

**Matthew 24:35:** “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

### Let us pray for...

- Rick Beauchamp** – on extended absence from family and us because of employment  
**Sheila Beauchamp’s brothers** – Mike, Rick, and Doug.  
**Jerry Douglas** – fighting bone and lymph cancer (Danny Douglas’s twin brother)  
**Ann Henderson** - fighting cancer again, trying one last treatment series (Sheri’s Aunt)  
**Terry Hightower** – in the loss of his wife, Vicki  
**Dub McClish** – Recovering from an angiogram/stent emplacement April 6  
**Debbie Post** – fighting cancer (wife of Doug Post, Gospel preacher)  
**Judy Reid** – sister in NJ, planning to move here  
**Llewelyn Reid** - is suffering from serious heart problems (Judy Reid’s husband)  
**Jaylen Reid** – Courts have awarded custody of Jaylen to his father on weekends, meaning he will be under denominational influence every Sunday (the Reids’ grandson).  
**Brian Ritter** – fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)  
**Jeff Simmons** – “our boy” in the US Navy (Saratoga Springs, New York)  
**Don Smith** – faithful brother in Ohio prison, ordered to cease teaching fellow inmates  
**Stephanie Tigner** – who has been restored to Christ (Kourtney’s sister)  
**Samuel Bagsangi** – Gospel preacher in Philippines we support  
**Danny Douglas** – Gospel preacher in US we support

### Records you helped make last week...

Bible Classes	17
Sunday AM Worship	17
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	10
Contribution	\$1,668.00
Contribution average (2017)	\$1,261.60

### Internet and YouTube Sermon broadcasts...

- Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast, beginning at approximately 10:45–10:50 a.m. and 1:12–1:15 p.m., via Internet through our Website, [www.northpointcoc.com](http://www.northpointcoc.com).
- Our **YouTube** channel at *Northpoint Church of Christ* has a growing collection of Northpoint sermons available for viewing.

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## THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

A profitable study of the Bible cannot be undertaken without a proper understanding of its inspiration. Paul wrote, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The word inspiration is translated from the Greek, *theopneustos*, which means “God-breathed.”

The Scriptures, including what Paul wrote in the above passage, were literally “breathed out” from God. He is the source of every word found in the Bible [when faithfully translated, Dub McClish]. Someone may ask, “You mean Satan was inspired when he lied to Eve about the forbidden fruit? That’s in the Bible.” The answer is, “No”; Satan was not inspired when he lied, but the account of his lie that Moses wrote in Genesis is an inspired record of it.

The Bible was written over of a period of about 1,600 years by about 40 different men. They were a diverse lot and included shepherds, kings, fishermen, a physician and a tax collector, among others, and when their writings were gathered into that single volume we call the Bible, there was not — and is not — a single contradiction between any of them.

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**Sunday**  
Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 1:00 PM  
**Wednesday**  
B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

The only way to account for this phenomenon is to understand that, while they wrote in their own styles, God gave them the very words He wanted to convey to men. That is what we call “verbal inspiration”—inspiration that extends to the very words of the Bible, not just the thoughts. Paul put it this way: “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Cor. 2:13).

God did not give the writers of the Bible an idea to express in their words, but expressed His own will in words of His choosing. There is a void between spirits, and the only way that void can be bridged is for one to express himself in words to another. That is what Paul meant, saying, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God” (1 Cor. 2:11).

-Jerry Brewer

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## THERE IS NO GOD?

Jim Bishop (1907-1987)

There is no God. All of the wonders around us are accidental. No Almighty hand made a thousand-million stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

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The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there. Why does snow sit on mountaintops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink? A very lovely accident.

The human heart will beat for seventy to eighty years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood, and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other? How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Who gave the human tongue flexibility, to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to the animal kingdom? Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes, and ears and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life?

There Is No God?

This “tongue-in-cheek” piece was written by American newspaper columnist and historian, Jim Bishop!

**Psalms 119:47–48:** “And I will delight myself in thy commandments, Which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; And I will meditate in thy statutes.”