

THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is the book. It is the only book for a dying man. It is the only book for a living man. As the very word of God, the Bible is the book that speaks to any and all situations for a person's life. It is the only book that informs us about how to live the best life now as well as how to secure a life of eternal joy.

What makes us say such things? What makes the Bible so important?

The word of God is flawless because it is authored by a God who is flawless. It is true from the beginning to end.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7).

Every word of God proves true ... (Prov. 30:5).

The word of God is the highest, final and ultimate standard of authority.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken ... (Isa. 1:2).

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17).

The word of God is unmatched in effectiveness. It delivers on what it promises it will do.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isa. 55:10-11).

The Bible is not just another book — it is the word of God. As such it has the power to transform and rescue the lives of all who read it. How amazing!

- Bart Warren, via Hillview Terrace Church of Christ, Moundsville, WV -

TOO BUSY

Too busy to read the Bible, too busy to wait and pray;
Too busy to speak out kindly to someone along the way.

Too busy with cares and struggles to think of the life to come,
Too busy building mansions to plan for the heavenly home.

Too busy to help a brother who faces the winter's blast,
Too busy to share the burdens when self in the balance is cast.

Too busy for all that is holy on earth beneath the sky,
Too busy to serve the Master, but not too busy to die.

- Author Unknown -

via Camden Avenue Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV
(Submitted by Dana Rine)

Preach Christ at all times; if necessary use words.

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come fellowship and study together with other men of the church.

PIZZA PARTY: Next Friday, Dec. 21st, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer. Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at not more than \$5, marked for age and gender. Questions or donations for the pizza, see Dean or Sandy Spencer.

BABY SHOWER: for Sarah Hill, Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. R.S.V.P. by Saturday, Dec. 22nd to Tammy, 304-218-9534 or Rachel, 304-218-1921.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. If you have not made arrangements for this visit, please do so for this work to be completed before year's end.

PANTRY: Vegetable beef & tomato soups.

SEND CARDS:

Noreen West (Mike's cousin), 1059 Rock Run Rd., Friendly, WV 26146. She has Stage 4 cancer.

Bob & Patty Eddy, 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:

Cam Adamson (Twila's husband). Health issues.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Ray McCullough (9th Floor). **At Home:** Emily Martin (Mike & Marcie's daughter; granddaughter of Russell & Margie); Emily has Lupus. Becky McKitrick, Beulah Walker, Nancy Hadley, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOD'S GIFTS TO MAN

- God gave us pain to make us aware of healing.
- God gave us joy to make us aware of feeling.
- God gave us death to make us aware of judgment.
- God gave us trials to make us aware of victory.
- God gave us fear to make us aware of dependence.
- God gave us choice to make us aware of consequences.
- God gave us hope to make us aware of heaven.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).

— Glenn Hitchcock (via *Glad Tidings of Good Things*) —