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Read The Bible Through In 1975?

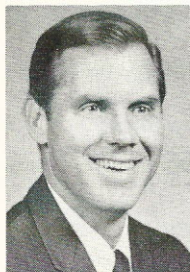


Mrs. Laura Stoesen is one of the several hundred of our First Baptist Church family who read the Bible through in 1974-75. She reports a real blessing from this reading and plans to participate in the "Read The Bible Through In 1976."

Pastor's Paragraphs

"THE SOUND OF SECURITY"

Some strange sounds can be heard coming from the maternity ward at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin. Although



some of the nurses have complained about it, the sound has a soothing effect on the newborn babies. The sound has helped them gain weight faster because they don't use up calories crying.

The sound is a soft whooshing sound similar to the sound of the Mother's pulse which the baby hears prior to birth. Hearing this sound has a calming effect on the newborn babies.

The infant is not the only person desperately searching for security. Knowing what we do about the world in which we live, all of us are looking for some kind of security blanket. We feel a kinship with Linus at this point. 1976 looks frightening. We wish it were possible for us to crawl back into 1975 where we found some security.

The Lord Jesus made it quite plain — the environment of the world is hostile to the Christian. He told us to expect trials and tribulations. BUT HE ALSO PROMISED HIS CONSTANT PRESENCE. He said, "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you."

Let this promise sink deep down into your heart. We can face the new year with confidence because we do not face it alone. Our Lord and Master has promised to be with us.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

P.S. Let me take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for the hundreds of beautiful cards and gifts. No man has ever worked with a more wonderful congregation than the pastor of this church!

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

The College students will present a special worship experience, "Declaring Christ's Liberating Presence," at the evening service December 28. All college students need to be at the church at 4:00 P.M. December 28. There will be an after church fellowship for all high school-college students at the home of Lauren Mowe, 3835 Scenic Highway.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Riders	Workers	Total
1.	Pope	23	2	25
2.	Ford	30	4	34
3.	Kilpatrick	27	4	31
4.	Holt	23	3	26
5.	Lutrick	15	2	17
6.	Holley	35	3	38
7.	Coker	33	2	35
8.	Johnson	17	3	20
		203	23	226

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Mr. Dudley Davis, Mr. Raymond Barrow, Mr. Herman Johnson

Sacred Heart

Mrs. C. B. (Helen) Clements, Mr. L. D. Allen

Children's Hospital

Theresa A. Gaherty

West Florida

Mrs. Everette (Dolly) McGowin, Mr. Charles Killam

North Triton Regional Hospital, Charleston, S.C.

Mr. M. A. Farmer

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mrs. J. C. (Judy) Parrish, Mr. Theron Guthrie, Mrs. Pat (Irene) Boghich, Mrs. John (Emily) Murphy, Steven Lewis, II, Mrs. Francis (Carol) Johnson

SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Peggy Pardee and Mrs. Ruth Christie in the death of their brother.
Mrs. B. T. Renfro in the death of her brother.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mrs. Christine Hart McDonald and are given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Kandy.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"GRASSHOPPERS IN THE LAND OF GIANTS"

(Numbers 13:17-33)

7:15 P.M.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 29 (Lee Hanberry, DIC)

4:30- 6:00 P.M.—Girls High School Basketball Practice—Phillip Napier in charge.

7:00-10:00 P.M.—Open Gym Activity

Game Room open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 (Ed Horne, DIC)

6:30- 7:30 P.M.—Open Skating

7:30- 8:15 P.M.—13 and under Boys Basketball practice — Joel Enderson in charge.

8:15- 9:15 P.M.—17 and under Boys Basketball practice — Greg Mabry in charge.

9:15-10:00 P.M.—Mens Basketball practice Gary Newton in charge.

Game Room open from 7-9:45 P.M. for all age groups.

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — Closed

Thursday, Jan. 1 1976 — Closed — Happy New Year!

Friday, Jan. 2 — Closed

Saturday, Jan. 3 (Bill Thompson and Joel Ender—DIC)

9:00-11:00 A.M.—11 and under boys basketball games—P.C.R.A.

