

July 8, 2018

**OUR WEEKLY RECORD**

Sunday AM Bible Class	44
Sunday Attendance	80
Contribution	\$2,398
Budget	\$2,877

**Transportation** to Sunday morning worship service can be provided for those in need. Also, for those who are unable to attend services, **communion** can be shared. Please call John Davis at 708-748-5413 to make arrangements. To receive a **Bible study by mail**, call Peter Bumpass at 708-217-8503 or email him at therock43@juno.com for more information.

Please contact Kendra Walker @ 708-829-2081 or via email at kendrabw@aol.com with **prayer requests** or **announcements**.

There is also a **Suggestion Box** on the wall

**SERMON NOTES:**



**Welcome, visitors...** We are grateful to have you join us in worship today. If there is any way that we can be of help, please use the visitor's card to let us know. To learn more about churches of Christ and some of the work done here, please take a look at our website. Thank you for visiting with us today!

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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

**HEAR...**the Gospel of Christ. Rom 1:16; 10:17

**BELIEVE...**in Jesus. John 8:24

**REPENT...**of my sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 17:30

**CONFESS...**my faith in Jesus Christ. Matt 10:32; Rom 10:9-10

**BE BAPTIZED...**for the forgiveness of sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

- Bible Study 9:30 am
- Worship 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

- Ladies' Bible Class\* 10:00 am
- \*September through May
- Bible Study 7:00 pm

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## WHO IS FOR A CONDENSED BIBLE?

In 1982, after seven years of planning and three years of actual translating and editing, Reader's Digest put out a condensed Bible. It was 40 percent shorter than the 850,000-word text of the Revised Standard Version, which was published as the entire Bible in 1952. The Reader's Digest Bible contains all 66 books of the Bible in the same order with which we are familiar, but the length of the 39 books of the Old Testament was reduced by 50 percent, and the New Testament's 27 books were reduced by some 25 percent.

Of course, the Bible is and has been the all-time best-selling book. The editors, however, felt that the Bible was the least read book of all important books because of its length and its repetitive style. You can imagine correctly that most of the book of Leviticus is gone, much of Deuteronomy (since it is a retelling of the Law), and much of Job. The books of Chronicles are incorporated into Samuel and Kings. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are shortened, since they tell much the same lessons and parables of Jesus. Interestingly, the editors did not touch Psalm 23 (The LORD is my shepherd) and I Corinthians 13 (the chapter dealing with love).

However, the fact is that the Bible is inspired from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 (II Tim. 3:16). There is no superfluous material there. Repetitions are included for emphasis. Lessons are drawn from every page of this marvelous revelation of the mind of God Himself. Who are we to say what should be in the text and what should not? That has already been decided by God Himself.

Having said all of that, we need to be careful that we are not guilty of "revising" God's word ourselves. What is the difference in not doing what we know the word says and simply not knowing what it says and thus not doing it? The religious world fakes a supposed reverence for the Bible on the one hand and glaringly ignores it on the other. They might as well edit out of their Bibles passages such as Acts 2:38 (baptism for the forgiveness of sins), all of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians (the second coming of Christ), I Timothy 3 (the qualifications of bishops), Acts 20:7 and I Corinthians 11:23f (the Lord's supper), and many others passages dealing with worship, the plan of salvation, the organization of the church, and the Christian life.

And again, we, ourselves, need to look closely at our own lives. Does love or rumors characterize our speech? Are my reputation and my character showing the same person? Just saying, each of us needs to be sure that the scriptures we read and hear are acknowledged as God's living word and are the standard by which we live our lives and are the basis for our hope of salvation both now and in eternity.

Peter

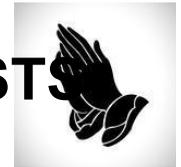
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to those who came to **Markus & Adria's wedding shower** and to others kind enough to leave gifts.

Our **fellowship this month** will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, July 22. The meal is being hosted by Gloria Richardson; listen to the announcements for a theme.

**PLEASE** remember to **silence or power off any electrical devices** during worship.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**Both Charlotte Brown and Judy Durr** have been released from the hospital and are home.

**Virginia Hoadley** fell recently and is home resting.

Please continue to remember **Joe & Virginia Hoadley, Eula Gaddis, Marvie Jones, Bob Kern, John Berry, Charlene Dyson, Jerry Worth, DeLois Davidson, Shults-Lewis Children's Home, our college kids, our mission efforts, and our military personnel** in your prayers.

If you have a **request for prayers**, please contact Kendra Walker or fill out the back of a visitor's card and hand it to one of the men serving communion.

## Happy Birthday!

July 8 – Charlotte Berry  
July 13 – Courtney Moore

## Happy Anniversary!

July 10 – Tom & Carol Nee #36

