

Upcoming Events...

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

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Read through the Bible in 2016!

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 333** - 1 Corinthians 1-4 Monday
- **Day 334** - 1 Corinthians 5-8 Tuesday
- **Day 335** - 1 Corinthians 9-11 Wednesday
- **Day 336** - 1 Corinthians 12-14 Thursday
- **Day 337** - 1 Corinthians 15-16 Friday
- **Day 338** - 2 Corinthians 1-4 Saturday
- **Day 339** - 2 Corinthians 5-9 Sunday

December Birthdays

6 Olivia White 17 Bill Brown 27 Sue Tanner
29 Noah McKnight 30 Richard Karns 31 Bob Pescador

December Anniversaries

12 Ron & Peggy Woodruff 18 Jim & Marie Burruss

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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The Bible

by Lawrence Barr

The third century Christian, Tertullian, said, "Truth does not blush." So why have I, at times felt as though I was blushing when explaining some truth from God's word? I hope and pray that you have not had such an experience. I am determined never to do such again. God might have decided to just plop kernels of truth into our minds. He might have given us authoritative prophets of the truth in each and every community. Instead, he gave us the Bible, written by over 40 writers over a period of 1,600 years. Certainly, there are some parts that are hard to understand. But if one reads it a few times through, he will come away with a certainty of the ultimate authorship. No group of mere human beings over such a period could have come up with such a consistent representation of the nature of God and how he wants to relate to human beings. So we have the Scriptures, *"inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work"* (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). We must never represent ourselves as being perfect and full of total understanding. But let a question arise and there is a statement of Scripture about it, we should never refrain from saying, "the Bible says....", for to refrain would be to blush. How much more would we blush were someone to say on the day of judgment, "Why didn't you share that with me?" Another aspect to the truth not blushing is that when we pattern our lives after the truth of God's word, we will not blush when our lives are compared to that truth. As James said in 1:22, *"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."*

WINDSHIELD WIPER

Lesson From a Child

One rainy afternoon I was driving along of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked. "The rain," he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked..."Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer. "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us." Who can drive in the rain again without thinking of this one?

A TRUE STORY

Author Unknown

I once witnessed an incident of charity that restored my faith in people. While working at a shoe store in downtown Truro, Nova Scotia, I noticed outside the bakery shop next door, a little boy standing on the hot air register in his bare feet, trying to keep warm. I was unsure whether or not to invite the boy into our store, or just what to do with him, when a lady came by. After a few words with the barefoot boy, she brought him into the shoe store. She bought him new shoes and heavy woolen socks, for which he awkwardly tried to thank her. "Are you God's wife?" he asked his benefactress. Taken aback by the question, she took some time before replying, "No, son, I'm just one of His children." "Well, I knew you must be some kin to Him," he said, as he thanked her again and ran out the door. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12 *"And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave*

us commandment. And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him." 1 John 3:23, 24 *"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."* 1John 3:18 *"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."* James 4:17

A FRIEND

Author Unknown

*I went out to find a friend,
But could not find one there.
I went out to be a friend
And friends were everywhere.*

RAINY DAYS

by Dale Grissom

The bright, cheerful, peaceful times of our lives are to be treasured highly. At times like these everything seems to fall into place and we are glad to be alive. But if we think this feeling will last, we are just kidding ourselves, because the rain must fall on everyone. There are peaks and valleys in our emotional make-up and it is when we are in the valleys that we are tested. Our rainy days take many forms. There might be bitter disappointment in marriage, failure in rearing children, emotional depression, bad health, the death of a loved one. Sometimes we feel that no one cares or understands our problems. When these times occur, we are to fight against the darkness and gloom. We need to reach out to Someone who will understand and help us to deal with emotional pain before it takes us over. Through prayer and bible study we reach out to our Heavenly Father. In the Bible we read of Job, Christ, the apostle Paul, and others whose lives were very difficult. These were without question some of the greatest men the world has ever known, yet they suffered as we do. Their suffering gave them strength to reach out to others, especially the sick, poor, crippled, blind and less fortunate. In order to be Christ-like, it is necessary that we become caring, and generous toward others. How can we understand the suffering of others unless we have suffered? Rainy days must come if we are to mature as children of God.