

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:**

Euin Barrier, Bernice Beeson,  
Terry Cantrell, Ora Cash,  
Dickie & Joann Crouch, Emily Devereux,  
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,  
Eva Lee, Ken & Mabel Lock,  
Melvin & Ruth Messer, Bobby Mills,  
Bill Parr, Sophia Sears,  
Earline Smith, Linda Smith,  
Barbara Staten, Joann White  
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,  
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,  
and those engaged in teaching the lost.

**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.**  
*The simple believeth every word: but he prudent man looketh well to his going (Proverbs 6:3).*

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:  
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**THE RECORD SPEAKS** (week of 5-30):  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 73  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 89  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 78  
Contribution ..... \$1,577  
Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 59  
**WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT YOU?**

**Next Week’s Lessons:**

**AM:** “Seven Abominations”  
**PM:** “Syria is Confederate With Ephraim”

**OTHER NEWS:**

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Ivie Powell is preaching at Cherokee Street in Newport today through Wednesday. See the Board.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The Holden Avenue church in Newport has a meeting next weekend (Friday-Sunday) with Daryl Hayes. Details are on the bulletin board.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**  
8 - David & Mary Ann Sills  
11 - Ray & Rose Blanchard

**REUNION:** The Red Wolves For Christ campus ministry at Arkansas State University, formerly known as the Church of Christ Student Center, is inviting all its alumni parents, supporters and friends to a come-and-go reunion and rib dinner on Saturday, June 19, at the ASU Pavilion from 4 to 7 p.m. The dinner and a presentation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. The event is free, and dress is casual. Please RSVP to Chris Buxton at [buxchris@gmail.com](mailto:buxchris@gmail.com) or at 870-243-3382 if you plan to attend the dinner.

**CRC DAY:** June 13, 2010  
31 alumni preaching in NEA churches  
25 states hear the gospel from alumni  
20 countries hear the gospel from alumni  
6 continents hear the gospel from alumni  
24 Bible majors enrolled in the past school year. Will you support them?

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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

**★REMEMBER★**  
Elders & Deacons meet  
next Sunday night

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June 6, 2010

**WANTED – A MAN (II Peter 1:5-8)**  
by Frank L. Cox

1. A man of faith – like Enoch (Heb. 11:5, 6).
2. A man of virtue (courage) – like Gideon (Judg. 7:16-20).
3. A man of knowledge – like Timothy (II Tim. 3:14-17).
4. A man of temperance (self-control) – like Paul (I Cor . 9:25-27).
5. A man of patience – like Job (Job 1: 21, 22; 2:10; 42:10; James 5:7-11).
6. A man of godliness – like Joseph (Gen. 39:1-23).
7. A man of brotherly kindness – like Stephen (Acts 7:57-60).
8. A man of love – like John (I John 3:9-18).
9. A man with all the graces – like the Lord Jesus (I Pet. 2:21-23).

(Minister's Monthly, June/1962 )

**BE A DAILY BIBLE READER**

# WHY CHRISTIANS DON'T STUDY THEIR BIBLES

Jim O'Connor

Scriptural growth is inseparably attached to growth in knowledge of spiritual things. That knowledge can only be obtained from God's word, the source of "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (II Peter 1:3). This makes it essential that Christians study their Bibles. Why, then, do not more Christians do so? Perhaps we'll not see all of the reasons, nor find the positive solution to the problem; but it's a question that needs to be pursued – and pursued seriously – because of the impact that a lack of knowledge can have on the individual soul and on the church. Think about the following suggested reasons why some do not study as they should.

**a solution to the problem is an application of the four R's.**

## FEAR

Some may be afraid of the added responsibility that goes with added knowledge. The more one knows, the more one is responsible to reflect in one's life and to share with others. However, a Christian is responsible to know what he is responsible for, and to meet that responsibility in a responsible way. Ignorance is not bliss, and to labor under such a deception is a form of escapism that the Bible describes as "darkness" (John 3:19).

## LAZINESS

There is much labor involved in a study of the Bible; and it's true, as Solomon said, "Much study is a weariness of the flesh" (Eccl. 12:12). It doesn't come easy. God never promised that it would. It's good to remember, and hopefully motivating, that one who is rested from a lack of labor here will have no labor to rest from when the Lord comes (II Thess. 1:7; Rev. 14:13).

## CONTENTMENT

Some may feel that they already know all they need to know. They're contented with their level of achievement. However, one who is contented in such a fashion is proud and, therefore, needs to study what the Bible says about pride. "We never graduate from Bible study until we meet the Author face to face."

## NOT ENOUGH TIME

It's difficult for some to budget their time so as to have enough time to spend with God's word. They don't seem to be able to find that "quiet time" for Bible study. To overcome this, one need

**A SHORT COMMENTARY FROM AL** on I Timothy 1:17 ("...the king eternal, immortal... God"). We know that God is eternal, but just what does "eternal" mean? People often ask the question, "Where did God come from?" Actually, if God is eternal, he didn't "come from" anyplace. Man was designed to live in this world of time and space. The human mind identifies all physical things in terms of the time and space that those things occupy. It is difficult for us to understand the existence of anything – especially an intelligent living being – in terms of timelessness and spacelessness. Yet that is precisely what God is. The word "eternal" in this verse means "an unbroken age" or "never-ending time." The word "immortal" means "not liable to corruption or decay." God exists without reference to time, and He doesn't grow older, as do all living things and physical substances on earth.

but sacrifice a little sleep, a little meal time, a TV show, or something else, in order to make time. Someone has wisely said, "If we're too busy to study the Bible, we're too busy."

## INTELLECTUAL INFERIORITY COMPLEX

Some may be self-convinced, or otherwise convinced, that they can't learn the scriptures. One who is in such a serious state is selling himself short and severely questioning God's ability to communicate. If a person really can't understand the Bible, he's not responsible; but he'd better not reach that decision himself. My suggestion to a slow learner is to keep at it until he dies, or until the Lord comes, and then let God make the decision on responsibility. It just might be that one who is intellectually capable of deciding he can't learn is intellectually capable of learning.

In closing, let me suggest that a solution to the problem is an application of the four R's.

- 1) Repent of the "I can't" attitude.
- 2) Resolve to study diligently.
- 3) Request the help of God.
- 4) Refuse to go back on your repentance and resolution.

(Gospel Advocate, Jan. 25, 1979)

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*I have more understanding than all my teachers:*

*for thy testimonies are my meditation*

(Psalm 119:99):

**B E A D A I L Y B I B L E R E A D E R**

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