

# Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

## 13 July 2014

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2*

### Topics

#### A.M. Bible Class:

To Comfort One Another (2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

#### A.M. Lesson:

The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-8)

#### P.M. Lesson:

Suffering for Being a Christian (1 Peter 4:12-19)

#### Wednesday:

What is True Fellowship with God?  
(2 Kings 16)

#### Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

#### Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

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.

## Get Moving!

*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me (John 15:4, NKJV).*

Oswald Chambers

The Spirit of Jesus is put into me by way of the atonement by the Cross of Christ. I then have to build my thinking patiently to bring it into perfect harmony with my Lord. God will not make me think like Jesus—I have to do it myself. I have to bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). “Abide in me”—in

intellectual matters, in money matters, in every one of the matters that make human life what it is. Our lives are not made up of only one neatly confined area.

Am I preventing God from doing things in my circumstances by saying that it will only serve to hinder my fellowship with Him? How irrelevant and disrespectful that is! It does not matter what my circumstances are. I can be as much assured of abiding in Jesus in any one of them as I am in any prayer meeting. It is unnecessary to change and arrange my circumstances myself. Our Lord’s inner abiding was pure and unblemished. He was at home with God wherever His body was. He never chose His own circumstances, but was meek, submitting to His Father’s plans and directions for Him. Just think of how amazingly relaxed our Lord’s life was! But we tend to keep God at a fever pitch in our lives. We have none of the serenity of the life which is “hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

Think of the things that take you out of the position of abiding in Christ. You say, “Yes, Lord, just a minute—I still have this to do. Yes, I will abide as soon as this is finished, or as soon as this week is over. It will be all right, Lord. I will abide then.” *Get moving*—begin to abide *now*. In the initial stages it will be a continual effort to abide, but as you continue, it will become so much a part of your life that you will abide in Him without any conscious effort. Make the determination to abide in Jesus wherever you are now or wherever you may be placed in the future.

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“To say that God is good is not the same thing as saying life is good.”

Jen Pollock Michel. *Teach Us to Want: Longing, Ambition and the Life of Faith* (InterVarsity Press).

## Bible Verses that Encourage us to Study

**Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success (NASB).

**Psalms 119:11** I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you (NRSV).

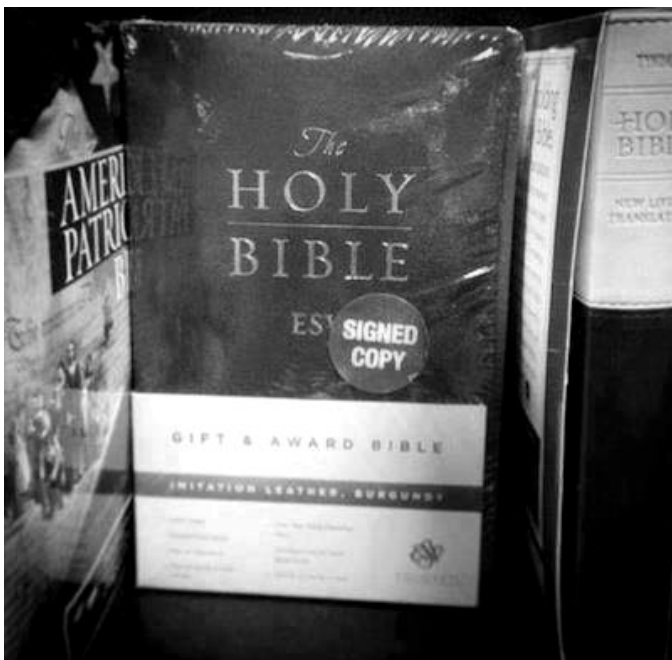
**Romans 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (NKJV).

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work (NABre).

**2 Peter 1:3-4** Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him. Jesus called us by his glory and goodness.

**4** Through these he gave us the very great and precious promises. With these gifts you can share in being like God, and the world will not ruin you with its evil desires (NCV).

## Humor



## News

Tatyana Knowlton is visiting family in Russia and Ukraine.

Janet Rader is back in a regular room. Cal Rader says she will probably be heading back to the Care Center. There are no further details as yet (at press time).

Barbara Eisenburg is home from the hospital and feeling better. Please continue to keep Barbara and Bill Eisenberg in your prayers.

Dorothy Wiggins passed on Monday. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Sunday. Linda Prock is in at the Beehive – the new care center in Thatcher at the corner of 2nd Ave. and Hwy 70.

Dave Morse is also at the Beehive Care Center. Potluck is next Sunday after worship.

## Prayer List:

*Bill and Barbara Eisenberg, H.L. Boling, Mike and Sandy Cavasos, Nicolas and Annie Self, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.*

