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## Love LOVE NEVER FAILS!

**Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 1 Cor 13:8**

Love and Charity are interchangeable words. Many people say the King James Bible should have used the word love for charity in 1Corinthians, but I believe charity is exactly what the Lord wanted. While the two words are interchangeable, it seems that when you say love, you think of receiving, and when you say charity, you think of giving. Both the giving and receiving of love is very important to our lives.

Everyone of us hungers for love. Hopefully, we have parents that not only birthed us, but will tenderly love us. Hopefully, we will find a mate someday that will commit their love to our lives. Later, hopefully, our children will love us in return for the love we serve their lives with. It is our hope that the people God brings into our lives will love us. But it does not always happen that way. Loving is an option, it's part of our free will.

Some people have no idea how to give love and many people do not know how to receive love. A greater number of people do not even know what love is. A few years ago someone asked me, "What is love? I would give all I have if someone could just tell me what love is." This person was in their 40's and had felt that they had never known love. I told them, "I can tell you what love is with just three words. God is love!"

That sounds simple, but who is God? To know love, you must know God.

**Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

**He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love .**

**1 John 4:7-8**

Love is the very character of God. When love is present, God is present. There is no greater way to be close to God than to exercise love. But in order to exercise love, you must possess love, which comes from receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, at which time, God sends the Holy Spirit (which is the Spirit of God) into our hearts. This Spirit is the Spirit of love! When we walk in this Spirit, we walk in love. The Spirit can be present and yet we may not do our works through that Spirit. We are only successful when we work through the Holy Spirit that God has so graciously given to us at the time of our salvation. Those who are born again believers and still walk in the flesh, rob themselves of victory in their daily actions.

Love is our greatest and most valuable possession. There is no greater wealth than love. Love never fails! Money fails. Honor fails. Relationships fail. Love is the only thing we possess that does not fail and yet we do not

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## THOSE WHO READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2009

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# LOVE NEVER FAILS!

exercise love as a standard of living. Oh, we will use love when it is convenient for us. Why wouldn't we always use love, if it truly never fails?

Many Christian people are waiting for love to serve them before they are willing to serve others with love. How sad; What a waste of time! Fulfillment does not come from receiving love from others. Fulfillment comes from giving love to others. We do not need another person's love in order to be satisfied. When we received Christ as our Lord and Savior, we received all we need to be satisfied and content. Christ is all we need! If we never had another close relationship outside of our relationship with Christ, we would have all we need to be happy and fulfilled in this life. We are not to wait for others to love us. The minute we get saved, we should begin serving others with the love (Spirit) God has shared with us.

**We love him, because he first loved us.**

**1 John 4:19**

Yes, we do have to be loved first, but God is that first love, not man (We are to be first at loving man). You cannot live a self-centered life and live in love at the same time. Love is putting others in front of yourself. You don't forget about yourself, but you put others first and then yourself. You don't give out love according to how man loves you. You give out love according to how God loves you. The Bible says He loved us when we were yet sinners!!! Ouch! That's hard to do, is it not? The way I love and the reason I love should depend on what God has commanded me and my relationship to Him, not according to the character of the one I serve.

**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

**Heb 13:8**

**For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

**Mal 3:6**

David said in the Psalms, "My heart is fixed oh Lord." What about us? Do we have a fixed heart, or do we let everyone else's actions determined the way we are going to respond. Many times we grieve the Lord and we anger the Lord with our actions, but it does not change His character! He does not allow us to determine His response to us and we should not allow others to determine our response to them. We should have our hearts FIXED upon obeying God at any cost. *Remember, Jesus knew who Judas was, but it did not change who Jesus was!*

Now the question is, "Who do we have to love with the love of Christ?" Our parents? Oh yes, we understand that. Our mates? Oh yes, we understand that. But do we understand that this love is to be given to all?

First, we are to love the Lord God with all our heart and all that we are. Now unless we are practicing the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", we are not practicing the first commandment.

