

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:**

Euin Barrier, Bernice Beeson,  
Carl Brand, Terry Cantrell,  
Ora Cash, Dickie & Joann Crouch,  
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,  
Eva Lee, Ken & Mabel Lock,  
Melvin & Ruth Messer, Bobby Mills,  
Glen Parks, Randy Parr,  
Sophia Sears, Earline Smith,  
Linda Smith, Barbara Staten,  
Joann White, Lisa Williams,  
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,  
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,  
and those engaged in home Bible studies.

**If you notice someone's absence from the assembly pray for them, and call to see if there is some additional way you can help.**

*A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke (Proverbs 13:1).*

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:  
www.HarrisburgChurchOfChrist.com

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES:**

**Trey Smith** had successful surgery on his tongue Friday.

**Bob Smith** is to have surgery on his neck Tuesday to clean a clogged artery.

**Greensboro Road Church** suffered a partial roof collapse in last weekend's storm.

**THE RECORD SPEAKS** (week of 1-31):  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 25  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 28  
Sunday PM Worship ..... cancelled  
Contribution ..... \$1954  
Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 54  
**WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT YOU?**

**OTHER NEWS:**

**SINGING & SANDWICHES NIGHT:** Be sure to plan an extra hour tonight for enjoying the company of your brothers and sisters. Tonight is the first Sunday singing and sandwich night.

**ELDERS - DEACONS MEETING:** The February meeting is next Sunday evening.

**FACEBOOK:** The church's Facebook page is growing daily. Have you become a "fan" yet? Each day, Monday through Friday, a short message is posted that designed to take a passage of scripture and make a proper application of it to encourage saints as they live and work among those who are not so spiritually encouraging. When you are signed in to your page, search "Harrisburg Church of Christ" and click "Become a Fan." Several of you have already done so, and a large number from elsewhere.



**BE A DAILY BIBLE READER**

**Welcome**  
to the Assemblies of  
**Harrisburg**  
**Church of Christ**  
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**Sunday:**

Bible Classes 9:00  
Worship 9:45; 6:00

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes 7:00

**Elders:**

Ray Blanchard 578-2559  
Bill Mears 578-9650  
Mark Weston 931-2790

**Evangelist:**

Al Parr 578-9154  
(Cell) 903-721-0332

**World Evangelism:**

- ◆Cape Town, S.A.;
- ◆Int'l Bible Academe;

**Benevolence:**

- ◆Children's Homes, Inc.;
- ◆Southern Christian Home

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February 7, 2010

The following article was printed in *GOSPEL ADVOCATE*, June 20, 1985. Brother Bass indicates how long it would take a "fairly rapid reader" to read each of the books in the New Testament. I have always had a much slower than average reading speed. I timed myself while reading a typical page, then counted the pages. My calculated times are added to brother Bass' times for comparison. Your actual reading time would probably be somewhere between his and mine. Isn't reading the Bible actually a matter of what we consider important?  
*-Al Parr*

**NO TIME FOR THE BIBLE**

Kenneth R. Bass

A poll taken last year revealed some startling facts:


1. Less than half could name three of the Ten Commandments.
2. Only half of those who attend church can name the four gospels.
3. Less than half know who delivered the Sermon on the Mount.
4. One in eight teenagers read the Bible daily.
5. Thirty-one percent cannot remember when they read their Bibles last.

These statistics and ones similar should cause us to be alarmed.  
Hosea said, (Cont'd)

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” People are not knowledgeable of God’s ways because they don’t study God’s Words. We hear people say, “I just don’t have time to read the Bible as much as I want to.” When the facts are, we do just about what we really want to do. Let’s look at some figures that I think will help to explain the “excuse” of no time. A person can actually read the longest work in the New Testament in less time than it takes to watch a 90-minute television special.

A fairly rapid reader can read the books in the New Testament in the following minutes...

Matthew	83 minutes	(slow: 2:15)
Mark	46 minutes	(slow: 1:26)
Luke	85 minutes	(slow: 2:27)
John	60 minutes	(slow: 2:07)
Acts	80 minutes	(slow: 1:21)
Romans	35 minutes	(slow: 0:55)
I Corinthians	28 minutes	(slow: 0:54)
II Corinthians	23 minutes	(slow: 0:34)
Galatians	13 minutes	(slow: 0:17)
Ephesians	13 minutes	(slow: 0:17)
Philippians	8 minutes	(slow: 0:12)
Colossians	7 minutes	(slow: 0:12)
I Thessalonians	7 minutes	(slow: 0:11)
II Thessalonians	4 minutes	(slow: 0:05)
I Timothy	10 minutes	(slow: 0:15)
II Timothy	7 minutes	(slow: 0:11)
Titus	3 minutes	(slow: 0:05)
Philemon	1 minute	(slow: 0:03)
Hebrews	26 minutes	(slow: 0:38)
James	8 minutes	(slow: 0:13)
I Peter	10 minutes	(slow: 0:14)
II Peter	7 minutes	(slow: 0:11)
I John	8 minutes	(slow: 0:15)
II John	1 minute	(slow: 0:02)
III John	1 minute	(slow: 0:02)
Jude	2 minutes	(slow: 0:03)
Revelation	94 minutes	(slow: 1:06)

Do you REALLY not have time? 

## Six Facts About the Bible

Paul Sain

There is a way being waged over the Bible. Is the Bible true on everything with which it deals? The answer you give to this important question determines whether you live in doubt or faith. I am convinced of the following facts about the Bible:

**1. It is Infallible.** It is perfect, flawless (Psalm 19:7). It is such because its author is perfect. In its entirety, everything it says is true!


**2. It is Inerrant.** That is, it is accurate in every detail - in all its parts. “Every word is pure” (Proverbs 30:5-6). If the Bible says it, it is true! Whatever the subject - history, science, characters, salvation, it is true! If the Bible is false in its account of origins, how can I trust it to be true as to the relationship I should have with my God?

**3. It is Complete.** Nothing is missing! It does not need human addition or modification. It is not a book to be variously interpreted in the light of current experience and culture. Its teaching, principles, and dictums transcend culture and human experience.

**4. It is Authoritative.** Because it is perfect, inerrant, and complete - it is final. God hath spoken. Man must listen or suffer the consequences. It, by its very nature, demands obedience.

**5. It is Sufficient.** The Scriptures are able to make one wise unto salvation (II Timothy 3:15). They are profitable for doctrine (teaching), correction, instruction (II Timothy 3:16).

**6. It is Effective.** It does its job. It always has. It will accomplish that for which it was intended (Isaiah 55:11). That’s the ultimate test.

So, the Bible is infallible in its totality, inerrant in all its parts, complete in what it teaches, authoritative in its demands, sufficient in its ability, and effective in what it does! This I believe and preach. 

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*Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause:*

*but I will meditate in thy precepts*

(Psalm 119:78):

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