

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 storeroom of someone's mind.



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: No Child Left Behind

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-10

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm March 15, on Zoom, Arthur is teaching from 2 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – March 19.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, March 14. Women of the Genesis, Chapter 10, Dinah.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing – April 30 at Ithaca.**
- ❖ **Ladies' Prayer Brunch and Devotional- God's Peace and Hope- March 25th** from 10:30-1 here at Valley Cities.
- ❖ **Men's Prayer Breakfast- May 13,** here at Valley Cities.



Ladies, those of us who can are planning to meet at the building **this Wednesday, March 15 to clean and decorate** for the Ladies' Prayer Brunch and Devotional on Saturday, the 25th. Plan to be here around 10am and we will go out for lunch together afterward.



MAGI boxes –

We are still buying T-shirts for boys and girls, mostly at Dollar Tree (Adult S or Youth XL for boys, Ladies S for girls). Amy's friend has made a generous donation of elastic that we can use for sewing skirts for the girls.

Jerry Lowe phoned on Friday to let us know he is doing well at his son's house and on oxygen 24/7. He made contact with a local church, but they have not been able to pick him up to attend worship. He loves us all and appreciates our prayers on his behalf.

PRAYERS

- **Miki's friend Carol Lou, who has been able to breathe on her own without the respirator in an answer to prayer, is still in the hospital. Her recovery is slow and she may be transferred to a rehab center in a week or so. Prayers are needed for a full recovery.**
- **Please pray for Jay Sanabria, a friend of Miki's who suffered a burst appendix which caused an infection and required surgery. He is home but can't keep his food down. Pray that he doesn't still have infection. It's possible that he has a stomach bug. He will see the doctor tomorrow.**
- **Henry and Caroline are having truck problems which caused Henry to miss his CT scan appointment on Tuesday. Pray that he can get the truck fixed on the 21st and keep his new scan appointment on the 23rd.**
- **Pray for Molly and Pancho Rivera and family to secure a place to live soon.**
- **Please pray for the Central Church of Christ in San Jose, CA where our friend Alex who visited last week preaches. They are going through some troubles.**

Pray for these people:

- **Pat Gutherie**, lung cancer, chemo
- **Mike Walls**, pray that he will be cured of dementia. Pray for strength for his wife Carrie.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Ukraine.**
- **families of the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.**
- **Arthur**- congestive heart failure, diabetes
- **Miki's friend Monique**-pain meds correct dosage and administration.
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church and a ride. Pray that he may be encouraged.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.