

## My Favorite Bible

by Steve Higginbotham

Through the years, I have owned quite a few Bibles. I have two shelves in my office containing nothing but Bibles. They differ in size, translation, and binding. But of all the Bibles I own, one is particularly treasured by me. It is a little black Red-Letter New Testament (3"x4.5") that I have had for the past 39 years. You've seen some like it before. It's the kind of Bible given to little children, and it is small enough for them to hold it in their little hands. The print in this Bible is just about too small to read. There are no study notes in it. And it only contains the New Testament. So, what makes this Bible so special to me? Allow me to read the inscription on the first page:

"This New Testament is being presented to Steve Higginbotham for being the first in his Bible Study class to be able to say from memory all the 66 books of the Bible. Keep up the Good Work. God Bless you always. Your Bible Class Teachers, Mrs. Hester Shultz & Miss Sandy Wilson"

Isn't it amazing the impact that a few words of encouragement can have on a person's life? I was just four-years-old when this Bible was presented to me, but thirty-nine years later, I still treasure, and have this little Bible in my possession. My guess is that Hester (who is now deceased) and Sandy have no memory of the presentation of this Bible, or the message they inscribed in it. I'm sure they have no idea that something done so long ago, and something that cost so little, and took only but a moment of their time, would be so treasured by the little boy to whom they presented it.

My point? There is life-time lasting power and influence in encouragement! What takes us only a moment to say or do, can impact another person for the rest of his life. Be an encourager! Take the time and the little extra effort to compliment, commend, and encourage another. Chances are, long after you've forgotten your words of kindness, they will be locked-up, and cherished as a prize possession in the store room of someone's mind.



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### WELCOME!

#### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

ROMANS 16:16

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#### **Today's Sermon: *The Bride of Christ***

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**Scripture:** Ephesians 5:15-27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: This Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be resuming our study of Philippians.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing: September 30<sup>th</sup> at Endwell. 4:30pm**

**Next Potluck: Next Sunday-** September 16<sup>th</sup>.



- **Sam is applying for permanent residence in the US. Pray that everything goes smoothly with this endeavor and that he has a productive school year.**
- **Arthur is going through the process of applying for support from the Sojourners, senior members of the church who travel in their RVs in groups to help churches all over the country. They can help us with building repairs and projects, door knocking, Bible studies and many other ways. We are also working on official papers and licenses needed for them to stay in the area.**
- **Since the weather is turning cooler and fall is around the corner, let's bring warming soups, stews, comfort food and baked goods to our potluck next week. We have 3# of hamburger meat in the freezer downstairs if anyone would like to take a pound home to use for the potluck.**



## PRAYERS...

- Let's all make a big effort to fill this beautiful big building that we have been so blessed to acquire. **Each of us can invite people to study the Bible**, either with us or with another Christian or at one of our regular Bible studies. A prayer of thanks for all the visitors we have recently had.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer, recovery from brain tumor.
- Pray for Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber who** has metastatic breast cancer.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer (lymphoma). She has had the last round of intensive chemo and will have results soon. Natalie is actually starting back to work part time.
- Pray for our nation's **healing** and repentance.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will be having cataract surgery in the near future. Both Ted and Jennifer have been sick last week, and Jennifer is suffering from painful stomach cramps.
- Pray for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening **Bible class attendance and participation.**
- **Emily Barry** has been advised that she has the beginnings of a retinal tear, which she can do nothing to prevent.
- Sandy and Arthur's nephew (and neighbor), **Jamie**, lost his family business to fire on Friday. We were grateful that no one was hurt in the fire, as the gun shop was closed at the time.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.