

Sunday AM

Book of Revelation (cont)

E.R. Brannan
Auditorium

It is curious that a book with the name "Revelation" should be regarded as a mystery by so many. Revelation means to reveal or uncover something that is unknown. Yet often in a Bible class when studying through the New Testament Jude will be followed by a return to Matthew and Revelation will be skipped. This is no doubt due to the symbolic language used in much of the book. There are images subject to many different interpretations and often commentators differ on their interpretations. However, the central message of the book is clear. The victory of the Christ over Satan is certain. Reading Revelation is like turning to the last chapter of a novel and finding out how the story ends. A study of Revelation will assure us the victory belongs to the Lord. It will give us the courage not to grow weary until, "*The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign forever and ever.*" (Rev 11:15) Come join us for this two-quarter study.

Young Families *The Minor Prophets*

Mark Hester
Room 206A

We don't often study the lesser prophets and it's easy to think that their message might be as minor as their size. But a careful study of these twelve books will show us that their themes are the themes of the New Testament. These prophets tell us of the love of God as well as the justice of God. They show us God's hand in the dealings of men and the role of faith in our lives. Their prophecies are dire at times; but they are also tempered with hope, confident in God, and anticipating the coming kingdom. So bring your Bible and we'll study these books together.

Nehemiah: Doing Good When Things Are Going Bad

Jesse Tubbs
Annex Main

Dickens said, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." And the man on the street replied, "We have seen them both, but right now we are looking at the worst." It is much simpler to live right and do well in life when things go well. However, how does one do when times get tough? Wisdom teaches us that the real measure of your character is determined by how well one performs under pressure. Nehemiah is a real-life example of a man who knew the secret of how to do good even though everything around him was difficult. The remarkable book opens a window for us to see how God performs an amazing work through Nehemiah, and does it in extraordinary circumstances. Today Christians face many challenges in the world. There are economic, political, and moral implications that impact each one of us in some way. We will find it useful to consider these very practical "approach-to-life" lessons from Nehemiah. He is spot-on timely for help living today.

Twenty or So

Gideon: Lessons for Us Today

Mike Baker
Room 112A

The story of Gideon found in Judges 6-8 gives us an opportunity to examine themes basic to all Christians: (1) learning to trust God especially when you feel weak and inadequate, (2) taking unpopular but necessary stands, (3) finding guidance to make difficult decisions about your future, (4) obeying when you don't fully understand God's plan, (5) keeping focused on the mission when distractions come and (6) leaving a spiritual legacy for those who follow you. Join us for an in-depth study of the story of Gideon and what modern day Christians can learn from this hero of the Bronze Age.

Wednesday PM

Putting on the Full Armor of God

Don Gross
Auditorium

The Devil is at war with us every day. We must battle against the enemy, whose forces would overwhelm us except for the presence of God in our lives. He entices us to sin, causes disorder in our lives, and seeks to devour us. The good news is that God planned from the beginning to defeat Satan and did so through the death of Jesus Christ. Now we can live in victory by putting on the full armor of God. Do you know how? Are you doing it every day? The enemy is not one you want to tangle with alone. Without God, he will always win.

Getting Acquainted With Your Bible (cont.)

Mike Winkler
Annex Main

We will continue/conclude our study from the last two quarters. We all desire to be a good student of the Bible. Yet, we often find ourselves hindered by the lack of time and knowledge of "how to" really study the Bible. This class is designed to assist the student become better acquainted with his Bible, its overall scope and how its content is completely interrelated. With this knowledge, the student will be able to approach his study with a greater understanding and appreciation of the sacred text and its relevancy for today.

Twenty or So

Spiritual Aerobics – Exercising Faith (cont.)

Walt Davis & Aaron Luchini
Room 112A

The buzz word today is being healthy, eat foods that are good for you and get lots of exercise. Our spiritual life has the same items for us to be spiritually healthy. We need to feed our life with

what is good and get exercise to strengthen our walk - Spiritual Aerobics. In this class we'll spend time on exercising an essential part of our life - our faith. If you have ever thought, "I know I believe, but sometime it feels like I am missing something" or "I wish my faith was like _____" or "How can I have more faith". Then come join us for the exercise you need to build your faith so we can be children of GOD (Gal 3:26).

Young at Heart
The Challenges and Joy of Christianity

Bennie Pinckley and Larry Lawson
 Room 201A

This quarter will be a topical study of the difficulties and benefits of Christianity as defined by James and other Biblical writers. In this class we will study what it means to genuinely hear & believe, and consider specific instructions given to help us successfully live the Christian life and persevere trials with patience and joy.

Young Couples
A Heart Like Jesus

Brandon Pressnell
 Room 203

When Jesus began His teachings in the "Sermon on the Mount" he challenged us to understand not only the commands of God, but also the very heart of those commands. In doing so, He raised the bar for all of us spiritually. God has always and will always demand our obedience. He could have left us with this as our solitary goal. However, God did not stop there. Jesus' appearance on earth provided us with a view of perfection in the flesh. Why? God wants more from us than just obedience. He wants us to have a heart like Jesus. This class will challenge us to look inward about our motives, our desires, and our commitment to pleasing God. Young couples are invited to be a part of this class to build relationships and to provide encouragement for each other as we study.

Ladies Bible Class
 Room 206A

In the book of Revelation the Apostle John through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit writes letters to seven different churches in Asia. In some of the letters the Christians are praised for their faith and deeds. In some of the letters they are rebuked for their unfaithfulness. At times they are encouraged to stand firm under extremely difficult circumstances. But in all the letters they are told to heed the words of the Spirit. All of us want to be effective Christians in our daily lives. In order to do that we must do the same thing the early Christians did and listen to the words of the Spirit. This quarter we will look at ways to break down the barriers that keep us from being effective Christians.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Feb 3	Becky Kelly	Barriers to Effective Christianity
Feb 10	Cindy Smith	Worldliness
Feb 17	Ruth Church	Anger/Bitterness
Feb 24	Earline Pinckley	Selfishness
Mar 3		Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Night
Mar 10	Gale Jones	A God That is Too Small
Mar 17		Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Night
Mar 24	Misty Crabb	The "YES" Syndrome - Giving God the Leftovers
Mar 31	Morgan Hester	Low Self-Esteem
Apr 7	Janet Cockerham	Loneliness/Sinful Past
Apr 14	Liz Glenn	Prejudice
Apr 21	Jamie Massengale	Pride
Apr 28	Shannon Burch	Judgmental Attitudes vs. Right Judgments

Madison Adult Bible Classes

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Sunday: Jan 31, 2010 – Apr 25, 2010
Wed: Feb 3, 2010 – Apr 28, 2010