

Daily Bible Reading
SEPTEMBER

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| 25. Galatians 4 | Song 6, 7, 8 | ○ |
| 26. Galatians 5 | Isaiah 1, 2 | ○ |
| 27. Galatians 6 | Isaiah 3, 4 | ○ |
| 28. Ephesians 1 | Isaiah 5, 6 | ○ |
| 29. Ephesians 2 | Isaiah 7, 8 | ○ |
| 30. Ephesians 3 | Isaiah 9, 10 | ○ |

OCTOBER

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| 1. Ephesians 4 | Isaiah 11, 12,13 | ○ |
| 2. Ephesians 5:1-16 | Isaiah 14, 15, 16 | ○ |
| 3. Ephesians 5:17-33 | Isaiah 17, 18, 19 | ○ |
| 4. Ephesians 6 | Isaiah 20, 21, 22 | ○ |
| 5. Philippians 1 | Isaiah 23, 24, 25 | ○ |
| 6. Philippians 2 | Isaiah 26, 27 | ○ |
| 7. Philippians 3 | Isaiah 28, 29 | ○ |
| 8. Philippians 4 | Isaiah 30, 31 | ○ |
| 9. Colossians 1 | Isaiah 32, 33 | ○ |
| 10. Colossians 2 | Isaiah 34, 35, 36 | ○ |
| 11. Colossians 3 | Isaiah 37, 38 | ○ |
| 12. Colossians 4 | Isaiah 39, 40 | ○ |
| 13. I Thessalonians 1 | Isaiah 41, 42 | ○ |
| 14. I Thessalonians 2 | Isaiah 43, 44 | ○ |
| 15. I Thessalonian 3 | Isaiah 45, 46 | ○ |
| 16. I Thessalonians 4 | Isaiah 47, 48, 49 | ○ |

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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| 17. I Thessalonians 5 | Isaiah 50, 51, 52 | ○ |
| 18. II Thessalonians 1 | Isaiah 53, 54, 55 | ○ |
| 19. II Thessalonians 2 | Isaiah 56, 57, 58 | ○ |
| 20. II Thessalonians 3 | Isaiah 59, 60, 61 | ○ |
| 21. I Timothy 1 | Isaiah 62, 63, 64 | ○ |
| 22. I Timothy 2 | Isaiah 65, 66, | ○ |
| 23. I Timothy 3 | Jeremiah 1, 2 | ○ |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Maverick Lutjen 1st
Marge Gibson 3rd
Dane Ferrel 11th
Jacelyn Lancaster 25th

ANNIVERSARIES

Van & Mollie White 6th
John & Mary Lancaster 24th

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Gospel Meeting
October 9th—12th with
Brother Jim Poland

Here at Lincoln church of
Christ

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ANNUAL FALL LECTURESHP

Camdenton church of Christ

October 16th - 19th

Speakers will be Chuck Northrup,
Jerry Sullins, Jimmy Clark, Daniel
Stearman, Johnnie Scaggs and Larry
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Remember the student
preachers in your prayers
whom we support at B.I.M.:
Jordan Allen, Alex McCutcheon,
Isaac McCutcheon, Evan
Welch, Mathias Williams.

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*“He who has My commandments
and keeps them, it is he who loves
Me. And he who loves Me will be
loved by My Father, and I will love
him and manifest Myself to him.”*

John 14:21

*God’s perfect law converts the soul,
Reclaims from false desires;
With sacred wisdom His sure word
The ignorant inspires.*

*The statutes of the Lord are just,
And bring sincere delight;
His pure commands of living truth
Assists the feeblest sight.*

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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

9:30 am Sundays

“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, September 18th— 50

Contribution — \$1036

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE TRUE VINE

Charles R. Rose

Jesus said, *Behold, a sower went forth to sow, arid when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, ... some fell upon stony places, ... Some fell among thorns, ... But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit.*" (Luke 8:5-8). He goes on to explain that the seed sown is the word of God (Luke 8:11), and when a person hears the word of the kingdom, which is the gospel message, and does not understand it, this is represented by the seed falling by the wayside where the devil comes and takes the word out of their heart. The stony ground, and the thorns, Jesus says, are those who, upon hearing the Gospel message, understand and obey His commands. But, because of temptations, riches and worldly cares of this life will not remain faithful. These are those persons who allow themselves to slip back into their old sinful ways. Yet, our Lord Jesus points out that the good soil represents those who obey and grow as Christians to the point of bearing fruit to the Lord (Luke 8:11-18). It is possible for one to "backslide" and not realize they have done so, simply by not using the ability or abilities they have in the Lord's work (see Matthew 25:14-30).

If one is a Christian they are then a branch attached to the Christ, who is the true vine (John 15:1-8). Each branch (Christian) who does not bear fruit is "... cast forth as a branch and they are burned" (John 15:6). This is a clear indication that Christians who willingly refuse to use their abilities for the Lord will be lost eternally.

Every member of the Lord's church will fit into the parable of the sower (Luke 8), as well as the parable of the vine and the branches (John 15). The question is, which soil best illustrates you personally? Would your service to the Master best be represented by the branch bearing fruit or the one to be burned?

No doubt you can read my thoughts concerning what it means to be faithful to the Lord. It is a most serious matter since it was Christ himself who, in Revelations 2:10, said, "*Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of li/e.*"

Seriously, what do you think one would have to do to backslide? While contemplating that, consider this; if you should discover through your study of God's Word that you have slipped back, what would you need to do to make your life right with God again. Simon the sorcerer, was a man who heard the gospel preached by Philip the evangelist. He believed and was baptized (Acts 8:13). But in the following verses we learn that he backslid (Acts 8:18-22). He was told to repent and pray for forgiveness. Notice it was not necessary for him to be baptized again because one is baptized into the death of Christ only once (Romans 6:3-4). Following baptism one must continually repent, confess those sins to God and ask Him to forgive; He is faithful to do so (1 John 1:8-10).

The beauty of all this is that God is always waiting for us to return.

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: **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 the collection plate. Please turn off all cell phones.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER:

Pat Warren, Donna Boney, Bailey Chew, Cathy Dalki, Melissa DeWitt, JoDell Kieffaber, Pat & F. L. Morrison, Naomi Perriguet, Bruce Rushton, Dave Rushton, Melissa Smith, Kim Francis, Dustin Wilson, Talia Brown, Maggie Kyle, Don & Lois Strader, Larry Tadlock, Shirley See, Eugene Jenkins, Garry Williams, Lawrence McCloud and Shelby Lutjin

Mona Farmer, grandmother of Keven Smith has suffered a light heart attack. She is 100 years old which makes this extremely serious.

Chester Reynolds, Charles' brother-in-law has been moved to a long-term hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The doctor said he would be there at least 5 or 6 weeks.

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION INCLUDE: Jimmy & Darlene Coggins, Ethel Davis, Jody Clymer, Rodney Carr, Dixie Duncan, Jim & Beverly Leatherman.

VERY SPECIAL REQUEST

JESSICA RUNIONS, A close relative of Eric Flores disappeared from the Kansas City area on September 8th. Please give special attention to prayer for this family as they search for her.

— PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD LIST FOR ADDRESSES TO SEND CARDS —

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Lancaster at the death of her father Jack Bowser. Mary was able to spend the last few days with him at his home in Kokomo, Indiana.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
this week
to
Teresa Flores Sept. 27th
and
Maverick Lutjen Oct 1st

Thanks to everyone who helped with the fish fry and fellowship held yesterday here at the building. A special thanks to Jim and Beverly Leatherman for supplying the fish.