



DAILY BIBLE READING - 2016

Sunday, November 27th
1 Corinthians 5-8

Monday, November 28th
1 Corinthians 9-12

Tuesday, November 29th
1 Corinthians 13-16

Wed., November 30th
2 Corinthians 1-4

Thursday, December 1st
2 Corinthians 5-8

Friday, December 2nd
2 Corinthians 9-12

Saturday, December 3rd
2 Corinthians 13 - Gal. 3

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Essex Village Church of Christ

“LESSONS FROM A HOBBIT” (PART TWO)

By: Allan Hornbuckle

November 27, 2016

Last week we began discussing some interesting details about the story and details in the Hobbit. We specifically discussed the idea that just like Bilbo, there is more to us than we may think. Things that we assume we won't like, aren't good at, or wouldn't enjoy doing, may very well be things that God designed us to do for His glory.

This week I would like to consider something entirely different. Instead of looking at a tiny hobbit for inspiration, I would like for us to think of one of the enemies in the book: Smaug. One may think that Smaug is the worst of the enemies in the book or in fact the only antagonist, but there are in fact a few different obstacles those that journeyed had to face. Goblins, spiders, wood elves, and even themselves at certain times were all a huge threat to the characters, but the most well known is Smaug. To give the simple version, the dwarves in this story once lived within a great hall inside and under a mountain (the lonely mountain). There once was a day in which a great dragon named Smaug attacked the dwarves that lived there all but eradicating the families that lived there. The purpose of the book, generally, is to get those dwarves back to the mountain after banishing or killing Smaug. But obviously dwarves are of no power or size to a great, armored, fire-breathing dragon like Smaug. Here is a description of the great Smaug from his very lips: "My armor is like tenfold shield, my teeth are swords, my claws spears, the shock of my tail a thunderbolt, my wings a hurricane, and my breath death!"

So without saying too much, there is a moment in which our hobbit Bilbo sees something about Smaug which shows a weakness. Bilbo flatters the old dragon to show off its belly. In fact even the

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Speakers for Sunday, November 27th

Class:

HOWARD STREETS

Morning Worship Service:

EDDIE HASELDEN

Evening Worship Service:

KEITH DEE

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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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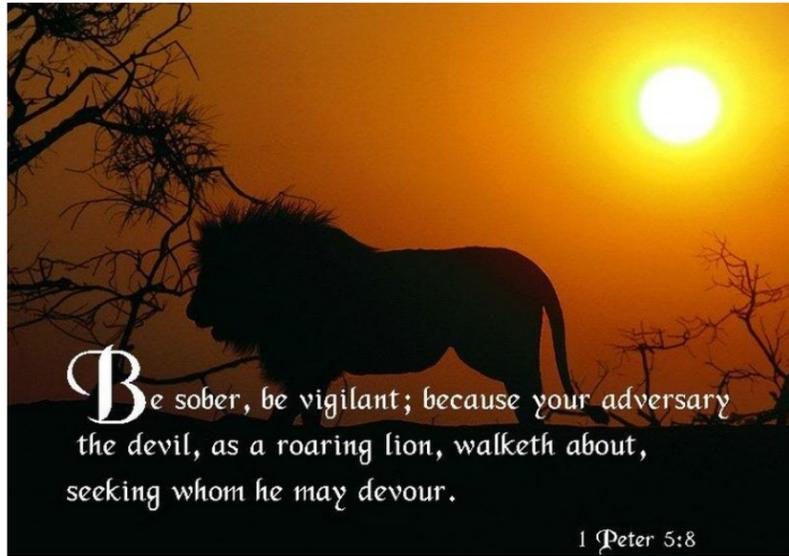
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Week of November 20th

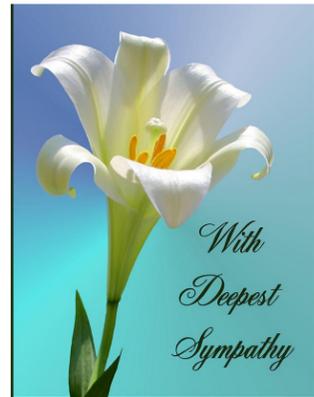
Bible Classes: 67 AM Worship: 119 PM Worship: 32
Wednesday Evening: 36 Contribution: 2,920.00

