

## Planning Ahead!

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Day: next Saturday, January 30

25<sup>th</sup> Annual "Last-Saturday-in-February" meeting: just 5 weeks away! Saturday, February 27.

### January Birthdays

5 John Aguiar      14 Juanita Small

### January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

### Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Each weekly bulletin for the next twelve months will include suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 25** - Genesis 38-40 Monday
- **Day 26** - Genesis 41-42 Tuesday
- **Day 27** - Genesis 43-45 Wednesday
- **Day 28** - Genesis 46-47 Thursday
- **Day 29** - Genesis 48-50 Friday
- **Day 30** - Exodus 1-3 Saturday
- **Day 31** - Exodus 4-6 Sunday

#### 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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# Indio Informer

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## A Good Word

Mark Twain once said, 'I can live for two months on one good compliment.' We all know what he meant by that. It lifts your spirits to have someone say something genuinely nice to you or about you.

Solomon noted this human truth: "*Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad*" (Proverbs 12:25). Haven't you experienced days when the morning began just right? Someone in your family mentioned something special about you he/she appreciated. Your boss gave you a compliment as you walked through the door. And then, there was a note in the mail or a phone call from someone you love, and words of cheer entered your heart and carried you through the day.

Since we know how good it feels to receive such expressions from people, shouldn't we spread the same joy to others? We ought to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to us (Ephesians 5:15; Colossians 4:5; Galatians 6:10).

A good word. You don't have to be rich to give compliments away. You don't have to be well known to effect others. Even complete strangers reap the benefit of receiving a good word from you.

We hear so many bad words in our world. Let's start a campaign to balance what people hear. It all begins with a good word!

***So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.***

Galatians 6:10

## To the Older Christian

Author Unknown

**You may be growing older,  
And your step a mite bit slow:  
You may not move as fast as once,  
But, oh, God loves you so.  
You may think that you're not needed,  
That your work down here is through;  
But my beloved oldster,  
God has a plan for you.  
Your white hair shows the wisdom,  
You've gathered through the years;  
Your patience stands for victories,  
Proves you've conquered many fears.  
Your sweetness shows that Christ indwells,  
His love in you abides;  
As these virtues flow out from you,  
You're blessing other lives.  
Oh, don't ever be discouraged,  
If others must wait on you;  
You've done your share of service:  
Just let His light shine through.  
So rejoice and live for Jesus,  
And to others His kindness show;  
You're still wanted and needed,  
You're God's messenger, you know!**

*Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.*

Psalm 71:9

## Start Early, Do More

By Mike Mayes

A neurologist at the Children's Hospital of Michigan has done research that reveals the great capacity of growing human brains to absorb information.

He discovered that by age 2, the infant's cortex is operating at adult levels. At age 4, that child's brain is twice as active as the adult brain and continues at that rate until 10, when it begins to slow down. By 16, it has slacked off to the pace at which it continues through adulthood.

God's wisdom is seen in His stressing the importance of instilling in children the truths of His Word at an early age (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:4-7). By exposing them to a large quantity of Bible teaching in their early years, we can be instrumental in programming their "mental computers" so that they know the mind of God and think as He does.

As they reach adulthood, they can then choose to have good, honest hearts that will make them followers of the Lord (Luke 8:15).

## Three Kinds of Burdens

By Roger Genung

*Burden* is defined as "anything carried or endured, a load."

**Some burdens we must bear alone** (Gal. 6:5).

- Choosing between right or wrong (Joshua 24:15).
- Consequences of sin (2 Samuel 12:19-23).
- Eternal judgment (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

**Some burdens others can bear or we bear for others** (Gal. 6:2).

- Physical needs (Galatians 6:10).
- Need for prayer (James 5:15-16).
- Work of the church (1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

**Some burdens we cast on the Lord** (1 Peter 5:6-7).

- Sin's debt (1 Peter 1:17-19).
- Anxiety (Philippians 4:6).
- Physical needs (Matthew 6:25-34).

Let us faithfully carry the burdens we have to endure on our own, but let others help us carry those that can be shared. And let's help others carry some loads. God is waiting with open arms to help us with our spiritual burdens. Jesus said, "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28).