**If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

**1 John 4:20**

Wow! If we hate another person, we do not love God! The Bible says if we say we love God and hate our brother, we are a liar! That's pretty strong. It is impossible to live in love and hate someone. We must forgive. We must not forsake mercy. The first person that is affected by hatred is the one doing the hating. We shoot ourselves in the foot when we hate another person. You might say, "But you don't know what they did." Whatever they did to you is not nearly as bad as what your anger and unforgiveness is doing to you. Don't allow anyone to be used of Satan to destroy your life. They can't touch your soul, but you can sure destroy yourself by the way you respond to their actions. If you love yourself, you will forgive and love others, as Christ commanded us to do.

What does it mean, "Love never faileth?" The love you give others may be

rejected and cast off. It may not bring the results you expected from the one you served, but it will be successful to your life. You will never fail when you exercise true love. You are the one to benefit the most by giving love. Others will benefit when they receive your love. Some will and some will not, but you will always benefit from loving.

How far are you willing to go in loving others? When that person at the checkout line makes you angry, do you respond in love? When that car pulls out in front of you and causes you to throw on your brakes, do you respond with love? When you hear that your friend talked about you behind your back, do you respond with love? When someone falsely accuses you, do you respond in love?

**Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom 13:10**

You will never break the law of God as long as you are acting out of true love. Love fulfills God's law. You don't have to know all of God's laws as long as you know how to love, because you will keep His laws as you walk in His love.

There is much talk about God in this day and time, but not much seen of His love in those who call themselves by His name. Why?

**And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Matt 24:12**

Iniquity is the work of the flesh. Do you want a warm love? Forsake the flesh and let the Spirit of Christ rule in your heart. Those you love may not return your love, but God is faithful and will not forget your work of love. It will come back at the moment you need it the most.

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**A person who is going to commit an inhuman act invariably excuses himself by saying, "I'm only human, after all."**

----Sydney J. Harris

## YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE YOUNG ARE THINKING!

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. It was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible, trembling with fear, when he asked, "Which service, the 9:45 or the 11:15?"



### CHURCH SIGNS!

**A lot of money is tainted:  
it tain't yours,  
and it tain't mine.**

**If you tell the truth,  
you don't have to  
remember anything.**

**More doors are opened with  
"please" than with keys.**

**Swallow your pride -  
it contains no calories.**

**One good thing about  
being wrong is the joy  
it brings to others.**

## (Continued from page 1) THOSE WHO READ THROUGH THEIR BIBLE IN 2009

It is our goal to get as many people as possible reading through the Bible once a year. We had 18 names turned into us last year and this year we have 26 names. Maybe you have read through your Bible, but did not take time to let us know. Please join us next year. It may not be important to you to have your name published, but it encourages others to join us. If you had to go a few days over a year to finish reading, we will still include you. Keep going until you finish.

There is no greater profit than to hide the Word of God in our hearts. We loved Bro. Roloff and appreciated his life greatly, but the greatest thing he did for us, was to encourage us to read and memorize the Word of God. It only took him a moment to persuade us, but it has lasted a lifetime for us.

I am amazed daily at Christians, that have been saved for years, and have no idea how to approach their problems. They have not invested time in the study and reading of God's Word. Proverbs says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the way thereof is death." We had better not guess at God's way, we had better know what He said.

We are including a letter we received from a sweet friend. I believe it will encourage our hearts to keep on keeping on for the Lord.

*Just a note to let you know I have read through my Bible again this past year. I have read through every year since you (Gloria) challenged us in our Ladies Meeting when you were here at Central. I think that has been about 19 years ago. It gets sweeter every year and I always see something new that I did not catch before. It just jumps out at me. I have been taking the leftover Tid Bit papers to the nursing homes and passing them out to the ones that I feel can comprehend them. I also pass them out to the residents at Canterbury Gardens Retirement and*

*Assisted Living Center. Two weeks ago I passed out the leftovers for December and after our services Delores came up to me so excited. She said, "I have been trying to read my Bible through every year but get mixed up where to read next. She had the daily reading schedule sheet in her hand and said I will be able to read it through this year. I too was elated over it.*

