



e. Bear witness .

**Conclusion:**

Living a life of holiness isn't easy. There is a story about an artist. He was making a statue of an elephant out of a huge chunk of marble. Someone asks him, "How do you do it? How do you turn this piece of rock into a beautiful masterpiece?" The artist answered him and said, "I just chip away the pieces that don't look like an elephant."

The process of becoming like Jesus requires God cutting away all the stuff that doesn't look like Jesus. Are you willing to let God work in your life?

[VIDEO – "God's Chisel" by The Skit Guys]

**Let God Chip Away!**

## **Code Words**

This week I read a devotion taken from ***The Believer's Code*** - a 365-day devotional to help readers to build their lives on solid godly principles, written by Dr. O. S. Hawkins. Hawkins says God's Word is filled with blessings and insights that encourage, comfort, and bring joy. Our daily devotions should include diving into the riches of Scripture where we will discover Code Words that offer a challenge and practical suggestion to put your faith in action. Here are a couple Code Words Hawkins highlights concerning God's working daily in our lives to conform us to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Code Word: Confession**

Do not remember the sins of my youth... According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. — *Psalm 25:7*

*Confession agrees with God about our sin. What we camouflage as concern, God calls the sin of worry. What we refer to as righteous indignation, God calls the sin of anger. What we say is just an admiring glance; God calls the sin of lust in our heart. Confession gets open and honest with God, and there is no forgiveness without it.*

*We cheat on a business deal, and God asks, "What happened?" We reply, "Oh, it was the pressure of the economy." Someone gets into an illicit affair, and God asks, "What happened?" We reply, "It started as a friendship, and it just happened." But confession says, "I cheated someone... I was greedy" or "I perpetrated the sin of passion... I am to blame... I take responsibility." Confession agrees with God on the matter. It confesses, "I have sinned." The good news is that Jesus forgives.*

**Code Word: Camouflage**

*Be cautious today that you not make feeble excuses to camouflage your own sin. You can't fool God. He knows you, loves you, and is ready to forgive and forget.*

*Lord, I have sinned by \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not excusing or minimizing it. Please forgive and cleanse me. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. — *James 4:8*

*We must admit our need for forgiveness and ask God for it. True sorrow for our sin is essential for repentance. Cleansing our hands has to do with turning away from unwise actions. Purifying our hearts has to do with repenting of our ungodly attitudes. The actions of our hands are always a result of the attitudes of our hearts.*

*Clean hands and a pure heart are key to drawing near to God. That is why the psalmist asked, Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?... He who has clean hands and a pure heart. — *Psalm 24:3-4**

*That hill is Mount Calvary, where Jesus was crucified. Who can ascend this hill of sacrifice and substitution? Only Jesus, for He is the only One in all history who lived a spotless life.*

**Code Word: Clean**

*The actions of your hands today will be in direct proportion to the attitude of your heart. Keep your heart clean.*

*Lord, my heart is fixed on You today. In Jesus' name, amen.*

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan

## **Opportunities For Service**

### **Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

#### **Sunday, February 4, 2018**

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough,

Joseph Coats, ? ? ? ?  
Alternate: Larry McKahan

January Bible Study.....

Immediately following the morning service.

No Evening Services

#### **Monday, February 5**

Food Kitchen.....5:30

#### **Wednesday, February 7**

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

#### **Sunday, February 11, 2018**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Kirkpatrick

                          Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Diversicare.....2:30 pm

No Evening Services

#### **Wednesday, February 14**

**Happy Valentines Day!  
You are Loved!**

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

Prayer / Bible Study ....6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

#### **Up-Coming Events.....**

**February 4, 18, and March 4 are January Bible Study Dates.**

**February 5 — Food Kitchen**

**February 10 — VBS Directors and Pastors Clinic Rolling Hills**

**Library annex 10 am- Noon**  
**February 12 — Lincoln's Birthday**  
**February 14 — Valentine's Day**  
    — Prayer Warriors 10 am  
**February 18 — Collection for the Longs**  
**February 18 — January Bible Study at Noon**  
**February 22 — Food Pantry**  
**February 25 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

## **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

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**Sunday Night**

We will not meet on Sunday evenings until the weather gets better. Attend January Bible Study!

## **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm.

## **Food Kitchen**

*We will serve Monday, February 5, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.*

## **Thank You!**

Thank you so much for the meal, support and prayer.  
MWSU Baptist Student Union

## **January Bible Study**

**Our first January Bible Study will be Today, February 4,  
followed by February 18 and then finishing on March 4.**

**Please plan to join us!**

### *VBS Directors and Pastors Clinic*

February 10, 2017

10am—12am

Rolling Hills Library Annex

### **Prayer Warriors**

Wednesday, February 14

at 10:00 am

### *In Sympathy...*

*We would like to express Christian sympathy to the family and friends of*

*Leona Reynolds*

*who passed away*

*January 8, 2018.*

### **For the Record-**

#### **Attendance: January 28, 2018**

Sunday School.....	27
Visitors.....	3
Total.....	30
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	45
Children's Worship.....	9
Wednesday Night .....	10

#### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 2,036.40
Long Family-Jan.....	\$ 100.00

#### **Offering Received by Mail:**

### **February Counting Team:**

Larry McKahan and Jordan Lane

### **February Van Driver:**

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a ride.

### **February Member Birthdays:**

05...Matthew Mayse

06...Eileen Smith

### **February Anniversaries**

George and Brenda Burgess

February 25, 1995

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

Those with illnesses

Donna Dunn—recovery and treatment

Flo Conard—eye

Katie McIntosh—surgery recovery  
(Dillon Burgess's girlfriend)

LoLeta Middleton

Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health

Rick and Mary Bruntmeyer

Brigida Winans—scooter free!

Arlette Duty—carpal tunnel

Gina Harr—recovery and strength

Don Beavers—heart and health

Curtis Conard—recovery

Emily Jones & baby

Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery

Karissa and Matt Long and family

The Waters Family—guidance

Stephanie & Jason Terpack

Shawna Hughes—home isolation

Larry Danner—cancer

Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim

Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

LoLeta Middleton—strength

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Zella Davis—Doris Richardson's sister

Rev. A. B. Brown      Betty Campbell

George Ferbert      Kevin Duty

Ellen Blanton      Lois Ulmer

## **Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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## Five More New Families...

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