Military

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

Remember in Prayer

Ken & Sue Adams, friends of Wanda Brown.
Dixie Akers, Royce's sister-in-law, for her health.
Stephen Beels' grandfather had a stroke.
Sydney & Mildred Carter- health problems.
Maxine Doll has health issues. Maxine is Pam's mother.
Diane Haney, a friend of Jim Lamm's daughter-in-law.
Pete Kenny, Diana Byrd's nephew, is fighting cancer.
Christine Lamm's sister has cancer.
Jim & Esther Lamm - Esther for health & Jim is her caregiver.
Brooklyn Mayer, Dawn White's 4 year old niece, has cancer.
Nell McIntire is Lois Ott's sister and has cancer.
Savannah Moulton is recuperating from pneumonia.
Chris Newell, Stephen's grandmother, for her health.
Ray Price has congestive heart failure and overall health.
Bill Ragland has bronchitis.
Jill Rush, Ronnie & Sharon's daughter, health issues.
Violet Sharp, Nancy's mom, has Alzheimer's.
Howard Streets will have surgery on his knee on 11/29.
Hoite & Margaret Sullivan, Doris' in-laws, health problems.



PROGRAM OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Howard Streets
Song Service: Roddy Akers
Opening Prayer: Bill Ragland
Communion: Andy Streets
Serving: Eric Zink Jason Vance
J.S. Dismuke Joseph Hopkins
Sermon: Eddie Haselden
Closing Prayer: Larry Polk

For the Month of November

Elder: Howard Streets
Communion Preparation: Jim Lamm
Baptismal Garments: Melissa Hornbuckle

VISITS APPRECIATED

Ruby Cooper	Esther Lamm
Lois Ott	Evelyn Pack
Violet Sharp	

THANK YOU

To Our Essex Village Family,

Thank you for your love & support during the last 15 months. Your prayers, cards, food & gifts have held us together when we needed it the most. Thank you for your never ceasing love for us.

May God bless you always.

Love,

John, Louise, Ann-Marie & Brad



CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our condolences to the family & friends of Jean Hilton. Jean passed away on Sunday, November 20th. There will be a memorial service for Jean at Essex Village on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00 am.



11/28
Eddie & Carla Haselden

12/27
Ray & Ellen Brown

12/31
Ron & Christine Herman



11/30
Stacy Bledsoe

12/02
Margaret Casbeer

12/08
Laura Hattersley

12/09
Denice Minus

12/10
Jim Lamm
Andrea Hanlon

12/12
Hilton Googe

12/14
Jordan Akers

12/15
Anna Claire Collins

12/20
Marvin Wouldwyk

12/21
Sarah Polk

12/22
Peggy McLawhorn

12/29
Eric Zink

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belly of the dragon was protected with gems and diamonds lodged within the plates, but there was something else Bilbo noticed. "Dazzlingly marvelous! Perfect! Flawless! Staggering!" exclaimed Bilbo aloud, but what he thought inside was: "Old fool! Why, there is a large patch in the hollow of his left breast as bare as a snail out of its shell!"

I say this not to encourage us to flatter, but as a simple visual note that even the most dangerous, powerful dragon which the dwarves and hobbit faced had a weak spot.

The application should be quite clear now: all of us have at least one weakness. Whether it's anger, lust, envy, or any other such thing, there is always going to be something that can be used to lure us away from faithfulness. My encouragement to all of us is this, let us resolve to be honest with ourselves about what our weaknesses are that we may properly defend it.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Bulletin Board

James Island County Park Festival of Lights: We

have rented the Wappoo shelter on 12/15. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the festivities. Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring sides, dessert and drinks.



Southeastern Children's Home: We are sponsoring 2 teenagers for Christmas this year. If you would like to purchase a gift, the wish list is below or if you would like to make a contribution, please give to Christine by 12/14. The gifts need to be mailed out by 12/19.



Olivia- 15 year old girl. Her wishes are: Digital camera with SD card, batteries, and carrying case; Clemson Tiger pillow; art kit; and clothing. Clothing sizes are: medium shirts, 3 pants (junior/misses department), 7.5 shoes (needs black dress shoes). She enjoys singing, reading, coloring, and listening to music.

Deven- 14 year old boy. His wishes are: iPod Nano with iTunes gift card, and clothing. Clothing sizes are: 14-16 or large in big kids department, 14 long in pants, 8 in

shoes. Other info about Deven - he likes to draw and listen to music. He does not have a coat.

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

Children's Sunday Night Class: Join us @ 6:00 pm as we learn about God.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 pm for dinner before Bible study.

Coffee for Troops provides care packages of coffee and snacks to deployed troops overseas. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please speak to Eric.

Hope Lodge: A group from Essex Village prepares lunch on the last Monday of the month for the cancer patients, families & staff.



Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Melissa Hornbuckle 12.10.16 at 1:00 pm in the annex.

Melissa is registered at Target and would appreciate Costco gift cards.

Book Request: Please bring a book instead of a card (well-loved or new). Please be sure to sign your book as it will be cherished.