

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY — 7:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
Song Leader.....Brian Smith
First Prayer.....Kaleb Bush
Opening Prayer.....George Clay
Invitation.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
Closing Prayer.....Mitchell Halliburton

Prepare Communion for **APRIL**—Sherry Jo Anderson & Kelly Edens

Suggested Daily Bible Reading for April: Read 7 chapters of **Genesis** each day
(with 8 chapters on the final day of the week)

PRAYER LIST

Sawyer Cole (grandson of Larry & Vickie Cole), **Levi Halliburton** (in Vanderbilt Hospital),
Janice Pinckley, **Ruby Mae West** (friend of many) is now living with her daughter

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

The week of 3/31/19
Worship Sunday AM.....91
Bible Study Sunday AM.....80
Daily Bible Readers.....38
Worship Sunday PM.....74
Wednesday (3/27/19).....62
Offering.....\$10,301.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 7—Men’s Business Meeting after AM Bible Class
April 7—Concordia Afternoon Service, 2:00 PM
April 14—SEIBS student preaching AM service

AREA EVENTS

April 5-7—Gospel Meeting, Highland Heights, Lebanon, TN
April 7-11, Gospel Meeting, Zion, Cookeville
April 13—Ladies’ Day, East Main, Murfreesboro
April 13—Ladies’ Day, Charlotte Heights, Nashville
April 13—Ladies’ Day, Livingston
April 21-24, Gospel Meeting, Smyrna, Cookeville
April 25—Smith County Drug Prevention Coalition Meeting on Addiction, Smith County
Historic Courthouse, 6:00 PM
May 18—Ladies’ Day, Philippi, Castalian Springs, 9:00 AM— 1:00 PM

A Beautiful Expression of the Family

The Hebrew language beautifully expresses the concept of the family. The Hebrew word for “son” is *ben*. Here are two examples of passages using this term:

*“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth **children**; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee”* (Genesis 3:16).

*“And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her **son**. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water”* (Exodus 2:10).

This word comes from the Hebrew root-word *banah*, which means, “to build.” Notice a few examples referring to this word:

*“And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two **did build** the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem”* (Ruth 4:11).

*“And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in mine mind: and I **will build** him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever”* (1 Samuel 2:35).

Therefore, if *ben*, a “son,” comes from *banah*, “to build,” then it makes perfect sense that the Hebrew word *eben* means “a stone.” In First Samuel 7:12, Samuel named a stone *Eben-ezer*, meaning, “stone of help.”

Just as a house is built of stones, a family is built of children. This is probably the idea David had in mind when he penned the words, “*Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate*” (Psalm 127:3-5). Moral earthquakes are shattering families today. We should be concerned about the construction and maintenance of our families.

Children are gifts from God. He has given them to build the home. Therefore, parents need to be able to direct them in the proper way. David describes them as arrows. Parents are responsible for pulling the strings in the proper direction. Parents are to be active in teaching and training their children (Deuteronomy 6:2-9; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). Thank God for godly mothers and fathers. May God bless our homes!

—Sam Willcut

Jesus Learned to Obey; Have Your Children?

According to **Hebrews 5:8-9**, Jesus learned obedience! Obedience is not something that happens accidentally, but it must be learned.

No doubt, Jesus came into the world to do the will of God (**Hebrews 10:7**). Because our High Priest was tempted in every way as we are, He had to learn that which we learn—He had to learn to obey.

When He taught His disciples how to pray, He included this petition, *“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* He explained to them why He behaved the way that He did by saying, *“I always do those things which please Him”* (**John 8:29**; cf. **Luke 22:42**), and His great commission shows the importance of His followers learning to obey (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

One mistake I see so many young parents make is failing to teach them obedience, which was prominent in the Law of Moses (**Deuteronomy 5:16**). Yet, far too many young parents do not see this. Honoring and obeying parents will not happen naturally, but it must be learned.

The modern philosophy about dealing with children is distraction—when a child is told to do something and he shows displeasure, parents are taught to distract or bribe them in some fashion. Thus, the child never learns obedience.

In the first year of a child’s life, he can learn the meaning of the word, “No.” Children must learn this, for the world does not revolve around the child; they will not always get their way! Thus, this lesson must be learned early and repeatedly emphasized as they grow. If you wait until they are teenagers to teach this lesson, they will likely be unmanageable.

Therefore, Jesus learned obedience. Parents, set guidelines and use conflict to teach them what Jesus had to learn!

—Adapted from Dan Jenkins (Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ, West Palm Beach, FL)