

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

4 October 2015

Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires (Pete Waller)

A.M. Lesson:

Your place in God's family (Romans 12:1-8)

P.M. Lesson:

Spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1)

Wednesday:

Singing

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.

*Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.*

The Bible as God's revelation of himself

Mark Galli

We understand the temptation to talk about the Bible mostly in terms of "what it means to me" and its "practical application to daily life." But when this hermeneutic dominates—as it does today—Christianity becomes little more than self-help therapy. And it leaves people ignorant of Scripture's deeper meaning, and therefore unable to spot false teaching.

The Bible is the Word of God primarily because it reveals the nature of God—who God is and what he has done for us. And that in turn shows us what it means to be those created in his image. Yes, it includes practical teaching for daily living. But most biblical ethical teachings reflect God's general revelation and so can be found in many philosophies and religions (e.g., "Do to others as you would have them do to you"). The Bible's unique message, its

special revelation, is the revelation of the God who has brought us salvation in Jesus Christ.

Evangelists, teachers, and small-group leaders would be wise to spend more energy showing how the Bible is the source of the great church doctrines—which are so often about God and his saving work. It's time for our main pedagogical question to be not, "What difference does this make?" but, "What does this tell us about our good God?"

To emphasize theology will entail a battle, as any preacher will sense. It will be a battle against those who have fed too long on the milk of therapeutic Christianity, and who will demand immediate application. It will be a battle against false teachers, who will react defensively. It will be a battle against our own sloth, as this type of teaching requires more intellectual labor than "10 ways to improve your marriage."

But it is a battle well worth fighting. It will no doubt create scars, but God will also give us many a victory. Some false teachers may be saved from their pernicious ideas, and the church will have an ever-clearer picture of the beautiful God whose nature it is to save the world.

Which, really, is about the most practical thing we can offer it.

Christianity Today. October 2015.

News:

Jacey is recovering from back surgery. Ani Self, her mom, is facing challenges caring for her.
Richard Tuey has cancer.
The Cunninghams are on the road.

Extended prayer list:

Robin Richards—severe back pain
Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration
Ken Cocke—back and shoulder pains. Infection

H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia

Mike Cavazos—chronic pain, foot issues, sinus issues

Sandy Cavazos—degenerative disk disease

Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Norma Robinson Birthday	2 Jacey Wile Birthday	3
4	5 Linda Yoder Birthday	6 Eric Kramer Birthday	7 singing	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 Krissi Self Birthday	16 Cameron Wile Birthday	17
18 Stacy Kramer Birthday fellowship meal	19	20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day
25	26	27	28	29 Kylie Wile & Mike Cavazos Birthdays	30	31 Halloween *