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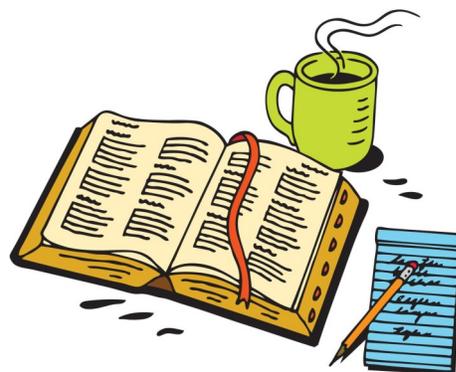
Want to Change Your Life?

Read the Bible

Of all the things you could do to change and improve your life, the most impactful would be to read the Bible. It says in Romans 12:2, ". . . *be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*" In Romans 10 it tells us that faith comes from hearing the Word of God. There is knowledge of God, there is understanding of the purposes of life, and there is wisdom for everyday life contained in the Bible. I can testify that reading the Bible has changed my life.

Here are my suggestions for allowing God's Word to become one of your greatest blessings.

1. Sometime in your life you need to read the entire Bible--Genesis to the maps! This will allow you to see the whole panorama of God working in our world.
2. Get your own Bible. Highlight verses. Mark it up. Write notes in it. Thankfully we are not like days in the past when there were just a few Bibles. I have at least 35 Bibles that I have highlighted, marked up and written in.
3. Start reading the New Testament first. Here you will find the life of Jesus, His words and parables and then the inspired writings of His disciples.
4. Pray a prayer like this one before you read: "Dear Lord, help me to understand and discern the words I am reading this day. May the Holy Spirit open my mind and heart to receive your truth and to know what you are speaking personally to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
5. Pick a regular time to read your Bible and make it a habit. If you don't do this intentionally, your Bible reading will gradually drift away.
6. College age young people should read the book of Proverbs. It has 31 chapters one for each day of the month (of course an extra chapter for some months). It takes on the very temptations facing this age group.
7. Start thinking Biblically. Let God's word guide you on the issues of our day. In many instances let it change your opinion on matters. It does no good to read the Bible and



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then not obey it. You may be surprised to see that every major issue of our day is clearly spoken about in the Bible.

8. Learn to use a concordance. It is a way to quickly locate a verse that was important by remembering one word. Online resources are very helpful. You may find that reading the Bible on your phone, tablet or computer is the best way to absorb God's Word.
9. I believe it is a great practice to write down your favorite verses and memorize them. Pick out 10 verses to memorize that will guide and empower you.
10. Finally, I think it is important and extremely helpful to join with others in a

Bible study. You will certainly have questions about what you read, not understanding certain sections of the Bible. God has placed pastors and other Christians to help you unravel the meaning of the Bible. Much of the Bible is very clear and easy to understand. But to grasp the overall themes and to wrestle with the less transparent passages, Bible studies and sermons are most helpful.

Please let me know if you have started reading the Bible. It is a great joy for me to know that you are letting God transform you in this way. I guarantee you that reading the Bible will bless your life in countless ways!

~ Pastor Rich

Grace In - Grace Out



The computer acronym GIGO — “garbage in, garbage out” — describes how putting wrong code into a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: “What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person” (v. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) “in” our hearts, Jesus’ goodness will shine “out” through our lives. And when God’s grace enters and changes us, we’ll also reach out and share that good news with oth-

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Our Grace Family

Meet Jan Wuornos

Brrrrr! It is cold from where Jan came--Anoka, Minnesota. So get out your map and your pointer finger and see if you can locate it on a map. You know Jan better because she is the "Kitchen Queen" who successfully nourishes us on Wednesday evening. And that is a lot more difficult than she might let on when you consider the entirety of the chore!

While with the American Red Cross, Jan went on several assignments for hurricane flooding, going to Florida several times, and as far north as Princeton, New Jersey. She has worked in Financial and Statistics Information and was mostly in charge of credit cards used for clients. She also managed hotel billing for clients, which kept track of two-thirds of the state of Tennessee from Nashville to Memphis, making sure all cards and information were in order.

She once cooked for the Disaster Action Team meetings once a month. Now we understand just how she came upon us! So--her favorite foods are lobster and Italian food. Jan has one daughter, along with six grandchildren, one son and daughter-in-law with one granddaughter and one step-granddaughter.

