

For Jesus to be Lord, we must accept a new burden. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me" (Matthew 11:29). Like a pair of oxen yoked together for plowing, we are yoked together with many habits, ideas and attitudes contrary to the will of God, which we have learned from the fallen world (cf. Ep 2:2-3).

When we put on the yoke of Christ, we not only rejoice in his forgiveness of our past sins, but we also accept a new burden — one that involves a renewed effort to unlearn what the world has taught us, to learn what he is teaching, and to receive what he is offering. He promises that, compared with the yoke of sin we have been wearing, "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt 11:29).

Paul wrote, "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame — who set their mind on earthly things." (Pp 3:18).

These enemies of Christ are those who desire the Savior's forgiveness, but still wish to live on their own terms.

—Rick Kelley, "Prestonsburg Informer", Prestonsburg, KY via Bulletin-Digest.com

News:

There will be a special contribution this morning to support several ministries that are off the church's budget. One mission is Scott Richards' work to train self-supporting preachers in India. The other is the Bibles for Ukraine ministry. If you wish your special contribution to be tagged for one or the other of these ministries, please specify your intent on your check or on an envelope that contains your offering. Please make this contribution amount above and beyond your personally committed weekly contribution.

There will be a cookout at the Shorts' home on April 6 at 11 A.M.

This activity is "for" Catalina Short's birthday, Sara Atchley's (late) birthday and Josefina Short's adoption.

Next Sunday morning (April 7) from 9-10 A.M. donuts and coffee will be served in the annex courtesy Richard Tuey.

Prayer List:

Healing: *Jerry Robinson's daughter Christie, Jerry Robinson's mother Norma. Mike Cavasos, Sandy Cavasos, Ben Atchley, Faye Atchley, Nicolas and Annie Self, Douglas and Jonda Gardner, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey. Travels: Pete and Cindy Waller.*

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Sermon Topics

A.M.: Because He Lives

John 14:15-21

P.M.: Spiritual Conquest of the Nations

Isaiah 17:12-18:7

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-5974

Elders

Ben Atchley: 428-2246

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

Bibles for Ukraine

eem.org

Since 1961 Eastern European Mission (EEM) has been providing God's Word to the people of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe in their own languages. For many years, ways had to be found to get the Bibles through an Iron Curtain, but God brought the Wall down. Now, EEM provides Bibles and Biblical literature in 20 languages to all the nations of the former Soviet Union. These materials are provided to individuals, mission churches, campaign groups and other organizations related to the Church that teach God's Word in former communist nations. EEM also provides hundreds of thousands of Bibles and pieces of Biblical literature to Russian and Ukrainian families, children in youth camps, Russian and Ukrainian Public Schools, Public Libraries, Prisons and many orphanages in Russia and Ukraine... all free to the recipients.

As a veteran in the field, EEM knows the territory, and as

sociopolitical governments and the dynamics in Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe have changed, so have EEM's opportunities for reaching people. With the demise of communism and the birth of new freedoms, EEM has been able to gain easier access and is developing new materials and programs to meet the changing needs in the former Soviet Union.

The Bible. We Want Everyone To Get It.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2013
THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY
 THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.



SAVE THE DATE.



Once again, God has placed another incredible opportunity in our path, to which we simply have to say "Yes."

The people of Ukraine are becoming very determined to teach their children the right way to live. With the Bible. Teachers and librarians, the most influential people in Ukraine Public Schools, are telling us of the importance and influence of this Book of Books.

The region (or state) of Lviv, Ukraine, has asked for Bibles for all of their Public Schools. That means nearly 1,400 Public Schools have said "yes" to the Bible.

To fund this project, EEM is announcing The Million Dollar Sunday, September 29, 2013.

So, get some string and save the date.

APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day	2 Catalina Short's birthday	3	4 Pete and Cindy's anniversary	5 Inez Clendenen's birthday	6 Cookout at the Shorts: 11:00 A.M.
7 Donuts and coffee In the Annex At 9 A.M.	8	9	10 Louella Briggs' birthday	11	12	13
14	15 Taxes Due	16	17	18	19	20 Picnic: Fairgrounds 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Verdell Kescoli's birthday
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Admin Assist Day	25	26	27 Ina Road Bible Bowl
28 Joy Gibson's birthday	29	30				

These enemies of mine

What does it take to be an enemy of Christ?

Do you have to hold a rally with signs that say, "I hate Jesus"? Must you burn the Bible in public? Would you need to publish articles that belittle and ridicule Jesus' words or deny the historicity of Jesus?

Those would be rather obvious ways to let others know that you were an enemy Jesus Christ. I don't suppose any of us reading this article would dare to do such things.

But is it possible to be an enemy of the Lord in more subtle ways?

In Jesus' parable of the pounds (cf. Lk 19:11-28), Jesus spoke of his "enemies" in clear terms: "these enemies of mine ... did not want me to reign over them" (Luke 19:27, ESV).

Being an enemy of Jesus is easier than we think. It has been correctly said that people are usually more interested in Jesus as Savior than Jesus as Lord, or ruler, of their lives.



On January 24, 2013, the Pentagon announced new rules to expand all positions to women – including front line combat jobs.

Without moralizing too much, I wonder if Nahum 3:13 means something. -NS

Reuters