*I am having to give up the Nursing Home Ministry. It is getting to be too much stress at my age. I have never really had the help I needed, so being in my 80's, I am resigning due to health and the stress. My pastor is trying to get someone to take my place, but it doesn't look very promising at this time. I will try to pop in from time to time to see some of the residents and I will still be playing the piano for the Canterbury Garden Services on Saturday mornings. Keep me in your prayers, as this is a heartbreaking situation for me. They have become like family after 16 years of holding church services for them. I hear Bro. Jerry is struggling with heart problems. Enjoy him while you can. I miss my husband. It is 8 years since he left me to go to his eternal home. I love you. Dorothy Callen.*

You cannot know how it excited our hearts to know that 19 years of Bible reading took place because we encouraged her. We will never have great amounts of money to make a difference in this world, but if we can get the Word of God into a person's life, we have been a part of making their lives rich!!! Let us push the reading of the Word of God. It never hurt anyone!

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**The Future is something which  
everyone reaches at the same  
rate of sixty minutes an hour,  
whatever he does, whoever he is.**

----C.S. Lewis

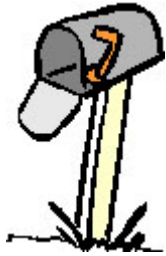
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**To make your dream come true,  
you have to stay awake.**

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**A fault once denied  
is twice committed.**





by  
*Gloria Brewster*



## FRIENDSHIPS

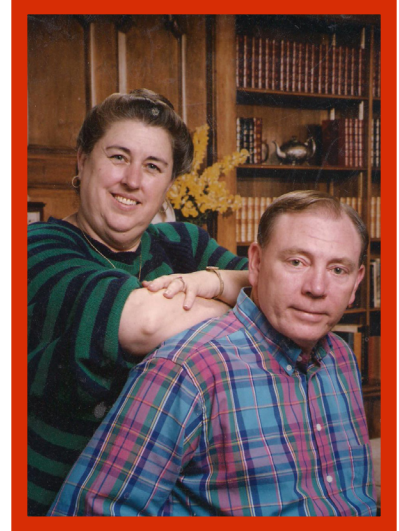
**Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. Prov 27:17**

The Bible is very clear about being a friend and having friends. Jesus called many people, Friend! Exodus 33:11 says that Jesus talked to Moses face to face as a man talks to his friend. Have you ever had someone talk to you and never look at you? You always wonder what they are trying to hide or what they are thinking that would keep them from looking you in the face. One thing a true friend will do is look you in the face when they talk to you.

Judges 14:20 says that Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had USED as a friend. Sometimes we may think we have a friend and find out later they only used us as a friend. Many people are selfish and only do loving things so they can reap the benefits. True, we all hope the benefits will come back to us, but that cannot be our motivation for loving friendships.

Job said, "To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend." You expect a friend to pity you in hard times, but Job's friends were trying to figure out what he had done wrong. We've all had friends like that. Job said his friends were digging a pit for him. In another place it talks about when things got really bad and there was no food, friends were eating one another (Jer. 19:19). David said, "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." (Ps. 41:9) Sometimes, those we have chosen to befriend, have turned on us and done us harm. Because of this, many have backed off from being a friend or having friends. They do not want to get hurt. What a loss of life to live without friends! You will be hurt by some of your friends from time to time, but we are taught to forgive and not to let their actions determine our actions. We are to keep on reaching out to others in friendship and when we do find that friend that sticketh closer than a brother, we are rich. We should never make our friends our god! Friends are to enjoy, not to worship.

Jesus saw mankind as His friend. People did not understand Jesus being a friend to everyone. "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." (Matt. 11:19) While we are not supposed to run with the world, when we rub shoulders, we should respond like friends! How else will they see our love for their lives? Jesus called the man without a wedding garment, "Friend". Jesus said to the man who was upset about receiving one penny for a whole days work, while the man who worked only one hour received the same, "Friend"! Jesus also called Judas, "Friend", when he betrayed Him in the garden. If we want friends, we must be friends". The Bible says, in Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." I have been blessed with some wonderful friends since I started walking



**Bill & Shirley Dodson**

with the Lord. I love and treasure everyone of them.

In the middle 70's the Lord brought Shirley Dodson and her family into our lives. Little did we know at that time what our friendship other would mean to us.

