

**Daily Bible Reading
JULY**

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	Psalms 1,2,3	O
12. Acts 17:16-34	Psalms 4, 5, 6	O
13. Acts 18	Psalms 7, 8, 9	O
14. Acts 19:1-20	Psalms 10,11, 12	O
15. Acts 19:21-41	Psalms 13, 14, 15	O
16. Acts 20:1-16	Psalms 16, 17	O
17. Acts 20:17-38	Psalms 18, 19	O
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION		
18. Acts 21:1-17	Psalms 20, 21, 22	O
19. Acts 21:18-40	Psalms 23, 24, 25	O
20. Acts 22	Psalms 26, 27, 28	O
21. Acts 23:1-15	Psalms 29, 30	O
22. Acts 23:16-35	Psalms 31, 32	O
23. Acts 24	Psalms 33, 34	O
24. Acts 25	Psalms 35, 36	O
25. Acts 26	Psalms 37, 38, 39	O
26. Acts 27:1-26	Psalms 40, 41, 42	O
27. Acts 27:27-44	Psalms 43, 44, 45	O
28. Acts 28	Psalms 46, 47, 48	O
29. Romans 1	Psalms 49, 50	O
30. Romans 2	Psalms 51, 52, 53	O
31. Romans 3	Psalms 54, 55, 56	O

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jody Clymer	4 th
Mary Lancaster	7 th
Steve Bucklinger	9 th
John Lancaster	25 th
Kenny Coggins	31 st

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Teresa Flores	1 st
Jim & Bev Leatherman	10 th

“Lord, Is It I”

When the church seems dead
and the work is slow
When the attendance is off
and songs too slow
When the prayers of the saints
lack fervor and power
When the preacher’s sermons
seem stale and sour
Why not pause with examining
eye,
And ask, “LORD, IS IT I?”
—author unknown

A Thought from Luke 15:11-32

How we respond to a brother or sister who sins, tells more about us than the one who sinned. All of us are prodigals from time to time it seems to me and it sure is better to be welcomed by a loving father than a saddened and jealous older brother. Which one represents us ... the father or the older brother?

Ted Hook Knight—from Facebook

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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

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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

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DOES JESUS CARE?"

Charles R. Rose

The beautiful hymn written by Frank E. Graeff asks,

*Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth or song,
As the burdens press, And cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?*

The apostle Peter assures us that He does, telling us to cast " ... *all your care upon Him, for He cares for you*" (1 Peter 5 :7). It is my understanding that Peter uses two Greek words in this verse. The *care* which Peter asks us to turn over to the Lord, according to W. E. Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, is from the Greek "merimnao" which means "to draw in different directions, distract, hence signifies that which causes this, a care, especially an anxious care." However, the *care* which Jesus has for us, according to Vincent's Word Studies in The New Testament denotes *watchful care of interest and affection.*" It shows His interest in our spiritual wellbeing. Jesus was interested in mankind to the extent that He was ready to shed His precious blood for our sins even before the creation of man (1 Peter 1:18-20). He is ever watchful and eager to help you and me overcome temptations which we face each and every day. His promise to provide a way to escape Satan's snares (1 Corinthians 10:13) is just one of the many blessings given daily. Just as Jesus *saw the multitudes (and) was moved with compassion on them*" (Matthew 9:36), He sees us today and still has that love which constrained Him to suffer the agony of Golgotha.

The song *Does Jesus Care?* asks several questions in the succeeding stanzas which we can see His answers in our daily walk. Our Lord does not remove the darksome days which seem to be filled with "nameless dread and fear," but, through God's Word, He does give us faith and trust in a secure future away from such fears (Romans 10:17; Revelation 21:4). He doesn't shield us from Satan's darts, but He does provide the "shield of faith ... and sword of the Spirit" with which we can fend off such (Ephesians 6:10-17). As long as the earth remains mankind will face heart-breaking experiences such as sickness, and death of loved ones, but His promise of life after this life gives us courage and hope.

Near the end of the forth stanza of this beautiful song we sing, *Is it aught to Him? Does He see?* and by faith in the Son of Almighty God we answer:

*O, yes He cares! I know He cares!
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary,
The long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares!*

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 card. 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: **Sunday Bible study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible classes 7:30 P.M. 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 to have the MRI redone due to something in the first that was not correct.

Jody Clymer completed radiation treatments last week.

Dustin Wilson had surgery to repair a ruptured disc in his back this past Tuesday. He is recovering at home.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 IS NOW HISTORY

This was one of the best we have had in recent years. Attendance was up considerably from last year with **26 children, and 18 Adults** the first day; **32 children and 17 Adults** on day two, and **30 children, and 19 Adults** on day three.

Our teachers did a super job with their classes, with our teenage young ladies helping in classrooms and crafts. Those in charge of crafts had some very nice projects, and the Bible Jeopardy game went well. And our kitchen staff really stepped up in helping the children with refreshments. To all I say, "Thank You!"

It is always such a joy to see the faces of the children as we sing the VBS songs. A special "Thank You" to Deric for helping "the old man" with singing. The old knees have a hard time keeping up with "Father Abraham."

I hope to have an updated picture display up by next Sunday, for now I have a group picture of the children on the bulletin board.

It is now time to begin planning for VBS 2017. Our young people will be at MID-MO BIBLE CAMP this week.

—Charles