

What I've Missed about Bible Class

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Bible classes are coming back! After more than three months without them, our Bible classes will resume this Sunday at 9:00 and next Wednesday at 7:00.

I have missed Bible class because of what we study. Bible classes are about the Bible, and the Bible is about God. When we study the Bible, God engages us. His Word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12). When we study the Bible, God encourages us. Instruction, endurance and encouragement come our way when we open the Scriptures (Romans 15:4-6). When we study the Bible, God equips us. The inspired Word eliminates what's wrong with us, fills us with what we need, and gets us ready for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Of course, you don't have to come to Bible class to study the Bible. And I'm sure you have kept studying while classes have been curtailed.

But I have missed Bible class because of the people with whom we study. Bible classes afford us a special opportunity to hear the Holy Spirit's voice together, to turn each other away from sin, and to urge each other to keep the commitment we have made to the Lord (Hebrews 3:7-14).

I have missed Bible class because of the way it focuses our study. Whether studying a book of the Bible or a Bible topic, Bible class gives us a regimen. The pattern of sound words served up intentionally saturates our hearts and minds and makes us more spiritually healthy (2 Tim. 1:13).

I have missed Bible class because of the dialogue with Christians who have been in the race a lot longer than I have. Even as a teacher I can study for several days, meditate on what Scripture says, cross reference other passages and read good commentaries, and then come to

class and hear something deeply insightful and helpful that I had never thought.

I have missed Bible class because of the dialogue with Christians who are about where I am in the race. It's encouraging to get to discuss what's happening in my life in light of Scripture with other people facing the same challenges.

I have missed Bible class because of the dialogue with Christians who are new to the race and with others who still haven't quite decided to get into the race. Their contemplation and questions remind me that our time together is not all about me. It's about encouraging others to have faith in Christ and to be faithful to God. Seeing the light bulbs come on and being there when the best decisions are made are so rewarding. God wants you and me to be like Jesus, thinking constantly about the needs of others (Philippians 2:3-5).

I have missed Bible class because it's about making progress together. I have missed Bible class because it's a time to pray together. I have missed Bible class because being together is the point of being the church.

And all of that is just about the Bible class of which I'm a part. I have missed Bible class for our kids. They need it! It makes them feel like church is for them, too. Parents need it as part of their best effort to raise kids in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Some good men and women have really missed your kids and the occasion to use their gift of teaching (Romans 12:7).

I have missed Bible class so much. We're having Bible class this Sunday! I will not miss it.

Danny Boggs



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Mary Jane Flint. Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Larry McMahan, Cheryl Neilans, Lyn Pendergraft, Dale Privett, Heather Reiboldt, Pat Risley, Lincoln Smith, Edith Toney, Miles Wolgamott.

- Dale Privett is in Freeman West with pneumonia.
- Larry McMahan had surgery yesterday
- Lyn Pendergraft is waiting for surgery to implant a pace maker but is doing better.
- Susanne Dabbs is having some dental issues and would like your prayers.
- Heather Reibolt is experiencing complications from Ramsay Hunt Syndrome.

Our deepest **sympathy** goes to Katrina Bennett and her family. Her father died last week. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

There is a **baby gift basket** set up for Brodie and Kendace Bien who have been blessed with a daughter, Parker. Ronna Patterson is the grandmother and Lou Ann Cook, the great-grandmother. Please put your gifts in the basket by Sunday, June 24.

We will resume our **regular Bible class schedule** this Sunday with classes for all ages! Hope you can join us at 9:00,

Visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our **services** when you can't be with us in person.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *A Remarkable Forgiveness*
(Philemon 8-22, Danny Boggs)
PM: *How Jesus Unites, How Jesus Divides*
(Danny Boggs)

Back to the Basics, a new Wednesday night Bible class will begin on June 24. We want to encourage all new Christians to be a part of this class as well as anyone who would like a refresher course. It will be taught by Benny Haight, Tim Murray and Bill Reiboldt.

Summer Youth Series will begin next Tuesday night at 6:00 in the activities center. Girls, please bring desserts and boys bring chips and drinks. Join us for the first one of the summer!.

Just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the help you have given. Not only to myself but especially grateful for all the food, thoughts and prayers for my grandma, Vera Cornell. I don't know what she would have done without her church family. You all mean the world to her and would be lost without every single one of you. And for that I am truly blessed, just as she is. Thanks again.

*In Christian Love,
Heather L. Thomas*

Dear Hillcrest Members,

Thanks so much for all your prayers, calls, cards, and visits to Dale. You're a group of very caring and thoughtful people. Please continue to pray for him while the doctors decide the best steps to take.

*In Christian Love,
Dale and Mebyl Privett.*



Vacation Bible Night is only two weeks away!
Wednesday, July 1, 7-8 p.m.

- Kids and their parents and friends will meet in the auditorium for all kinds of learning and fun.
- Adults and teens will meet in the activities center. Our special guest speaker will be Paul Walvoord, the new preacher at 26th & Connecticut church of Christ.
- Get a shirt from the welcome desk and wear it lots the next two weeks to raise awareness.
- Take postcards from the welcome desk to use for invitations.
- If you are helping with VBN or would like to find out how you can help, meet in the fellowship room after services this Wednesday night.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, June 21

- AM Opening: Charles Phillips
- PM Opening: Tim Wald
- Communion Prayer: Bill Reiboldt
- PM Closing: Aaron Wilson
- AM Closing: Todd Tyler

RECORDS

	6-14-20	6-16-19
Bible Study		147
AM Worship	161	201
PM Worship	123	128
Wednesday	116	95
Contribution	\$7,509.24	\$7,439.01
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37