

Treasure In An Old Jar

By David Bragg

A condemned house filled with junk in St. Cloud, FL was being demolished in April 2014. Clearing the debris, they realized that the crumbling chimney was in danger of collapsing. That's when a worker heard a metallic sound. The ensuing investigation quickly turned into a hectic treasure hunt as jar after jar stuffed with old coins were pulled from the rickety chimney. In the end they had recovered over 2,000 coins that had been stored for decades in old glass pickle jars. The oldest of the coins dated back to 1917 (*Orlando Sentinel*).



Who would have thought that an old dilapidated house, an unstable chimney, and dusty glass pickle jars would contain anything of value? That's how many look at the Bible.

To many people today, some who may have never opened the cover to look inside, the Bible is an old, outdated book that has nothing to contribute to our modern, enlightened society. They see God's Word as out-of-touch as those who believe it. They fail to realize that the Bible is just as relevant today as it was on the day it was written. The Bible is ... Eternal (Isaiah 40:8); Truth (John 17:1); Saves (1 Corinthians 15:2); Inspired (2 Timothy 3:15-17); Living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12); Implanted in the heart (James 1:21); Enduring (1 Peter 1:22-2:3).

You may never find an old chimney filled with a pickle jar treasure trove, but you can hold in your hand God's inspired and saving Word. By reading it you will be blessed. By living it you will become better. By following it you will be saved.

- *Bulletin Gold (1/21)* -

Service Measures Success

It isn't the cut of the clothes that you wear,
Nor the stuff out of which they are made,
Though chosen with taste and fastidious care,
And it isn't the price that you paid.

It isn't the size of your pile in the bank,
Nor the number of acres you own;
It isn't a question of prestige and rank,
Nor a sinew and muscle and bone;

It isn't the servants that come at your call,
Whether many or little, or nothing at all;
It isn't the thing you possess—
It's service that measures success.

Author Unknown

The devil sweetens poison with honey. — Benjamin Franklin

News & Notes

NEW MEMBER INFO: Jessica Shafer (Docie Moore's sister), 606 Doyles Alley, P.O. Box 41, New Cumberland, WV 26047. Phone: (304) 670-9920.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP at St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ, March 12-15th (Mon. - Wed., 7:00 p.m.), "Navigating Life's Storms" with Dean Miller.

WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL: We will dismiss here on this coming Wednesday, March 15th to go to St. Clair Ave. and support their workshop.

SECRET SISTER PROGRAM RESUMING: Sisters participating, please complete the form and return by next Sunday, March 19th.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, April 22nd, Steelton Church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV. "Pray ... a Latte!" Speaker: Clista Heintzman. Details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Pancake mix & syrup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Sandy Allen - Rm. 648 (Terri DeLong Patterson's mother). **Calcutta Health Care:** Peggy Linger. **At Home:** Pat Alison, Debbie Waite, Nancy Cox, Mike West, David Strum (Karen's husband), Jim Hadley, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece) 305 Bentley Ave., Newell, WV 26050, Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432. **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Indiana:** Bill Miller. **In Rehab:** Sharon Beck. Home address: 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hillview Terrace, Moundsville	March 12-17	Terry Jones
Pennsboro	March 26-31	Roger Rush
CHESTER	April 2- 6	Terry Jones
Steelton, New Martinsville	April 2- 6	Mark Bass
Kent	April 20-22	Ralph Price

WHEN DO YOU STUDY YOUR BIBLE?

When do you study your Bible? It is sad when some among us don't know why we believe, or worse, don't know what we believe. Too many so-called Christians rely on the "faith of their fathers" and do not really have our own faith. Why? The reason is obvious: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). And unless we, individually, spend some time in the BOOK, we will never develop our own faith.

Many of our young people are lost to the world because when confronted with temptation and the pleasures of the world they do not have a faith that is based upon personal knowledge. Study your Bible every day. Search for God's answers to life's problems. Grow in your faith as you feed on God's Word. It is then that we can share that conviction with others.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

- Author Unknown (*Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL) -

WORTH PONDERING...

A religion that does not depend completely upon the power of the gospel, the adequacy of Scripture, and the effectiveness of preaching cannot result in the salvation and sanctification of souls.