

Main Street Church of Christ, 198 Main St., Pikeville, KY 41501

OCT		DAILY DEVOTIONAL IDEAS	
Sept 30-Oct 6		<i>On Sundays and Wednesdays review lessons from that day</i>	
Memory Verses: Titus 2:11 Heb 4:15-16 Hebrews 10:4	Monday	Be Zealous for Good Works (Titus 3:8, 2:14) Let us S.E.R.V.E. God with, (S) Sincerity of Heart, (E) Energy and Zeal, (R) Readiness, (V) Voluntarily not under compulsion, (E) Excellence because God deserves the very best.	
	Tuesday	Works fitting for Repentance (Philemon 1:8-21) This letter is about a run-away slave, Onesimus, who became a Christian. Under Roman law if Onesimus was caught he could be put to death. Until this was resolved He could not fully live as a Christian ought. What does this teach us about true repentance?	
	Thursday	Our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) He can sympathize because he has walked in our shoes. He understands temptation. And He knows how to overcome temptation. (he was without sin). He has “been there, n’ done that” and wants to help us do the same. Let Him!	
	Friday	Ready, Set, Grow! (Hebrews 5:12-14) The conversion process is likened to a New Birth (Jn 3:5) The new Christian as a “babe” (1 Ptr 2:2). Just as it would be unnatural for a teenager to suck on a bottle, so is the Christian who fails to grow up in the faith.	
	Saturday	Once for All (Hebrews 7:24-27) Unlike the continual sacrifices of the old law, Christ’s sacrifice was made just once. Just once, because He was the perfect and ultimate sacrifice. He is Holy, Harmless, undefiled, and Sinless (v. 26). He has no weakness. He is able to save!	
	Oct 7-13		<i>On Sundays and Wednesdays review lessons from that day</i>
Memory Verses: Hebrews 11:1,6 James 1:2-3 James 1:22 James 5:13 1 Peter 1:22	Monday	Living by Faith (Hebrews 11:6) None of the individuals listed in this chapter were perfect, but they believed and trusted God. Note the names and discuss the various acts of faith. Who is on your list of faithful godly men and women you have known?	
	Tuesday	Our Cheering Section (Hebrews 12:1-2) Two things that help runners: The first is to have something to focus upon. The second is to have people cheering for you. Christ is our aim. Focus upon Him and “set your mind on things above” (Col 3:2). As you come to difficult times imagine all those who have gone before you, cheering for you and encouraging you to keep moving toward the finish line.	
	Thursday	The Tongue (James 3:1-12) The old rhyme about “sticks and stones” is untrue. Words are powerful. They can build up and they can destroy. Can you think of examples of how words encouraged, made you happy, or inspired you. How should Christians use this potent member?	
	Friday	Pray! (James 5:16-18) James said, “You do not have, because you do not ask” (4:2). So Ask! Pray in Faith (v.15) Pray with Fervor (v.16-17).	
	Saturday	The Enduring Word (1 Peter 1:22-25) His Word endures forever! If we let that Word change us and abide in us then we will endure forever.	
	Oct 14-20		<i>On Sundays and Wednesdays review lessons from that day</i>
Memory Verses: 1 Peter 2:21 1 Peter 5:7 2 Peter 1:3 1 John 3:4 1 John 4:7-8	Monday	Continue to Grow (2 Peter 1:5-11) To not be growing is to be “shortsighted” and “blind”. We measure our children and mark their progress, How do you gauge spiritual development? Look for these graces in your life. Compare this to you in the past. Progress?	
	Tuesday	When He Comes (2 Peter 3:9-13) People were beginning to doubt (vs. 3-4). People did the same thing in Noah’s day (v.5-6) until the flood came. God doesn’t want anyone to perish. Be ready. Help others be ready also. Since this world will be destroyed, live for Heaven.	
	Thursday	God is Love (1 John 4:7-11) How was His love made known to all? (v.9). How can we show others that we love God and we love them?	
	Friday	Not a Burden (1 John 5:1-5) How can John say God’s commands were not a burden, when because of them he faced persecution all his life? He doesn’t mean that the Christian life is a piece of cake. He means where love is, there is no burden. Since God loves me and has given His all on my behalf, it is no “burden” to obey Him. We gladly obey His will, which is in our best interest anyway.	
	Saturday	Let Your Soul Prosper (3 Jn 1:2-5) This epistle speaks of imitating what is good and not what is evil. In that manner it speaks of three men. Two are examples to follow, one is not. Our soul prospers when we “walk in truth” (v.4), show hospitality (vs.5-8), & love the church (v.6)	
	Oct 21-27		<i>On Sundays and Wednesdays review lessons from that day</i>
Memory Verses: 1 John 3:16-19 2 John 1:9 3 John 1:4 Revelation 2:10	Monday	Loveless Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7) Jesus repeatedly reminds them that He knows what is going on. He knows all, the good and the bad. He knew that they merely were going through the motions and needed to regain the way they loved at the beginning. He knows us too.	
	Tuesday	Suffering Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11) Emphasis again “I know”. This can either be terrifying or comforting. To Smyrna it must have been a comfort, because they were facing many trials. The riches he speaks of are not material in nature. True riches are found in faithfulness.	
	Thursday	Compromising Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17) The reference to “Balaam” reminds us of Numbers 22-24. Balaam’s story teaches about compromise with the ungodly (2 Peter 2:15; Jude 1:11) and God’s displeasure with this kind of compromise.	
	Friday	Corrupt Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29) There is a list of many positive things (Works, love, service, faith). The phrase “more than the first” shows an increase! But all the positive was overshadowed by the corruption they allowed to go unchecked.	
	Saturday	Lifeless Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6) He knew they were pretending. If they would remember and repent (3:3) he would renew them. White is the symbol for victory. The Book of Life is where the names of the saved are recorded (Lk 10:20; Mt 10:32).	
	Oct 28-31		<i>On Sundays and Wednesdays review lessons from that day</i>
Memory Verses: Revelation 21:4 Revelation 22:13 John 14:1-4	Monday	Faithful Philadelphia (Rev 3:7-13) The Lord has no word of condemnation for Philadelphia. Through great persecution they remained faithful. The Lord rewards the faithful. The open door seems to represent an opportunity in scripture (Acts 14:26-27; 1 Cor 16:8-9).	
	Tuesday	Lukewarm Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22) This was a city known for its wealth. “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing” (v. 16) The church had forgotten their spiritual need. Without him we are sick, weak, and in poverty. Let Him in!	
	**Bonus	Heaven (Rev 21-22) A prepared place for a prepared people (John 14:1-4). A place of fellowship with God (21:1-8). A place of protection by God (21:9-26). A place of provision from God (22:1-5). A place of Eternity (we will only spend one day in heaven - 21:25, 22:5) A place of “no mores”...There will be no more death, mourning, crying, or separation (21:4). There will be no more hunger or thirst (21:6). There will be no more night (21:23-25) There will be no more evil (21:27). In its midst is the Tree of Life (22:2) and the River of Life (22:1) and the God of Life (21:22-23, 22:3). The only ones who can enter are those in the Lamb’s Book of Life (21:27)	