11:00- 3:00 P.M.—13 and under boys basketball games—P.C.R.A.

3:00- 4:00 P.M.—15 and under boys basketball game—P.C.R.A.

Game rooms closed.

RECREATION NOTES:

1. The Center will have special activities during the Christmas Holidays. Information will be forthcoming through the Sunday School Departments.
2. The Center will operate by an abbreviated schedule during the holidays; however, the Center will be available for special scheduling by groups wishing to use it. A list of DIC's will be available in the Church office who can open the Center for special events.
3. Starting the first of the year, the Center will open for activities at 7:00 P.M. and close at 10:00 P.M. Members requiring rides should be picked up promptly so that the Center can close on time.
4. The game rooms will be closed on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays through March 15.
5. The Recreation Committee would like to hear your suggestions on any new programs for the Center. Also any improvement in our present program.

THE VERY NEWEST

The rosebud on the pulpit Sunday was placed there in honor of
MASTER JAMES PAUL WALKER
son of

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker
born December 18, 1975

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 1976

During the 1974-75 church year many of our members participated in reading the Bible through.

In 1976 the Home Life Magazine, Open Windows, Sunday School quarterlies will carry an outline of readings which will take you through the Bible in a year. This reading will consist of about 3 chapters a day. We will print the reading in the Builder each week. You may want to read a different version this time. Some have expressed a preference for reading straight through a book before going to another book. (The outline includes Old Testament and New Testament each day.) Here is a suggestion from Dr. Olin Binkley's book "How To Study The Bible":

"Read the Gospels in the following order: Mark, Matthew, Luke, John.

Read the books of the Old Testament in the order of the Hebrew Bible:

The Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

The Prophets: Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi. The Writings: Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ruth, The Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, 1 and 2 Chronicles.

Read the other books of the New Testament in the following order:

The Acts of the Apostles.

The Letters: Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude.

The Revelation of John.

We will give you an opportunity Sunday to commit yourself to this plan. Your commitment will encourage others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 28: "Strong When Tempted"
I Cor. 10:1-13

Monday, Dec. 29: "The Beatitudes"
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, Dec. 30: "The Christian Influence"
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, Dec. 31: "Jesus Interprets the Law" Matthew 5:17-26

Thursday, Jan. 1: "In the Image of God"
Genesis 1:26-31

Read the Bible Through Passages:
Genesis 1-2; Matthew 1

Friday, Jan. 2: "The Allurement of Sin"
Genesis 3:1-7

Read The Bible Through Passages:
Genesis 3-4; Matthew 2

Saturday, Jan. 3: "Putting God First"
Matthew 4:3-10

Read The Bible Through Passages:
Genesis 5-6; Matthew 3-4

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should be in the office, preferably in
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study1269

Main Sunday School1246

Crippled Children's Home 23

The Church in Training307

Christian Training Hour142

Other Training Activities165

Coming for Membership2

Tithes and Offerings:

Budget\$16,284.88

Specials 7,016.28

TOTAL OFFERING\$23,301.16

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal\$15,000.00

Given to date\$15,184.27

ONLY 1

Sunday left to give your
tithes and offerings in 1975

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, December 28

* 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School

* 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship

4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal

* 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour

* 7:15 P.M.—Student Night at Christmas
Ordinance of Baptism

8:15 P.M.—High School-College Fellow-
ship with Lauren Mowe,
3835 Scenic Hwy.

Monday, December 29

10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts — Cellar

Wednesday, December 31

No Activities

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day — Office Closed

COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 21, 1975

BY LETTER:

46. Bobby Taylor, Rt. 2 Box 80
From: Highland Baptist, Waco, Texas

47. Mrs. E. L. Sutton,
Haven of Our Lady of Peace
From: First Baptist,
DeFuniak Springs, Florida

REDEDICATION:
Terri Driskell

NEXT WEEK

There will be no services or activities here
at the church on Wednesday, December
31st.

The Senior Adult Fellowship meeting
which is normally held on the first Thurs-
day in each month will be held on Thurs-
day, January 8.