

## Worship Services & Bible Study

SUNDAYS	10:00 AM	Bible Class
SUNDAYS	11:00 AM	Worship
SUNDAYS	6:00 PM	Worship
WEDNESDAYS	7:00 PM	Bible Study

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## Spiritual Affective Disorder

All of us this morning have been forced to make a change in our lives. This change is not something minor, but affects our sleep, our schedules, and perhaps our moods. Yes, it is that time of year when we are forced to adjust our clocks one hour. To some, this change is welcome. To others, however, it is so disturbing that it has even sparked debate in the nation's capital about its continuance or demise. Numerous studies have been conducted about the negative effects of ending Daylight Savings Time. Out of these studies, it has been determined that some folks experience Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) as a result of less exposure to daylight. SAD, an appropriate acronym, is also known as seasonal depression. It manifests itself in fatigue, weight gain, social withdrawal, etc. (<https://www.cnet.com/health/sleep/tips-to-adjust-after-the-end-of-daylight-saving-time/>).

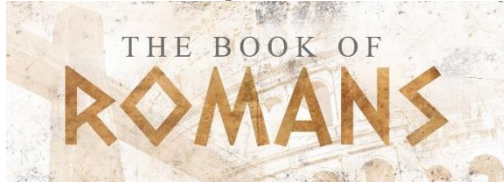
This makes me think about the Christian and his or her exposure to the word of God, which the psalmist says **is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105 NKJV)**. If it is possible to be negatively affected by less daylight, can it also be possible for the Christian to be negatively affected by a lack of exposure to the word of God? The prophet Amos preached that there would be a famine in the land. **Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD (Amos 8:11)**. Where there is a shortage of food and water the results can be deadly. Imagine the terrible effects to the soul that has not fed upon the bread of life? The psalmist describes the blessedness of one who spends time in the word of God. **Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper (Psalm 1:1-3)**. These verses give quite a contrast to the famine presented by the prophet Amos. In the New Testament, Paul would write that God's word **is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**. And Peter tells us **His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3)**.

Are you perhaps going through what some call a "funk" in your walk with God? You may be spiritually starving. Jesus told the devil that **man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)**. We know that relationships suffer when there is a lack of communication. Our relationship with God will suffer if we do not listen to Him by reading His word. When we neglect our Bible reading, we weaken ourselves before our adversary, the devil. We can't take the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17), confidently against the devil if we haven't handled it lately. David didn't take Saul's armor against Goliath because he hadn't tested it (1 Samuel 17:39). He didn't need Saul's armor, but you and I need the whole armor of God so that we **may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11)**. Therefore, we must be thoroughly acquainted with God's word. If we are, and if we do what is written, God will bless our lives and make us victorious. Don't let "spiritual affective disorder" strike you. Rather, **let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16)**.

Brotherly,  
Jamie

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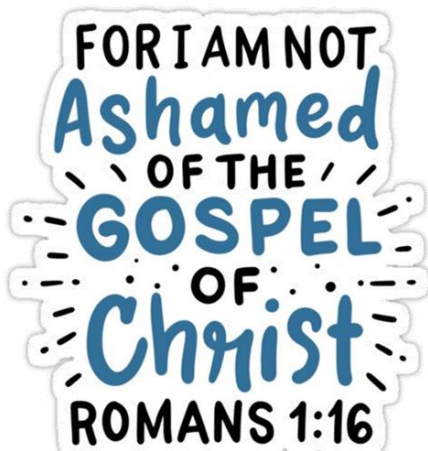
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NEW KING JAMES VERSION

Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to be on a team.

Let us put more people studying God's Word and being the examples for the children. Sign-up as a family. Parents or grandparents, study with your child and make it fun at home. This isn't something that **has** to be done. It is something that we **get** to do for God.



## Senior Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall



## AROUND THE STATE



Nov 17-19 Youth Rally @ Boiling Springs

## ONE CONGREGATION MAY WITHDRAW FROM ANOTHER CONGREGATION (part #3)

A Jot from John,

Undeniably, the Lord's people are taught to keep the church pure, not only by sound doctrine (**Gal 1:6-9; 2 Tim 4:2-4; et al.**), but by the withdrawal of fellowship from those who stubbornly refuse to be bound by it. The teaching is so clear that no reasonably intelligent person can fail to grasp it. No excuse warrants our neglect of this responsibility when circumstances demand it. If human laws are enacted against it, we must serve the higher law of God. If judges' rule against it, we must still submit to the Judge of Judges. With the courageous apostles we must take our stand: "***we must obey God rather than men***" (**Acts 5:29**).

### Sins That Demand Withdrawal of Fellowship

Numerous passages not only warn of doctrinal errors, but they specify the exercise of discipline upon those who teach them. Timothy was to "***charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine***" (**1 Tim. 1:3**). Hymenaeus and Alexander, who had made "***shipwreck of the faith***," were to be "***delivered unto Satan***" (a reference to their being expelled from the fellowship of the saints in Ephesus) (**vv. 19-20**). The Ephesians had to turn away from certain others because they "***erred concerning the faith***" (**6:20-21**). Hymenaeus and Philetus had to be shunned because they were destroying the faith of others by teaching that the resurrection had already occurred (**2 Tim. 2:16-18**). Elders are charged with the task of stopping the mouths of and sharply reproofing gainsayers, vain talkers, deceivers, teachers of fables and commandments of men, and those who turn away from the truth (**Tit 1:9-14**). As earlier noted, those who promote teaching contrary to that of the apostles and who beguile the hearts of the innocent are to be marked and turned away from (**Rom. 16:17-18**). Also, as previously mentioned, those who do not abide in the things which Christ taught are not to be given our hospitality or even greeted in such a way as to be encouraged in their false teaching (**2 John 9-11**). Clearly, false teachers who cannot be reclaimed for the truth are to be withdrawn from.

### Ungodly Division

We specify "***ungodly division***" because God approves of, yea demands, some division. In fact, when a brother or sister must be withdrawn from, a division between that person and church occurs, but it is one that God demands. Ungodly, unauthorized division includes:

1. One who commits a personal offense against a brother and will not repent. (**Matt. 18:15-17**).
2. One who causes "***divisions and occasions of stumbling***" by his false doctrine (**Rom. 16:17-18**).
3. Those who seek to "***overthrow...households***" by vain speech and deception (**Tit 1:9-11; cf. Acts 20:29-31**).
4. One who is "***factious***" (a "***heretic***," KJV) (**Tit. 3:10**).

Onward Rejoicing,  
John B. Daniels, Associate Minister

