



**Daily Bible Reading - 2017**

**Sunday, November 26th**  
1 Corinthians 1-4

**Monday, November 27th**  
1 Corinthians 5-8

**Tuesday, November 28th**  
1 Corinthians 9-12

**Wed., November 29th**  
1 Corinthians 13-16

**Thursday, November 30th**  
2 Corinthians 1-4

**Friday, December 1st**  
2 Corinthians 5-8

**Saturday, December 2nd**  
2 Corinthians 9-12

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**DISTRACTION FROM GOD:  
PART 3**

**By Allan Hornbuckle**

**November 26, 2017**

We have been discussing things that can distract us from God and spiritual things. Here are some thoughts about the use of technology.

We have so many valuable tools at our disposal in our day and age. It's a wonderful thing to be able to use the internet to connect to virtually everyone on our planet. We can communicate with people around the globe in an instant, inexpensive way. It's a marvel that we have all of these resources at our fingertips and in our pockets.

A question was once asked on an internet forum "If someone from the 1950's suddenly appeared today, what would be the most difficult thing to explain to them about life today?" The most popular answer was this: "I possess a device, in my pocket, that is capable of accessing the entirety of information known to man. I use it to look at pictures of cats and get in arguments with strangers." What an interesting perspective on the common usage of our technological assets.

We can allow our phones and computers to be a distraction from the most important things in life. How many times have you seen a family sitting in a restaurant and while they are together, sharing that experience they all have their phones out and are lost in the screens? Also you can commonly see people who order their food and before they take their first bite, they have to snap a picture of it and post it for strangers to see, "like", and comment on. What a strange world we live in.

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*Sermons for  
Sunday, November 26th*

*Sunday AM:  
AN INTRODUCTION TO  
GOD*

*Sunday PM:  
GOD AS YOUR FRIEND*

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[www.allanhornbuckle.com](http://www.allanhornbuckle.com)  
for archived articles  
and sermons.*



**Schedule of Services:**

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:00 am Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Worship: 7:00 pm

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## Week of November 26th

Bible Classes: 56 AM Worship: 105

Contribution: 3,814.00

## Remember in Prayer

**Ken & Sue Adams**, friends of Wanda Brown.

**Dixie Akers**, Royce's sister-in-law, for her health.

**Royce Akers**—recoverating from surgery.

**Sydney & Mildred Carter**— health

**John Cummings** has stage 4 brain cancer and begin chemo and radiation. John is Terri Fagan's uncle.

**Tom Dennis**, Penny's cousin, is not doing well.

**John Dennison** had bypass surgery.

**Jeff Dugger**, Dug & Jackie's son, has throat cancer.

**Linda Dover-Hill** has cancer and is the mother of Brittany's co-worker.

**Jim & Esther Lamm** - Esther for health & Jim as caregiver.

**Lillian Loomis** for health.

**Tom Mangrum** is recuperating at home.

**Brooklyn Mayer**, Dawn's 4 year old niece, has cancer.

**Mac & Agnes McLawhorn** - prayers for their health.

**Chris Newell**, Stephen's grandmother, for her health.

**Ray Price** has congestive heart failure and overall health.

**Jill Rush**, Ronnie & Sharon's daughter, health issues.

**Hoite & Margaret Sullivan**, Doris' sister & brother-in-law, health.

**Cleatus Tucker** health.

**Frances Wakeland** for her health.

**Earl Watson** has a mass in his back near kidneys.

## PROGRAM OF WORSHIP

**Announcements:** Bill Ragland

**Song Service:** Roddy Akers

**Opening Prayer:** Jim Lamm

**Communion:** Eddie Haselden

**Serving:** Joseph Hopkins Jason Vance  
Norman Ricker Larry Polutta

**Sermon:** Allan Hornbuckle

**Closing Prayer:** Eric Zink

## For the Month of November

**Elder:** Bill Ragland

**Communion Preparation:** Jim Lamm

**Baptismal Garments:** Melissa Hornbuckle

## VISITS APPRECIATED

Ruby Cooper Esther Lamm  
Evelyn Pack Tex Patton

## MILITARY

Jordan Akers Robert Bagley R J Boris  
Kristopher Black Adam Bowles  
Brandon Boyles Kimberly Boynton  
Russell Coble Ryne Collins James Dalton  
Ellis Flenoid Steven Hilton Michael Hilton  
Matthew Lemieux Katie Bledsoe  
Kevin Mitchell Shawn Reynolds  
Nicholas Ragland



