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Upcoming Events...

Business meeting: Today, February 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Workday: next Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Last-Saturday-in-February-Meeting: February 25

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

Barnabas Group Meeting: February 28

Quotations about the Bible

"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face." - Ronald Reagan -

"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand." - Mark Twain -

"A studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands" - Thomas Jefferson -

February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales 25 Mike McKnight

February Anniversaries

5 Mike & Morgie McKnight

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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Be All That You Can Be

By Clifton Angel

"I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's Army." From 1980 to 2001, the popular recruiting slogan was used to imply that it is only in the United States Army that you can "Be All That You Can Be." While the U.S. Army is pertinent to our nation and has a lot to offer to recruits, it is not the army where one truly can reach his fullest capacity. Rather, the Lord's Army is the only place where you can "Be All That You Can Be."

You see, it is only in the Lord's Army that the Captain of the Host is perfect. He's been through the drills; He's passed every test. He has experienced every temptation that His soldiers can experience, and yet remained without error through it all. He *"was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"* (Hebrews 4:15).

Furthermore, it is only in the Lord's Army that the Captain of the Host has all power. No doubt, captains in the U.S. Army have great authority and ability, but they do not have complete authority and ability. In the Lord's Army, the Captain has ALL power. He is on record as saying to some of his soldiers, *"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth"* (Matthew 28:18).

Finally, it is pertinent that we understand that it is only in the Lord's Army that the Captain of the Host offers ultimate protection. The U.S. Army is strong, but protection lacks in comparison to the Lord's Army. Even with the great strength of the U.S. Army, the faithful soldier can lose and the entire nation can lose. Such is not so in the Lord's Army. For, He is the Captain of our eternal salvation from sin (Hebrews 2:10), and He is has guaranteed victory for the faithful soldier: *"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne"* (Revelation 3:21).

Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism for remission of sins grants you an entrance into the Lord's Army. Are you in His Army? If yes, are you endeavoring to "Be All That You Can Be"? "*Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him*" (Colossians 3:17). "I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's Army."

Reading the Bible

By Raymond Kelcy

A young lady was once given a book to read. She tried reading it and found it to be quite dull and boring. Later, she fell in love with a young man who was a writer. In a conversation with him, she found out that he was the author of that book. She could then hardly wait to get to her room so that she might read it again. This time she found it to be a very interesting and fascinating book. What was the difference? She knew and loved the author. Some think the Bible is dull and dry. But if they would read it with the idea in mind that here is a book written by their God and Creator, they would find it to be a challenging message. They need to come to love God. When they do, they will find His book to be both interesting and meaningful.

My Favorite Bible

By Steve Higginbotham

Through the years, I have owned quite a few Bibles. I have two shelves in my office containing nothing but Bibles. They differ in size, translation, and binding. But of all the Bibles I own, one is particularly treasured by me. It is a little black Red Letter New Testament (3"x4.5") that I have had for the past 39 years. You've seen some like it before. It's the kind of Bible given to little children, and it is small enough for them to hold it in their little hands. The print in this Bible is just about too small to read. There are no study notes in it. And it only contains the New Testament. So what makes this Bible so special to me? Allow me to read the inscription on the first page:

"This New Testament is being presented to Steve Higginbotham for being the first in his Bible Study class to be able to say from memory all the 66 books of the Bible. Keep up the Good Work. God Bless you always. Your Bible Class Teachers, Mrs. Hester Shultz & Miss Sandy Wilson"

Isn't it amazing the impact that a few words of encouragement can have on a person's life? I was just four-years-old when this Bible was presented to me, but thirty-nine years later, I still treasure, and have this little Bible in my possession. My guess is that Hester (who is now deceased) and Sandy have no memory of the presentation of this Bible, or the message they inscribed in it. I'm sure they have no idea that something done so long ago, and something that cost so little, and took only but a moment of their time, would be so treasured by the little boy to whom they presented it.

My point? There is life-time lasting power and influence in encouragement! What takes us only a moment to say or do, can impact another person for the rest of his life. Be an encourager! Take the time and the little extra effort to compliment, commend, and encourage another. Chances are, long after you've forgotten your words of kindness, they will be locked-up, and cherished as a prize possession in the store room of someone's mind.

Time

By Mike Benson

EVERY MORNING GOD doles out a limited amount of time to every soul on the planet...

86,400 seconds, 1,440 minutes, or 24 hours--depending upon how you count time. We can do what we want with this daily allotment: spend it, use it, waste it, kill it, invest it, or just ignore it. Whatever we do it, our time for that one day will be gone. There is no way to save any of it.

"The day of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

Psalm 90:10