

Survey Says...

Survey says *"How can I develop quality time with our Lord so that I can become a more mature Christian?"*

One of the hardest things to do is find time to grow as a Christian! If you are like most people there's not enough time in the day. If you truly want to be a more mature Christian you're going to have to develop quality time with our Lord. You can't attend services a couple of times a week and expect to mature as a Christian. What can you do to mature as a Christian? God says "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." (1 Tim. 4:13)

God wants us to read His word. Why do you suppose God put His word in written form? Could it be that He wants us to spend time reading it? Isa. 34:16 exhorts, "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read." Moses read the book of the law to the people (Ex. 24:3-8). Jesus read God's word (Luke 4:16). Paul charged the Thessalonians to read his epistle (1 Thess. 5:27). We've all heard the story about the Ethiopian who read God's word (Acts 8:30). According to Revelation 1:3 there is a blessing in reading "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy,". When you write a letter to someone don't you expect them to read it? God expects us, who profess to love him, to read his word. How many of you have bibles in your house that have been collecting dust for years! How many of you use your bible as a place for keepsakes? How many of you have worn out your bible through use?

When should we read our bibles?

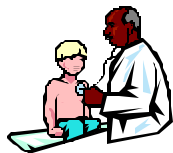
- when away from home (Acts 8:26-40)
- when you are happy, (Ps. 100)
- when you are sad (Rom. 15:4)
- when you are anxious (Phil. 4:6,7)
- when you are tempted (Matt. 4:1-11)
- when you are at church (Lk. 4:16)

You should be reading your bibles every day (Acts 17:11). Remember, "a chapter a day keeps Satan away." Your body needs daily food and your soul needs God's word daily.

Survey says – "Read God's word every day if you want to become a more mature Christian.

Next week - **Survey says** *"Will I grow closer to God if I attend services?"*

Sick



Continue to remember in prayer:
**Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson,
Crawford & Martha Keith, Mariam
Majors, Steve Harrah, Mary Reese,
Buddy Martin, Bill Paul, Bert
Spetzler, Betty Jenkins, Donnie Mountcastle.**

Glen Hartman will have knee replacement surgery on November 11.

Justin Hankins, teen from Tazewell, is in RMH, room 1141.

Libby Pyott, Patti Gwaltney's sister-in-law, has cancer.

Happy Birthday this week to:



Andrew Gibson—11/10

Happy Anniversary this week to:

**Glenn & Audrey Gabbard—
11/10**



**NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE
STAFFORDS: Markers & Crayons
for the kids.** Give your items to
Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

Kyle Nester, Erich Felps,
Ty Strickin, Chris Coleman, &
Angela Ridgeon—in Iraq
Katy Halling—aboard a Navy
Ship
Dustin Humphreys - Camp Le-
Jeune



2009 Events Mark your Calendars Now!!

January 3—Winter Youth Devo
January 24—New Members Dinner

February 7 Winter Youth Devo
February 11-14 Smoky Mt. Marriage Retreat

March 7—SWVA Bible Bowl
March—20-21—Men's Study Weekend
March 22-28—MSOP Lectures

April 3-4—FHU Makin' Music Weekend

May — Gospel Meeting with Wade Webster

June 21-27—Virginia Christian Camp

July 5-10—Horizons—Sr. Week
July 12-17—Horizons—Jr. Week

As you can see the calendar is filling up fast! Also included but no firm date yet is the Education Banquet .

If you have any events you would like to add please see Jo Ann or Jeff Durham so we can have them for the yearly Plan of Works that will be distributed in January.



F Y I

For Your Information



Teens

November Dates

Nov. 22—Teen Service Project
Nov. 30—Young Men conduct Evening Services

Bible Bowl Questions are available!!
Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Biddy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

Bi-Monthly Bible Bowl Study Sessions will be held in the large classroom at 5:00 on the following Sundays: November 9 & 23; December 7 & 21; January 4 & 18; February 8 & 22. Mock Bible Bowl will be held on Feb 14 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be provided. See Jim or Charlotte Harrington for details.

ELSIE NEEDS A RIDE

Elsie Smith will need a ride to church in the evenings. If you can help out, please sign up on the board. Include a phone number that she can reach you if she is unable to attend!!

MARTHA & CRAWFORD NEED A RIDE

The Keith's are also in need of a ride to church. He has a vehicle but needs a driver. See Charlie Gwaltney for details!!

AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

The monthly area-wide preachers meeting will be on Monday, November 10, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Room. All are invited!

MENS PLANNING BREAKFAST

The yearly Men's Planning Breakfast will be on November 15 at 8 AM. Mark your calendars and gather ideas for this meeting! Breakfast will be provided.

