

One who hungers and thirsts after righteousness will always seek to do the will of God. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous." (I John 3:7). "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21).

One who hungers and thirsts after righteousness will always put God first in everything. The Christian life and Christian living will mean more than a job. Jesus said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33).

Those who hunger and thirst after God's righteousness will always read and study diligently from God's Word that they may know how to live a life of righteousness. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalms 1:1,2). "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3). "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). There are blessings to be received by those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness." "They shall be filled." "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

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We have many yearnings in life where there is never a real lasting fulfillment. If we hunger for physical food we will soon be hungry again after we eat. If we thirst, we will soon be thirsty again after drinking our "fill." The same is true with all the things people turn to in an effort to fill the spiritual void in their lives. It might be a new car, a new house, new clothes, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, illicit sex and gluttony. All of these may fill a temporary void, but they will never truly satisfy. These things will leave people crippled and dependent. Notice what was written about Moses. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." (Hebrews 11:24-27).

People who truly hunger and thirst after God's righteousness will be satisfied deep down to their soul. "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

Our sincere desire should be that all may love the truth, obey it from the heart, and walk in the truth, so that they may enjoy the wonderful assurance of the words of the Lord Jesus. We must desire to be righteous as God has said to Amos: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). Surely, people in the midst of this famine want to hear the words of the Lord and are truly hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Did you ever ask yourself why Jesus did not just say "Blessed are they that hunger after righteousness: for they shall be filled? Why did he use both hunger and thirst?

To hunger after righteousness is to devour the words of the gospel as we find them in the Holy Scriptures. The words of God and His Prophets, and the words of Jesus and His Apostles, are right there. Most people in (continued on page 3)

the civilized world finds God's Words very easy to come by. There are so few who with the appetite of youth approach this table, as it were, to partake of the nourishment upon it. To thirst after righteousness is even more acute than to hunger. To thirst after righteousness is to desire the testimony of God's Word. As we read the words of the Holy Scriptures, we let our hunger lead us to the meal of righteousness. Only God's Word can give us the contentment we are trying to find.

Are you starving over God's will for your life? People have been known to do strange things when they are hungry. Some years ago, a man had a pregnant wife and lost his job. His last resort, though wrong, was to rob a man for money to buy food. The man he robbed only had thirty-seven cents. The thief was sentenced to thirty-seven years and a day in prison. It has been said that some elderly people speak of eating dog and cat food to survive hunger. A gospel preacher once talked with a lady about the Bible. They discussed: "And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey" (Matthew 3:4). The lady stated: "I have a leathern girdle. I pull it tight when I do not have enough money for food, and it keeps the pains of hunger from me and keeps my stomach from aching." The sweet Psalmist David declares the joy of spiritual contentment. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" (Psalms 23:5).

Are you starving to do God's will? If so, you will not stumble over the Gospel Plan of Salvation, which includes faith, repentance, confession of Christ, and baptism into Christ. As a Christian you will never object to doing whatever God wants you to do to be pleasing to His will. How hungry are you? For what do you hunger and thirst?

### REVELATION 14:13-20

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C R D E I S F X A O A W L Y W D F T W C R E Z U T	bridles	cloud	clusters
V U D P U T G P N P D Z L C G B R D E N O H L D S	cried	crown	dead
S T S O O P E O Q R B S B T U A Z L N U G M T E U	die	earth	fire
L C H S V Y F I Y A Y K E I E P K K O K H W C M L	fully ripe	furlongs	golden
O Y G I A U H E N S I N X T I Y R C D U O L C G X	great	harvest	heaven
J S O N N S N T L V L V Z S P W G S G O T I E U F	horse	labours	Lord
F U L L Y R I P E D X T S E V R A H R A O R P D I	loud cry	power	reap
E C S E N E D L O G I R A L T A R Q E V N W I R R	rest	ripe	sharp
W O R K S C Y Q P F U R O O M E U R A Z I P R D E	sickle	six hundred	Son of man
J T R C B A G T N O B W B C D R O L T N B C I W Z	space	Spirit	temple
Q H K R X S M A J P Q Y E A W S U P T Z N O B J J	thousand	thrust	vine
H E A V E N L X Y T I D A S E O R R Z Y W Q W X R	voice	white	winepress
W E G A A X D C J T I G D N S E R V L R H L S R E	works		
P L R G L E X S V H B R K T S E C C O O X T G F F			
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**(What words, if any, are found more than once in the puzzle? Is there a word in the puzzle which is not found in Revelation 14?)**

# NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Reports from the Philippines Mission Work and the Thailand Mission Work are on the Mission Table in the foyer for you to pick up and read.

