

## My Bible and I

We've traveled together.  
My Bible and I,  
Through all kinds of weather,  
With smile or with sigh!

In sorrow or sunshine,  
In tempest or calm!  
Thy friendship unchanging,  
My lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together.  
My Bible and I,  
When life had grown weary,  
And death e'en was nigh!

But all through the darkness  
Of mist or of wrong,  
I found there a solace,  
A prayer, and a song.

So now who shall part us,  
My Bible and I?  
Shall "isms" or schisms,  
Or "new lights" who try?

Shall shadow for substance,  
Or stone for good bread,  
Supplant thy sound wisdom,  
Give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible,  
Exponent of light!  
Thou sword of the spirit,  
Put error to flight!

And still through life's journey,  
Until my last sigh,  
We'll travel together,  
My Bible and I.

- Author Unknown -

## The Bible

*This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.*

*Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.*

*It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.*

*It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.*

*Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.*

*It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully.*

*It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.*

- Author Unknown -



"... the word of our God shall stand forever." — Isaiah 40:8

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Iris Durbin and family at the passing of Iris' niece, Katelyn Gorby. God bless and comfort this family.

**FLOWERS:** Thanks to Ed Wiersbicki for the beautiful floral arrangements at the carport side of the building. Ed certainly has a knack for raising gorgeous flowers!

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Voluntary monetary donations are being accepted until **Wednesday, August 31st**, to assist the recent flood victims in Kentucky. Give your donation to one of the Elders or Rico.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

**NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL NEXT SUNDAY:** Instead, it will be **Sunday, Sept. 25th**, the first day of our Gospel Meeting, followed by our early afternoon service.

**PANTRY ITEM:** Canned peas & canned carrots.

**LABOR DAY COOKOUT:** Monday, Sept. 5th, 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1. Meats & soft drinks provided. Take your favorite covered dish or dessert and games. Sponsored by the Chester & East Liverpool congregations.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: Trinity Hospital (ICU) Steubenville:** Alex Harless. **The Orchards Rehab, East Liverpool:** Charlotte Mader (David Steff's sister). **At Home:** Gordon Todd, Debbie Waite, Linda Parkes, Becky McKitrick, Russell Martin, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Sam Burdine, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, Pepperberry Suites:** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

Salem (Glen Easton).....	Sept. 11-15.....	Gary Workman
CHESTER.....	Sept. 25-29.....	Tim Hatfield

## What's So Great About Following Jesus?

*Jesus gives hope — the hope of eternal life.*

Unlike many people who stumble through life with no direction, Christians have a goal, and a way to accomplish that goal. Faithful saints know they are headed toward an incomparable destination, the eternal city of God! Jesus is their way to reach the goal—the only way to the Father in heaven (John 14:6), and He is our single hope (1 Timothy 1:1).

Jesus taught that eternal life is available in the world or age to come (Mark 10:30). We live "in hope of eternal life" (Titus 1:2). Stated another way, the Lord has begotten us unto a lively hope (1 Peter 1:3).

Unto what are we looking with desire, expectation, and anticipation? The very next verse has these words: "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." Simply put, our hope is to live forever in heaven. There is no other hope that compares to this one!

Here is the great thing: it is not limited to just a few people. All people everywhere are invited to come and share in the blessings that God has arranged in and through His Son (Matthew 11:28).

"Come and see" (John 1:39).

- Roger Campbell, Cleveland, TN (Think on Good Things, House to House)