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Loving Good Works

Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Jesus was teaching during His sermon on the mount that we as Christians need to be seen by others of the world. How and why are we to be seen? We are to be seen doing good works. We are to be doing the good works in order that God may receive the glory.

As Christians we need to love doing good works. What does it mean to "love good works?" A good work can be defined as the following: "a strong feeling or devotion to any physical or mental activity that produces something that is morally beneficial or desirable" (def. by Halbert Tucker). Christians need to focus time, money, and energy on these good works that are beneficial to others and to God's kingdom.

Matthew 6:21 says, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* We need not put our hearts on treasures of this world that will rot away, be stolen, or get lost. Things like cell phones, tablets, money, jobs, hobbies, and sports seem to be where we have our treasures in today's world. But our treasure should be treasures of heaven. Doing good works is one of the ways we can focus on heavenly treasures.

Just doing good works alone is not going to get you to heaven. We must obey the gospel the way God commands we obey. But he also commands us to be ready for every good work. *"…to be ready for every good work"* (Titus 3:1) *"…equipped for every good work"* (2 Tim. 3:17).

We need to be people zealous for good works as Paul described to Titus in Titus 2:14. So let's look for ways that we can shine our lights by doing good works so glory may be given to God.

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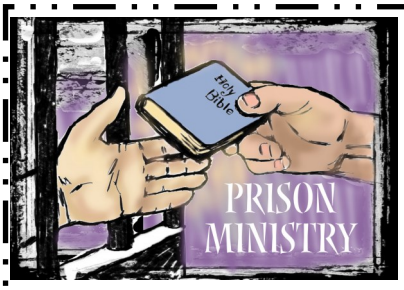


PRISON MINISTRY
Join in the Work!

We now have **395** Inmate Students. The World Bible School Bibles with all the lessons included have gone up from $5.00 to $7.95. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific guidelines we have to utilize in corresponding with the inmates.

Quotes from recent correspondence with some of the inmates. *"Your organization has made a huge impact in our tank. The Bibles you offer are not only beautiful, but extremely enlightening, and make studying the Word of God altogether a more meaningful experience."*

Another wrote, *"It has really been hard with no family or no one to help me on the outside because my mother passed away & my father has been in prison my whole life. So a girl from another jail came into our dorm today with your address & told me I could possibly get a Bible from your church. I was so happy that prayers can be answered in such hard times...that I want to cry for this lady's help & the kindness of your church. God Bless you all for helping people like me that have no one and nothing. It really means a lot."*

Let David Camp know if you want to help sending Bibles.

Please be Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country & Our National Leaders be guided by God; Myra Higgins and her Granddaughters, Alysa & Samantha (who is suffering gal stones); Adrian Burke had hand surgery 6/21; Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother) heart is back in rhythm & got out of the hospital 6/29; Randy Imel (Justin Imel father) fell-knee injury; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton's son-in-law) who has cancer had a stroke & other issues were discovered that require surgery; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many has been very ill & needs our prayers; Susan Williams is having "bone healing" issues; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin) thanksgiving prayers for good test results—"No Cancer"; Dennis Gray is dealing with health issues; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Joe Skinner, (Gerald Starns friend) is now walking with walker; Robert Gordon (Sanoma's cousin) is now in assisted living & not doing very well; Lisa Fowler (Gerald Starns niece) who was recently baptized, recovered from 2 aneurysms but has lupus; The people of Ukraine; Hillary Harrison (Tim Culp's cousin) is on wait list for double lung transplant; Janet Skinner, Noreen Rock, Karen Green, Martha Hayes, Steve & Kathy Franz, (friends of Gerald Starns); Inmates of our Prison Ministry who have asked for our prayers. We have responded to **395** inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; Be rich toward God; Delight yourself in the Lord; Jesus said, "*Do you love me?";* Earnestly seek our God!; Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise; Be an Andrew & Bring Someone to Jesus; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Answer the Lord's Invitation-"*Come";* Remember God is in Control; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; Love Our Neighbor; Deny Self and not be Mere Human; Love! Church; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement & Enthusiasm for the Lord

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair; Kristen Adair; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Carole Broyles; Gina Branstetter; Jimmy Burke, Patsy Camp; Danny Culp (Tim Culp's father); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher, Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Leslie Hoffman; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (friends of Peggy Burke); Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Jared Robertson (friend of Scott Burke); Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley (Scott and Erin's Son-in-law); Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); Stephen & Mary Ann Smith; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Niece of Nancy Barton), Karl Vinson; Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's Sister); Susan Williams; Cathy York (Mother of Erin Burke)

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's Great Grandfather); Ronnie Hock (brother-in-law of Rebeca Holifield); Kalle, friend of Gerald Starns; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Gerald Starns; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).

