

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Resolved: To Be a Faithful Student of the Bible

Bible reading, once a regular practice for Christians, a daily pastime for families of the Lord's people and further, a personal and daily regimen of the masses, has more recently fallen upon hard times. Sadly, the reading and study of the Bible is now too often ridiculed as amounting to nothing more than the wasted efforts of those with small minds and even smaller intellects.

The ablest leaders and most brilliant minds in history would beg to disagree. Sir Isaac Newton, renowned scientist, mathematician and philosopher, once confessed, "I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever." William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, declared, "The Scriptures contain a declaration of the mind and will of God. They ought also to be read, believed and fulfilled in our day. We accept them as the words of God Himself." Martin Luther, whose determination sparked the early fires of the Reformation, was a man in love with God's Word. Though we believe him wrong on many counts, he was "spot on" in observing, "Holy Scripture is a sweet-scented herb and the more you rub it, the more it emits its fragrance."

Our country has been blessed with leaders at the highest levels of government professing deep respect for the Bible. George Washington once said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible. He is worse than an infidel who does not read his Bible and acknowledge his obligation to God." John Adams stated, "The Bible is the best book in the world." Thomas Jefferson declared, "I have always said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, better husband. The Bible makes the best people in the world." And Abraham Lincoln, perhaps the most admired and loved of all past presidents, once acknowledged, "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible," further advising, "Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith and you will live and die a better man before God."

Today's Bible scoffers are on the wrong side of history! Why not resolve now, at the beginning of this New Year, to make the reading and study of the Bible a dedicated priority in your daily routine! The time to begin is now!

—Dalton Key

Whatever You Do, Don't Forget to Remember!

When asked what learning was the most necessary, Antisthenes replied, "Not to unlearn what you have learned."

The Greek philosopher had a point. Remembering what we have already learned; what we should already know is imperative. But it can also be frustrating. In the words of one wit, "A man's memory is what he forgets with."

Consider the Bible. Many of us have heard and read and studied the Bible for years. It has been a regular and important source of our instruction. Yet how much of this marvelous book do we remember? How many of the great events of the Old Testament can we recall? How many rich, New Testament texts can we locate? Can we show someone the plan of salvation as was laid out in Scripture?

Paul writes of the gospel, "**...by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.**" (I Corinthians 15:2) The King James

uses the words. *“If you keep in memory what I preached unto you”*. How well do we “keep in memory” the sacred truths of God’s word?

You say you can’t remember the Bible? Don’t blame your brain. Researchers have calculated the brain’s storage capacity to be in the range somewhere between 1 terabyte and 2.5 petabytes. Without getting into matters of higher mathematics, let’s just say that the brain has plenty of space for whatever Bible knowledge you’d like to store there.

Yet you still say you can’t remember the Bible? I wonder? Could it be that we remember what we have a deep and intense interest in? Don’t we tend to remember best what we love most? The Psalmist wrote, *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You”*. (Psalm 119:11). God’s word was not merely in his home, or on his shelf. It was in his heart. And, how was this possible? *“Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.”* (Psalm 119:97). The Psalmist remembered what he loved! Could the same be true with us?

—Dalton Key

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Maria Anaya in the loss of her brother-in-law, **Ernesto Samaniego**. Ernesto passed away last week in El Paso, TX. Maria was able to travel to El Paso to attend his services.

Prayer Request

Denny Wilson’s mother, **Ann Wilson**, underwent surgery on Monday, January 30th, in Omaha, Nebraska. Denny reported that everything seemed to be going great. Ann was able to walk a few steps, but would probably be in the hospital for about three weeks. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Hattie Gilmore was taken to the ER at Medical Center Hospital Saturday, January 28th due to extreme dizziness. She was treated and was able to go home Tuesday, January 31st. Hattie will do rehab at home.

Ruby Davis was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital Wednesday, January 25th because of a swollen arm which was diagnosed as cellulitis caused by a pocket of fluid near her elbow. She was also treated for other issues and was expected to be released soon. She will be going to the Skilled Nursing Unit at Manor Park in Midland for total nursing assistance.

John Cole was taken to the ER at ORMC on the 29th. John was treated for pneumonia. He had a reaction from the antibiotics and was taken back to the ER Monday night. After being treated for dehydration and a change in his antibiotics, John was able to go home early Tuesday morning. Keep both he and Sandy in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Mary Brown had an outpatient procedure done at the Wheatley Building Wednesday morning, February 1st. The nerves on the right side of her neck were burned to stop the pain. She will have the other side done in two weeks. Mary could tell right away that the procedure has helped.

Bill Tolbert received good results from his procedure done two weeks ago. He would like to thank everyone for the many cards he received and especially the prayers that were offered on his behalf during this time. Bill covets our prayers.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Glynn Chandler; Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jenny Fuls; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Jody Langford; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Lester Savoy; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; John Tessoroff; Bill Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Paula Wyatt; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Jesus' first miracle was the turning of water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana. What was the second miracle he performed in the city of Capernaum?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "***Speaking the Truth in Love***" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

There will be a "***Deacon's Meeting***" Wednesday, February 8th.

Office News

The "***New Mexico Children's Home***" will be back in Odessa March 7th, 2017. They are requesting **Apple Cider Vinegar and plain Vinegar**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Small ills are the fountains
Of most of our groans
Men trip not on mountains—
They stumble on stones.

February 5, 2017

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

Allen Weakland
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Josh Weakland
Don Easlon
Bill Butler

Allen Weakland
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Tony Marrs
Scot Straw
Richard Siler

Lord's Supper
West...

Cody Wesson
Larry May
Dylan Straw

John Wood
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Trinidad Wood
Tony Marrs
Craig Wesson

Other Responsibilities: **Elder:** Allen Weakland 362-1403 **Deacon:** Jr. Munoz 363-1309 **Pulpit:** Tom Sorenson 631-2518 **Table:** John Wood 413-7444 **Song Leaders:** Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 **Recording Duties:** Chris Butler 362-7486 **Collections:** John Wood & Tom Sorenson

Sunday AM

"Consistency in Life"
(Romans 2:1-15)

Sunday PM

"Prayer"
(Matthew 6:5-15)

Our Records

Bible Class... 79
Morning Worship...127
Evening Worship...NC
Wednesday...79
Contribution...\$3,896.75

