

READING THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH

Mortimer J. Adler, in *How to Read a Book*, has observed that the one time people read for all they are worth is when they are in love and reading a love letter. They read every word three ways. They read between the lines and in the margins. They read the whole in terms of the parts, and each part in terms of the whole. They grow sensitive to context and ambiguity, to insinuation and implication. They perceive the color of words, the order of phrases, and the weight of sentences. They may even take the punctuation into account. Then, if never before or after, they read carefully and in depth.

There is a basic difference between an explorer and a tourist. The tourist travels quickly, stopping only to observe the highly noticeable or publicized points of interest. The explorer, on the other hand, takes his time to search out all that he can find.

Too many of us read the Bible like a tourist and then complain that our devotional times are fruitless. It is necessary that we take time to explore the Bible.

Bible illiteracy not only occurs when one does not read the Bible, but also when one does not incorporate the gospel into their lives. No one advocates worshipping the text. The text is God's revelation of Himself; an avenue to a life changing relationship. Bible illiteracy demonstrates itself when moral decay, apathetic devotion, or half-hearted service prevail.

Our Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday are designed to help you explore the Word of God. We do not explore with our minds made up, but allowing the Word to make up our minds. Let us all resolve to study daily so that we all can be *workmen who need not be ashamed*. Let us study with the desire to be changed into the image of the Son. Let us all resolve to participate in our classes so that as a congregation we can grow to new heights in His Kingdom to His glory.

- Tim Sensing, *Bulletin Digest*

WHAT HE DID FOR US

Christ uncrowned Himself to crown us, and put off His robes to put on our rags, and came down from heaven to keep us out of hell. He fasted forty days that He might feast us to all eternity; He came from heaven to earth that He might send us from earth to heaven. - Dyer



*O the love that drew salvation's plan!
O the grace that bro't it down to man!
O the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary!*

*Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty, at Calvary.*

- William R. Newell, 1895 -

The Bible contains the vitamins for soul health.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Geoff & Sarah Hill on the birth of a son, Joshua Michael, **last Sunday, March 10th**. The grandparents are Mike & Tammy West, and the great grandmother is Donna Stevens. Best wishes to all.

SYMPATHY: To Bob & Karen Trotter at the passing of Bob's parents, Robert & Patricia Trotter. God bless and comfort this family in their sorrow.

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

MEDICAL PROCEDURE: Glenn McMahan is to have a medical procedure **tomorrow morning** at Trinity Hospital in Steubenville, OH. Remember him in prayer.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to join in this good work; your participation will be welcomed. Come and help make these little bears for sick and needy kids. Sewing skills not necessary.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

LESSONS ON LIFE, LOVE, & LOSS: March 31st - April 3rd with Dean Miller at the St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ, East Liverpool, OH. **See insert in this bulletin for dates, times and topics.**

CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS YOUTH RALLY: Friday and Saturday, April 5th & 6th at the Lubeck Church of Christ, Washington, WV. Speakers: Charles Pugh, Andrew Beasley, Hunter Melott. Additional details on the bulletin board.

CHESTER'S SENIOR DAY: Saturday, April 13th. Speakers: Aaron Burch and Chris Raynor. Lunch will be provided. Give any monetary donations to Willard or Rosie Burdine to help defray the cost.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

PANTRY: Canned fruit

PRAYER REQUESTS: Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister), Curahealth Heritage Valley, 1000 Dutch Ridge Rd., Room 214, Beaver, PA 15009, or her home address: 78 Preakness Drive, Chester, WV 26034. **Sally Watson** (Sue Collins' sister), c/o Donna Ellis, 225 Clark Ave., Burgettstown, PA 15021. **Bob Eddy** (recent cancer surgeries), 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Salem Hospital: David Exline (member at Hanoverton). **Roxana Moore** (David Steff's niece). **Beaver Falls, PA Hospital:** Daniel Mehlmauer. **Brighton Rehabilitation & Wellness Center:** Cindy Mehlmauer, 246 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009. **At Home:** Emma Rine, Lois Hissom, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. Tom Postlethwait (Pepperberry-Assisted Living). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hillview Terrace, Moundsville Mar. 17-21, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) Ken Burton
 Bridge St., New Martinsville Mar. 24-28, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) Phil Sanders
 Southern Hills Apr. 7-10, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) Gary Bailey
Chester **Apr. 14-18, 7 p.m. (except Sunday)** **Terry Jones**
 Hanoverton Apr. 14-18, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) Herman McHan
 Weirton Heights Apr. 21-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) Rico Brown