

How long has it been since you were really into reading your Bible? If you are like most folks, you read it, but only occasionally. Or maybe, like some families, the Bible simply sits there on a shelf or the coffee table and collects its fair share of dust on a regular basis.

What if we offered you an opportunity to change all that? What if you had the opportunity to get involved in a regular Bible reading situation? And what if someone else was doing the reading and all you had to do was follow along or just listen to God's word being read?

Well we are going to do just that. Beginning on Thursday evening July 1st, the church here in Hallsville will be holding a weekly Bible reading class. The objective of this class will be to simply read the Bible. We won't be teaching any particular doctrine in these sessions. We will only be reading the Bible every Thursday evening for an hour or so, in an effort to help those who may be interested in becoming more familiar with their Bible and what's in it. There will be no charges or fees for any of these reading sessions.

The class sessions are going to be open to all who wish to join in. The only thing each one needs to do is bring your Bible with you if you have one, (for those who don't have a Bible one can be supplied for you).

Someone will be on hand for each session to do the reading for the entire group.

Why are we doing this? We believe that it is incumbent upon us, as Christians, to assist folks in gaining knowledge of the Bible. For instance, the Bible tells us that the words Jesus spoke will judge us in the last days, (John 12:48). If that be the case, isn't it logical that we all should at least know what He spoke and what the Bible says. Once we know what it says, then we can each do what we choose with the information. Wouldn't you agree that it is always better to make a decision based on acquired information than from a best guess or opinion?

I also believe that the vast amount of confusion in the realm of Christianity today keeps a large majority of folks away from religion. If the Christian religion seems confusing to you and your family, you are not alone in that. Wouldn't it be great though, for your family to know and have a good understanding of God's word instead of continuing on with the confusion? Why not come and join our reading class each Thursday and put an end to the confusion and guess work. We will be reading the entire Bible over time, and will repeat the process as long as there are interested participants.

Sessions will be held from 7pm to 8:30 pm each Thursday evening. The sessions will be held in the Activity Building on the Hallsville church grounds at 110 Waldron Ferry Rd. If you have any questions you can call me at 903.720.6607 (cell) or 903.668.2822 (office). Refreshments will be served at each session and we will have a period of time after each session for anyone who may have questions in general or about what has been read that evening. We will have on hand some strong readers to do the reading for us each evening. Participants will not be asked or forced to read. As I said, our main interest in providing this opportunity is that we can assist folks to become familiar with God's word. As Paul wrote, "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (Romans 15:4).

We hope that many of our neighbors in the greater Hallsville area will be interested and participate in this effort. It will be a 'come as you are' casual atmosphere. So come and join us as we read through God's word every Thursday evening at 7 pm.