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## Pastor's Perspective — Quiet Times Require Quiet Bibles

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When someone tells me that they want to get serious about a daily quiet time for Bible reading and prayer, they will often want to know if there is a particular Bible that I might recommend that they use for that purpose. Typically, they've already been to the bookstore and done some preliminary research, but they've come away from that overwhelmed by the sheer number of Study Bibles. Which one should they choose and how should they decide?

They are often surprised when I tell them that I wouldn't recommend a Study Bible for a quiet time—a time that they're going to spend alone in quiet conversation with God, God talking to them through His written Word, them talking to God in prayer. Study Bibles don't lend to that. The maps and the charts, the introductions and the outlines, the background information, the character sketches and explanatory notes, all

### 2010 Bible Memory Challenge

Our verses for October are Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

make it virtually impossible to listen to the text alone. Trying to have a quiet time in a Study Bible is something like trying to carry on a meaningful conversation with one person in a roomful of people where everyone is talking at the same time. It's actually worse than that because in a Study Bible the assumption is that all of those other voices belong in your conversation, but in a quiet time they don't. There is a time for detailed and exhaustive study, but that time is not a quiet time.

If you are serious about a daily quiet time for Bible reading and prayer, and you are wondering if there is a Bible that I might recommend for that purpose, there is. My recommendation is a Quiet Bible. That I know of, there aren't any Bibles that go by that name, but they are not difficult to find. In fact, I suspect that you already own one. It's the Bible without all the clutter, just the text.

If you would use a Quiet Bible in a quiet place for a daily quiet time, you might be surprised at the depth and richness of the conversation you're able to have with God as He speaks to you through His Word and you speak to Him in prayer.

*Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.*  
Psalm 119:97

## The Aroma of Christ



We enjoyed a wonderful Missions Conference on September 10-12 with missionaries Paul and Geri Briggs, Steve and Julie Thompson and our missionaries to southeast Asia. The Lord's work in the lives of His people was evident, as all were challenged to

serve as "The Aroma of Christ" and several responded with public decisions of commitment. We are also thankful for the families at Fellowship who graciously provided housing and meals for the missionaries. A very generous love offering of \$4,870 was received for the missionaries to assist them in their ministry.

## Sharing Christ in Our Community

On September 9 we began our 8<sup>th</sup> year of ESL ministry at Fellowship. Through this outreach we seek to win internationals to Christ and add them to His church. It continues to be a great privilege to minister to a broad cross-section of people the Lord has brought to our community. Through three weeks of classes, we have 40 registered students from at least 17 different countries, and attendance has averaged approximately 30.

We continue to provide four levels of instruction, with classes for literacy, beginner, intermediate and advanced. Our staff, led by Brian Platt, is largely the same as last year. Lee Hoggard has been added as a new teacher for the literacy level, and Charles Beam has added substitute teaching to his administrative duties. We are thankful for the dedicated service of each of our teachers and helpers.

## Strengthening the Church in Asia

Through the Pastoral Enrichment Program (PeP), missionaries Larry and Sallie Fogle lead conferences, seminars and Bible classes for national pastors and church leaders. This strengthens the leadership of established churches to carry on the Lord's work.



ences for pastors and church leaders in India. Larry and Pastor Lindholm will then teach a third conference in India. Finally, all three men will lead a conference in the closed country. Larry, Phil and Pastor will also preach in churches each Sunday.

On October 11-26, Pastor Lindholm will be joining Larry and his brother Phil on a PeP trip to India and a closed country. Larry and Phil will lead two confer-

Please pray for safe travel and good health for Larry, Phil and Pastor, and for the churches they serve to be encouraged and equipped to make disciples.

# Learning about Missionary Service

In keeping with our desire to encourage young people to consider the Lord's call to missionary service, the Missions Committee has arranged for Joel Wasserstein to spend six weeks with missionaries Nathan and Dawn Patefield in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Joel will depart on December 31 and return on February 8. This experience will provide him with exposure to the work of missions, helping to confirm whether the Lord is leading him into missionary service.



Joel was interviewed by Facets in anticipation of this missions trip.

**FACETS: Why are you interested in a short-term missions experience?**

**JOEL:** Starting in 2008, I felt the Lord's calling in my life. I felt I was being led into missions. As time moved on, this passion did not go away. In fact, it was continually growing stronger. Now I desire to go on a short-term missions trip to confirm the Lord's calling in my life, and see what the missions field is like.

**FACETS: What do you hope to see the Lord accomplish in your life?**

**JOEL:** I hope that I will grow closer to Him through this

experience and, Lord willing, be able to attend Bible college to further my training so that one day I would become a vocational missionary.

**FACETS: How are you preparing for your ministry training in Brazil?**

**JOEL:** Pastor Lindholm has been meeting with me regularly for a Bible study. He has been giving me opportunities to serve and teach in Sunday School, Awana and ESL. I also have been taking a Portuguese class to give me a foundation in language for my trip to Brazil.

**FACETS: How can your church family be praying for you?**

**JOEL:** That I would be growing closer to the Lord, that He would confirm the calling I feel, and that this time of training would continue to be profitable.

Joel's travel expenses are estimated to be about \$1,200. The Missions Committee would also like to provide some additional funds to offset expenses incurred by the Patefields during Joel's visit. A love offering will be received on Sunday, October 17 for this missions project. Please be in prayer for Joel as he prepares for this time of ministry training.

# Reaching Boys and Girls for Christ

Our Awana ministry began a new year on September 19. Attendance has averaged 54 through the first three club nights. Commander Doug Mount is direct-

ing a staff of 15 leaders plus three leaders-in-training and has been challenged to compensate for the loss of several leaders who moved away last year. We are thankful for new leaders Cleo Coto, Gelpi Martinez and John Wasserstein, and for returning leader Richard Benham. Please pray for this important ministry as we reach children for Christ and train them to serve Him.

## Calendar



Oct. 9	Youth Outing to Luray Caverns
Oct. 12	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
Oct. 15/16	Fellowship in Homes
Oct. 27	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)
Oct. 30	Fun with Fellowship Movie (2:00 PM)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

A Success in Bible Teaching Seminar will be held on Saturday, November 20, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 AM and concluding at 11:00 AM. We would like to see all of our teachers and helpers participate. Please sign up in the church foyer by October 17.

A Men's Retreat will be held on December 10-11 at Skycroft Retreat Center in Middletown, MD. Men please reserve these dates and plan to attend.

## Money Matters

After exceptional giving in August, contributions to the General Fund were down in September, falling \$2,389 short of the monthly need. Nevertheless, the Lord is faithfully providing, with yearly giving still exceeding the budgeted need.

September Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,693
Weekly Need	\$5,290
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$207,976
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$206,319
Year-to-Date Building Fund Giving	\$2,766