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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**"WHICH OF YOU BY TAKING  
THOUGHT CAN ADD ONE  
CUBIT UNTO HIS STATURE?"**

Matthew  
6:27



## THE BIBLE: OUR AUTHORITY IN RELIGION (part 1)

One great cause of division and confusion in the religious world is the matter of authority. Who, or what, is to be the authority – the standard, the guide – in religion? Differing answers to this question produce differing faiths, doctrines, and practices.

*Roman Catholicism* clearly teaches that *the church*, in its ecclesiastical capacity and office, is the final authority in religion. What Catholics call “Sacred Tradition,” meaning the practices and pronouncements of the church’s hierarchy, is the ultimate authority in religion, and stand above Scripture. If you were to tell an informed Catholic his doctrine and practice contradict Scripture in numerous instances, he would ask, “So what?” To him it is not Scripture that has the final say, but the leadership of the church.

*Protestantism* teaches Scripture is an authority in religion, but not the final and only authority. The Bible doesn’t divide Protestantism, but the many traditions, creeds, and practices placed in addition to, or in place of, the Bible. The Protestant takes his Bible, plus his “manual,” “discipline,” or other rulebook, as his guide in religion. Some Protestant sects even meet to “vote” on what the belief and practice of their church will be; thus the association or convention, and the individuals comprising such, become the authority. As certain controversies engulf and further divide the Protestant world (like women preachers, the acceptance of homosexuality, etc., etc.), one rightly asks: do any of those discussing such have a Bible? If so, these questions should be easily settled. In too many instances, they have a Bible – they just don’t believe it.

*Mormonism* teaches that the Bible (King James Version) is the word of God (insofar, they say, as it is translated correctly). But they have another book which supercedes the Bible: the Book of Mormon. Thus, the supposed “revelations” of Joseph Smith, and other Mormon “prophets,” and another book besides the Bible, are the standard and authority in religion.

*Other religious cults* will look to some charismatic leader with his (or her) “revelations,” “teachings,” or “new understandings” as the standard of truth. Many examples abound, including Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science; Ellen G. White and Seventh Day Adventism; Charles T. Russell / J. F. Rutherford and “Jehovah’s Witnesses”; L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology; Herbert Armstrong and his “Worldwide Church of God”; Phineas Quimby and the “Unity School of Christianity”; the Christadelphians, Theosophicalists, Swedenborgianists, and many others. Man becomes his own standard

***The correct view is this:*** Scripture, and Scripture alone, is to be our sole authority in religion. Scripture teaches this concerning itself, as we shall see (2 Timothy 3:16-17). To arrive at this conclusion, we begin with the existence of God.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

-John M. Brown

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**AM:** "A Successful Home: Five Necessary Things"

**PM:** "The Big Challenge Of A Little Word"

## Special Thanks

We are especially grateful to all who worked so hard yesterday during the Pre-Spring Cleaning Day. Your work is certainly appreciated.

## Elders & Deacons Meeting Next Week

Next Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the annex, the elders, deacons and preachers are scheduled to meet.

## Dates To Remember:

**Feb. 14th**– Sarah Brown's birthday party– 8pm

**Feb. 18th**– Elders & Deacons Meeting– 4:30

**Feb. 18th**– RSVP deadline for 'Makin' Music',

**Feb. 20th**– Prime-timers– 11am

**Feb. 22nd**– Nursing Home Singing– 7pm

**Feb. 23rd-24th**– Ski Trip (see youth b-board)

**Mar. 3rd**– KDMC Health Fair-10am to 2pm–  
in the annex– open to the community

## Area Gospel Meetings & Lectureships

**Feb. 23rd-24th**– Missions Workshop at Main Street church of Christ, Pikeville, Ky

**Mar. 16th-18th**– Youth Rally at the Ironton church of Christ w/ Westley Hazel

**Apr. 22nd**– Rome church of Christ Tri-State worship service- 2pm to 4:30pm

## Visitation/ Contact Records

Visitation/ contact assignments are available on the library table. Everyone is encouraged to pick these up at any time and to document each call, visit, or card sent. Thank you.

## Our Newest Member

On Sunday morning, Feb. 4th, Kim Cook was baptized by Greg Ashmore. Kim's address is: 425 Bluebird Dr., Russell, Ky 41169. Please, make her feel welcomed.

## Birthday Party Invitation

John & Dana Brown are inviting everyone to join them in the annex to celebrate Sarah Brown's birthday on Weds., Feb. 14th, following evening Bible Study. Please, make plans to attend.

## New Additions In The Library

The Home As God Would Have It by Thomas B. Warren & Garland Elkins, editors, covering the definition of marriage, preparation for marriage and the joy of the Christian home as well as many other topics.

Also, the following books have been added to the library:

- 1) Plants of the Bible
- 2) Flowers of the Bible
- 3) A History of Christianity, Vol. 1
- 4) A History of Christianity, Vol. 2
- 5) Parenting IS Rocket Science
- 6) Every Woman's Battle
- 7) The Quran Unveiled

**Have you contacted a shut-in lately?**

*Why not today?*

**Visits–**  
**2007**

— 2000

— 1800

— 1600

— 1400

— 1200

— 1000

— 800

— 600

— 400

— 200

<b><u>Gauging Our Faith</u></b>			
	<u>02/04/07</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>02/05/06</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	140	175	127
<b>AM Worship</b>	180	240	173
<b>PM Worship</b>	113	175	140
<b>Mid Week</b>	93	175	129
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5062.60	\$4900.00	\$4769.32

## SERVANTS:

WELCOME: John Gambill

### SONG LEADER:

a.m.: Ray Adkins

p.m.: Brad Morris

### FIRST PRAYER:

a.m.: Paul Frederick

p.m.: Jordan Conley

### LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Clarence Wheeler

John Ball, Don Brown,

Phil Degelia, Tim Hammonds,

Andrew Heaberlin, Cecil Thacker,

Cody Ward

Presiding PM: Eric Maynard

Assisting: Jordan Maynard

### CLOSING PRAYER:

a.m.: David Chasteen

p.m.: Chuck Dolen

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Sammy Brown— *James 2:10-12*

## Youth Notes

### Teen Drop-In

Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
bring snacks and pop!

\*\*\* And bring your friends!!!



### -Bible Drill-



**every Sunday-5:40p.m. in the front of  
the auditorium for 6th grade and younger**

**Ski Trip, Feb. 23 & 24th**

**A sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board**

“Makin’ Music” will be Apr. 13 & 14—  
Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 18th  
See Greg Ashmore for details.

—This event is at Freed-Hardeman University—

**Youth Rally at Ironton  
Fri., Mar. 16th through Sun., Mar. 18th  
with speaker: Wes Hazel**

Come join  
us at the

## **KDMG Health Fair**

Saturday, March 3rd from 10am-2pm

in the annex ★ *Tell all your friends!*

THIS IS A FREE EVENT & IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

- ◆ Blood pressure check
- ◆ Cholesterol check
- ◆ PFT breathing test
- ◆ Blood sugar check
- ◆ Hearing screening
- ◆ Oxygen saturation test
- ◆ Glaucoma check
- ◆ Carpel-tunnel test

What better way  
to show someone  
you care?!!!

—DIRECT QUESTIONS TO JUDY BRESCH, MIKE SKEENS OR DANIELLE SKEENS