

Bible News

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This week Governor Dan K. Moore released a statement from his office recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society, and issuing a proclamation calling for the citizens of North Carolina to honor the non-profit group by joining in the observance of 1966 as the "Year of the Bible." A large number of other Governors throughout the United States have issued like proclamations and a bill has been presented in both the Senate and the House of Representatives calling on President to declare the year 1966 "The Year of the Bible" in the whole United States. Although it is still not official, there is little doubt that this will be carried out in the near future. President Johnson is at present serving as chairman of the "Thanksgiving to Christmas" Bible Readings and is a strong supporter of the work of the Bible Society whose activities have contributed significantly to the cultural development and strength of our country.

The local radio station WCDJ is carrying the Thanksgiving to Christmas readings which are being read around the world by concerned Christians of every nationality and every denomination. The local presentation time is a few minutes before 7 A. M., each morning. Be sure to listen in and join your heart with millions of others who will be reading the same passages together.

As you prepare your "last minute" gifts for friends and loved ones consider the priceless treasure of a Bible for a Christmas present.

There are many suggestions available from the Bible Society to help you in sharing the Bible where you live. Here are a few of them:

- Supply shut-ins with Scripture portions, appropriate for mailing to those in your church, who are ill or in sorrow.
- Stamp or write in tract and Scripture portions distributed in public places, the name of your church, its address and phone number of your pastor for those who may need help.
- Prepare packets to be used in soul-winning visitation. Include materials for the visitor and those to be visited.
- In group study mark the plan of salvation in a New Testament. Mark additional copies to distribute in soul winning visitation.
- Make available tracts of Scripture portions to your church as a follow-up to your pastor's sermon or a current epiphany.
- Take a Bible census in the church family or among a special group in the community. Ask "Do you have a readable Bible?" If not "Would you like to have one?"
- Place tracts and Scripture portions on breakfast trays in hospitals and convalescent homes.
- Furnish Bibles for hospital rooms, hotels and motels. Imprint them with information about church services.
- Distribute the Sunday School lesson leaflets to people in institutions.
- Encourage newspapers to print a Scripture passage each day if this is not done.
- Place tract racks in grocery stores serving language groups. Use portions in several different translations.
- Make available talking records in homes for the aged and blind who do not read Braille.
- Use the Finger-fono to share the Bible with a person who speaks another language. This is effective also in reaching the illiterate young children and patients in hospitals.
- Give Bibles to international students on local campuses. Follow up with invitation to visit in homes and at

Mrs. McMullan Reports On Work

Chowan County Welfare Department handled 406 cases during November, which is believed to be a new high for this agency.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare director, said the department handles 271 cases receiving financial assistance, 70 food stamp certifications and 65 service cases.

Old Age Assistance was paid to 119 people during the month. The checks totaled \$5,599 for an average grant of \$47.05.

A total of \$3,415 was paid to 43 families under the aid to dependent children program for an average grant of \$16.74.

There were 51 cases in the aid to the permanently and totally disabled program and they shared \$2,559, or an average grant of \$50.13.

The aid to the blind cases totaled 12 with them sharing in \$402 for an average check of \$33.50. There were two general assistance cases and they received a total of \$34.49.

Eleven persons were hospitalized in the county at a cost of \$1,568. The county paid \$420 and \$1,148 came from joint funds. Total cost for three persons hospitalized outside the county was \$194.60. The county's share of this was \$18.60 with \$176 coming from joint funds.

The department authorized out-patient care for 24 at a cost of \$139.96. The county's share of this was \$22.

"If you know of some person in your community who does not own a Bible and they want one, please contact me this week. We would like to make one available to anyone who wants one, even though they cannot afford to buy an inexpensive Bible."

This Is The Life

By DONALD R. THOMAS

SIN

When we get sick, we usually call for a doctor to get us well again. He will give us the right pills or medicine to get us well again. He can't use the same medicine for every one. He has different pills for different diseases. He can only try to cure the body, but not the soul. We all need a doctor who will help us and the only one I know is Jesus. He made the lame to walk again and the blind to see again. He cures people from their diseases. I am not sick, you say. We are all sick from sin, beloved, and sin will send us to hell. Jesus is the answer. He knew no sin but He took our sin for us on the tree of Calvary. There won't be any sickness and death in heaven, beloved. You can go, too, by accepting Christ as your Savior, but you must ask Jesus for help. Won't you call Him today, the greatest doctor of all?

The Bible says "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

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Make Church-Going a Habit

Sunday School Lesson

JOSIAH: DELIGHT IN THE LAW
International Sunday School Lesson for December 12

Memory Selection: "Where-withal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word"—Psalm 119:9.

Lesson Text: II Kings 21:1 to 23:30.

Today our study lies in the Book of Josiah—an excellent illustration of the effective power of God's Word when it lodges in a receptive life. In his goodness there shone the reflection of a personal discovery and delight in God's law.

Josiah was a king among kings in his day. While other rulers of his time had the lives of the people placed in their hands by God, and while they admittedly did much that was good during their reigns—it is all too often a matter of history that the inner weaknesses of their natures overcome them in later years, thereby undoing, to a great extent the good that they had done.

Not so Josiah, for he did that "which was right in the sight of the Lord—and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left." (II Kings 22:2).

So personal was the call that Josiah felt that he destroyed all that was dedicated to the worship of idols and other gods; he destroyed thoroughly and ruthlessly, and called upon his people to heed the law of God.

There must certainly have been a great inner motivation that prompted Josiah's actions; for history reveals that his forebears were not so dedicated individuals! Indeed, his grandfather Manasseh was, perhaps, one of the most idolatrous kings of that time.

But from whatever sources Josiah culled his sincerity, there is no doubt that the finding of God's Word in the Temple (where it had seemingly been lost) provided the spark that kindled a sense



It snowed yesterday and when it stopped, I walked along the creek in a world of frosty splendor. The woods were hushed in majestic stillness, and I tread softly. A frosty breeze overhead, and bending trees shivered stealthily, with squeaking, ice-coated branches. The falls at the curve of the creek stood immobilized with hoarfrost and icicles, but bending near I heard soft and surely the murmur of the moving creek beneath the icebound surface.

It came to me, how like that creek, my faith has been. At times this faith has been covered by rimes of doubt and selfishness. Often it has been embittered by anguish and despair. But always under that glacial exterior there coursed a stream of consciousness that knew no turning from God—and the things I had been taught from childhood.

How glad I am my parents took me to church and brought me up with such a sure knowledge of God's love that it sustained me even when I tried to turn from His ways.

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