11/26

Kelli Akers

11/28

Eddie & Carla  
Haselden

11/30

Stacy Bledsoe

12/02

Margaret Casbeer

12/10

Andrea Hanlon

Jim Lamm

12/12

Hilton Googe

12/15

Anna Claire Collins

12/20

Marvin Wouldwyk

12/21

Sarah Polk

12/22

Peggy McLawhorn

12/27

Ray & Ellen Brown

12/29

Eric Zink

12/31

Ron & Christine  
Herman

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Bible Bowl kick off** at the Haselden's home on December 2nd @ 5:00 pm. Please bring drinks, a side, or dessert. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

**Potluck** on December 3rd in honor of Brian & Jessie's son, Thomas Pahl.

**Festival of Lights:** James Island County Park at the Wappoo Shelter on Thursday, December 14th @ 6:00 pm. Please bring drinks, a side, or dessert.

**Pease join us** for dinner on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm before Bible study.

**Nursery:** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to volunteer in the nursery.

**Hope Lodge:** If you are interested in helping to prepare lunch on the last Monday of the month for the Hope Lodge, please see Doris or Ray.

**Coffee for Troops:** If you would like to contribute, there is a basket in the foyer to place items in. Please speak to Eric if you have questions.

## SECH CHRISTMAS

Essex Village is sponsoring two teenagers for Christmas. If you would like to buy a gift, their wish list is below and on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate money for the purchasing of gifts, please give the money to Christine by Sunday, December 17th.

Erin is 17 years old. She enjoys learning cosmetology, color guard, and crocheting. Big wish is a silver iPod Nano or Impossible Polaroid 600 Round Camera, blue if available. Smaller wishes include: white high-top LED shoes size 10, crocheting supplies, solid color yarn, black Van shoes, a Bible with her name on it, and clothing. Sizes are 2X shirts, 18 pants, 10 shoes.

Bryan is 15 years old. He enjoys science and building things. Big wish is Puma Evopower Vigor & Graphic FG men's soccer cleats black/silver fiery coral, size 9 or a pair of Jordan Super Fly 2017 Blk/Infared 25/Black size 9 shoes. Smaller wishes include: LED Digital multifunction waterproof sports shock watch (Walmart \$11), Black headband/wristband sets, Bluetooth head set, Extra Hold hair gel, clothes, and a Bible in Spanish. Clothing sizes: Medium shirts, 34x30 pants. He would like a pair of black dress pants.

## ARTICLE CONTINUED

The capabilities of these devices are so wonderful and we want to be good stewards of them and their uses. So how can we protect our focus and ensure it's placed in the proper place? Here are a few suggestions I have tried which have helped me:

Have a "Screen Sabbath". This is a day a week where you do not use your computer or phone except for absolute emergencies. This allows you to break the mental dependance on your screened device.

Do you find yourself opening and checking certain apps on your phone almost through auto-pilot? Try this: delete the app on your phone for a week. See how many times in that week you pull out your phone and click where the app used to be. It may surprise you how often you will do that. It sure surprised me.

Make a daily commitment for "no screens after XX o'clock". I try to ensure that I will not be on my phone any later than 10. It will be different for each person for a variety of reasons, but your family will notice the conscious effort you are putting forth and will be appreciative.

Finally, try to use more analog forms of communication to connect with life before the internet. For example, do you have someone that you are thinking of Facebook messaging to catch up? Send them a letter. Like a real letter. On paper that you have to send through the mail with a stamp and everything. I know that when I receive a letter or a card from someone it means just a little more than someone who sends me an email.

The key to all of this is balance. Technology is a wonderful tool, if we use it as a tool. The moment it is something more to us, we are in danger of being distracted from what's truly important.