No doubt her hobby is cooking, but in quieter moments---reading. She muses over the memorable moments of the birth of her children. Still if you can call folks "valued possessions", there is listed her grandchildren! Would we be very surprised to know that Jan loved white water kayaking and playing golf? Nah---just think of what courage it takes to prepare church meals in the hope that just maybe most of the eaters will be completely satisfied? A pretty big order, and one so often accomplished! We do appreciate you, Jan!



~ Pat Kopp

The B-I-B-L-E

I have worked at the Bible, prayed over the Bible, lived by the Bible for more than 60 years, and I tell you there is no book like the Bible. It is a miracle of literature, a perennial spring of wisdom, a wonder-book of surprises, a revelation of mystery, an infallible guide of conduct and an unspeakable source of comfort.

Give no heed to people who discredit it, for they speak without knowledge. It is the Word of God in the inspired speech of humanity. Read it for yourself. Read it thoroughly. Study it according to its own directions. Live by its principles. Believe its message. Follow its precepts.

No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no man is wise who is ignorant of its teachings. Every day is begun at its open page. It lies close at hand in all my work. I never go anywhere without it, and it is my chief joy.

~ Samuel Chadwick



Bible Quiz

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- A. When a curse was spoken against him
- B. When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- C. When his hair was cut
- D. When he was bound with ropes that had never been used



Answer: C (See Judges 16:17-19)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Ted Haase, Jr.	8/15	Tom Lewis
8/1	Seth Pettiford	8/15	Vonnie Scott
8/1	Noah Schoenike	8/16	Greg Clark
8/2	Kitty Pruet	8/17	Susanna Beeler
8/2	Bill Smeltzer	8/17	Elisa Hoppe
8/3	Pastor Rich Elseroad	8/17	Tammy Kipp
8/3	Donna Kennedy	8/17	Elizabeth Murphy
8/4	Donna Anderson	8/18	Cydne Albers
8/4	Gabe Bucca	8/18	Nancy DeTrana
8/5	Bryan Caviness	8/18	Alexander Diegel
8/5	Carol Herbold	8/18	Leah Orton
8/5	Diana Holden	8/18	Noah Roettger
8/5	Kristen Stone	8/18	Stacy Roettger
8/6	Logan McGhee	8/18	Steven Will
8/8	Pat Bloom	8/18	Amber Hicks
8/8	Cori Camp	8/19	Lydia Satterfield
8/8	Tonia Collins	8/19	Courtney Schoenfelder
8/8	Jacob Cook	8/20	JoAnn Vaughn
8/8	Joe Dew	8/21	Tiffany Hamilton
8/8	Margie Frizzell	8/21	Charles Robinson
8/8	Davis Masters	8/22	Susie Elseroad
8/8	Caden Pafford	8/22	Chris Emerson
8/8	Dorothy Ryan	8/23	Claudia Campbell
8/8	Clay Whittenburg	8/23	Mike Harper
8/9	Tyler Baker	8/24	Paul Guthrie II
8/10	John Cothrine	8/24	Paul Guthrie III
8/10	George Herbold	8/24	Paul Guthrie IV
8/10	Brock Kothe	8/24	Paxton McPherson
8/10	Charlee Payne	8/25	Scott Frostholm
8/10	Allen Schultz	8/26	LouAnn Hanvey
8/11	Eric Kleckley	8/26	Megan Kabela
8/11	Tina Stine	8/26	Dave Poker
8/11	Remy Tunstall	8/27	Vicky Czupka
8/12	Katherine Duncan	8/27	Sandy Heath
8/13	Cameron Smith	8/27	Linda Mahan
8/13	Austin Strobel	8/27	Kelly McPherson
8/14	Derek Wilson	8/27	Sam Smithey
8/15	Carol Campbell	8/28	Fred Haase
8/15	Dave Harjala	8/28	Keira Shafer
		8/28	Elizabeth Blair
		8/29	Ruby Roettger
		8/30	Lynette Duncan
		8/30	Ray Maier
		8/30	Kevin Tharpe
		8/31	Sherry Colwell
		8/31	Frieda Guthrie
		8/31	Robert Hovan
		8/31	Abigail Kabela
		8/31	Nick Poker



