

Remember in Prayer

STEVE HIGGINBOTHAM: Preacher at the Karns church in Tennessee (being treated for serious case of melanoma). **MAX HOLLAND:** Suffering from cancer. **GAYLE BOYD:** Recovering from recent knee surgery. **CARL DAVIS:** Recovering from recent shoulder surgery. **TIM DIXON:** Chemo treatments for lymphoma. **SHIRLEY MAXSON:** Cancer.

Serving Today

Announcements for January **Ron Cox**
Song Leader Tom Johnson
Opening Prayer Ken Nicholson
Leading on Lord's Table Lee Myers
Serving on Lord's Table Tracey Kirby & James Sutton
Scripture Reading Todd Mulkey (**Romans 1.16-17**)
Closing Prayer Adam Henson

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The Woodland church seeks to follow the pattern of worship & local church government found in the NT & practiced by the first century church as directed by the apostles of Jesus.

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Sunday, January 7th, 2018

Welcome to Woodland!

We hope each one goes away feeling uplifted from our service as we worship in spirit and in truth. If you have questions or would like a private Bible study, please see one of our elders or our preacher.

Sunday Classes: 9:30a

AM Worship: 10:30a - **PM Worship:** 6:00p

Wednesday Classes: 7:00p

Today's Lessons

AM: "What is the Gospel?"
(Romans 1.16-17)

PM: "Two Parables on Counting the Cost"
(Luke 14.25-33)

IN HIM WE HAVE

REDEMPTION

through HIS BLOOD

THE FORGIVENESS OF

OUR TRESPASSES

ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE ...

EPHESIANS 1:7

Who Wrote the Bible?

By Steve Higginbotham (via PreachingHelp.org)

Over the past 34 years, I have had many people ask me questions about “who wrote the Bible.” The typical answer to these questions involved God using men through the process of inspiration to record exactly what he wanted preserved. But there’s another answer to this question and it is “my wife.”

Allow me to explain. Several years ago, I wrote an article about an obscure command God gave to kings. In Deuteronomy 17:18-19, God commanded the king to take a pen, and in his own hand, write for himself a copy of the the book of the law.

My wife decided that if God thought a king, as busy as he was, would benefit from writing out the Scriptures in his own hand, then she too, would benefit. So she did. Beginning on January 1, 2017, my wife purchased several journals, and began writing the New Testament in her own hand, and she completed this task shortly before Christmas.

Someone might ask, “Why would she do that? It’s not like we don’t have printed copies of the Bible today.” I’d like to share some of the benefits and blessings from her project.

Insight! The speed at which we write is much slower than the speed at which we read. Consequently, my wife picked up on many biblical “gems” and “nuggets” she would have missed if she had just been reading. Many of these profound truths found their way into my preaching and teaching. Her project has been enlightening to me, and thus to many others to whom I preached. My preaching and teaching was better because of the things I learned from her this year.

Example! For the past year, my children and I have been blessed to see their mother and my wife, sitting at the kitchen table with her Bible open and a pen in her hand. We might see her sitting there early in the morning, or late at night. Sometimes, when she couldn’t sleep, she would be found at the table, writing in the pre-dawn hours. How do you weigh the value of such an example?

Legacy! The journals that are a handwritten copy of the Bible in my wife’s handwriting are treasures to me! The day will come when Kim and I will leave this world, and will leave behind our belongings to our children and their children. Just as Abraham would have made an indelible impression on Isaac when he was willing to offer him on Mt. Moriah (Genesis 22:2), those journals will be an indelible reminder to our children of my wife’s priorities, love, and commitment to God and his word.

So the next time someone asks me, “Who wrote the Bible?” boy, do I have an unexpected answer for them!

What’s Happening @ Woodland?

THE WOODLAND ELDER-ON-CALL FOR JANUARY IS RON COX. If you have a matter for the eldership please direct it to Ron as the primary point of contact.

LORD’S SUPPER SIGN-UP FOR 2018: A sign-up sheet has been posted in the lobby. If you can help prepare the Lord’s Supper please choose an open month and sign-up (you can sign-up more than once).

YOUTH EVENT & ACTIVITY SIGN-UP FOR 2018: A new sign-up sheet has been posted in the lobby. If you are willing to host a youth event, or coordinate a youth event, please sign up. Fun activities are always great, however, we would like to have a good balance of service activities for the youth as well. See Ken Hicks for more information.

NEW BIBLE CLASS BEGINNING TODAY THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM: "HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE" A look at the origin and development of the Christian canon of Scripture & why translation differ.

JANUARY’S COMMUNITY TABLE ITEM: Continuing to collect canned soups and broths this month due to bitter temps.

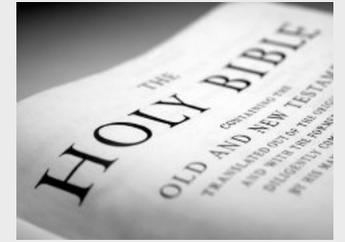
LADIES CARD MINISTRY WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY @ 5PM: Plan to attend and be an encouragement to others.

MEN’S SERVICE SIGN-UP SHEETS: If you are willing to serve during worship, please sign-up on the sheets in the fellowship room under your area of interest.



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Current Bible Classes



Below is a summary of our current adult Bible classes. We invite you to attend and participate in the class that interests you the most.

Foundations: Elijah the Tishbite

Sunday AM auditorium class. Led by Ken Nicholson, Lee Myers, and Del Reid. Exploring the life and example of the powerful prophet Elijah. From the Winter 2017 Foundations Bible Study Guide published by Gospel Advocate.

How We Got The Bible

Sunday AM class meeting in the fellowship room. Led by Ken Hicks. A look at the origin and development of the Christian canon of Scripture. We will also examine why different translations sometimes sound different or have missing text.

Esther

Wednesday PM class meeting in the auditorium. Led by Ken Hicks. A study of the unique Old Testament book of Esther, delving into the providential workings of the LORD.