

The Emerald Beach Christian



YOUR WEEKLY EDIFICATION

About Us

God's Garden

If the Emerald Beach congregation is going to be a healthy, fruit-bearing church of the Lord, let us plant in God's garden.

Plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip.
- Squash criticism.
- Squash indifference.



Plant seven rows of peas:

- Prayer
- Promptness
- Perseverance
- Politeness
- Preparedness
- Purity
- Patience



No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for the services of the church.
- Turn up for special events of the church (in prayer and in Bible study).
- Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult.
- Turn up with determination to do your best in your Christian service to the Lord.



Plant seven heads of lettuce:

- Let us be unselfish and loyal.
- Let us be faithful to duty.
- Let us search the Scriptures.
- Let us not be weary in well-doing.
- Let us be obedient in all things.
- Let us be truthful.
- Let us love one another.

After planting, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), and may you reap rich results.*

* From, *Preacher's Sourcebook of Creative Sermon Illustrations*, p. 122.

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Times of Assembly

Sunday

9 AM – Bible Classes
10 AM – Worship
6 PM – Worship

Wednesday

7 PM – Bible Study

Staff

Minister

Barry Gilreath

Secretary

Duffle Chisolm

Attention, Visitors

You are our welcomed guests! Thank you for choosing to be with us as we worship God this Lord's Day. We ask that you please give us the opportunity to meet you. A main priority of ours is to make you feel like you are at your *home away from home*. You are such an encouragement to us, and we hope that we can encourage you today.



Excited About 2011 Barry Gilreath

As this new year is officially upon us, I am excited about what 2011 holds for this congregation. A common prayer of every member of this congregation should be for the Lord to continue to bless this congregation. We should be praying that God will bless us in these areas:

- May we continue to be blessed to be able to work for the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).
- May we grow closer together through the avenue of fellowship (Eph. 4:31-32).
- May we uplift one another in our attendance (Heb. 10:25).
- May we love one another (Heb. 13:1).
- May we take the Great Commission to heart and reach out to the lost with the gospel of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20).
- May we grow spiritually in grace and in knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:18).
- May we experience numerical growth (Acts 2:47).

I am praying for 2011 to be the best year that this young congregation has ever had, and I trust that you are too.



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May
God
Bless
You!

The Emerald Beach church of Christ is in need of financial support; any monetary contribution would be greatly appreciated. We are small in number, and out-of-town visitors, who often outnumber us, have proven faithful to help support the work of this congregation. We would like to thank you for your support in the Gospel of Christ! We simply could not be here without you.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Saturday, Jan. 22 – Ladies luncheon, time & location TBA.

Sunday, Jan. 30 – Fifth Sunday meal.

Prayer List

Duffle & David Chisolm; Sam & Louise Maxwell; Clint & Ann Byars; J.D. & Bea West; Charlie Hernandez; Tim Akers & family – Tim is back in Afghanistan; **William Jordan** – Father of Marie Patterson in nursing home – recently had a heart attack; **Julie Folsom** – daughter of the Byars (diagnosed with a moderate case of NASH (disease of liver)); **Jim Murrell & family; Dorris Richardson; Carol McGinnis** – Ann Byars' sister; **Edna Jones** – Ann Byars' mother; **Craig Byars; Jason & Heidi Byars; Jean Nichols** – Mother of Sharon Stockton; **Alice Heath** – Mother of Betty Brown; **Wanda & Geneva Johnson** – Will not be visiting us this year for health reasons; **Ivan Burnett** – congestive heart failure (sister of Jean Nichols); **Mickey & Pat Young** (Cookeville, TN) – She is taking treatments in Nashville for a non-malignant brain tumor in St. Thomas; **Sue Mayo; Danny Young, Tony Adkison, Joe Eidson, Jo Ann Fairbanks, Sherry Suit, Ray Cooper, Ken Jordan, and Greg Anderson**

Last Week's Records

AM Bible Study	43
AM Worship	101
PM Worship	46
Wednesday Bible Study	34
Contributions	\$3,300

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January

Anita Turner (7th)
Sharon Stockton (15th)
Christi Gilreath (24th)
Betty Brown (25th)



January

Harry & Bernice Pendle
(17th)