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/3	Michael & Penny Perry
8/5	Steve & Mary Krempasky
8/8	Paul & Theresa Angelino
8/8	Mark & Joyce Satterfield
8/8	Jim & Teri Stoddard
8/10	Bob & Gail Kurtz
8/11	Nathan & Debbie Bretscher
8/13	Pastor Mark & Betsy Bushuiakovish
8/13	James & Randi Ray
8/14	Darryl & René Mackley
8/15	Karl & Kristin Kennedy
8/16	Van & Ashley Bevins
8/16	Tim & Tonia Collins
8/16	Ralph & Christine Harness
8/16	Joe & Barbara Schmitt
8/17	John & Susan Whittenburg
8/18	Fred & Nancy Haase
8/18	Brian & Whitney Kaul
8/19	Paul & Sheila Wittke
8/20	Mel & Carolyn Beech
8/21	Paul & Kathy Pankow
8/25	Tom & Kellye Glisson
8/27	Dave & Sandie Harjala
8/27	Sandy & Randy Heath
8/31	Kevin & Susie Hurtubise

August Scripture of the Month

*So then faith cometh by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God..*

~ Romans 10:17, KJV

Recipients of the Elseroad Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee received two scholarship applications for an Elseroad Scholarship by the May 15 deadline. After review, both applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors for approval to receive financial support, and the Board did so approve the recommendations. Both individuals are seminarians at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



Casey Kegley, age 25, is a St. Louis seminarian who recently completed a year of vicarage at The Point, Knoxville, TN. He will be returning to Concordia Seminary this Fall for his final year, 2016-2017, before finishing his ministerial studies.

A native of Grafton, Wisconsin, he attended Living Word Lutheran High School, graduating in the upper 10% of his class of 600 students, in May 2009. He enrolled at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, September 2009, and received his BA Degree in May 2013. His major was Pre-Sem Pastoral, and his minor was Theological languages.

He entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in September 2013. Anticipated graduation is May 2017. He and his wife, Beth, celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary in July. They were blessed with their first child, Boaz Thomas, born in early June. Their dog's name...**Gloria**.

Casey will receive an **Elseroad Scholarship** in the amount of \$750, payable in two equal payments (in September and in January 2017).



Vernon (Trey) James Sansom III, age 38, served as Worship Coordinator at The Point, Knoxville, TN since 2012. After attending three years of high school education in Fort Worth, Texas, he graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1996.

A gifted musician, he is/has been a worship leader, arts teacher, and music teacher the past 12 years at Grace Christian Academy, Powell United Methodist Church, and School of Christian Rock.

He has taken course work at both Roane State and Mississippi State Community Colleges, and recently completed earned course credit from Bethel University (McKenzie, Tennessee, a Presbyterian affiliated institution).

He has been accepted as a first-year seminarian into the MDiv program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for the 2016-2017 academic school year beginning this Fall.

Trey is married to Kathy, and they have two children, Lilly (3) and Lincoln (1). Trey will receive an **Elseroad Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,000, payable in two equal payments (in September and in January, 2017).

We pray that God will continue to lead and guide these men throughout their ministry training, and in all of their years to come.

Variety of Materials New to the Library

Fiction stories, non-fiction titles and videos are among the items new to the Library this month.

Non-Fiction

(Un)Qualified: How God Uses Broken People to Do Big Things by **Steve Furtick** (68².8 Fur): Many people may have heard the adage, "God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called." Furtick's book is about understanding the gap between our weaknesses, present circumstances and our dreams and letting God use us despite the flaws and brokenness.

The Power of Presence by **Neil T. Anderson** (68².² And): Married for 50 years, Neil and JoAnne Anderson have shared a life of faith and ministry. But now, as dementia claims Joanne's mind, Neil reveals how God's presence is teaching him as he cares for JoAnne's every need. This is a moving memoir of one couple's struggle with dementia.

Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife by **Barbara Rainey** (74⁰.²¹⁶ Rai): Barbara and Dennis Rainey have been counseling and writing for married couples for years sharing their own mistakes, calamities, triumphs, and joys. When their own daughters married, Barbara shared some of the lessons she learned through her own marriage with them. Through those letters, Rainey answers tough questions she had compiled over the years from several young wives.

Fiction

Sea Rose Lane by **Irene Hannon** (Fic Han): In this second title in the **Hope Harbor Series**, Eric Nash has returned to his childhood home in Hope Harbor sonly to find it is being transformed into a bed and breakfast. What he thought would be quiet surroundings as he plotted his next career move turns out to be noisy and chaotic, led by the attractive architect, B. J. Stevens and her motley crew.

The Saddle Maker's Son by **Kelly Irvin** (Fic Irv): This third story in **The Amish of Bee County** series follows Rebekah and Tobias, outcasts of their community, who encounter two half-starved runaway children in search of peace and joy. As they band together to help the children, they discover a future of love and peace for themselves.

