles that touch on the topic, we will do our best to discuss it.

We are also considering streaming live the Sunday evening sermon, though no decision has been made as of yet. The first thing we will have to

do is come to the building on a weekday for a "practice run" to see if we already possess the necessary resources to accomplish it. If not, we would have to make a decision from there. If so, we'd have to discuss if we think the potential for good is worth the effort required to make it work.

So as you can see, we are making a concerted effort to enhance the benefit folks receive whenever they come to our site. A special thank you needs to go out to David Collins who willingly spends much time (free of charge) working on the site in spite of a full time job. Let's make sure that we take the time to let him know how much we appreciate the effort that he makes.

If you have any further suggestions to make the website even more rich for Bible study, please let us know!

IN NEED OF PRAYERS:

Jeff Howerton will return to work in April! Also, his address has changed and the information is posted in the back.

Edith Tirey continues to struggle with her health.

Linda Hill (wife of Glyon Hill who had been on the list but is now doing well), is suffering from lung cancer. It has metastasized to her brain. They have begun radiation treatment.

Tom Curtis goes for more tests as well as a treatment tomorrow.

Our members: **Jim Edwards, Glenn Davis, Glenn Kimberlin.**

Others: **Robin Miller, Vina Krassow, Tom Curtis, Shelly Stewart, Courtney and Aubree Reeves, Tabetha Lynn, Tom Curtis, John Bennett, Dennis Brennan, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Wes Kidd, Gail Stein, Shannon Gilbert**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Streaming Bible study every Tuesday at 7.

Our spring meeting with Mark McCrary is April 17-22

The information meeting is next Sunday at 5.

Special study March 26 at 10 AM.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Sun: Ex 39-40, Ps 44, Luke 8

Mon: Lev 1, Ps 45, Luke 9

Tue: Lev 2-4, Ps 46, Luke 10

Wed: Lev 5-6, Ps 47, Luke 11

Thu: Lev 7, Ps 48, Luke 12

Fri: Lev 8-9, Ps 49, Luke 13

Sat: Lev 10-11, Ps 50, Luke 14

SERMON TOPICS:

Sunday AM. Before three courts of judgment
(1 Corinthians 4:3-5)

Sunday PM. In the image of God
(Genesis 1:26-27)