

DIARY OF A BIBLE

Bascom Allen

Just imagine a Bible that can talk. Would we hear something like this?

JANUARY: A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

FEBRUARY: Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

MARCH: Had a busy day first of the month. My owner was elected president of the PTA and used me to prepare a speech.

APRIL: Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading I Corinthians 13. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.

MAY: I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

JUNE: I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings-one of the girls was married.

JULY: They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. Wish I could have stayed home. I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

AUGUST: Still in the suitcase.

SEPTEMBER: Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

OCTOBER: They read me a little today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think the Preacher is coming by for a visit.

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Happy Birthday this week:

Lisa Valentine—4/18
Annette Shrader—4/20
Wanda Mickens—4/21

Happy Anniversary Next Month to:

Ed & Jean Argabright—5/4
Willard & Marie Campbell—5/11

WOW

WOW is going to “Mayberry”!

Join us on a bus trip to Mt. Airy, NC. on May 14, 2011. Pricing will follow. Sign the list on the WOW board. Hurry before the rush!! Everyone is welcome.



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Ty Stricklin is in Afghanistan .

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

Katie Halling is now stationed in Norfolk, Va. She is in training with the Navy Search & Rescue unit.

Lcpl Harper, Matthew D.; 1/5 Bravo Co., 1st Plt Unit 40330, FPO-AP 96427-0330 is a Marine from Galax who is now serving in Afghanistan.

APRIL ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Cereals (Kashi brand—Go Lean flavor; Cheerios—plain variety). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

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NOVEMBER: Back in my old place

DECEMBER: The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I’ll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again...just as I am every Christmas.....

Hosea said it best in Hosea 4:6: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”

CALENDAR EVENT DATES

All upcoming events for May and June calendars need to be in the office by **April 21st.**

West Side Youth

Sunday, 4/17—TBS at 7p at the Teen Center
Sunday, 5/22—TBS at 7:00 at the Teen Center
Sunday, 5/29— Graduates Honored at noon
Sunday, 5/29—Young Men Conduct Services
Sunday, 6/12— TBS at 7:00
Sunday, 6/19—6/24—VCC at Camp Christi



TEAMS

Team events coming soon!!

HONOR OUR GRADUATES

The luncheon to honor our graduate(s) is scheduled for May 29th after the morning services. Cameron Brown—High School. The teams schedule for assignments and other information will follow soon.

Others to receive diplomas/honors: Luke Guard—F-HU; Bethany (Durham) Vaughan—Master of Public Administration from Memphis U.

TIC-TAC-TOE PUZZLE

I Corinthians ____ :12

____ let him that ____ he standeth take ____ lest he ____.

GOSPEL MEETING LUNCHEON

May 1-4 is our **Gospel Meeting** with Barry Grider. Team assignments for the pot luck luncheon will be as follows: **Team 1- Clean Up;** **Team 2- Set Up;** **Team 3- Drinks & Ice** (our machine is not working).

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Jack & Lori Cook home phone number is 540-XXX-XXXX. Please make a note of this in your home directories and Team #1 list.

Sandra Wood: Has new address and phone number.

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues April 26th. Bring your dinner at 6:00 or come at 6:30 pm and join us for the work!

APRIL PREACHERS' MEETING

The next preachers' meeting will be Monday, 18th at Fort Chiswell c/C at 10:30 am. The speaker is Eddy Craft and lunch will be provided.

UPCOMING WEST SIDE EVENTS

May 1-4—Gospel Meeting with Barry Grider

May 29—Honor our Graduates

June 19-25—VCC at Camp Christi

July 2-8 is Horizons Junior & Senior week at FHU

July 9-15 is CTS series at FHU

July 30—Vacation Bible School

August 6—Anti Drug Program at ALMS auditorium/Tom House

October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall

November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Jennifer and Jeanny will host our **May LNO** on Thursday, **May 12**, at 6:30 at the building. It will be a "revealing" of our Secret Sisters. PLEASE try to be there. Bring a small gift for your sister one last time & bring a "secret dish" - just something you like to make. This is for all the ladies to attend not just the "secret" ones!! Also we will be once again selecting a "Secret Sister" for the coming year. Don't miss out on this special event!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

April 17-20—Gospel Meeting at Fort Chiswell with Eddy Craft

May 15-18—Gospel Meeting at the Floyd c/Christ with various speakers

May 18-22—Truth In Love Lectureship in Pulaski, TN/Eddy as a speaker

May 21—Ladies' Day at Radford with Jeanny Gilpin

May 21—Picnic & Gospel singing at Rocky Mt. Church of Christ

May 22—24—Gospel Meeting at the Rocky Mount Church

May 22-25—Gospel Meeting at Pulaski with Garland Elkins

August 12-18—Polishing the Pulpit

(Flyers are on the board for these events)

ATTENTION VCC PARENTS AND CAMPERS!

