



### **“THE LORD’S DAY”**

Is Sunday no longer special to us? If so, we urgently need to do whatever is necessary to regain a sense of how great a day the Lord’s Day is. Let’s consider the fact that the first day of the week is a day to remember the Lord. The Lord’s Day is the day God has commanded us to remember His Son, and He has filled it with good things that we ought to treasure. Sunday is our best opportunity to be with the best people in the world — the Lord’s people — to worship. A day to learn,

pray, sing, give of our means, and observe the Lord’s Supper. A day to edify and be edified. A day to rejoice in the blessings we enjoy in Christ. At the very center of all these good things is the Lord Himself. If we love Him, His day ought to be the day we look forward to most of all. John wrote, **“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome”** (1 Jn. 5:3). The fact that we are commanded to worship on the Lord’s Day does not mean it has to be a dreary duty. If we love Him who commanded us to remember Him, the day on which we do that will truly be a joy! It would be profitable for us all to spend some time thinking about how we can make the Lord’s Day what it ought to be for us. What can we do to get out of the ruts we have gotten into? What can we do to make Sunday our favorite day of the week? And consider this: how can we better prepare for the Lord’s Day? What activities would make it more a day of remembrance about the Lord? How can we convey to our children the specialness of this day? What can we do to ensure that their childhood memories of Sunday involve more than the NFL and the NBA? What are some things we can do that will be conducive to growth in our understanding and observance of the Lord’s Day? Let’s devote this week to working on the project. Think about it. Pray about it. Talk about it. Share the results with others. Together, let’s work on letting the first day be the Lord’s Day! DP

### **STUDY AND REFLECTION**

**MONDAY: LUKE 24:1-12** - **Key Idea:** The first day of the week is the day of Christ’s resurrection.

**Questions for Growth:** Describe how the disciples felt at first when they found the tomb empty and later when they realized what had really happened to Jesus. How should the assurance of the Lord’s resurrection make us feel on Sunday? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 14:12.

**TUESDAY: ACTS 20:7-12** - **Key Idea:** Christians met on Sunday for the Lord’s Supper. **Questions**

**for Growth:** According to v.7, why did the disciples come together on the first day of the week? What else is said about their assembly? Why is the Lord’s Supper something Christians should look forward to? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 14:13.

**THURSDAY: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4** - **Key Idea:** Sunday is the day we give of our means.

**Questions for Growth:** On what day did Paul say the Corinthians should “lay by in store” for the financial needs of the Lord’s work? Is any other day acceptable? How does our giving make Sunday a happier day? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 14:15-19.

**FRIDAY: REVELATION 1:9-16** - **Key Idea:** The first day of the week is the Lord’s Day. **Questions for**

**Growth:** What are the things in the New Testament that happened on the first day of the week that would make it appropriate to call it “the Lord’s Day”? In practical terms, what are some things we could do to make this day truly the Lord’s Day? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 14:20,21.

# *The Salisbury Beacon*

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### **WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY**

We appreciate your willingness to worship God with us this Lord’s Day! If you would like more information about the Church of Christ, or if we may assist you in other ways, please let us know. **BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY– *The Salisbury Church of Christ.***

\*\*\*\*Please fill out a Visitor’s Card and place it in the collection plate\*\*\*\*

### **ORDER OF OUR WORSHIP**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER**

SONG # 808 – WE’RE MARCHING TO ZION

SONG # 585 – NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

#### **PRAYER**

#### **SCRIPTURE – JAMES 4:1-10**

SONG # 579 – MY JESUS I LOVE THEE

#### **LORD’S SUPPER**

#### **CONTRIBUTION**

SONG # 440 – THOU MY EVERLASTING PORTION

#### **SERMON: “SUBMIT”**

SONG # 119 – GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

SONG # 68 – BE

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

## **NEWS, NOTES & PRAYERS**

LET US PRAY FOR: Joy LaGates, friend of Ruth Banks (stent) / Ida Laramore, Judy Willey's mother (heart) / Stella Reidy, Wilma Duke's mother (dementia) / Jenn Striecker (cancer) / Jack Callaway / Katie Gray / Flossie Hull / Barbara Kuykendall / John Tillman / Paul Marchesault / Marilyn Artis / Linda Alaban / Florence Tucker / the Jones/Dale family / the Gibson family / Larry Laten / Prince Ituen and all missionaries and military personnel serving overseas.

- Janet Jones AND the Kings are traveling. Please pray for their safe travels.
- Julie Parsons and the children have returned from South Carolina and the funeral for her aunt. Please remember their family in your prayers.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

JULY 22 (Friday Night) ... Family Game Night & Chili (Chicken too if you like) & Cornbread – 6pm

AUGUST 7 (Sunday) ..... Pot Luck

### **RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE LAST WEEK**

Sunday Bible Classes: 25      Sunday AM Worship: 34      Wednesday Bible Class: 8

Contribution: \$1,922      Weekly Budget: \$1,948

### **SERMON PREVIEW**

JULY 17: "SUBMIT"

JULY 24: "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

JULY 31: "WAIT"

AUGUST 7: "PRAY"

### **Word Scrabble**

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BURIAL PLACE

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## **"BECOMING WISE"**

*Gary Summers, Winter Park, FL*

What's the best way to become wise? Most people might answer that the best way to attain wisdom is to read and study the basic principles that pertain to living in this world. Some might add that it would be helpful to be given real-life practical situations and practice problem-solving techniques. One might throw in, along these lines, finding a person who possesses wisdom to observe what he does. All of these are helpful suggestions, but how many would suggest Proverbs 9:10? That verse tells us:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." A similar verse is Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Yet another verse adds this thought: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever" (Ps. 111:10). What do these verses teach? One can find knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in some measure in secular teachings. But those will only help in earthly matters. Spiritual knowledge and wisdom can only come when one fears God.

The problem with society in general today is that people have no fear of God. His attributes include both justice and wrath against sin, but His nature has been diminished to basically only include love. To be sure, He is love, and we are right to emphasize the immense boundaries of that love—but not to the exclusion of His attitude toward sin, disobedience, and rebellion. Even religious people no longer want to hear about God's anger; as in Isaiah's day, they want to hear "smooth things" (Isa. 30:10).

Such an attitude will never achieve wisdom. God has the power to terminate our lives any moment He chooses, as He did with Er and Onan (Gen. 38:2-10). He also has the power to cast the eternal soul into hell, which He will do unless their name is in the Book of Life (Rev. 20:15). If we do not fear Him and His awesome power, we are foolish indeed. We can be motivated by both the fear of the Lord and love of Him as well (since He desires that all be saved). We should never lose sight of the fact that He expects our love to bring about obedience (John 14:15), which in turn gives us a good understanding.