

**Daily Bible Reading**  
**JULY**

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|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 1. Acts 10:24-48  | Job 20, 21       | O |
| 2. Acts 11        | Job 22, 23, 24   | O |
| 3. Acts 12        | Job 25, 26, 27   | O |
| 4. Acts 13:1-25   | Job 28, 29       | O |
| 5. Acts 13:26-52  | Job 30, 31       | O |
| 6. Acts 14        | Job 32, 33       | O |
| 7. Acts 15:1-21   | Job 34, 35       | O |
| 8. Acts 15:22-41  | Job 36,37        | O |
| 9. Acts 16:1-21   | Job 38, 39, 40   | O |
| 10. Acts 16:22-40 | Job 41, 42       | O |
| 11. Acts 17:1-15  | Psalm 1,2,3      | O |
| 12. Acts 17:16-34 | Psalm 4, 5, 6    | O |
| 13. Acts 18       | Psalm 7, 8, 9    | O |
| 14. Acts 19:1-20  | Psalm 10,11, 12  | O |
| 15. Acts 19:21-41 | Psalm 13, 14, 15 | O |
| 16. Acts 20:1-16  | Psalm 16, 17     | O |
| 17. Acts 20:17-38 | Psalm 18, 19     | O |

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

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|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 18. Acts 21:1-17  | Psalm 20, 21, 22 | O |
| 19. Acts 21:18-40 | Psalm 23, 24, 25 | O |
| 20. Acts 22       | Psalm 26, 27, 28 | O |
| 21. Acts 23:1-15  | Psalm 29, 30     | O |
| 22. Acts 23:16-35 | Psalm 31, 32     | O |
| 23. Acts 24       | Psalm 33, 34     | O |
| 24. Acts 25       | Psalm 35, 36     | O |
| 25. Acts 26       | Psalm 37, 38, 39 | O |
| 26. Acts 27:1-26  | Psalm 40, 41, 42 | O |
| 27. Acts 27:27-44 | Psalm 43, 44, 45 | O |
| 28. Acts 28       | Psalm 46, 47, 48 | O |
| 29. Romans 1      | Psalm 49, 50     | O |
| 30. Romans 2      | Psalm 51, 52, 53 | O |

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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| Jody Clymer      | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Mary Lancaster   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Steve Bucklinger | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| John Lancaster   | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kenny Coggins    | 31 <sup>st</sup> |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Eric & Teresa Flores | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Jim & Bev Leatherman | 10 <sup>th</sup> |

**Dorcas Had A Needle**

Peter had a fishing boat,  
Moses had a rod,  
Dorcas had a needle  
With which she served her God.

Paul had some canvas  
With which he made a tent;  
The eunuch had a chariot  
And to worship God he went.

Philip had the power  
To heal the sick and lame,  
And from all around the country-  
side  
Into his presence came.

John had his girdle  
Made of camels hair,  
The Samaritan had her water-pot  
When she met the Master there.

But Dorcas had a needle,  
And she seldom laid it down,  
As she made the coats and gar-  
ments  
For the widows of Joppa town.

Solomon built the temple  
With great riches, so I'm told.  
But Dorcas had a needle  
Worth more than all his gold.

—Charles R. Rose

**VBS TEACHERS:** In your  
VBS study book I somehow  
left the last line of verse 5  
and the entire verse 6 of this  
poem out. — Charles

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**“I am the light of the world, he  
who follows me shall not walk in  
darkness, but have the light of  
life” (John 8:12)**



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**Service Times**

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 am  
WORSHIP 10:30 am &  
6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM  
KAYQ 97.1 FM  
“House to House, Heart  
to Heart” published and  
mailed by-monthly

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS  
Channel 10, Springfield, MO  
“In SEARCH of the Lord’s  
Way” 7:00 am  
“The Living Word” 7:30 am

Attendance Sunday, July 3 — 40 Contribution — \$971.00

## SEPARATION

Charles R. Rose

Recently my wife came home from a garage sale with a little sign especially for me to hang in my office with this message, *“Everyone brings joy to this office. Some when they enter and others when they leave.”* Thankfully I do not have many visitors at the office who fit the latter part with whom I must deal, but it has happened on occasions. We often meet individuals whom we would rather not associate with, for various reasons, and will separate ourselves from their company “A.S.O.P. if not sooner.”

