

## Morning Worship

May 19, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Scripture Reading

Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 273

*Freely, Freely*

Romey/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 261

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Romey/People

Offering Prayer

John Lewis

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Alva Lou Schottel

Hymn # 216 *O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* Romey/People

Hymn # 359

*This Is the Day*

Romey/People

Special Music

Children's Worship

(No Children's Worship Today)

Message

Allan Lane

Hymn # 305

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Romey/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Closing Hymn # 384

*The Bond of Love*

Romey/People

## Believing the Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Does it really matter what you believe? Oh, sure, we know it matters that if we want to go to heaven when we die, we must repent of our sin and accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord. What about other issues, especially when it comes to Scripture? Do we have to literally believe every little thing? Just look for a moment at some of the things in this week's Pathway (Article from heartbeat bill, contemporary resurgence with Larry Lewis, Don Hinkle's commentary).

### 1. The Authority of Scripture.

First, in my opinion the number one issue concerning the Scriptures today is the question "Is the Bible the Word of God?" First, just an observation: It is evident that Paul believed the Scriptures to be the Word of God. His reference in verse 15 to the "Holy Scriptures" is the Old Testament which is what Timothy had known since his childhood and since 2 Timothy is Paul's last letter it is also evident that he considered

the NT writing to be the inspired Word of God. Let's go a few steps further in this vein: Our text states that God is:

**a. The initiation of Divine Revelation.**

Our text makes it abundantly clear that all Scripture or every Scripture... (Because it can be translated either way) is from God. God is the source and the fountain head of all Holy Scripture. The starting point of all doctrinal studies must be the Bible, the Word of God, that is, the Holy Scripture of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. If we deny that the Bible is, without qualification, the very word of God, we are left without any truth and without any supreme and final authority. It is presumptuous and hypothetical to discuss any doctrine taught by the Bible until we acknowledge, unreservedly, the doctrine of the divine plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible and its divine preservation by God. Believe that the Bible is the divine revelation and communication of God's own mind and will to men, in pure words, and we have a fixed starting point from which advance can be made into the domain of truth.

The expression "Thus saith the Lord" or "The Lord spoke saying" and similar phrases occur some 560 times in the Pentateuch, some 300 times in the historical and poetic books, 1200 times in the prophets and 24 times alone in Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament. This is the strategic center of Christian doctrine, and must be preached and defended at all cost. It is the point at which Satan is constantly hurling his hellish forces of darkness and corruption. (Biblebelievers.com)

It further states that God's spirit is:

**b. The inspiration of Divine Revelation.**

We are sure that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16).

God the Holy Spirit directed even in the very words and the expression of those words, for Paul writes that these were "words which the Holy Ghost teaches" in 1 Corinthians 2:13 and God said to His prophet, "speak with my words" in Ezekiel 3:4. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of the doctrine of the divine inspiration and preservation of the Holy Scriptures as Inspired of God (theopneustos) theh-op'-nyoo-stos means "God-breathed" (2 Peter 1:21).

Moved is the same verb as came. Literally, it means "being borne along." It seems to be a favorite word with Peter, occurring six times in his two epistles (Vines Word Studies). The idea is that they were carried along by an influence from above (The Holy Spirit). Think of a sailing ship from Peter's time that was dependent on the wind to move. If there was no wind there was no movement but if there were wind it would fill the sails of the ship and carry the ship on its course. The Holy Spirit was the "wind" that moved these holy men of God.

It must also be noted that God used:

**c. The intermediary of Divine Revelation.**

God spoke to men through His Spirit. (Look again at 2 Peter 1:21, Hebrews 1:1-2, and 2 Peter 3:1-2.)

Two things are very plain here. First, God spoke to human beings and delivered His word to them by directly communicating Himself, or through angels, or dreams and visions and even through a donkey and second, these men considered what they wrote to be the Word of God in both the OT and the NT.

**2. The Application of Scriptures.**

The Scriptures are given by God to teach truth to the unlearned, truth that cannot be learned any other way. This happens in three ways:

**a. The Scriptures conviction .**

The word reproof literally means "convicting the erring of their errors." One of the main purposes of the inspired Word of God is to reveal the truth about our sins and then to convict us of those sins. Let me give you a few examples:

Acts 26:14 says "And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads." The word goad or prick is a reference to an "ox goad" which was a sharp stick that was used to drive livestock. With a good sharp stick even a child could control a large animal, so God uses the Scripture to convict us of our erring ways.

**b. The Scriptures bring correction .**

Correction is a word that means "to set one right." What a wonderfully appropriate phrase to describe what the Scripture does for us when the Holy Spirit does His work on us and in us. We are all wrong, we are all "like sheep going astray", "there is none that doeth good, no not one" but through His word God sets us right!

