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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Sola Scriptura: The Example of William Tyndale

October is the month in which we remember the Protestant Reformation and those who contributed to the great recovery of the Good News. A return to the Scriptures is what truly ignited it. Some gave their lives so that others could have the Bible in their own language.

William Tyndale (1494-1536) dedicated his life to the translation of the Bible into English. His pioneering efforts, along with the martyr-fires, helped transform England into a Protestant nation. Tyndale studied at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge between 1510 and 1521. Fluent in seven languages and a scholar of Hebrew and Greek, he translated the Scriptures from the original languages rather than the Latin Vulgate thus improving on the work of John Wycliffe (1320-1384). Ordained at some point, he also wrote commentaries and treatises.

Tyndale observed that most English clergy knew little more of the Bible than what was found in their Missal (Mass Book). He desired to present his country with a Bible so that even the ploughboy might surpass the priest in Biblical knowledge, not to mention piety! Only clergy and Latin scholars could read the Scriptures, for by royal edict they could not be translated into the 'vulgar tongue'. Failing to gain the support of the Bishop of London, a friend of Erasmus, Tyndale realized that there was no safe venue in England from which to carry out his vision. So hoping to complete a translation of the New Testament, in 1524 he went into exile in Germany.

In 1526 Tyndale published 3000 or 6000 copies of the first-ever mechanically printed New Testaments in English. These volumes were smuggled into England among bales of merchandise. Unfortunately, the Church committed every copy it could find to the flames. It could not, however, extinguish the spiritual fire that was lit by the word of God in the hands and on the hearts of England's people.

By then, having moved to Antwerp, a center of the printing trade and home of English merchants, Tyndale was hunted, betrayed to authorities, captured, and imprisoned in the castle of Vilvoorde in Belgium. On March 6, 1536 he was strangled and burned at the stake. His final words were recorded, 'Lord, open the King of England's eyes.' Though unintended as an answer to his dying prayer, the very king that prosecuted Tyndale, Henry VIII, made a decree in 1538. A copy of the Scriptures in English was to be placed in every parish church in his domain, and these churches were to be left open at all convenient hours of the day so that people might have access to the Bible. The dream of one of England's worthiest sons had begun to be fulfilled.

Thankful,
Pastor Josh

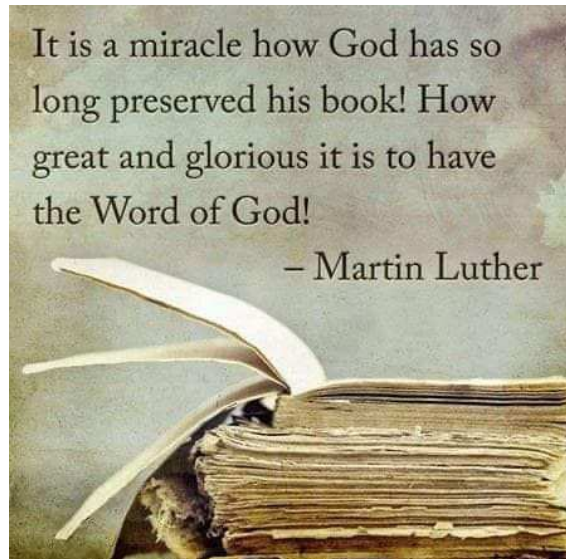


I will cause a boy who drives a plow to know more of the scriptures than the pope.

~ William Tyndale

It is a miracle how God has so long preserved his book! How great and glorious it is to have the Word of God!

– Martin Luther



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) WM Love Offering	3 Labor Day Holiday Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	4 WM Circle Study: 9:30am or 6:45pm	5 Dessert Fellowship: 6pm Study/Prayer: 6:15pm	6	7	8
9 Deacons Meeting Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion WM Love Offering B-day: Allison Ward	10 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	11 WM Circle Study: 9:30am or 6:45pm	12 Dessert Fellowship: 6pm Study/Prayer: 6:15pm	13 B-day: Isabelle Basinger	14	15
16 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) WM Love Offering Fellowship Potluck B-day: Tyree Tripp	17 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am WM Council Meeting, 5pm	18 WM Circle Study: 9:30am or 6:45pm B-day: Henry Carmichael	19 Dessert Fellowship: 6pm Study/Prayer: 6:15pm Session Meeting: 7pm B-day: Alan Lashley B-day: Eloise Coddington	20	21	22
23 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) WM Love Offering HOP: 2pm B-day: Melanie Evans	24 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am Anniv: Alan & Karen Lashley	25 WM Circle Study: 9:30am or 6:45pm	26 Dessert Fellowship: 6pm Study/Prayer: 6:15pm	27	28	29 B-day: Sadie Atkins
30 Men's Breakfast, 8am Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) WM Love Offering Deacons Fund Special Offering B-day: Tiffany Mackin	31					

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Mike Cork and Glenn Basinger

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Melanie Evans

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Ministry Circle Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or 6:45 pm at Ann Resto’s house.
- Dessert Fellowship and Bible Study/Prayer Time, Wednesdays. Dessert fellowship at 6:00 pm and study with prayer time at 6:15pm.

