

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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WE ARE CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY!
IN SEPTEMBER OF 2002, WE STARTED TEACHING
BIBLE STUDY IN WEST VIRGINIA!

AND

BIBLE STUDY REMAINS THE CORE OF THIS MINISTRY!



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LITTLE DID WE KNOW IN 1997 when GOD first called us to teach Bible Study in our local church in Plano, Texas that HE was preparing us for HIS calling in 2001 to labor in full-time ministry. **AND AT THE TIME, WE HAD NO IDEA** that HIS plan was to send us to West Virginia!



A Flame
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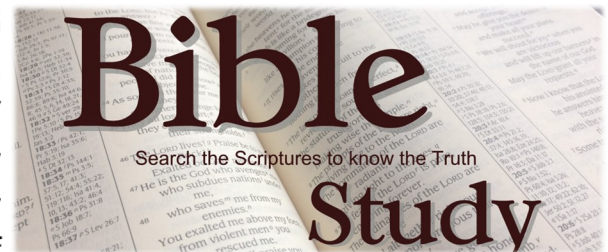
GOD'S MISSION OF THE MINISTRY:

TO MAKE DISCIPLES AFLAME FOR CHRIST

THROUGH THE TEACHING OF HIS WORD.

Go therefore and make disciples...teaching them to observe all that the Lord has commanded... (Matthew 28:19a, 20a)

WE ARRIVED IN AUGUST OF 2002, AND STARTED TEACHING IN SEPTEMBER...teaching weekly classes out of our home; in churches; as well as in the inner city. And then **AMAZINGLY** when COVID hit in 2020, our classes went online and now we have not only local people that participate in the weekly Bible Studies, but people from all over the state of West Virginia as well as 11 other states--in total over 130 people every week! **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**



Through the years, we have also organized Bible teaching conferences as well as prayer conferences!

WE ARE NOT A CHURCH. OUR MINISTRY IS TO THE CHURCH. In fact, Ray meets regularly with local Pastors as iron sharpening iron -- a ministry of encouragement to “fight the good fight of faith” and guard the Word that has been entrusted to them.



WE LIVE IN A DAY WHEN FALSE TEACHERS, TEACHINGS AND SECULAR INFLUENCES ARE CREEPING IN UNNOTICED IN OUR CHURCHES. There is a great deal of “preaching” and “teaching” at our fingertips -- especially in our age of technology! In some ways, that is good! But a growing number of church leaders are abandoning sound

Biblical teaching and the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 4 tells us that in later times some will apostatize the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons by means of the hypocrisy of liars. The results of this travesty include false converts “saved” by a false gospel. In addition, true Believers are not growing in the true knowledge of God and of His Word. Many lack Biblical wisdom to understand the world and to deal with life issues.

TO TRULY KNOW GOD, BELIEVERS MUST KNOW THE WORD OF GOD IN SOUND DOCTRINE!



THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY IS KNOWING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

NOT JUST IN SALVATION -- NOT JUST IN CHURCH ATTENDANCE OR SERVICE.

IT'S KNOWING CHRIST AND BUILDING AN INTIMATE, LIVING, GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

HOW DO BELIEVERS KNOW CHRIST AND GROW IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM?

They carefully, diligently, faithfully study the Word of GOD--Seeking to know the GOD of the Word and walk with HIM in trusting faith and in obedience to HIS commands.

The more Believers know, trust and obey the one true GOD of the Bible, the more we behold HIS glory and we see that nothing of this temporal world can compare to HIM. The Apostle Paul saw HIS glory, and he gladly turned from the worthless things of this world to the ONE Who is worthy of his love and his life (Philippians 3). The more we know the LORD JESUS CHRIST through the pages of Holy Scripture, the more we see HIM in HIS glory; the more we obey HIS Word with a faithful and joyful heart; and the more we see that HE is worthy of our love, our allegiance, and our very lives.



JESUS prayed to the Father in John 17:17 -- "Sanctify them [Believers] in Truth, Thy Word is Truth". When there is true spiritual life in a soul, there is a hunger and thirst to seek, know, trust and obey the Word of GOD and the GOD of the Word.

AS WE LOOK BACK OVER THESE 20 YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN GOD:

- **SAVE SOULS** -- many of them "churched", but never truly born from above!
- **REVIVE BELIEVERS** -- that had grown somewhat indifferent to Christ for various reasons.
 - **RAISE UP** Bible Study teachers in their local church!
 - **CALL ELDERS** to serve in their local church; and call a few to the Pastorate!
- **COMPEL MANY** to seek HIM more in HIS Word and to grow in their relationship with HIM.
 - **IGNITE HEARTS** to love, honor, serve, obey, follow and glorify Christ!

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE, by GOD's grace and by striving according to HIS power, we will continue to teach the full counsel of GOD's Word to those HE places in our path -- and we will trust CHRIST to Make Disciples for HIS plan, HIS purpose, and HIS glory.

*thank
you!*

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND YOUR PRECIOUS GIFTS
OF PRAYER, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

SOME OF YOU HAVE PARTNERED WITH US THESE ENTIRE 20 YEARS!

Beloved friends, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Ray, Tressa & Gwen

Servants of Christ



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