The preacher stood on the street corner preaching to anyone who would listen. A man approached him who looked like he had lived on the street forever. "Can I help you" asked the preacher. "I think you can" said the bum. "Would you like me to tell you about Jesus?" "No." "Would you like me to pray for you?" "No." "If you don't want me to tell you about Jesus, and you don't want me to pray with you, how can I help you?" "You can give me your Bible." "Why would you want my Bible if you have no interest in knowing more about Jesus?" "I noticed that the pages of your Bible are very thin; I can use the pages to wrap a cigarette (or a joint)."

Wisdom came suddenly to the preacher, who said, "I'll give you the Bible, if you will agree to read a page (of the Bible) before you smoke it." The bum agreed, took his new Bible, and left. The preacher thought he had seen the last of the bum, but he could get another Bible.

Several months passed, and the preacher was on the street corner once again. A man came up to him dressed in a three piece suit. "You don't know me, do you?" said the man.

"No. I've never seen you in my life." "Yes you have. I'm the man you gave a Bible to (about four months ago)." The preacher couldn't believe his eyes and ears. "What happened? Tell me what happened." "Well, I smoked Matthew, and then I smoked Mark, and then I smoked Luke--and then John smoked me."

**c. The Scriptures bring chastening .**

This last word means to "discipline" as a father disciplines his child. Psalms 51:8 says "Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice."

(Also, read Hebrews 12:5-12)

**3. The Aim of Scriptures.**

The aim or purpose of the Scripture is not to inform you but to transform you. It is not so that you will be happy but that you will be holy. It is not so you will be prosperous financially but that you will prosper spiritually (Read 3 John 1:2). How does God do this?

**a. In saving us.**

"...to make thee wise unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16-17).

**b. In schooling us.**

"...is profitable for doctrine (teaching)..." This is truth that cannot be learned any other way except the Word of God (Titus 2:11-12).

**c. W sanctifying us.**

"...That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works..."  
(Also read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 1 John 3:2).

**Conclusion:**

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip, set up their tent, and then fell asleep. Some hours later, Holmes woke his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" asks Holmes

Watson ponders for a minute.

"Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

Then after a pause, Watson says: "Well, Holmes, What does it tell you?" Holmes is silent for a moment and then he speaks. "Watson, can't you see that someone has stolen our tent."

I don't know if that's a true story or not, but there is a danger, when we come to Scripture that we look for the complicated rather than looking for the obvious. What are you looking for in Scripture?

The story is told of a group of women that met for Bible study. While studying in the book of Malachi, chapter three, they came across verse three that says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered how this statement applied to the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out more about the process of refining silver, and to get back to the group at their next Bible study.

The following week, the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him while at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest, beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith work, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire, where the flames were the hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, then she thought again about the verse "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver."

She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the entire time the silver was being refined. The man answered yes, that not only did he have to sit there holding the silver, but that he had to keep his eyes on it the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "But how do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy--when I see my image in it."

## ***Whose Image Do You See?***

### **What We Believe Matters**

In 2011, George Barna's research agency released the results of a survey of more than 5,000 interviews with American Christians. His conclusion was that "The Christian Church is becoming less and less theologically literate and that many church attenders today do not really know what they believe."

For example, there's a story about the British evangelist George Whitfield and his preaching companion of John Wesley. It's recorded that Whitfield once asked a fellow, "Sir, what do you believe?" He answered, "I believe what my pastor believes!" Whitfield asked, "Well, then what does your pastor believe?" "My Pastor believes what my church believes." Whitfield then asked, "And what does your church believe?" "Well, my Pastor and my church believe that same thing I believe," the man replied. "And what do all of you believe?" Whitfield asked. "We all believe the same thing!"

This should not surprise us as Paul spoke of it in 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Unfortunately, many today think that theology and doctrine are irrelevant to life and should be reserved for seminary students. In fact, someone once said, "Theology, who needs it? That's just for seminarians in ivory towers."

C. S. Lewis, in *Mere Christianity* wrote, "Theology is practical: especially now...If you do not listen to Theology, that will not mean that you have no ideas about God. It will mean that you have a lot of wrong ones--bad, muddled, out-of-date ideas." The truth is that if you're a believer, you "do theology" every day. Every time you make a moral decision, tell someone about your faith, or attend a worship service, you are "doing theology."

What is Theology? It is literally the study of God, mainly through His Word. Most of the time when people use the term theology, they mean Systematic Theology. I like Wayne Grudem's definition of Systematic Theology, which is "any study that answers the question, 'What does the whole Bible teach us today?' about any given topic."

Why do we need to study theology? Studying theology can help us overcome our wrong ideas, it can help us to make better decisions, and it can help us grow as Christians. As a church, we agree with the Southern Baptist statement, the *Baptist Faith and Message*. While all denominations are "man-made" Southern Baptists are unique. It's important that we know our uniqueness so that we can "major on the majors and minor on the minors."

