

Make A Commitment To Read The Bible In 2024

By Mike Riley

After 30 years as a preacher of God's Word, a New Jersey minister concluded, "The Bible is the best-selling, least-read, and least-understood book in the world." In his view and experience, "Biblical illiteracy is rampant."

George Gallup, the foremost religion pollster in the United States, agrees with this preacher. "We revere the Bible," he says, "but we don't read it." In a recent survey, 64 percent of those questioned said they were "too busy" to read the Bible. The average household has three Bibles but less than half the people in the United States can name the first book in the Old Testament. One survey found that 12 percent of its Christian respondents identified Noah's wife as "Joan of Arc!"

The solution to Biblical illiteracy? Read The Bible! Won't you please join me in a commitment to read the Bible on a daily basis? (Acts 17:11). It will take about 15 minutes a day to follow a daily reading regimen of God's Word. Are we too "busy" to take this small amount of our time each day to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"? (2 Peter 3:18).

The goal of our reading the Bible is not merely "information," but "transformation" (Romans 12:2). Someone once summarized 2 Timothy 3:16 by saying, "God's Word shows us "which" road to take (doctrine). It tells us "when" we get off track (reproof); "how" to get back on track (correction); and "how" to stay on track (instruction in righteousness)." In 2 Timothy 2:15 ASV, the Apostle Paul by inspiration penned these words: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handing aright [holding a straight course in or rightly dividing] the word of truth."

During this New Year – 2024, let us heed the above words of the inspired apostle and be found "diligently" reading and studying God's inspired word. We'll be glad we did!



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer**- Chuck Boyer

Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer**- John Chisley

Sermon- Don DeLukie

February 18th

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer**- Paul Simpson

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer**- Gary Harris

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be scheduled when Don has enough questions. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Debbie Grice, Mike Costello, Ted Blankston, Rick Cook, Brad Farrington, Billy Granger, Mitch Vidrine, Chuck Boyer, Louvenia Dickson, Ronnie Charrier, Barbara Wheeler, Joyce McDonald, Emmitt McDaniel, Misty Bible, Evertt Frost, Bobby Wanderish, Jimmy Binford, Lynn Urban, Kathrine Simmons.

Bereaved: Families of Lorene Johnson, Margie Smith, Rose Lester, Gail Sewell.

Needing Long-term Prayers:

Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



February birthdays

- 1 - Jay Anthony McDaniel
- 8 - Ed Haltom
- 9 - Lottie Dickson
- 13 - Alex Townsend
- 15 - William (Ronnie) White
- 22 - Sybil Binford
- 28 - Danny Silmon

February Anniversaries

- 22 - Jacob & Kara Freeman
- 29 - Chuck & Shannon Boyer

