

**THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF
THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH**



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We are very happy to see you this morning; and trust you will be well blessed by being here. Today is a special Sunday we set aside to honor the work of "The Gideons International".

Visiting friends, please complete the information sheet in your newsletter; and don't forget to give us your prayer requests on the reverse side. If you are looking for a spiritual church home for you and your entire family, we offer you our services; and ask that you please consider us. Brother Tom will be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience. This newsletter is also uploaded to our church website: www.webaptistchurch.org

SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING

Continental Breakfast (9:00), Choir Practice (9:30), Bible Study (10:00), Southern Gospel Mini Concert (10:40).

MORNING WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:57

Praise/Worship coordinated by Matthew Maynard

Cheryl Presnell - **MUSICIANS** - Larry Strange

Charlie Ownby, Jerry Thomas, Bryon Ownby

"THE SONSHINE FOR SHUT-INS BROADCAST"
OVER WLIK (1270 AM) and WORLD WIDE WEB
(SUNDAYS 11:00-12:00 EASTERN TIME)

PREACHER PAPAW'S KIDZ KORNER

Worship with Tithes and Offerings; and PrayerTime

(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

MESSAGE FOR TODAY:

"THE GIDEON ANNUAL REPORT BY BILLY SHELTON

THIS AFTERNOON

"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS" BROADCAST

(EVANGELIST R V MAYNARD)

SUNDAYS ON WLIK: 1:00 - 1:30

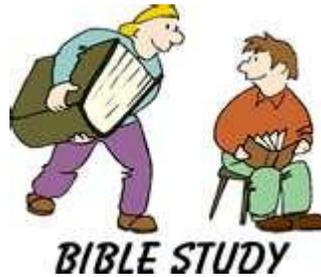
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BROTHER TOM'S MESSAGE TONIGHT

"A Study of The Second Coming of Christ"

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Our "Wonderful Wednesday" sessions begin at 4:30 with various activities and fellowship for everyone in the Family Life Center Gymnasium and the Lion 'n Lamb Café; and then continue at 6:00 with Bi-



ble classes for Children, Youth, and Adults. Everyone is encouraged to attend these informal and informative Bible study sessions. Paul Stiefvater is teaching a series of lessons on "Prophecy"; while Jordon's young people meet in their "youth room" upstairs in the Family Life Center. The Children always have a fascinating hour which is packed with activities and lessons, led by our wonderful staff of Children's Church Teachers.

THE CENTER PIECE

(Gathering news from all over to keep you informed on world events that matter!)

Gideons International is an evangelical Christian organization dedicated to distributing copies of the Bible in over 94 languages and 194 countries of the world, most famously in hotel and motel rooms. The first of the distribution of nearly 1.7 billion free Bibles began in 1908, when the first

copies of Scripture were placed in the rooms of the Superior Hotel in Superior, Montana.

The world-wide organization is inseparably linked to and takes its name from the Biblical narrative of "Judge Gideon":

"Gideon was a man who was willing to do exactly what God wanted him to do, regardless of his own judgment as to the plans or results. Humility, faith, and obedience were his great elements of character. This is the standard that The Gideons International is trying to establish in all its members, each man to be ready to do God's will at any time, at any place, and in any way that the Holy Spirit leads".

In keeping with this symbolism, the symbol of the Gideons is a two-handled pitcher and torch, recalling Gideon's victory over the Midianites as described in Judges 7.



In addition to their well-known hotel-room Bibles, the Gideons also distribute Bibles to members of the military personnel of various countries, to hospitals, nursing

homes, prisons, and students.

The Gideons principally use the King James Version for their Bibles; but will also distribute "New King James Version" Bibles and Testaments when the hotel or other recipient specifies a desire for a "modern" Bible.

All members of the Gideons Organization must be recommended by the pastor of an evangelical church; and all are volunteers who bear all personal expenses of travel and administration. The "love" or "Mission" offerings from the various churches who allow the Gideons to present the annual "report" are used solely and totally to purchase additional Bibles and New Testaments to be distributed without charge.

These men (and the ladies' auxiliary) are subject to be seen anywhere handing out the Scriptures to anyone who will take them. They always have several copies with them to "be instant in season and out of season" and always ready to give out The Word of God.

TELEPHONE "ONE CALL NOW" SYSTEM

Recently, we installed a telephone calling "tree" to help us get the word out to everyone about specific items, scheduling changes, service cancellation, funeral arrangements, etc.

This was necessary because it was becoming increasingly more and more difficult to make sure everyone was notified every time.



One of the messages you have been receiving is called the "opt in text" call, in which a generic male voice asks you to "opt in" if you wish to receive text messages on your cell phone. The system will not send text messages

to your phone unless you "tell it" that it is ok to do so.

Here is how you do that. When you get that call (or maybe you already have), press "reply" and type the word "Alert" in the message body. Then press "send to" and scroll up or down to find "new phone number" and type in the five numbers that are given you; and press "send".

Please be patient, we are still setting this system up; and working some bugs out.

VICTORY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Our VBI began a new session on Thursday, August 25. This is class # OT 103 (Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles) and is conducted by Brother Paul Stiefvater. Brother Tom's class [OT 102 - Joshua, Judges, and Ruth] began last Thursday, September 8. Upon the completion of the course, you can receive credit towards a diploma in "Biblical Studies" from the Victory Bible Institute in Greenville, SC; or you might be interested in simply taking the classes for the invaluable knowledge and information in the little time we have left to make a difference in this world.



Either way, the class sessions are recorded for you (at no charge) to review the material later; or make up a class you had to miss.

MARCH OF DIMES SUNDAY IS SEPT 18

The Children's Church "Shake-Down" for your pocket change will be conducted (bills are also accepted). The children's choir will sing; then march out among you for donations to be given the March of Dimes (Elizabeth "Skeeter" McNabb, local director). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

TODAY IS GIDEONS' SUNDAY

A Mission Offering will be received in today's service for this great work of buying and placing Bibles and New Testaments. Once again, we welcome brother Billy Shelton of Newport (Class of '59) as our special speaker to report on the amazing work this international organization is doing. Billy is a long time member and faithful worker at Newport's First Free Will Baptist Church; and we welcome Billy and Leoma (his wife of forty-eight years) today.



ABOUT THE COVER PICTURE

It has been ten years since we watched those incredible pictures of the "911 Attack".

"PRE-REVIVAL" REVIVAL MEETING

Dr. Bobby Welch – Sunday Evening, October 9
Dr. Randy Davis – Monday Evening, October 10
Dr. Don Pearson – Tuesday Evening, October 11

Our church will host this East Tennessee Baptist Association meeting with these three great preachers. Special music presented each night (our choir is Sunday evening). This is to start our preparations for a East Tennessee Baptist Association county-wide meeting next year!