

Please Pray . . .

- For the Pastor's Conferences on Romans:
 - Metro Peoria Baptist Association
Bi-vocational pastors on Oct. 5th & 6th
Full Time pastors on Oct. 8th & 9th
 - Clear Creek Baptist Association
Nov. 13th, morning & evening
- For FBC Muldrow, OK, as they search for a pastor.
- For new pastors:
 - Jeff Musgrave, FBC Langdon, ND
(17 miles from Canada)
 - Darren Willet, Grace Fellowship, Chadron, NE
- For more prayer warriors to continually bathe this ministry in prayer.
- For two more conferences this year and 30 conferences next year.
- For Matt Stewart who will be ordained to the ministry Oct. 21st.

"Do not be satisfied with as much Christianity as will only ease your conscience."
J.B. Stoney

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For Personal Study

Please read Mark 12:26 and Luke 4:17-19. Notice that Jesus did not say, "Have you not read in Exodus 3:6...?" Nor does it say that he opened the scroll to Isaiah 61:1, 2a. Why? Chapter and verse divisions were not placed on the Scriptures until hundreds of years later as a convenience for readers. Originally, the Scriptures came in paragraph and sentence form.

Remember that it is the Scriptures that are inspired, not the chapter and verse designations. Occasionally these divisions make it easy to overlook important truths. For example, in studying Isaiah 53 you will miss out on much if you limit your study to 12 verses. The final 3 verses of chapter 52 are part of the full unit. The 53rd chapter of Isaiah should begin in Isaiah 52:13! It is my opinion that John 14 should begin in John 13:31. Read John 13:31-14:6 to see whether you agree.

The Apostle Paul often wrote long, complicated sentences. Ephesians 5:18-21 is one sentence in the Greek. Many translations divide it into six sentences. Dividing this sentence makes all the imperatives of equal value. Seeing the unity of the sentence shows that the superior imperative is "be filled with the Spirit."

Here are some suggestions for help in regard to chapters and verses:

- Use more than one good translation when you study.
 - Some newer translations are written in paragraph form. The KJV uses paragraph markers - they look like backwards capital "P's". Some translations designate paragraphs by bold verse numbers.
 - Some translations like the KJV and NKJV maintain the original sentence structure.
- If you are in the habit of reading only a chapter at a time, make sure you know what happens before and after that chapter.



Mike

Upcoming Conferences . . .



2007

- Sept. 30—Oct. 3
Rome Baptist Church
Chillicothe, Illinois
- Oct. 5—9
Metro-Peoria Baptist Assoc.
Peoria, Illinois
- Oct. 10—12
Dayton Ave. Baptist Church
Peoria, Illinois
- Oct. 14—17
Morning Star Baptist Church
Meeker, Oklahoma
- November 4—7
First Baptist Church
Coal Hill, Arkansas
- November 10, 11
First Baptist Church
Alma, Arkansas
- November 13
Clear Creek Baptist Assoc.
Ozark, Arkansas
- November 25-28
First Baptist Church
Hartman, Arkansas

2008

- Jan. 20—23
First Baptist Church
Wewoka, Oklahoma
- Jan. 26—30
First Baptist Church
Paris, Arkansas

“Would you like to know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays the most or fasts the most, it is not he who lives the most, but it is he who is always thankful to God, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it.”

William Law

News Items . . .



Since our last newsletter, we have added two conferences for 2007 (Morning Star Baptist Church, Meeker, OK, and Clear Creek Association, Arkansas) and one conference for 2008 (Lee Creek Baptist Church, Van Buren, AR).

Sunday morning and evening, September 9th, I preached at FBC Muldrow, OK.

It was my privilege to preach the funeral services of Irma Brewer (Sept. 13th) and Betty Burke (Sept. 14th) in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Bible Conference/Revival

at FBC Booneville . . .

This return conference blessed me tremendously. The attendance was wonderful. One family united with the church with two by baptism. Another young man received Christ and presented himself for baptism.

Tom McCone led the music. It was good to work with Tom again. Many thanks to Pastor Robert Netterville, Doug, Kevin and Jan. They are an excellent staff.

This was our first conference with the key topic of The Crucifixion. The noon time study was on Jonah. One man wrote, “Thanks so much for coming and sharing the Word with us. I needed this. From time to time I would like to share what I can with your ministry.”