

IMPORTANT TIMES

Service Times

- Sabbath School
Sabbath 9:20 AM
- Worship Service
Sabbath
10:50 AM
- Bible Study
Wednesday
7:00 PM

Sunset Times

- Dec 2: 4:56 PM
- Dec 3: 4:56 PM
- Dec 9: 4:55 PM
- Dec 10: 4:55 PM
- Dec 16: 4:56 PM
- Dec 17: 4:57 PM
- Dec 23: 4:59 PM
- Dec 24: 5:00 PM
- Dec 30: 5:04 PM
- Dec 31: 5:04 PM



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Prophecy Seminar Wrapup

God has been pouring out His blessings just east of Kansas City, Missouri. Our little stone church on the corner just wrapped up a very successful 4-week Bible prophecy seminar, presented by Amazing Facts. The first two weeks of the seminar were held at the community center in Grain Valley, Missouri, before finishing the final two weeks at the church.

The meetings started the first night with 53 guests attending and continued to average 46 guests for the

first two weeks. Attendance dropped some when the meetings moved to the church, but still finished



Jason delivers the message at one of the seminar meetings

strong with an average of 29 guests for each meeting at the church. Several people have even made decisions

because of the meetings. So far nine people have been baptized since the meetings began, and an additional 15 have expressed interest in baptism.

Now that the meetings are over, we've begun a Wednesday evening class to expand on the seminar subjects and help the new members and visitors to begin growing in their new-found faith.

Christmas Program

Christmas is nearly upon us, and it's time for our annual Christmas program. We're doing things a little differently this year, though. We have a set of favorite Christmas songs which will be mixed in with a narrated story.

Once again, Margie Cox is in charge, so if you're interested in participating, please get in touch with her. She'll also be contacting some of you who are good candidates for the songs that are part of the program.

The program will take place on

Sabbath morning Christmas Eve, and we hope that you will all be there to enjoy this special program.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 3rd - Sabbath School Council after hospitality meal

Dec. 7th - Board meeting, 6:00 pm

Dec. 10th - Adventist Community Services offering
- Sunshine Band, location to be determined, 2:30 pm

Dec. 16th - Christmas Concert at Chapel Oaks church in Shawnee, KS, 7:00 pm

Dec. 18th - Dorcas Society meeting, 1:00 pm

Dec. 24th - Christmas Program, 11:00 am

Dec. 31st - Sabbath School department promotions

December Birthdays

Bob Hon	- Dec. 1	David Lightner	- Dec. 27
Candace Schiefelbusch	- Dec. 9	Teri Bradbury	- Dec. 29
Jimmy Cox	- Dec. 12	Bobby Joe Hon	- Dec. 30
Don Beebe	- Dec. 27		

The Lord's Name by Brian Mills

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (Exodus 20:7 KJV)

What does it mean to take the Lord's name in vain? To most people, this means using the name of God in a flippant or nonchalant manner, or using His name in conjunction with foul language unbecoming of a child of God. This definition of what the third commandment means transcends the Christian world, and many non-Christians even understand and follow the commandment according to this definition.

Something Jason said in a recent prophecy seminar

meeting has given me what I feel to be a better understanding of what this commandment really means. The Hebrew word used in this verse that has been translated as take is also used in the context of a bride taking the last name of her husband. Therefore, to take the name of the Lord in this context means the same as becoming the bride of the Lord, or the bride of Christ, which we know to represent the church, or the body of Christ's followers.

This adds a whole new dimension to what this commandment is asking of us as followers of Christ. Are we truly living in such a way as to

be worthy of the name we have taken? Do we take seriously the commitment we made when we asked Christ to come into our lives and forgive us of our sins? I'm not saying we have to be perfect. We do, however, need to be striving towards perfection; leaning on the strength and mercy of God to give us the ability to overcome our sinful desires and to grow closer to Him each day. As a bride brings honor to her husband's name, so too should we bring honor to God's name by the way we live.