<u>2022</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,070.00	\$ 67,854.62
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,821.71	\$ 64,621.71
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,751.71)	\$ 3,232.91
<u>2021</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 11,085.00	\$ 65,525.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,185.39	\$ 51,384.52
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 5,899.61	\$ 14,140.48

AUGUST AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

DEACONS CLASS OF 2025: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 9:

- Communion
- Deacon Meeting

October 16: Fellowship Potluck, immediately following the worship service

October 17: Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 5:00 pm

October 19: Session Meeting, 7:00 pm

October 23: Hooked on Prayer (HOP), 2:00 pm (See page 4 for more information)

October 30:

- Reformation Sunday
- Honorary Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 am
- Deacons Fund Special Offering

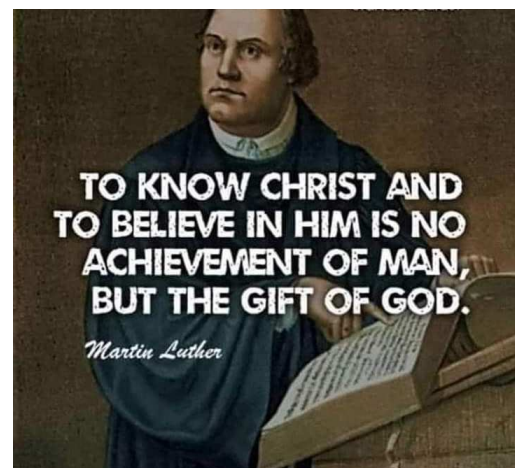
CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

We hope you will help support our Christmas Cards for the Troops annual event. Start planning now to prepare your cards. All cards will need to be delivered to the church by **November 13th.**



WOMEN’S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR OCT-DEC:

- Women’s Ministry Annual Love Gift special offering in October. This special offering will go directly to the PCA’s CDM (Christian Discipleship Ministries).
- Begin Christmas Cards for the Troops in October.
- Men’s Appreciation Breakfast, October 30th.
- Christmas Cards for the Troops to be mailed out November 14th.
- Christmas Angel Tree gift giving, December.
- Women’s Ministry Christmas Party, tentatively scheduled for December 11th.
- Family Christmas Potluck Party, tentatively scheduled for December 14th.



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
U.S. Military Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Hocker, Jeannie
Allinder, Kate	Hoggle, Judy
Bazuin, Caiden	Hooks, Chesnee
Beale, Amy	Huizenga, Fran
Beard, Ken	Hux, Karen
Beard, Ronnie	Ivy, Kendall
Beeler, Peggy	Jennifer (Missionary)
Belcher, Samuel	Lane, Barbara
Brantley, Maggie	Lawson, Connie
Bridges, Ida Lee	Ligon, Brandon
Brooker, Chrissy	Mackin, Jimmy
Brooker, Jan	Mader, Rebecca
Brown, Walt	McIntier, Jodie
Busby, Rhae	Morgan, Laura
Bynum, Linda	Mutisya, Cecilia
Chastang, Kristye	Parr, Higley
Coker, Jean	Phillips, Ronnie
Craig, Noah	Plummer, Kaegan
Curry, Walter	Renner, Elizabeth
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sharp, Chris
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Anna Katherine
Emerson, Saundra	Telmont, Jose
Espy, Emily	Thornton, Alaina
Farst, Sharon	Tipton, Carolyn
Finley, Betty	Tulipan, Amelia
Griffith, Michelle	Tulipan, Hansen
Hall, Jimmy	Turner, Becky
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	VanderMolen, Popko
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hayes, Betsy	Womble, Caleb
Headley, David	Zimmerman, Steve

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin
Rick Wilson
Kendall Ivy
Jimmy Hall
Kristye Chastang

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Linda Dunning

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison
Abigayle Kircharr

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
Sam Brasfield
Steven Mackin
Victor Resto
Joseph Wilson
Josh Tyson
Blake Ivy
Austin Griffith
Kaleb Brown