



## Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am  
**Sunday AM Worship:** 10am  
**Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

## Join us Online

### Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

### YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

## Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

## Evangelist

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## Growing In Knowledge

This week marks the beginning of another school year for many of our kids. Some are excited to begin a new school year and see their “school friends” again. Others are not excited thinking about more homework and no more sleeping in. Whether you are one that enjoys school or not, there are some great benefits to school. One of those blessings is the opportunity to grow in your knowledge in different subjects.

God expects all of us, whether we are going to school or not, to keep growing in our knowledge. The last two verses we have written for us by the apostle Peter should encourage all of us to grow in our knowledge. *“Be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2Pe 3:17-18)* In order to know what is false, we need to know first what is true.

One of the sins that lead Israel into sin and eventually lead to their captivity by Assyria was their lack of knowledge. God spoke through His prophet Isaiah saying, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” (Hos 4:6)*

One of the last encouragements the apostle Paul gave to the Ephesian elders was to keep growing in the knowledge of God’s word. *“I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are*

## Week of July 30

### Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 78
- ✦ **PM Service** - 55
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 45

### Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$3,192.80

### Upcoming Birthdays

- ✦ Bettie Fae Ledbury (8/6)
- ✦ Ken and Marlene (8/9)
- ✦ Ron and Marianne (8/15)
- ✦ Shawn Morgan (8/16)
- ✦ Joey Walker (8/17)
- ✦ Rashad Carswell (8/20)

### Calendar Items

**Women's Bible Study** on  
Tuesday at the building at 11a

**Song Learning Class** on Sunday  
August 13 at 4pm at the building

**Men's Meeting** on August 27th  
at 4pm at the building

### Today's Lessons

- ✦ **AM Sermon** - Influence
- ✦ **PM Service** - Redeeming the Time (Discipleship Series)

*sanctified.*" (**Act 20:32**) Paul is talking to men who were appointed as shepherds over the flock, men who seemingly knew God's word very well.

Many other passages in the Bible encourage us again and again to study and grow in our knowledge of God's word. Why is it so important? As Peter said to Jesus when He asked His apostles if they were going to follow the multitude and not follow Him any more, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (**Joh 6:68**) The best education we can receive is learning what our Father and Creator desires from us.

For those who are starting a new school year (students or teachers), my guess is your life is going to be a little busier. Aside from the classwork and studying for tests, there are many extra-curricular activities available as well. As you grow in your knowledge of Science, Math, History, and English, don't forget to keep growing in the knowledge of God's word. Our former president Theodore Roosevelt said it this way, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

I'm guessing if you are reading this article, you already knew you need to keep growing in the knowledge of the Bible. Here are a few ways to help us make sure we are growing in God's word as we should:

1. Make it a priority to do your Bible lesson in preparation for class
2. Put a Bible where you will see it every day to remind you to read it and study it
3. Agree with some friends to read a particular book in the Bible together and keep each other accountable throughout the week
4. Take your Bible to school and read it when you are allowed to do so
5. Pray to God and ask for His help in making sure you don't let other things get in the way of reading His word

**Psalm 119:98** - "Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine."

Patrick