

Oak Grove Church of Christ

(502) 749-9209

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:30 PM

Evangelist: Bruce J. Dehut

*Home Bible Studies Available
Upon Request*

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OAK GROVE ENCOURAGER

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” Hebrews 10:24

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

by Bruce J. Dehut

Jay Leno, host of The Tonight Show, was conducting one of his "Jay Walking" segments and stopped some young adults on the street in Los Angeles and asked them some "simple" Bible questions. He asked one guy "how long did it take God to create the universe?" His unsure response was, "a day," then added "eight days and eight nights?" He asked one young lady to complete the following sentence. "Eve was created from...?" Her first hesitant answer was close when she said "Adam" but then she showed her ignorance by changing her reply to "oh! from an apple." Next Jay asks "Name the children of Adam and Eve" and is quickly told "they didn't have

any kids." It got even worse when he asks a woman "What did Jacob give to Joseph that made his brothers envious of him?" With much thought she says "a new car." Finally when Jay inquires "who was swallowed by the whale" a giggling girl says "Pinocchio." (1) Jay even commented in front of his studio audience about these people that "they were so stupid." I believe he said that because living in a country based on Judeo-Christian values citizens should know these things.

HISTORY SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT US

Even though we may chuckle at the ludicrous answers these people gave, the affect of spiritual ignorance reeks havoc on our society. Without the familiarity of the word of God people are left to their own reasoning and the results are devastating.

*Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD,
You children of Israel, For the LORD
brings a charge against the inhabitants of
the land: "There is no truth or mercy or
knowledge of God in the land. 2 By
swearing and lying, Killing and stealing
and committing adultery, They break all
restraint, With bloodshed upon
bloodshed... 6a My people are destroyed
for lack of knowledge.*

The nation of Israel wouldn't heed the warning of the prophets and eventually were disciplined by the Lord at the hands of the Assyrians. America has, in its smugness and more so its ignorance, turned its back on the Almighty by neglecting the guidance of scripture. No wonder laws that allow the annihilation of

the unborn and same-sex marriage make their way into our mainstream because judges and society in general have left off seeking the ways of the Lord and rather look to other godless nation's edicts as the principles to direct their decisions. We need to be students of the Bible, because by doing so will hopefully save us from some of the same pitfalls of generations gone by.

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

STUDENTS OF THE WORD

One religious leader from Muskegon, Michigan makes a very illuminating point when he said, "Sunday school is not enough to make people biblically literate. Would you send your kid to learn math or science for just an hour a week with no homework?" "Yet we think that by osmosis kids are going to learn the Bible."

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (KJV).

The fact is there is no other way to ingest the word of God than to crack open the book and start reading. In this age of information

there is no reason that we can't find an avenue to examine God's holy message. It's never too early to introduce a person to the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

I'm sure many people believe in life after death but how many have the key of knowledge that would lead them to eternal life? When the apostle John penned his first epistle he clearly stated the purpose for doing so.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

But the exhortation of John, and all the other Spirit inspired writers, is like water in the bottom of a well, it only supplies our needs when we draw it out.

I will close with one last question from Jay Leno to a woman on the street. "Fill in the blank, Cain and _____," she replies, "the barbarian."

(1) The clip that aired November 6, 1997 which includes the above questions can be found at the following web site.
http://www.bibleliteracy.org/Site/PressRoom/press_lenovideo.htm

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches,
and sometimes the going's tough
But I've got loving ones all around me,
and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings,
and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
and the sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe,
about the tough rows I have hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy,
to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Men's Weekend Bible Study



Join with other men of faith as we encourage and strengthen each other from the word of God. The speakers possess a wide variety of experience and the lessons are designed for men of all ages and each will have ample time for discussion.

Session #1 - Warrior

Lesson A - Which way is the war?
Lesson B - Suiting Up
Lesson C - Healing Battle Wounds

Session #2 - King

Lesson A - The servant/shepherd
Lesson B - Discovering God's vision
Lesson C - Your kingdom's legacy

Session #3 - Mentor

Lesson A - How to find a mentor
Lesson B - Methods of mentoring
Lesson C - Where do the mentors go?

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Camping Center
Carlisle, KY

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THE LORD'S DAY PRIVILEGE LIST

Sunday Morning Service

Announcements: **Brandon Yates**

Song Leader: **Jim Covington**

Opening Prayer: **Bill Milliner**

Lord's Table: **Mike Shepherd
Kenny Case
Robert Hood
Jr. Stout**

Scripture Reading: **Chris Runner**

Sermon: **Bruce Dehut**

Closing Prayer: **Mark Sharp**

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements: **Brandon Yates**

Song Leader: **Jim Covington**

Opening Prayer: **Doug Smith**

Sermon: **Bruce Dehut**

Lord's Table: **Mike Shepherd**

Closing Prayer: **Brian Shepherd**