

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
08/31/09 Monday.....	Jeremiah.....01	Ecclesiastes.....01
09/01/09 Tuesday.....	Jeremiah.....02	Ecclesiastes.....02
09/02/09 Wednesday.....	Jeremiah.....03	Ecclesiastes.....03
09/03/09 Thursday.....	Jeremiah.....04	Ecclesiastes.....04
09/04/09 Friday.....	Jeremiah.....05	Ecclesiastes.....05
00/05/09 Saturday.....	Jeremiah.....06	Ecclesiastes.....06
09/06/09 Sunday.....	Jeremiah.....07	Ecclesiastes.....07

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Our services are as follows:

TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
 Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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WOMAN SUSPENDED FOR NOT DRIVING BUS

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The article that you have just read, is just another in a long series of events that have taken place in our country where our freedoms are being stripped from us on a daily basis. This woman felt that she could not drive the bus because she felt that it would be hypocritical of her to claim to be a Christian yet drive a bus that advertises atheism. This is how some people feel about her decision:

Angela Shiel got off lightly with a suspension. Her objection to an ad saying "atheists exist" can be nothing more than naked bigotry, just as if she had objected to an ad stating "Jews: You are not alone." or "Homosexuals: You are not alone." She should counter herself lucky she wasn't fired for expressing that kind of hostility to a sizable number of her customers. (<http://www.kc-ci.com/news/20459245/detail.html>)

We are not allowed to choose what we believe anymore because we are being told what to believe. Our children are being taught that evolution is a fact of life when there is no scientific evidence for it. This woman was not allowed to keep her job because she didn't feel that she could, in all good conscience, drive a bus with an advertisement on the side of it advertising atheism. This would be like being forced to drive a bus with an advertisement on the side of it advertising adult movies and novelty stores. I couldn't do such, and I wouldn't. Such would go against my core beliefs. Paul wrote: "*Abstain from all appearance of evil*" (1Th 5:22). The ASV of 1906 translates it this way "*Abstain from every form of evil.*" I would say that advertising pornography is a form of evil, and advertising atheism is also a form of evil.

In our society we are living in tolerance of anything and everything; that everything but the truth. Our society cries for tolerance for homosexuality, for atheism, and even for pedophilia. In our so-

ciety it is evil to for the government to take the life of a convicted confessed serial killer, though Romans 13:1-4 certainly gives government the right to take the life of evil-doers, but it thinks nothing of the destruction of nearly 2 million innocent babies each year by the process known as abortion, even though the Bible clearly condemns the act of murder (1 Jno. 3:15).

Our society is so turned around that whatever the Bible says is good, is bad, and whatever the Bible says is bad, is good. In the Satanic Bible the following statements are issued:

1. "Satan represents indulgence, instead of abstinence.
2. Satan represents vital existence, instead of spiritual pipe dreams.
3. Satan represents undefiled wisdom, instead of hypocritical self-deceit.
4. Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it, instead of wasting on ingrates.
5. Satan represents vengeance, instead of turning the other cheek.
6. Satan represents responsibility to the responsible instead of concern for psychic vampires.
7. Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those who walk around on all fours, who because of his "divine spiritual and intellectual development," has become the most vicious animal of all.
8. Satan represents all the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental, or emotional gratification!
9. Satan has been the best friend the church has ever had, as he has kept it in business all these years" (*The Satanic Bible*, p. 25).

This seems to be the thinking of much of society. Rather than living holy and righteously before God, men would rather indulge themselves in all of their own lusts. We have HIV and AID's, but that doesn't bother people, and it doesn't keep people from living promiscuously. It seems that people can't help but think evil all the time. God destroyed the world with water when every thought of man was only evil continually (Gen. 6:5). We are getting to that point very quickly. In the city of Sodom, the men were blinded, but they still wanted the angels that had come to warn Lot to leave the city. Their minds were so full of lust that they wouldn't stop even though they were blind.

The woman who refused to drive this bus advertising atheism should be applauded for standing for her beliefs. As her husband said if she had driven that bus it would been hypocritical for her to be a Christian and advertise atheism just to get a pay check. However, she took a stand and she is called a "bigot." She couldn't win either way with the world. I feel that she should be applauded, and God is the one who will decide who is the bigot and who isn't.

Anton LaVey is now dead, but thousands of people follow his Bible and live by his principles. This is a scary thought when we think about how fast our religious freedoms are being stripped from us. People no longer have a right stand for what they believe without losing their jobs. I just imagine that LaVey is wishing someone would come back from the dead and warn all the people who are following his principles and tell them not to follow him, but as Abraham told the rich man, they have the word of God, and if they won't accept the word of God, they won't accept the testimony of some one who has risen from the dead.

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER LIST

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Nettie B. Shirley, Dixie Stacy, Darrell Conley, and Marvin Howard and his wife in our daily prayers. Sandy Sarchette is having further problems. Let us keep her in our prayers. We also need to remember Danny and Barbara Keeney in our daily prayers.

<p>THOSE TO SERVE August 30, 2009 A.M.</p> <p>Greeters.....Thomas McDonald & Taylor Shanks Announcements.....Taylor Shanks Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge Lord's Supper....David Shanks & Jerry McDonald Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....David Shanks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.M.</p> <p>Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Taylor Shanks Devotional.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald</p>	<p>THOSE TO SERVE September 6, 2009 A.M.</p> <p>Greeters.....David Shanks & Delmar Backues Announcements.....Jerry McDonald Song Leader.....David Shanks Opening Prayer.....Taylor Shanks Lord's Supper.....T. McDonald & Elwood Runge Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.M.</p> <p>Song Leader.....David Shanks Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Song Leader.....David Shanks Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge Devotional.....Thomas McDonald Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks</p>
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FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME

The items for Fair Haven's Children's Home will be "Cascade," "Salad Dressings," and "Honey."

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks:

The a.m. lesson for August 30, 2009 is "God's Eternal Purpose." The p.m. lesson is "What Is Man Enamored With (Conclusion)." The a.m. lesson for September 6, 2009 is "Jerusalem From Three Perspectives." The p.m. lesson will be "Boldness In Christ."

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

It will resume on the third Monday in September.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

The men's business meeting will be after the evening service on September 6, 2009.