

# Welcome



*May he give you the  
desires of your heart and  
make all your plans succeed.*

PSALM 20:4

**Sunday 10:30am & 6pm**

*Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service  
Sunday Services Streamed Live*

**Wednesday 6pm**



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**“I’m doing a new thing, can you not see it? Saith the Lord”**

**Indian Tacos – This Saturday February 7 – 11am-3pm**

Indian Taco Fundraiser for Missions Trip & East Africa Missions.



**Valentine’s Church Lunch & February Birthdays**

Some asked for a Valentine’s Day Lunch, so it’s on the calendar for Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> after Morning Service. We’ll also celebrate all birthdays for February. Menu & Sign up sheet available.



**Men’s Breakfast – Saturday February 21 – 8:30am**

**Women’s Meeting – Saturday February 21 – 11am**

**Wednesday Bible Study**

**Chapter 31 – I don’t know you**

**In the section Our Response to God’s Word**

The evidence that someone is in relationship with Jesus is they are empowered beyond their own ability to keep His word. This empowerment is identified as His grace.

*When men no longer fear God, they transgress His laws without hesitation. The fear of consequences is no deterrent when the fear of God is gone. A.W. Toner*

**SHARE WHAT HE HAS DONE - BILLY GRAHM DEVOTION**

*I will declare thy name unto my brethren ...*

*—Psalm 22:22*

There are those near you in your own community who need the regenerating power of Christ. You can call them by name. I suggest that you make a list and begin by spending time in prayer for them. Ask God to show you how to witness to them and how to win them. Their lives can be transformed by the message you give them. You are to share this Gospel you have received. If Christ has done anything for you, then share it. In so doing, you are showing mercy! As you have received the mercy of God by the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life—thus you are to show mercy! And in showing mercy you will not only receive mercy but you will find a stimulating happiness!

*Prayer:* As I close my eyes in prayer, let me see the faces of those who need to know You, beloved Savior.

**ANGELS AROUND US - BILLY GRAHM DEVOTION**

*But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors,  
and brought them forth ... —Acts 5:19*

Demonic activity and Satan worship are on the increase in all parts of the world. The devil is at work more than at any other time. The Bible says that because he realizes his time is short, Satan’s activity will increase. But his evil activities are countered for the people of God by His ministering spirits, the holy ones of the

angelic order. Christians should never fail to sense the operation of angelic glory. It forever eclipses the world of demonic powers, as the sun does a candle's light. If you are a believer, expect powerful angels to accompany you in your life experiences. And let those events dramatically illustrate the friendly presence of "the holy ones" as Daniel calls them. Certainly, the eye of faith sees many evidences of the supernatural display of God's power and glory. God is still in business.

*Prayer:* When I am tempted by Satan, I will remember Your angels are around me, Lord.

**QUESTION:** I know the angels were very much a part of Jesus' birth (for example, in making the announcements to Mary and the shepherds), but do they still do anything? Or are angels no longer active?

**BILLY GRAHAM ANSWERED:**

The Bible makes it clear that God's angels are still very much at work, although their ministry is largely unseen by us. Even when they take human form (as they can do on occasion), they may not be recognized as angels. The author of the book of Hebrews wrote: "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

What do the angels do? Occasionally, God may entrust them with special messages, just as He did when the angel Gabriel told Mary she would become the mother of the Son of God, Jesus Christ (see Luke 1:26-38). I've heard reliable reports of people today who live in countries with no access to the Gospel, but who have come to Christ because of an angelic visitation or vision.

But for the most part the angels have been given the unseen task of watching over God's people and guarding them from spiritual and physical harm. Only in heaven will we realize just how much they did for us. The Bible says, "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

We aren't to worship angels or become overly preoccupied with them. But we should thank God for sending them to watch over us, and they should cause us to trust Him more fully every day. Because of them we know our lives are safely in God's hands, and that some day they will take us into His presence forever.

**DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT**

Once kept under lock and key, portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls are now on display at Washington, D.C.'s Museum of the Bible, removing all obscurity and opening these ancient texts for all to see. Visitors are invited to take a journey to the past, to the shores of Qumran — land of the Essenes and home to one of mankind's greatest discoveries containing the oldest copies of Biblical texts in existence. "Some will try to say King Tut's treasures were a greater archeological discovery, and they truly are stunning. But the Dead Sea Scrolls still impact the way people read Scripture today," said Dr. Bobby Duke of the Museum of the Bible.

**History of the Scrolls** - Spread across 11 caves in ancient Judea, the Dead Sea Scrolls are considered one of the greatest archaeological finds in history, revealing a glimpse into the foundation of early Christianity.

The discovery was pure happenstance. "In 1947, a Bedouin shepherd was out. The story has taken over legendary qualities over the years, but according to some of the early accounts, he was looking for a lost sheep through some rocks into a cave, heard a crack, and then realized, I need to come



back and figure out what was in that cave," Duke explained. From there, an archaeological race to uncover the next treasure began, with each cave unveiling something more.

**Keepers of the Treasure** - When they were initially discovered, the first scholars working on the scrolls, who did amazing work in piecing together this puzzle, actually caused a lot of additional damage to the scrolls unknowingly.

The Dead Sea Scrolls Unit at the Israel Antiquities Authority, which has served as steward of the scrolls since the early 1990s. Today, the scrolls are conserved in a climate-controlled facility designed to match the conditions of the Judean caves. The exhibition at the Museum of the Bible follows similar strict protocols — down to the lighting inside the display. They're placed on exhibition here and in order to conserve the scrolls, we can display them for three months that they're exposed to light, and then they have to rest for five years in our safe room.

**What the Scrolls Reveal About Scripture** - The ancient texts, dating back to 300 B.C., were transcribed by the Essenes, a monastery-like community. They include portions of 38 of the 39 books of the Old Testament, along with other writings such as the Book of Enoch.

The scrolls offer insight into the people of Qumran — contemporaries of Jesus and the apostles. To think that we're looking at things that were in existence and being read by a community at the same time Jesus and the disciples were visiting Jerusalem or going the Sea of Galilee...kind of gives you goosebumps to think about that. "The scrolls help us understand issues that are going on in Jesus's life, in his ministry. What people are talking about," said Dr. Craig Evans of The Bible Seminary. Scholars like Evans, who have studied the scrolls for decades, say the fact that these texts are nearly identical to the Bible we read today should offer assurance to Christians. Particularly, in a time when more people question the Bible's credibility.

From the caves of Judea to Washington, D.C. ...a Word that will stand forever.

## LET'S DO OUR PART TO MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED!

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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