

“Tedious Obedience”

If you’ve been reading through the Old Testament using our One Year Bible Reading Schedule then you know that we are in the midst of some tedious, detailed, dare I say “boring” chapters. These are the chapters in the book of Exodus that describe in great detail how the Tabernacle, its furnishings, and the garments for the priests were made. The reason it can be slow, boring reading is that the exact same details were given just a few chapters earlier when the Lord told Moses exactly how He wanted these items made. But instead of saying, “And the Israelites made the Tabernacle exactly as God commanded,” it redundantly spells out every detail all over again, the length, color, shape and exact material used.

We would never find such tiresome literature in one of today’s best-selling novels. In such a fast-paced culture as ours, such reading can be monotonous and dull. So why does the writer of Exodus bother us with these details? He wants us to feel just how rigorously and thoroughly the work was done in order to obey God’s commands.

Obedience to God does not always involve a thrill ride of twists and turns. Often it entails the daily grind of life, the weary demands of faithfulness, and the tiring necessities of love. That’s true obedience. Living such a life dedicated to God can be tedious, monotonous and even boring at times. The goal is not the rush of adrenaline we feel, but the joy that God experiences when we obey Him with such care.

As Christians we do not live under a religious law system with the fine points that appear in legal writings, like the Old Testament. Instead we have more general principles as our commands. Whether carrying out the particulars of building the Tabernacle, or fulfilling the demands to “love one another,” obedience is not always easy. But it does please God.

Curtis Williams

This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament	
Monday, 3/3	Acts 28	Exodus 39-40	Psalms 89-90
Tuesday, 3/4	Hebrews 1	Leviticus 1-2	Psalms 91-92
Wednesday, 3/5	Hebrews 2	Leviticus 3-4	Psalms 93-94
Thursday, 3/6	Hebrews 3	Leviticus 5-6	Psalms 95-96
Friday, 3/7	Hebrews 4	Leviticus 7-8	Psalms 97-98
Saturday, 3/8	Reflection*	Reflection	
Sunday, 3/9	Reflection	Reflection	

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

Blood Drive for Murphy Students

One Murphy Middle School student and one Boggess Elementary School student are each undergoing blood-intensive medical treatments. Both students have deficits in their “blood unit accounts.” This blood drive will pay back those units and build up their accounts for future blood needs. The blood drive is being conducted by Carter Blood-Care.

Monday, March 10, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

At Boggess Elementary School

225 Glenridge Dr., Murphy

Drop-ins are welcome, but if possible, please schedule a time to give.

For more information, or to schedule a time to give, please contact **Megan Schuler**, Boggess Elementary School nurse, at 469-752-4009.

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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am

Worship service.....10:30 am



March 2, 2008

Order of Worship

Song: *Restore My Soul*

Song: *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: *How Great Is Our God*

Song: *Great In Power*

Song: *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84

Song: *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

Song: *Surround Us Lord*

Lord’s Supper

Song (Insert): *How Deep the Father’s Love*

Offering

(Children’s Offering* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship**)

Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Message

Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

“Face-to-Face”***

Family News

Song: *Above All Else*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children’s Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children’s Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 4th grade. Children are dismissed to Children’s Worship following the Children’s offering.

*****What is “Face to Face with God”?**

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeteria where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and in confidentiality concerning your prayer request, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

This Week

Bunko

Monday, March 3

7:00 p.m.

Home of **Betty Roberts**

901 Saturn Springs, Garland

Please RSVP to **Betty** at 972-278-3096

Please bring a salad. **All ladies are invited.**

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, March 5

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Deanna Priebe**

316 Love Bird Land, Murphy

972-423-1470

Future Events

All Church Easter Picnic

Sunday, March 16

5:30 p.m. at Breckinridge Park, Richardson

Bring picnic foods to share and a dozen eggs per child.

The Easter bunny will be there.

Men's Backpacking Trip

Thursday, April 3 – Sunday, April 6

Grandparent/Grandchildren Rocket Blast

Saturday, May 3

4:30 p.m.

Backyard of **Richard** and **Linda Knox**

235 Green Acres Drive, Murphy

The **Knox's** are having an additional Rocket Blast evening for North Pointe grandparents and their grandchildren. If you don't have any grandkids you can borrow some North Pointe kids. Wear shorts and shirts that are okay to get wet in (no swim suits please). Cost is \$3 per person to cover the cost of pizza, drinks and cookies. Bring an empty two liter bottle for the rocket blast.

“... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ...”
Philippians 2:15



Today

Bible Bowl Team Practice

(See Youth Ministry column for details.)

Future Events

Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 16

(See North Pointe News)

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22

Mother/Daughter Spring Fling

Friday, April 11

Mother/Son Miniature Golf Night

Friday, April 25

Grandparent Rocket Blast

Saturday, May 3

(See North Pointe News)

Family Rocket Blast

Friday, May 16

Backyard of **Richard** and **Linda Knox**

235 Green Acres Drive, Murphy

For kids ages four to fifth grade and their families

Kid's Kamp in God's Big Back Yard

June 9, 10, 11

Camp Impact

Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26

Camp Theme: Going Bananas!

\$80 deposits and camp applications are due by May 4.
For those entering fourth to sixth grades in the fall of 2008

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

Bible Bowl Team Practice

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Eddie** and **Jill Traugher**

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

LTC Drama Practice

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For middle school and high school

Home of **Keith** and **Gerri Wyatt**

5606 Lena Judd, Sachse

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, March 5

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Future Events

Camp Zenith for High School

Sunday, June 15 – Friday, June 20

Camp Cornerstone for Middle School

Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, June 10

Wilderness Trek

Friday, August 1– Saturday, August 9

Please see **Matt Lee** immediately for information.

Record for Sunday, February 24, 2007

Worship Attendance: 140

General Offering: \$3,238.00

Children's Offering: \$25.39

Land and Building Fund: \$360.00