


<p><u>Schedule Of Services</u></p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><u>Website</u> Beaconcfc.com (under construction)</p> <p><u>Preacher</u> Chase Green 318-608-7418</p> <p><u>Elders</u> Bill Schooley 318-396-7296 Tim Green 318-547-4026</p> <p><u>Missions Supported</u> Ronnie Goodam - India Marlon Retana - Panama Brad Harrub - Focus Press</p>	<p><u>WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). 2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6). 3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30). 4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33). 5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). 6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
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<p>By the Numbers: <i>Week of 2/3/19</i> <i>Contribution – \$2683</i> <i>Attendance:</i> <i>Sunday Bible Classes – 37</i> <i>Sunday Worship * – 56</i> <i>Wednesday Night – 35</i> *Total for the day</p>
<p><i>Bible Trivia Question</i></p>  <p>Last Week’s Answer: No schism (1 Cor. 12:25) .</p> <p>Q: What did Paul put away when he became a man (1 Corinthians chapter 13) ?</p> <p>Answer to be given next week!</p>
<p>Sermon Spotlight: AM - Love Worth Dying For! 1) What is the comparison between a husband’s love for his wife & Christ’s love for the church? 2) True love is sacrificial/selfless love. PM - The Art of Submission 1) Is it natural for wives to submit to their husbands? Or does it take work?</p>

<p>THE BEACON OF TRUTH</p> <p>February 10, 2019</p> <p>“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17</p>
<p><i>Satan’s Four Lies About the Bible</i> <i>Editorial — House to House, Heart to Heart</i></p> <p>Note: The following is the first in a series of three excerpts from the House to House, Heart to Heart article. The full article can be found at https://housetohouse.com/satans-4-lies-about-the-bible/.</p> <p>The devil is a liar (John 8:44). He lies about God (He’s not there; doesn’t care). He lies about Jesus (He never lived; still in the grave). He lies about you (insignificant; in control). He lies about the Bible.</p> <p>THE BIBLE IS TOO BIG TO BOTHER</p> <p>Most Bibles are over 1,000 pages, which can be intimidating. Those pages contain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66 books (double the 30 in most personal libraries); • 1,189 chapters (more than all the verses of all 305 Beatles’ songs combined); • 31,102 verses (24,866 more than the Quran); • 773,746 words (more than the 717,020 in the first five Harry Potter books combined). <p>Yet the Bible is about the same size as most books on a library shelf. Unless it is a tabletop or large print edition, it easily fits in a backpack or purse.</p> <p>Most read the equivalent of the Bible each year. The average American reads four books a year plus 3,000 forms/notices, 100 newspapers/RSS feeds, and 36 magazines/blogs.</p> <p>The Bible fits with modern reading habits. Many spread reading over different formats, including e-books and audiobooks. The Bible is available in these formats. Many read in small doses. The Bible is divided into books, chapters, and verses. Thirty-four of its books can be read in less than 45 minutes; 29 in under 20; 17 in under twelve; and, five in five minutes or less. Its 32 longer books are divided into chapters that average only 26 verses. (Continued on page 2)</p>

NEWS AND NOTES
TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston — Stetson Ortega — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Judy May & other family of Esther de Lacerda

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Mark your calendars! February 16th at 5pm we will be having our Valentine's Banquet in the annex. Colt Moore will be the speaker this year.
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Every 4th Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers (If you would like to help with or host a get-together, please let Chase know)

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Since the Bible is too big to be mastered in one reading (it takes 70 hours to read all of it), the solution is to read a little at a time, for the rest of life. The “sum” of God's word is truth (Psalm 119:160), so one should add a little knowledge each day (2 Peter 1:5).

Start by reading the foundational chapters in Genesis 1-12 and the early chapter of Exodus 1-20. Then move on to the story of Jesus' life as told in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. These narratives will give you the background to understand Acts. This will equip you to be better able to understand the teaching given in the rest of the New Testament.

One can read at whatever pace fits his/her learning style. Here is one plan:

- Listen 12 minutes/day, for 12 months to complete the whole Bible in a year.
- Four chapters/day finishes Bible in 298 days.
- Nine chapters/day finishes New Testament in 29 days.
- Three chapters/day finishes Old Testament in 310 days.
- If you are ambitious, read twelve chapters a day (three OT and nine NT) and finish the whole Bible once a year and the New Testament once a month.

Dedicated
Chase Green

Those of us who are college sports fans probably have noticed an increasing problem in the sports world. College athletic event attendance has decreased rapidly over the last decade or so. Even tremendously successful college football programs have reported drops in fan attendance in recent years.

Many blame such attendance drops to things like high ticket, concessions, and parking prices; increasing ability to watch games from the comfort of one's home; etc. While these are certainly contributing factors, I think there is a much bigger issue here — People in our society are becoming less and less dedicated to their teams. Loyalty is becoming a thing of the past. School spirit is slowly dying as fans become less and less passionate about their teams.

While admittedly sometimes fans become TOO passionate to the point of making their team an idol, there is nothing wrong with fans passionately supporting their teams, willing them on to victory by showing up to the stadium and loudly supporting the team. But this is becoming less and less common.

Again, I believe it is because we as a society are becoming less and less dedicated. In the grand scheme of things, it's not really that big of an issue ... for sports... But what about when this type of mentality begins to affect the church?

Is it just me, or is it the case that people seem to be getting less and less dedicated to the church? You know what I mean. In many places, Bible class and worship attendance continues to shrink, church budgets are having to be adjusted for lack of needed funds, church members make excuses for not attending/being involved, such as, “My kids don't sleep at night,” or “We have too much homework,” or “Sunday is my only day off/chance to sleep in.”

Quite simply put, excuses like this point to a lack of dedication to Christ and His church. Just as attending sporting events in person is being replaced by the modern convenience of watching the game at home on the big screen, so are Christians today skipping out on active Christianity by replacing it with things that are “more convenient.” The mindset of many is as follows: “Why would I want to assemble with the saints, when I can watch a sermon from home with the wife and kids and call it a day? After all, ‘where two or more are gathered!’” (That is a gross misapplication of that verse by the way!)

I think we need to re-teach our young people what it means to be committed to the Lord. We need to show them by example that, say, a Gospel Meeting takes precedence over ball practice. We need to show them that, whenever the church meets, we will be there. Whenever the church fellowships, we'll be there. Whenever the church is out working, we will be working right alongside them. Chances are that our children will not be dedicated to the Lord unless WE show them that WE are dedicated to the Lord.

“And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might” (Deut. 6:5).

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

1 Cor. 1:18

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