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Doug's Desk

Taking God at his word... now that can be a real challenge.

The theme for this year of preaching and challenges is just that... Taking God at His Word. I don't think this means we must learn God's word more, even though we will learn. I don't think taking God at his word means understanding it better. But taking God at his word does mean we must accept the challenges God lays out before us from his Word and step out in faith.

I just found a book in our church library titled... "If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat." Peter did just that. Peter was the only one out of 12 that took that step of faith.

Gideon took only 300 men to defeat an army of over one hundred thousand. David believed God would give him the throne and respected his king, Saul, and did not kill him on several occasions.

I wonder what really happened to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, after he took Jesus down from the cross and helped care for him? This identified Nicodemus with the so called demon possessed blasphemer of God.

And think of Noah... working on a boat for over a 100 years for an event he had never seen. The ridicule, harassment the sarcasm and chiding he got from his neighbors. Wow what faith in God. Each of these men took God at his word.

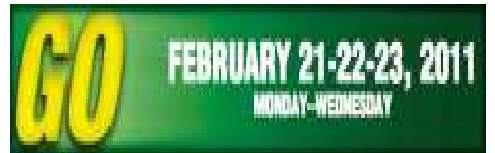
So taking God at His Word will be a challenge for each of us in a different way to do what God has asked us to do. I pray that these messages will not just challenge you but help to change you into what God wants you to be. May God speak through me. I also pray that I will take upon the challenges God has laid before me.

I love you all and pray we grow together while we study and take God at his word.

Your minister and brother in Christ, Doug Baty

Pioneer Bible Translators Presentation by Melinda Velasquez

On February 6 during our Sunday School hour Melinda Velasquez will be providing us with information about the work of [Pioneer Bible Translators](#) who translate the Bible into native languages all around the world. She will also be telling up about her upcoming plans to help in this mission. Please plan to be here at 9:30 on February 6 to hear about this important work.



[Preaching-Teaching Convention 2011](#)

The News is Good! It's true, It's real, It's forgiving, It's needed, It's important, It's timely, It brings freedom, It brings forgiveness, It brings salvation and it's for NOW.... So let's GO!

Monthly Prayer Meeting on January 23

Please join us at 5:00 in the auditorium for our monthly prayer meeting. Everyone is invited to attend!

Missions Meeting this Sunday, January 16-There will be a quick missions team meeting today, January 16, right after church. Please meet in the auditorium. Anyone interested in mission is always welcome to attend.



Looking at 2011

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March 5-Clothing Exchange

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March 23-Spring Break-No Wednesdays at Westside

March 27-Monthly Prayer Meeting

April 2-Clothing Exchange

April 10-Report Meeting

April 15-16-[Women's Conference at Ozark](#)

April 24-Easter

May 3-5-[Kiamichi Men's Clinic](#)

May 7-Clothing Exchange

May 8-Mother's Day

May 15-Report Meeting

May 22-Prayer Meeting

May 30-Memorial Day-office closed

June 4-Clothing Exchange

June 12-Report Meeting

June 19-Father's Day

June 26-Prayer Meeting

July 2-Clothing Exchange

July 4-Office closed



July 5-8-[North American Christian Convention](#)-Cincinnati, OH

July 10-Report Meeting

July 24-Monthly Prayer Meeting

August 6-Clothing Exchange

August 14-Report Meeting

August 28-Prayer Meeting

September 3-Clothing Exchange

September 5-Labor Day-office closed

September 11-Church 44th Anniversary Potluck Dinner

September 11-Report Meeting

September 16-17-Women's Retreat at Hidden Haven

September 25-Prayer Meeting

October 1-Clothing Exchange

October 9-Report Meeting

October 23-Harvest Party

October 31-Trunk or Treat

November 5-Clothing Exchange

November 13-Report Meeting

November 17-20-[National Missionary Convention](#)

November 20-Thanksgiving Dinner after morning worship

November 24-Thanksgiving-office closed

November 25-Office closed

November 27-Prayer Meeting

December 3-Clothing Exchange

December 11-Report Meeting

December 18-Christmas Program

December 25-Christmas

December 31-Boxes for Emergency Workers



Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

Amy Steig
Glenda Falkenstien
Emmalee Serviss
Scott Coomes
Joy Lindeberg
William Huffman
Debbie Baugher

Doug Heiskell
Montie Baty
Marcus Jackson
Linda Haddon
Walt Keely
Brenda Nelson
Lisa Hays

Tammy Kessinger
George Allen

Shut-ins:
Sherm Morgan

Missions:
Scott Springer
Farrans

Tammy Naffzinger

Connie Gilbert

Hidden Haven
Cookson Hills

Other prayer concerns:

-Russ Pratt-in Iraq
-Bob Burnett's grandson
-Karen Wade's Aunt Dean Owens
-John Aydt-blood pressure
-Christians in Sudan
-Mary Hines-shingles
-Drug cartel fighting in Mexico
-Devastation in Haiti