New Family Bible Study Questions are on the Missions Table in the foyer.

## Upcoming Events:

### Upcoming Fall Gospel Meeting

(Please mark your calendars and do not be away during these weeks.)

**Gospel Meeting 2024**, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> with Gilbert Gough  
Theme: **“There Is A God In Heaven”**

**Gospel Meeting 2025**, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> with Lee Moses, Union City, Tennessee.

**VBS 2025** June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Gospel Meeting 2025** September 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> with Dan Sikes, Benton, Kentucky.

**Gospel Meeting 2026** April 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> with Bent Bailey

**Gospel Meeting 2026** September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> with Jared Knoll

### Those Privileged To Serve August 11, 2024

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader Larry Taylor  
Opening Prayer David Dye  
Closing Prayer Reginald Read  
Bible Reading Jerry Dodson  
Preacher Terry Joe Kee

#### LORD’S TABLE

Presiding: Mark Wooten  
Robert Stephens Barry Roush  
Bobby Kendall Gavon Allen  
Donnie Gilliland Hayden Roush

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Felts

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
Opening Prayer: J. L. May  
Closing Prayer: Nick Ramsey  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

August 21, 2024

Song Leader Scottie Blanchard  
Opening Prayer J. L. May  
Closing Prayer Nick Ramsey

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

August 21, 2024

Larry Taylor

### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of August 11, 2024

Sunday Bible Study	87
Sunday AM Worship	100
Sunday PM Worship	83
Wednesday Bible Study	78
Contribution	\$4830

**“...Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame”**

**Revelation 16:15**

# Greensboro Road church of Christ



#### SHEPHERDS

Scottie Blanchard  
Mike Felts  
Terry Joe Kee  
Dan Nichols  
Larry Taylor

#### DEACONS

Jerry Dodson  
Stacy Eddleman  
Jason Garland  
Scott Pratt  
Kevin Roush  
Mark Wooten

#### EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

#### MISSIONS

Samrit Kammanee,  
Southeast Asia  
Philippines Missions  
Warren, Pennsylvania

#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear Romans 10:17  
Believe John 8:24  
Repent Luke 13:3  
Confess Rom. 10:9,10  
Be Baptized Acts 2:38  
Live faithfully Rev. 2:10

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” (Hebrews 10:24)

**Let Us Do More  
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# Kee Notes

## FOR WHAT DO YOU HUNGER AND THIRST?

Gilbert Gough

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matt. 5:6).

Jesus is teaching us that we are to desire to know and do the will of God. This desire must be as strong for God’s righteousness as the desire of a person whose throat is parched for water or whose stomach is aching for food. All of us have desires that we seek to fulfill. These things can never be finally and completely satisfied. But Jesus promises that the person who hungers and thirsts after righteousness will be satisfied. Physically, hunger and thirst are two of those things essential for our continued survival. Death comes from the lack of food and water. It is God who has provided both hunger and thirst. Peter says: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” (I Peter 2:2, 3.) The Psalmist David has said: “For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness” (Psalms 107:9).

What is it that drives your life? Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness that you might be filled? Do you allow your life to be guided by material things? Notice what happened to a man who left God out of his life. “And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (Luke 12:16-20). Today, many are like the farmer in this parable. They leave God out of their lives offering excuses as if they think God will be satisfied with them.

Many people of our day continue a long course of willful and presumptuous sin. To many minds are filled with earthly cares and pleasures and sensual desires. The rejection of Christ’s Word shows that many are indisposed to hear with favor the words of Jesus. The hearts of many become too corrupt to allow them to see the force of the evidences of truth. People, who do not love the truth nor seek to know it, are themselves with countless errors and falsehoods.

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