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FAMILY NEWS - FEBRUARY 15, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM

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WELCOME! If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guest!

CHECK IT OUT

A few moments ago, an incident happened that thrilled and disturbed me beyond expression. I had written an article on prayer and had given a copy of it to one of my sons, for we had been discussing prayer a little while before. He had it on his desk, and my granddaughter who just finished the second grade was reading it. She discovered a passage from the Bible that I had used, in which I said, "You are aware that James 4:15 says, 'The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.'" I had hit the wrong key, and the reference should have been James 5:15. My son just called me and said, "Chelsea has found an error in your article."

To say I was astounded and thrilled would be an understatement. The fact that she read it was wonderful. The fact that she looked up the Scripture references and read them was not only more wonderful but also amazing. Probably not one adult in 10,000 would do that. For a little girl ready for the third grade to do it is so unusual and thrilling that I almost cried.

However, I do not write this article to tell about one of my precious grandchildren. I write it to emphasize two especially important points. First, I urge all those who read articles and listen to sermons to check the Scriptures they use to see that they use them correctly. Millions of persons who heard Billy Graham speak on repentance heard him say something like this, "Acts 2:38 says, 'Repent, for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" It never occurred to most of them to bother looking to see that the Scripture said, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)." Even Gospel preachers may quote or misquote a Scripture and teach a lesson from it that may not be true, but which, even if it is true, may not be what the passage actually says, though the preacher assumed what it meant.

What disturbed me is a lesson equally as important for those of us who speak and write. We never know who may read or hear what we say. We should take special care that we not only are accurate in our representation of what the Bible actually says but that we are clear, cogent and balanced in our exegesis of the passage about which we write or speak.

If our language is excessively verbose because we like to use beautiful, flowery or catchy expressions, rather than simple and plain talk like that of Jesus, we may miss many precious hearts. If our language is harsh or critical when it should reflect love and compassion, we may not only miss many hearts but may improperly influence the ones we do not miss. Suppose my precious granddaughter had read an article of mine that was dripping with sarcasm, ridicule and vicious attack on some person or position. Since she loves me and respects me very much, do you not know that it might influence her to act in that same manner?

Do you understand why I said at the beginning of this article that it was both thrilling and frightening? Almost every day I give God thanks that He has seen fit to allow a person of my limited ability and faith to be a fellow laborer with Him in the greatest task on earth. It is an honor that is beyond my comprehension. Yet, the responsibility to always do it in a way that reflects honor and glory on my Savior is frightening and humbling almost to the point of humiliation. I can better understand why Paul said, "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (1 Corinthians 2:3). Can one look at Paul and think that he was fearful and trembling because he was afraid the Romans would put him to death? I am persuaded it was a fear of possible failure to perform the glorious task that had been given to him in a way that Christ would want. Neither was it fear of going to hell if he happened to fail to measure up to the desired standard. I trust that what happened to me a few moments ago will be a lesson to all who read this. Those who write and speak about Christ should rejoice in the privilege and write and speak with humility, reverence, clarity, accuracy and love.

T. Pierce Brown, https://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2022/mar/page10.html#article2

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Jeremiah Hicks**
SCRIPTURE READER - **Owen LeBaron**

PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. -**Jeremiah Hicks**
10:00 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Terry LeBaron
11:15 A.M. - **Brent LeBaron**
Richard Sciba

WEDNESDAY - **David Grow**
Matt Lawrence

SONG LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. **- David Grow**
11:15 A.M. - **Terry LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Richard Sciba**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Richard Sciba**
ASSIST - **Ronnie Deaton**
ASSIST - **Logan Howard**
ASSIST - **Max Schmollinger**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Danny Lathrom**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Phil Driskill**
WEDNESDAY - **Jeremiah Hicks**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Richard Sciba -** 926-6416
WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron -** 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP -**Cheryl Cozort**
FLOWERS - **Linda LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: February 15th
GREETERS - **Wyatt/Addison Hicks**
PEW GREETERS- **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Jude Hicks**

EVANGELISM PREP: February 22nd
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS- **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Kenley LeBaron**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - February 8th
SUNDAY CLASS - 36
AM1 - 48
AM2 - 25
WEDNESDAY - 32
CONTRIBUTION - $2003.00

MILITARY SERVICE -
Derek Davis family

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!

GOD'S PLAN: HEAR - Rom. 10:17; **BELIEVE** - John 8:24; **REPENT** - Acts 17:30; **CONFESS** - Rom. 10:9-10; **BE IMMERSED** - Acts 2:38; **REMAIN FAITH even in death** - Rev. 2:10. **Have you obeyed?**

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*February 15th - Youth Speaking, sack lunch, men's meeting
*March 1st - Potluck, Youth Class at 1:00
*April 12th - 15th - Our spring Gospel Meeting with Tyler Bird. His theme for the lessons: **Why We Teach What We Teach In The Lord's Church**. Mark your calendars now!

PANTRY ITEMS: Canned meat and/or peanut butter. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bonnie Wolfe - homebound for 4-6 weeks
Carol Davis - (Tina's mother-in-law) fell, in hospital
Lois Schmollinger
Kathy Parrish - broke hip (Rachell's mother-in-law)
Bill Walker - (Terry's friend)
Steve Peterson - pancreatic cancer, stage 4
Darrell Cooper (Sue's brother) stage-4 liver cancer
Joe Wheat - (Deloris's husband) cancer
Tabitha Lamer - (Liz's niece) custody issues
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Wes Roberts - (Susan Taylor) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister), Joe & Sandy Wyrick - (Linda's family)
Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's sister)
Michael Claxton in rehab + Charlene Claxton (Sandy's friend)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
Phyllis Coffman
William (in hospital) & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family) + Carla Elkhorn & girls
Deborah's children and grandchildren, Carol Cook - her sister-in-law rehab
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
churches in Jamaica (hurricane) and Ukraine (war)

On-going health issues:
Tinzie Mackey, Bonnie Wolfe, Ann Newton, Dorthy Robertson, Sheila Deaton, Buddy & Annette McCarty, Dwain & Sue Murphy, Effie Hicks.

WORKS WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT

On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM); Global School of Biblical Studies; Shaddy Chapel church of Christ; Brent Green; Coby Hicks; Jesse Howard; David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).

Are we still passing out our church "business" cards? Are we keeping tracts and hand-outs with us to leave at various businesses we visit? "Scattering precious seed by the wayside, scattering precious seed by the hillside, scattering precious seed o'er the field wide, scattering precious seed by the way." (W.A Ogden/Geo C. Hugg - Sacred Selections for The Church, © 1960)