

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

29 May 2016

Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

A call to persevere (Hebrews 6:4-12; 10:19-31)

A.M. Lesson:

A true memorial (Luke 22:7-20)

P.M. Lesson:

When something very good goes very bad (Gen 6)

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.***

5th Sunday contribution this morning

Heavy eyes

J. D. Conely, Marietta, OH

Sleep is a blessing. After a hard day's work sleep is a much welcomed event. Sometimes though sleep is unwanted. At times we find ourselves fighting slumber at the most inconvenient times. Some people fight sleep while driving, some while watching movies, others while trying to listen or take part in a lackluster conversation. And yes, even when listening to sermons.

I wonder though how many members of the church ever resist falling asleep while reading God's Word—resist it because they have spent hours in arduous study and would like very much to keep on studying. Honestly, how many Christians wear out their eyes searching the Scriptures?

Perhaps it is this blessed activity that David referred to when he penned these words, "*Mine eyes fail for thy word*" (Psalm 119:82). Maybe after toiling in the Scriptures for an extended period of time, he too began to ward off sleep. His inspired

expression, "*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law*" (Psalm 119:18), may have a secondary meaning as it pertains to our discussion. Maybe he wanted spiritual discernment as well as mental alertness. His son Solomon affirmed, "*... much study is a weariness of the flesh*" (Ecclesiastes 12:12).

It is widely known that brother Gus Nichols studied the Bible five hours a day. I was recently informed that in the wee hours of the morning, as his eyes became heavy, he would keep his eyes pried open with his thumb and index finger. Evidently, the five hours a day he spent in study was the minimum, because he was known to stay up all night on occasions examining God's Word. Upon learning that brother Nichols studied five hours a day, brother Franklin Camp said, "If brother Nichols needs to study the Bible five hours a day, then I need to study it six." For many years brother Camp got up at 4:00 A.M. and studied uninterrupted until 10:00 A.M. Unquestionably, both these men had heavy eyes more than once, yet their desire for knowledge bore down on them heavier than their eyelids. Let's follow their example. "*Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word*" (Psalm 119:148).

News:

Melinda, Joy Gibson's daughter, is recovering from surgery.

Billie Martin has requested prayers for professional issues she is experiencing in the workplace.

John and Sharon Cunningham are traveling in Oklahoma.

Louella Briggs is traveling in Washington state. She plans to return in the first week of June.

Prayer list:

Christian Children's Home in Portales, New Mexico

Dan Keele—mission work

Robin Richards—back pain

Sam Appleton—declining health

John Cunningham—cancer

Norma Robinson—health

Linda Boling—health

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

Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration

Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs

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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Eric & Stacy Kramer Anniversary Kristen Cocke, Jaydan Waller Birthdays	3 John & Sharon Cunnigmam Anniversary	4
5	6 Ramadan begins	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Megan Short Birthday	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 Keith & Linda Yoder Anniversary
19 Father's Day	20 June Solstice	21 Gloria Short Birthday	22	23	24 Ani Self Birthday	25
26 Dakota Short Birthday	27	28	29	30 Ken & Tatyana Anniversary		