

# THE GREENWOOD BULLETIN

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## **“Oh Great, It’s Wednesday Night!”**

Imagine the scene...It’s been a very difficult first half of the work-week. You’ve been given more to do than you can possibly get done. Your superiors don’t seem to care that you are overloaded, they just want results. You’re stressed out and frazzled. After supper, your spouse says, “It’s time to get ready for Wednesday night Bible study.” Question: What are you thinking at this point?

Some might answer that question, “Oh, great! It’s Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I’ve had a rough week and I’m just not up to it tonight.”

Others might answer, “Oh great! It’s Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I’ve had a rough week and I need something to lift my spirits.”

—**Anonymous**  
**(Via Exhortations & Stuff)—**

## **Some of life’s biggest disappointments come from getting what we insisted on having.**

### **“READ THE BIBLE ”**

**By David Sain**

Have you listened to people give reasons why they can’t read their Bible? The one reason that is given more than any other is: “I don’t have time.”

But, what if the doctor told you to stay in bed five hours each day or you will die in 3 months—do you suppose you would find time to do so? Of course you would.

Well, what if I tell you that God wants you to learn His Will and that to fail to do so leads to spiritual death. Why can we not exercise the same good judgment in spiritual matters? God said, “Be still, and

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know that I am God...” (Psalm 46:10). Jesus set a good example for us in Mark, chapter one. After a busy day, with people pressing all around Him, the Bible says He got up the next morning before day and went out alone to a deserted place to pray.

Take time—make time—everyday to pray and read your Bible.

### **“TRY THIS”**

**By Roger Banks**

If you think it is hard to sit through a sermon you need to try preaching one some time.

If you think it is tough to sit in the pews for extended lengths of time, try the pulpit!

If you think that the singing should be better you could try to lead the singing some time.

If you think that the teacher is not plain enough in explaining the class lesson, try teaching the lesson yourself.

If you think that the church is not friendly enough, then try to speak to someone before he speaks to you.

If you follow this simple pattern you will be amazed at what you will discover.

### **“WHAT MY ABSENCE**

#### **DID...”**

**A Selected Article**

It made some question the reality of religion.

It made some think I was a pretender.

It made many think that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.

It weakened the effect of the church services.

It made it harder for the preacher to preach.

It discouraged the brethren, and therefore robbed them of a blessing.

It caused others to stay away from church services.

It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the week and overcome them.

It gave the devil more power over lost souls.

It encouraged the habit on non-church going.

My Brother, do you not think it dangerous to stay away from the services of the Lord's church? If you do not, read Hebrews 10:24-31.

### **"A CLANGING CYMBAL"**

**By Steve Niemeier**

I Corinthians 13 is known as the chapter of love. Paul deals with love in such a way that it cannot be misunderstood what genuine and true love is. He states in the first verse that if he does not have love he is as a sounding brass or clanging cymbal.

Do you ever find yourself just going through the motions? Maybe it is in fixing breakfast for the family or talking with your spouse or doing your duties as a father or mother. Your heart just isn't it on that day. Maybe your marriage is suffering because you have quit working with your spouse to make the marriage work. We all have things that we grow tired of and just go through the motions and do the duties but without love in our hearts.

Sometimes this even goes as far as our service to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Maybe we do something for each other but we do not have love in our hearts and the actions are just actions of emptiness. The deeds might get done but they are done as a sounding brass or clanging cymbal.

This also occurs when we attend worship services and do not worship our God in Spirit and Truth (John 3:23-24). We attend the Bible Study, sing the songs, bow in prayer, participate in giving, and partake of the Lord's Supper but our actions are done with out the love in our hearts for what we are doing. As a result our worship goes up to the Lord as a sounding brass or clanging cymbal. We must do our deeds with the proper love in our hearts!

### **READY TO QUIT**

**From Minute Messages Volume I**

A lady hired a maid, but she noticed the maid worked all day with her hat on. At last her curiosity got the best of her.

"Why do you always wear your hat?" asked the lady. "Well," replied the maid, "I want

to be ready to quit any time you say anything that may hurt my feelings."

Many view Christianity in the same way. Someone says something or does or doesn't do something that upsets them and they leave---quit!

Tragically, if we leave Jesus Christ and His blood-bought church, we leave the ONLY means of salvation. We condemn ourselves to torment.

Obeys Christ---serve Christ---through thick or thin---good or bad times---and one day you hear Him say "Well don, good and faithful servant."

### **Spring Gospel Meeting**

**By Steve Niemeier**

Our spring gospel meeting starts next Sunday. Bro. Rob Dispennett from the Knightsville congregation will be doing the preaching. The theme is a great theme "Is Jesus Really Real?"

Rob will do a good job in presenting these lessons. The gospel meeting is for us as members here at Greenwood. We need this meeting. We need this time of "revival". We need these subjects on Jesus.

We also need to invite others. If Jesus is really real – then all of friends – family – co-workers need to hear about Him.

We pray all of us as members are here at every service!

### **Spring Gospel Meeting**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**

**"Is Jesus Really Real?"**

**Rob Dispennett**