INTERNET SAFETY CLASSES

Internet Safety Classes will be taught here at the building on November 18 and December 2 at 7:00 PM. Details are available in this issue of House to House and there is a sign up sheet on the board.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The November LNO will be here at West Side on Monday, November 24 at 6:30. Gloria White and Sandra Wood are hosting. More details to follow.

POTTERS CHILDRENS HOME

The commodity drive is going on for Potters. WS is responsible for sugar free strawberry/banana Jello. A box is available in the foyer. They will be picking up the jello and gleaner cans during the first week in December.

WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

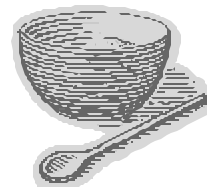
Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, at 10:30.

TEAM 3 (Valentine) will have a Chili Supper at the Gilpins on Friday, Nov. 14, at 6:00 pm. Chili and fixins will be provided. Please bring a drink or dessert. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



Still Looking for...

We are missing at least 2 large bowls from the kitchen. Please check to see if you have these or any other item that belongs in the kitchen!!



Being Upbeat When You're Beaten Down

November 2008

Announcements	Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM)	Paul Mays
Opening Prayer (AM)	
11/2	Richard Simms
11/9	Danny Guard
11/16	Barry White
11/23	Jeremy White
11/30	Bobby Martin
Preside at Communion	Charlie Gwaltney
Serve Table	Roger Mays Herb Baker Bob Garby AC Janney
Closing Prayer	
11/2	Ethan Rogers
11/9	Tom Richardson
11/16	Greg Edwards
11/23	Adam House
11/30	Gene Benefield
Song Leader (PM)	Adam House
Opening Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Don Pettit
11/9	Charlie Maness
11/16	Glenn Gabbard
11/23	Jim Bush
11/30	Mark Brooks
Scripture Reader	Jack Cook
Closing Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Josh Whitlow
11/9	Jim Harrington
11/16	Jerry Anderson
11/23	Jeff Durham
11/30	Tom Rogers
Serve Table (PM)	Bradford Durham Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (Wed)	Jason Oldham
Prayer (Wed)	
11/5	Glenn Hartman
11/12	Jim Cook
11/19	Garrett Durham
11/26	Charlie Maness
Open/Close Bldg	Lyn Shrader
Greeters	Ed & Jean Argabright Jerry & Kay Anderson
Nursery Attend	Lori Cook Judy Durham
Ushers	Squeaky Valentine John Black
Handouts	Garrett Durham Ryan Simms Richard Simms Cameron Brown
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	Wanda Martin Dorothy Mays
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham Khaila Mickens
Last weeks attendance 11/2&5/08	
Bible Class—173	Worship Service—191
Sunday Eve.—140	Wednesday Eve.—136
Contribution—\$6346	

The news is doom and gloom. The economy is terrible. The market is falling. The moral majority have suffered defeat at the hands of the vocal minority. Moral issues have again, for the most part, taken a backseat to far less pressing matters. Atheistic trends are ruling the day. For some, the news could

hardly get any worse.

So, how do we, as Christians, look to the future with hope and optimism? How do we, as God's children in the devil's world (II Cor. 4:4), face a future that looks so bleak from a moral, Christian perspective? Brethren, we must be bright lights in a dark world (Mt. 5:14-16). We must rekindle our zeal for the Lord and His Cause (I Tim. 6:12). We must understand (perhaps now more than ever) that this world is not our home (I Jn. 2:15-17) and this country does not contain our true citizenship ("For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"- Phil. 3:10 ASV). We must understand in an even greater way that we are children of an Omnipotent, Omni-benevolent Father Who knows best our needs and provides accordingly (Mt. 6:8, 32). We need to come to the realization that it is only through Christ that we can do all things (Phil. 4:12). Now, more than ever, we need to sink our anchor of hope (Heb. 6:19) deeply into the promises of the God Who cannot lie (Tit. 1:2) and will not disappoint (II Pet. 3:9). We need to "renew [our] strength, mount up with wings as eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint" (Is. 40:31). After all, if these mere "footmen" of worldly concerns weary us and cause us despair, what shall we do if we must later contend with the "horses" (Jer. 12:5)?

Let's place the emphasis of our lives back where it belongs. Let's determine to seek the kingdom of God above the kingdom of men (Mt. 6:33). Let's invest our energies, talents, time and resources into the kingdom which shall never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28). Let's see this point in history as an opportunity to see the Lord's kingdom flourish. And, let's determine to do all within our power to insure it.

-Eddy

— SPRING BREAK—

Safe travels to our college kids and those of us who are
traveling!!