Some Unusual Things for Which to be Thankful by House to House Heart to Heart

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? ***Be thankful*** when you don't know … it gives you the opportunity to learn. ***Be thankful*** for the difficult times … during those times you grow. ***Be thankful*** for limitations … they give you opportunities for improvement. ***Be thankful*** for a new challenge … it will build strength and character. ***Be thankful*** for your mistakes … they will teach you valuable lessons. ***Be thankful*** when you're weary … it means you've made a difference. ***Be thankful*** for the mess after a party … it means you have friends. ***Be thankful*** for the taxes you pay … it means you are employed. ***Be thankful*** for clothes that fit a little snug … it means you have plenty to eat. ***Be thankful*** for a shadow that watches you work … it means you are out in the sunshine. ***Be thankful*** for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing … it means you have a house. ***Be thankful*** for the spot you find at the far end of the parking lot … it means you are capable of walking. ***Be thankful*** for all the complaining you hear about our government … it means we have freedom of speech. ***Be thankful*** for a huge heating bill … it means you are warm. ***Be thankful*** for the lady behind you in church service who sings off-key … it means that you can hear. ***Be thankful*** for the piles of laundry and ironing … it means your loved ones are nearby. ***Be thankful*** for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours… it means that you're alive. ***Be thankful*** for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day … it means you have been productive.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

"Always giving thanks to God and the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

"The fear of the LORD leads to life; then one rests ***content****, untouched by trouble."* Proverbs 19:23

"I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life..." Ezekiel 37:14

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading
Jul 2—Jul 8

Sunday 2	am	Job4 23-25
	pm	Acts 10:24-48
Monday 3	am	Job 26-28
	pm	Acts 11
Tuesday 4	am	Job 29-30
	pm	Acts 12
Wednesday 5	am	Job 31-32
	pm	Acts 13:1-23
Thursday 6	pm	Job 33-34
	pm	Acts 13:24-52
Friday 7	am	Job 35-37
	pm	Acts 14
Saturday 8	am	Job 38-39
	pm	Acts 15:1-21

Through the Bible in a year

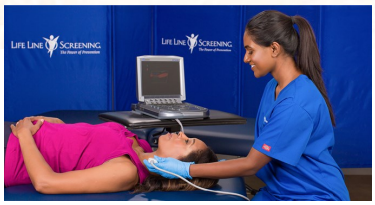
Have You Oiled Your Bible?

by Heart to Heart House to House

Fred W. Cropp, President of the American Bible Society, once received a letter asking, "What do you recommend for keeping the leather of Bibles from getting stiff, cracking, and peeling?"

His reply was, "There is one oil that is especially good for the treatment of leather on Bibles. It will ensure your Bible stays in good condition. It is not sold but may be found in the palm of the human hand."

Have you been "oiling your Bible" lately? Reading just four chapters a day will complete the entire Bible in a year; one chapter a day will complete the New Testament in two hundred and sixty days; three chapters a day will finish the New Testament four times a year; nine chapters will complete it once a month.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-844-591-7160**
- **Online: https://llsa.social/HC**
- **Text:** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**

Pick up a brochure at service.

Cathy Friday	1
Rob Reed	3
Shannon Burke	8
Connie Brooks	12
Leslie Hoffman	12
Ellie Burke	18
Jim Thomason	19
Kevin Koctar	28
Justin Imel	31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian & Traci Burke	2
Jim & Linda Thomason	15
Robert & Connie Brooks	19
Randy & Karen Forse	29

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!! THE PANTRY IS LOOKING GOOD:
We could use Box Cereal, Beef Ravioli & Mini Spaghetti & Meatballs

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, Luke 6:47-49, John 6:45, John 14:15, Romans 10:13-17
Believe the Word: Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6, James 2:24
Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30, 26:20
Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, I Timothy 6:12
Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer): Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21
Why do you delay? Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11, I John 1:7, Revelation 2:10

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM

Service this Week:

July 2, 2023

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am
Bible Class 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: **Dennis Gray**

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Genesis 2:1-14

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **"Passing the Test"**
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Jimmy Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**
Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**
Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

Stay tuned to our One Call Now Messages, Email Messages, Everything happening on Facebook Page:
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& our Web Site: dpcofc.org

REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!