

## SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Brandon & Kat Jackson (Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Gary & Marilyn)  
(Greeters...please arrive before classes and make sure visitors receive bread & fill out a card. See Allen if you cannot serve).

Announcements & Opening Prayer: Ed Leibner

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Song Leader:	Garrett Jackson	Garrett Jackson
Lead Communion:	Rod Jackson	Rod Jackson
Assist:	Chris Smith Ryan Young Randy Jackson	
Scripture Reading:	Evan Romo	
Speaker:	Ben Leibner	Ben Leibner
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Johnson	Brandon Jackson

## SERVING WEDNESDAY

Announcements & Prayer: Ed Leibner  
Song Leader: Garrett Jackson  
Devotional: Gary Carter

## ATTENDANCE

**Last Sunday:**  
**AM: 56 PM: 40**  
**Contribution: \$3476**  
**Wed: 32**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: Bible Study – 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship – 10 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship – 1 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 – 8 p.m.

## God's Plan for Salvation

**HEAR**  
the gospel of  
Christ  
(Rom. 10:13-17)

**BELIEVE**  
in Christ  
(Mark 16:15-16)

**REPENT**  
of past sins  
(Acts 2:36-47)

**CONFESS**  
faith in Christ  
(Rom. 10:9-10)

**BE BAPTIZED**  
into Christ  
(Acts 22:16,  
Romans 6:3-4,  
Gal. 3:27,  
1 Pet. 3:21)

**Once added to  
the church, one  
must**

**LIVE  
FAITHFULLY**  
(Rom. 12:1-2)



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## Who Are the Gideons?

*By Aaron Baker*

I have been contacted recently by the Gideons and invited to join their organization. You, like myself, are probably wondering who they are. Are they simply a group of people who to make sure a copy of the Bible is available to someone who might need it? Or is there something more to their work? Here is what I found:

### Background

Travelling businessman John H. Nicholson tried to check into a hotel in 1898 only to find out that all the rooms were full. If he wanted a room for the night, he would have to share with a Mr. Samuel Hill. Immediately the two men struck up a discussion and as the night progressed, the two decided that they both wanted to share God's Word.

In 1899 they called a meeting of like-minded business individuals and only three people attended: Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hill and a Mr. William Knights. They elected Hill as President, Knights as VP, and Nicholson as secretary and treasurer. It was at this meeting that they selected "Gideons" to be the name by which they called themselves.

Their practice of leaving Bibles in hotel rooms began in 1908 with funding being provided by many different denominational groups. Today they purchase and distribute around 75 million copies of the Bible annually.

### So What?

They seem to want to do good, why not join in it? Well, there are several reasons why I am not and will not be part of the Gideons. Here are a few:

First, they teach that man can be saved by saying the sinner's prayer.

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