This morning as I sat in my comfortable chair thinking of something to address in this article I saw that little sign hanging on the bookshelf and it reminded that there are a number of separations we all face in life. Some are voluntary, some un-voluntary. Of course there is the separation that comes with the death of loved ones which is completely unavoidable. However, there are other means by which we become separated un-voluntarily.

1. We are often separated from those closest to us by distance. Sometimes family members must move away for financial reasons and are not seen again for many years, or perhaps never.
2. Often times we simply drift apart and become separated. This is the case with most of my school classmates and friends with whom I associated in my younger years. This past Sunday evening I visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall searching for friends with whom I served in the United States Army. In particular, five men with whom I was very close but were separated by circumstances beyond our control and have not heard from one another for more than half a century.

So it is in the physical realm that we become separated from one another. But let us think of the spiritual side, and sometimes the spiritual and physical collide in these thoughts. For instance:

1. As Christians we are separated from many of our former associates due to their worldly lifestyles. One who follows Christ must keep themselves morally pure by being separate from those who would lead us into sin, *“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? . . . Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. . . ”* (2 Corinthians 6: 14, 17). *“Do not be deceived, evil company corrupts good habits”* (1 Corinthians 15:33).
2. Before we obeyed the gospel of Christ and became Christians (Romans 1:16; 6:3-4) we were separated from God. *“At that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world”* (Ephesians 2:12).
3. And just as we often drift apart from friends, far too often Christians simply drift away and become separated from God. One may slack off on their study of God's inspired word (2 Timothy 2:15), become negligent in their attendance (Hebrews 10:25), and in their negligence have unintentionally, *“become estranged from Christ . . . you have fallen from grace”* (Galatians 5:4). *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him?”* (Hebrews 2:3).

I am saddened at the separation of so many of my family and friends by time and distance, but this is unavoidable. However, on the spiritual side any separation of ourselves from God is avoidable simply by remaining faithful (Revelation 2:10).

May we ever be diligent to remain close to God, realizing that as we separate ourselves from the ungodly and continue steadfast in following His Son Jesus, God has said: *“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters”* (2 Corinthians 6: 18).

## TO OUR VISITORS

**We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in in the collection plate. Please turn off all cell phones.**

### PRAYER LIST

**Beverly Leatherman** had tests run in Springfield this past Wednesday.  
**Jody Clymer** will have a radiation treatment this coming Wednesday.  
**Shirley Sep**, Jim Tadlock & Beverly Leatherman's sister is in the hospital. She has cancer.  
**Jeff Dicky**, Jack's son had open heart surgery last week. He is home now.  
**Opal Massengale's family**. Sister Massengale passed away this past Thursday night. She has been living at Bristol Manor in Lincoln for several months.

**Vacation Bible School 2016**  
**Is only one week away. Please be praying for our success, and planning to participate in this great work.**

**MID-MO Bible Camp July 25–29, 2016.**

### CHURCH BOOTH AT MISSOURI STATE FAIR

**If you would like to work the fair booth for one day during the fair please let Charles know A.S.O.P. as we need to contact the brethren at Sedalia to schedule it.**

**Monthly Birthday Celebration and Pot-Luck Lunch**  
**for July is today. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.**

**NOTE:** In our Men's Business Meeting last Sunday it was suggested that we also have an evening potluck every fifth Sunday following the evening “singing night” service. This was approved and we will begin this on Sunday, July 31st.

### GUEST SPEAKERS TODAY

Charles is speaking at the “Northwest Arkansas Lectures” this week and we have **Brother Dustin Wilson** as our speaker this morning. Dustin is the preacher at the church of Christ in Trinton, Missouri and son-in-law of Gaylon & Dianna McCorkle. At the evening service **Brother Kent Eakins** will speak. Kent is the preacher at the Hickory County Church of Christ in Hermitage, Missouri.