Cate Kinkade Files by **Lorena McCourtney** (Fic MacC): In this three book series, Cate Kinkade finds that her social life, career, and even haircut are a total mess. Being unemployed, she agrees to work with her private investigator uncle despite the fact she knows nothing about investigation. Titles in the series include: **Dying to Read**, **Dolled Up to Die**, and **Death Takes a Ride**.

A Beauty Refined by **Tracie Peterson** (Fic Pet) In this second title in the **Sapphire Brides** series, Phoebe and her German father come to America to purchase sapphires. But little does Phoebe realize her father's true intentions for her as she spends time with Ian, a lapidary worker.

Through Waters Deep by **Sarah Sundin** (Fic Sun) In this first title in her new historical fiction series, **Waves of Freedom**, America is on the brink of war in 5³85. When evidence of sabotage is discovered on a U.S. destroyer, Ensign Jim Avery and Navy secretary Mary Stirling must work together to uncover the culprit.

Picture Books

Roxy the Ritzy Camel by **Anthony DeStefano** (J DeS) Roxy is a vain camel who loves all her things. When she decides to move to the city from her hot desert home, she discovers that she, plus her load of "things," won't fit through the small entrance--until she learns to share her "things" with others.

I Believe in Jesus: Leading Your Child to Christ by **John MacArthur** (J 68³ MacA) MacArthur presents the story of salvation from creation to eternity in words and pictures that a child can understand. Share the Gospel in a meaningful way with a child or grandchild or Sunday School student.

DVDs

1500 Steps: Life Is a Race (DVD Fic Fif): Using Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us", this story follows the transformation of a lonely, misfit sixteen-year-old as he struggles to overcome his family situation.

Four Classic Dog Adventures: Compelling Stories of Man's Best Friend (DVD Fic Fou): This collection of "tails" about "man's best friend" will delight any dog lover.

All these and other new materials will be on display throughout this month.

~ Mary Schultz



Reading the New Testament

In high school a pastor at a youth retreat suggested those present ought read the New Testament through before our graduation came. I did it, and it was life changing. I came to be impressed by what it means that God makes me right with Himself and forgives all my sins completely because of Jesus and faith in Him. I wanted to spend my life helping others know that and what it means for us.

A few years ago someone from the headquarters of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod encouraged people to read the New Testament during the forty days of Lent. He provided a plan, but it began with Matthew 1 and proceeded in a straight line through Revelation 22. I believe the average person would give up part of the way through Luke because it would be the third time in succession he was reading the story of Jesus' life with no interruption. I developed and offered a different plan to the people in the congregation at the time.

The four Gospels each have a slightly different emphasis. I decided to use them as section headings and group the rest of the New Testament books around them.

Matthew is considered a Jewish Gospel because its concerns are Jewish. It frequently explains that something was done to fulfill an Old Testament prophecy. It hews to Jewish sensitivities when it refers to the Kingdom of God as the Kingdom of Heaven and avoids the name of God. Other books of the New Testament exhibit similar Jewish characteristics, like Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter, James, and Jude. I grouped these books with Matthew and suggested reading them after reading Matthew.

Mark is often considered a Gentile Gospel because of details in its presentation. St. Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles. I grouped Paul's letters together with Mark and suggested reading those books together. Those would be: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Luke is also somewhat Gentile in its focus, but it together with Acts comprises almost half of the New Testament. Acts was also authored by Luke and is considered to be "Part II" of his Gospel. Read those together.

That leaves John and the books ascribed to him: 1, 2, & 3 John and Revelation.

In more recent years I have used this plan to read the New Testament from the Greek Testament we were all to buy in our schooling. Reading the New Testament in Greek provides a firsthand familiarity that I appreciate as someone who still preaches occasionally, although technically retired. And, this plan gives some variety while grouping similar things. I commend this plan to you for your reading, especially if you have never read the New Testament cover-to-cover in English or any other language.

~ Rev. Phil Bohlken

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AUGUST 2016 SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND GUESTS

- 01 - Allergy Testing - Dr. Leonard Brown
- 08 - Defining Multiple Sclerosis - Dr. Michael D. Kaufman
- 15 - Throwing Injuries of Elbow and Shoulder - Dr. Joshua Johnson
- 22 - Sinusitis Treatment with Balloon Sinuplasty - Dr. Clyde Mathison
- 29 - Diabetic Retinopathy and the Risk of Blindness - Dr. Matthew Lowrance

...the
SWORD
of the
SPIRIT,
which is the
WORD of GOD.
-Ephesians 6:17



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