

“Hearing the Voice of God, Part I”

At one time or another, I am almost sure that someone told you to listen for God's voice, to hear Him speak to you. And, then, you sit in the chair (or the pew), asking yourself, *"Well, how in the world am I supposed to do that?"* It can be a challenge, especially if you had not done it before or no one told you how. Sure, there are books that you can buy, but you do not need them. There are pamphlets that you might read, yet you do not need those either. So, how do you do it? Rather than using alternative dogmas that attempt to undermine Scripture with personal opinion, let us look to the counsel God has already provided.

Psa. 46:10a

"Be still and know that I am God."

The New American Standard Bible says, *"Cease striving."* That is the first step. To hear God, you must first get rid of all the noise. When we speak of noise, it is not only the external on which we should focus. It is also that inner static. The anxieties about work, family affairs, errands, et cetera; they all need to go. *Be still.* Now, you may be asking, *"Okay. That sounds nice. Now, how do I do that?"* The answer to this question is in the last three words of the verse above: *I am God.*

After you have isolated yourself – by turning off the external noise and finding a quiet place to sit – ask yourself, *"Who is God?"* More specifically, *"Who is God to me?"* Here, do not think about what others have told you about God, do not worry about long words like omniscient, omnipresent, or omnipotent. Focus on what you know based upon your readings of the Bible. Now, reading this, you may think, *"Oh, that's going to be easy."* However, when sitting down and concentrating only on what you know, you will find it is not that simple; you may find it so unsettling that frustrations even arise. That is okay.

If it becomes a hurdle, ask yourself, *"Why?"* Is it because, at heart, you do not know much about God outside of what others have said? If so, it may be necessary for you to spend more time in Scripture. To understand who God is, you must see what He has already done for those who He calls *"chosen."* You must see what He has already done for you.

What we have been talking about is only the first step. You see, this rung on the ladder is merely helping you to calm yourself and mind to ponder on the character of He who is the great I AM. Next week, we will look more toward the personalization of God.

Mike

Thank You

Rita Antuigano wish to thank everyone for all the prayers that have been offered for her and her family.



Wednesday evening meals are resuming April 28, 6:00-6:45 p.m.



Come, eat pizza, fellowship then bible study.

Cost: Donations only



Ladies' Inspiration Day
May 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Speaker: Our very own, Rachel Lane
"Stirring the Pot"

Sign up sheet in the foyer. Bring your family and friends.



to Barbara Tillman for stepping up to coordinate Wednesday evening meals.

The Men's Training Class has been postponed until Thursday, May 6th, 7:00 P.M. This is the first Thursday in May. This is due to Mike being made aware that updated materials are available, and he is trying to get the updates.

This is to assist with subjects such as "Serving at the Lord's Table," "Praying in Public," "Reading in Public," etc. There will be a short video presentation, and then it will be open to discussion. It is open to all men of the congregation. This will be the first in a series.



Prayer Requests & Concerns

Wren Smith has been dealing with what they think is some kind of stomach virus. Nancy said he is beginning to feel some what better—just very weak. Please keep him and Nancy in your prayers that he will be back to normal health soon.

Barbara Tillman's granddaughter, Ashley, had surgery (orbital cellulitis) to clean out the bacteria that had accumulated in her sinus due to a long ago injury. She will need additional surgery in order to prevent this occurring again. Keep her and Barbara in your prayers.

Former members, Charles Ann Sandles, was in Methodist Hospital for a few days. She was having some gastro issues that they had difficulty getting under control. She is now home.

Sharon Jordan requests prayers for Eric's (Stacy's boyfriend) mom, Bobbie. She fell Wednesday (April 14) and had a sub arachnoid bleed. She is now doing better but will remain in ICU until all the blood in her brain is dispersed. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Rita Anguiano is home. She will be getting antibiotics through a PICC line. She is still weak and has some back pain. Please pray that the meds she is getting will totally wipe out the infection and get her back to normal.

Daily Bible Reading

April 25 Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25

April 26 Deuteronomy 34:1-Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22-14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Proverbs 12:26

April 27 Joshua 3:1-4:24; Luke 14:7-35; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 12:27-28

April 28 Joshua 5:1-7:15; Luke 15:1-32; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 13:1

April 29 Joshua 7:16-9:2; Luke 16:1-18; Psalm 82:1-8; Proverbs 13:2-3

April 30 Joshua 9:3-10:43; Luke 16:19-17:10; Psalm 83:1-18; Proverbs 13:4

May 1 Joshua 11:1-12:24; Luke 17:11-17; Psalm 84:1-12; Proverbs 13:5-7

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Service & Class Times

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 5:00

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Minister:
Mike Lane

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Sunday Attendance-AM Worship: 52
2021 Budget: \$3,405.77
Contribution: \$2,051.50



April 27, 9:30, Ladies Bible Workers
April 28, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday evening meal
May 6, 7:00 p.m., Men's Training Class
May 15, 9:00, Ladies' Inspiration 1/2 Day



Happy Anniversary!
Lance and Sharon Jordan
April 23

Welcome Guests!

Please Stop By Our Visitor Center Located in the Foyer!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. You honor us with your presence. We pray you find your time with us uplifting and encouraging and that our worship will honor our God and bring you closer to Him. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our members, or speak to one of our ministers. Please take a moment to fill out one of our visitors' cards, so we can have a record of your visit with us. Feel free to let us know what you think by writing comments on that card. You are always welcome!

Those to Serve

May 2, 2021

Song Leader: Mike Lennard
Welcome & Opening Prayer, and Family Matters:
Gary Gough
Family prayer: Israel Esparza
Communion Leader: Mike Lane
Scripture Reading: Arron Melenderz
Closing Prayer: Wren Smith

Greeters: Linda Jones/Fayrene Menton
Building Lock Up: Gary Gough
Cleaning Crew: Yellow (Barbara Tillman)

The Family Gram

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Becoming a Rainmaker

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Perry Grace
Hymn
Unto Thee, O Lord
Welcome & Opening Prayer
Mike Lane
Hymn
Years I Spent in Vanity
Hymn
Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
Family Prayer
Mike Lennard
Hymn
Highest Place
Hymn
God is So Good
Hymn
Give Thanks

Scripture Reading
Brandon Anguiano
Joshua 1:8
Sermon
Lessons from a Dead Man
Hymn
Do You Know My Jesus?
Hymn
Break Thou the Bread of Life
Communion Leader
Tommy Seymour
Family Matters
Mike Lane
Hymn
Heaven Came Down
Closing Prayer
Joey Anguiano

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