

Pastor D's Letter January 9, 2022

Paul and Silas in Berea (Acts 17:10-15)

As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

This is one of my favorite passages of Scripture, for in it, we are commended for our curiosity. The Bereans were more noble because they asked questions. They looked for themselves to find out if what Paul was saying was true.

Christians should take time to know what they believe and we should be able to share what we believe with those who might ask us about our faith. But nothing scares the average believer more than being asked questions about their faith. To remove that fear and treat you all like Bereans, I want to take this opportunity to invite you to a special Sunday School class. Beginning next week – January 16th, I will be teaching a six week course on **“COLD CASE CHRISTIANITY.”**

This video based **Sunday School** class is **for the whole family**. Children and adults are welcome, and INVITED, to come and learn together.

The video based portion features J. Warner Wallace a forensic scientist who has been on “Dateline” more than any other detective. He uses his forensic skills to give evidence for our faith. This is a class you don't want to miss and it is one your whole family can benefit from attending. It starts, Sunday January 16th at 10:30 a.m. See you there!

And now, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)

Dr. D

NEWS UPDATES

- Join us for **Fellowship after church** in the Fellowship Hall.
- **No WVN Bible Study this Wednesday.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you.**
- If you watch on Facebook, **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
- If you wish to receive the monthly **newsletter** or know someone who wants to receive **Pastor D's Letter**, contact the church office with your email information.
- **THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT** of the church by giving in person, mailing a check, or giving ONLINE.