Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: Following 1st Service
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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The Living Word

by George Slover

"as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, (1 Peter 2:2)

How are God's people to live in the world without living like the world? How are they to lead holy lives? (I Peter 1:15, 16) An important aspect of holy living is spiritual growth! Living the sanctified life comes in progressive stages that take one from childhood to maturity.

So, how is one going to mature as God wishes? Peter offers two keys to spiritual growth: 1) lay aside any sins that may hinder the process, and 2) desire the sincere milk of the word. It is the later that I want to focus on.

Peter tells us that the word of God is necessary for spiritual growth. God's word, the spiritual seed, is the basis for holy living! By obeying this truth, souls have been purified, and they've been born into the kingdom of God. Christian growth depends upon the proper use of God's word.

The word of God is food for the soul like milk is for infants. It can provide the spiritual nourishment essential to the process of maturing. It contains all of the necessary nutrients. God's word is a source of spiritual life. It is an "incorruptible seed that lives and abides forever". It has the power to create and sustain a relationship with God when planted in an honest heart.

Therefore, our spiritual growth depends upon our desire for God's word. The imagery here is like a baby longing for nourishment. Like it or not, we must use our intellect to receive it and digest it. Like a baby crying for mother's milk, we are to

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Our Next Gospel Meeting with Terry Slack is scheduled for November 1-4

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

crave the milk of the word. This would include daily reading, meditation, and application.

Experiencing God's word in our life is sweet to taste: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. (1 Peter 2:3) Peter does not imply doubt here, but supposes that they have tasted, and urges them on the ground of the first taste, to long for more.

God has not given us a hope that can never be realized. He also gives us his word which moves us to conversion and then, if we crave it, sets up shop within us and goes to work preparing us for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Bible Reading for this week:

Monday: 1 Samuel 11–12, Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 13:1–14:23, Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 14:24–52, Luke 19:1–10

Thursday: 1 Samuel 15, Luke 19:11–27

Friday: 1 Samuel 16, Luke 19:28–40

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Stinnett

Jim & Judy Trammel

Doug Adair is having some more heart issues.

Autumn Felps is under treatment for bladder cancer.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dorthy Steadman, Dinah Williams, Terry Berhns.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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