Opportunities to Hear the Gospel

Know Your Bible –	Mon. – Fri., 9:30 PM, on DirecTV, Ch. 377 Sun., 6:30 PM, on DirecTV, Ch. 367
Good News Today –	Sun., 6:30 AM on Dish Network, Ch. 267 Sun., 6:30 AM on DirecTV, Ch. 376
In Search of the Lord's Way –	Sun., 6:30 AM (Knology, Ch. 74; Comcast, Ch. 244; Dish-Network, Ch. 259; DirecTV, Ch. 364)

Thank you for your recent contributions. Your donations help so many in need. The pantry is still in need of various items.



If it's Just a Good Book, Then It's Not God's Book

Eric Lyons

Some time ago, I read an article by a college professor who stated that “the best thing that could happen to the New Testament has happened to it... Within the University, at least, the Bible has become simply another ‘great book.’ ” Many in the world today consider the Bible to be a “good book” containing moral teachings written by noble men, yet reject the idea that the Bible was “given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16). Many college professors today teach that the Bible simply is a “good book” that is no more inspired than Homer’s *Odyssey* or Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*. It merely is a result of natural genius that is characteristic of men of unusual ability. What can be said about such claims?

Common sense compels the honest person to reject such illogical notions. If the Bible is just another “good book” and not inspired of God, it makes either liars or lunatics of the biblical writers who claimed the Holy Spirit as the ultimate source of their documents. The honest person will surely admit that the Bible—a book that has been studied and examined more than any other book in the world—definitely is not a product of insane men. Its unity, fulfilled prophecy, historical accuracy, and scientific foreknowledge testify of an intelligent source. Thus, the Bible was written either by the honest or the dishonest. Logically, no other choices exist.

Moses either lied or was truthful when he recorded: “And **God spoke all these words**, saying: ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me’ ” (Exo. 20:1-3), emp. added). Moses claimed such inspiration literally hundreds of times. Was he a liar, or did he tell the truth? In the New Testament, we can read where Peter wrote that “prophecy never came by the will of man, but **holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit**” (2 Pet. 1:21), emp. added). Did Peter tell the truth, or was he lying? This same question can be asked of all the writers of the Bible who claimed inspiration (well over 3,000 times!).

To say that the Bible is simply a “great book” written by “good men” makes liars of the biblical writers who repeatedly claimed that God was the ultimate source of their documents (cf. 2 Sam. 23:2 and Acts 1:16). Thus, the Bible is either a product of God or a product of liars. There are no other options. If these men were liars, then they “insanely” pronounced their own destruction, for they claimed that lying was wrong and that all impenitent liars would burn in hell (cf. Exo. 20:16, Col. 3:9, and Rev. 21:8). Furthermore, if these men were liars, it leaves as inexplicable the mystery of why modern man, with all his accumulated learning, has not been able to produce a comparable book that has the ability to make the Bible obsolete.

In the great long ago, the prophet Elijah asked, “How long will you waver between two opinions?” (1 Kgs. 18:21). The Bible is either a product of uninspired liars who pronounced their own eternal destruction, or it is a product of Almighty God. Which explanation will you accept?

This item is available on the Apologetics Press website at: <http://www.apologeticspress.org/articles/1618>.

TIP OF THE WEEK

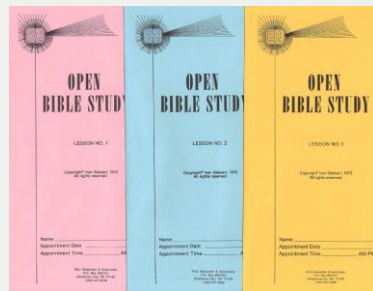
We are
too blessed
to be
depressed.

QUESTIONS?

Do you have questions about anything which you saw or heard today? We would love to study with you.

STUDY AT HOME

Do you want to be a participant in a free Bible correspondence course? If you would be interested in receiving this series of three lessons, please let us know.



You can also study from home by using helpful links found on our website.

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We would love to hear from you!

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OBEY THE GOSPEL!

- Hear the Word (Rom. 10:17)
- Believe in Christ (Mark 16:15)
- Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- Confess Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (2 Tim. 4:6-8)