VCC registration forms are in the foyer. Camp is \$140.00 (reduced this year) **IF** the money and registration form is received by Curtis Graves (Director) June 1st! If not, camp cost \$165.00. West Side will pay \$70.00 (half of the \$140.00 - NOT half of \$165.00). The pick up time for the campers is **FRIDAY** evening, June 24th, between 8:30-9:00 pm.

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson

Norma Biller

Betty Buckner

Jim Dorsett

Al Furrow

Walter Jenkins

Martha Keith

Margaret Kratz

Miriam Majors

Jo Musgrove

Grace Myers

Evelyn Scott

Elsie Smith

Ruth Stanton

Evelyn White

EV Wimmer

WJ Wood

KO-S



- Annette Shrader's outpatient surgery went well last Wednesday.
- Jack Cook is making definite improvements. He won't be moved to the V.A. until an "acute care" room is available.
- Loretta Marshall, Christiansburg C/C, is in room 1075 at RMH.
- Wes White will be seeing a neurosurgeon May 4th to discuss the results of his latest tests.

Continue in prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Shannon VanRavestein, Debbie Richey, Hazel Maness, Don Pettit, Annette Shrader, Willard Campbell, Clarence Angelotti, Vicky Rogers, Dale Janosik, Renee' Galloway (LTF), James Paul, Jack Cook family, Paul Faw, Herb Baker, Sandra Wood, June Collins, Ray Davis, Doly Bernard, Paige Doss, Doris White

April 2011

Gleanings from the NKJV (1)

“Near in Their Mouth But Far From Their Mind”

Announcements: Jeff Durham

Song Leader (AM): Charlie Gwaltney

Opening Prayer (AM)

4/3 Marc Laplante
4/10 Wayne Dixon
4/17 Bob Martin
4/24 Squeaky Valentine

Preside at Communion: Mike Durham

Serve Table

Fred Altizer, David Brown
Mark Brooks, Sam Valentine

Closing Prayer:

4/3 Gene Benefield
4/10 James Cook
4/17 Greg Edwards
4/24 A. C. Janney

Song Leader (PM): Josh Whitlow

Opening Prayer (PM)

4/3 Herman Lowe
4/10 Jerry Anderson
4/17 Glenn Gabbard
4/24 Tom Rogers

Scripture Reader: Cameron Brown

Closing Prayer (PM)

4/3 Charlie Gwaltney
4/10 Jim Harrington
4/17 Danny Guard
4/24 Herb Baker

Serve Table (PM)

Jeff Guilliams, Bradford Durham

Song Leader (Wed): David Brown

Prayer (Wed)

4/6 Don Pettit
4/13 Josh Whitlow
4/20 Tom Richardson
4/27 Jonathan Beavers

Open/Close Bldg: Fred Altizer

Greeters: Janney, Richardson

Nursery Attend: Sondra Tyler (am)
Wanda Martin (PM)

Ushers: Curtis Oakes, Bob Garby

Handouts: Cameron, Nathan

Prepare communion: Linda Maness
Sandra Neighbors

Baptismal Garments: Karen Munsey

Cards/Pencils: Austin Whitlow, K. Mickens

Last weeks attendance 4/10& 4/13/11

Bible Class— 167 Worship Service—179
Sunday Eve.— 134, Wednesday Eve.—141
Contribution—\$5149

In 2010 I decided to do my daily Bible reading from the New King James Version. Although a reliable version, there were some differences in the way certain things were stated (from my preferred KJV). Several passages or statements caught my attention because of these differences. I recorded some of these and wish to take a look at them through this series of studies.

In Jeremiah 12, Jeremiah poses some questions for God. He said, “Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?” (Jer. 12:1). He was not, of course, the only one to ponder such situations or ask such questions (cf. Job 31; Hab. 1:13; Mal. 3:15). Then, regarding the wicked he stated, “You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they bear fruit. You are near in their mouth but far from their mind” (Jer. 12:2). Ezekiel similarly stated, “So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain” (Ezek. 33:31). In quoting God, Isaiah said, “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men” (Is. 29:13). This statement was quoted by Jesus in Matthew 15:8, 9.

Sadly, it is the case with so many today that they have God “near in their mouth but far from their mind.” The only time many even mention God’s name is when they take it in vain. Still others feign an allegiance to Him verbally, but fail to live for Him physically. Jesus asked, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Lk. 6:46). Regarding apostates from the faith, Jude said, “These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts, and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage” (Jude 16). Such brings to mind politicians and television evangelists. Let us take heed lest God be “near in our mouths, but far from our minds.”

-Eddy

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