What we believe determines what we do. David Murray said, "Our theology drives our lives. What we know and understand about God impacts everything - everything we think, say, and do." Belief helps determine our reality. What we believe about God determines the way we act, think, reason, speak and even how we respond to difficulty (1 Timothy 4:16). A.W. Tozer in his book *The Knowledge of the Holy* said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

A low view of God, which is so prevalent today, is the cause of so many of our problems. Why? We have lost the sense of awe and reverence that God so rightfully deserves. There are many common misperceptions of God today. Some see God as this overzealous policeman Who causes us to walk around on eggshells. To others, God is an angry judge which causes us to always feel guilty. Or God may be like a Grandpa, asleep in the rocker. If He doesn't seem to care about the world, then why should we? Others contend that God is always working somewhere in the world, but too busy for me.

What's YOUR misperception of God? Believing Biblical truth matters.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

## **Opportunities For Service**

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, George Burgess, John Lewis, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Business Meeting and Carry-in Dinner.....Noon

No Evening Worship.....

### **Wednesday, May 22**

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

### **Sunday, May 26, 2019**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Gary Yarbrough, Ken Nice, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship.....

### **Wednesday, May 29**

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

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

**May 19 — Carry-in Dinner and Business Meeting at Noon**

**June 3-7 — Youth Camp**

**June 11-16—SJBA Mission Trip to Yankton, South Dakota**

**Second meeting—May 13, 7 pm @ Mission Center**

**June 21 & 22 — Intro to Camping for Children grades 1-3**

**July 15-19 — Children's Camp**

## **GROW Team**

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

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### **Sunday Night**

We will not be having Sunday evening services for the rest of the month of May. A new study will begin in June.

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

We are ready for the third session of our study entitled “Engaging with God” led by Dr. Kie Bowman. The subtitle is “Making Prayer a Priority for the BEST of Your Life.” We always need reminders to pray. Please attend and pray for the direction of our church.

### ***Carry-In Dinner And Business Meeting Today at Noon***

### **Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip June 11-16, 2019**

### ***Youth Camp...***

is June 3-7. We have forms available in the office. There are openings for guys and gals if anyone is interested. Also, coaches are needed. Please pray about how you can serve.

### **Children's Camp ...**

...forms will be  
available soon.

**Children's Camp is  
July 15-19.**

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

### **Biblical Manhood Conference: Our Higher Calling:**

***Biblical Manhood in the Home, Church, and World***

***August 17, 2018***

***8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

**Frederick Boulevard  
Baptist**  
The cost \$20 per person (lunch included).

***For the Record-***

**Attendance: May 12 2019**

Sunday School.....27  
Visitors..... 3  
Total.....30  
Contacts Made.....10  
Morning Worship..... 51  
Sunday Night.....N/A  
Children's Worship ..... 8  
Wednesday Night ..... 5

**Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,286.39  
Offering Received ... \$ 2,953.34  
Long Family – April.. \$ 50.00  
Annie Armstrong ..... \$ 1,725.00

**Offering Received by Mail:**

Eric and Shelly Thompson  
Betty Campbell

**May Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

**May Van Driver:**

Joe Coats and/or  
Rodney Swymeler  
Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am to secure a ride.

**May Member Birthdays:**

03... Vicki Long  
11... Hannah Schottel  
17... Arlette Duty  
20... Pam Eldredge  
20... Erin Molloy  
20... Mike Green

**May Anniversaries**

Russ and Nancy McCamy  
May 22, 1982

***Prayer Requests ...***



Mike Green—Knee Surgery recovery  
 Lillie Williams—strength & recovery  
 Dottie Wildberger—recovery  
 Jim Winans—at home  
 Gary Hurst—cancer  
 Alice Coats—elbow  
 Susie Long—Alice Coat’s Sister  
 Swymeller’s Grandsons  
 Jack and Flo Conard  
 Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery  
 Sandy and Stanley Wilson  
 Ruth Anne Bush—healing  
 Sharri Duty  
 Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!  
 Marcia and Don Hart—blessings  
 Arlette Duty—strength  
 Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy’s health  
 Donna and Bill Dunn—health  
 Karissa and Matt Long and family  
 Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
 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  
 Zella Davis —Doris Richardson’s sister  
 Doris Richardson      June Fritchle  
 The Waters Family    Elmer Mayse  
 Betty Campbell        Kevin Duty  
 Ann Riddle            Tim Izer  
 Keon McKahan        Nellie Reynolds  
 Jozy Winans            Kenny Duty  
 Pat Means              Buddy Means  
 Bill & Juanita          Debbie Sands  
 Pat Puckett             Curtis Conard  
 Brenda Burgess        Roscoe Lane  
 Carolyn Houts         Seth Long  
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 David and Deborah Grace  
 Our Nation and Leaders  
 Our Military Service Women and Men  
 Terrorism in our world

### **Today’s Prayer Requests ...**

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

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### **Five More New Families...**

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