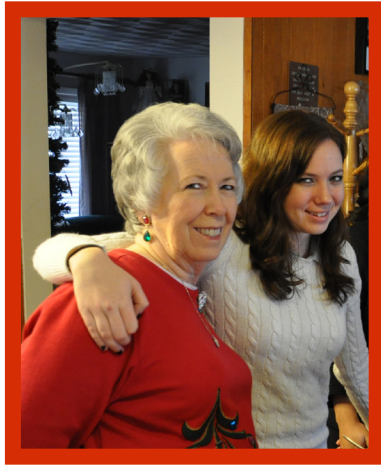
I started a Bible class in my living room and Shirley was the first to attend. We came together out of a love to know, to understand and to live the Word of God. We spent hours digging into the Word. Shirley's youngest daughter was four years old and would go to sleep on the couch while we studied. We became visitation partners and we took all the assignments for helping the poor and needy that came through the office of the church. We watched the Lord work in mighty ways. Our friendship was like the verse,

**Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.**

**Prov 27:17**

We both knew that when we asked each other for advise, we would never avoid telling the truth to one another, no matter how hard it was to

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## WHY YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE READING THEIR BIBLES!

*This article is written by our granddaughter, Stephanie Brewster, who is attending The Kings College in New York City, New York. Their classes are in the Empire State Building. Our second born son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Diane, have taught Stephanie to study the Word of God and to search out what she believes. She was sharing with us over Christmas how she felt parents should insist their children read the Bible for themselves and we asked her to write an article for us.*

I've always been a reader. I started reading everything I could get my hands on at a very young age, and more than once my parents have had to pull a book out of my hands and remind me of the chores I was supposed to be doing.

But I never was interested in reading the Bible. Sure, I sat through plenty of sermons in January in which my pastor talked about wanting everyone in the church to read their Bible through for the year, but it never appealed to me.

The summer before I started high school, my dad sat me down and told me I needed to read the Bible. He said it was time for me to find out for myself what I really believe.

He knew that I would end up putting it off until we both forgot about this talk, so he gave me an incentive. I was not to pick up another book until I had read my Bible from cover to cover. He told me to just read it like I read everything else.

So I did. I decided to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation like I would any other book. And some of it was a struggle, but I made it.

This was the beginning of a summer tradition. Every summer, Dad would have me read through my Bible before school started.

My first year at college was at a secular university, and I knew that it was going to be a huge change for me as I had gone to a private Christian school all my life. I expected to meet Atheists and people of other religions, and I expected my faith to be challenged. And it was, for the most part, what I expected.

The next year I transferred to a Christian college. I expected that most people would believe as I did, because after all, this was a Christian school. But that wasn't the case. Many of the students believed things that shocked me.

They didn't believe in the same standards of morality and many other things, because times have changed. Surely Jesus wouldn't want us to stick to an outdated code of conduct. Society has changed, and we must adapt along with it. Genesis is just a nice allegorical literary device. God could not have created the world in six days because science says that it's impossible.

Many of them say these kinds of things because they don't actually know what the Bible says and they don't really know who God is. I had friends in my

Old Testament class who had never read any of the Old Testament and didn't know anything about what it said, and I'm finding the same to be true in my New Testament class as well.

It is so easy to be led astray, especially for people in their teens and twenties. My secular university taught me a very important lesson. It isn't "intellectual" to believe in Biblical truths. You are not considered "classy" or "well-educated" if you aren't pro-choice, pro-gay marriage, pro-feminism, and any other "pro-" you can think of. And of course, who doesn't want to be considered an "intellectual"?

Too many Christian students have bought into this ideology. They assume that their pastor or their church is just behind the times, preaching tradition, but they are better educated and "enlightened".

Jesus told us to love people. That is the one thing they know. Jesus wouldn't condemn anyone, they say. They are often shocked when they see what the Bible really teaches, what Jesus Himself really teaches.

Many times we only see the rules. And we tend to think that those rules couldn't possibly apply to us today. But there is a principle behind each of those rules that we can apply to our lives no matter what time frame we live in.

The Bible is so important. It's God speaking directly to us, but so many students I know never looked at it outside of a church sermon.

I am truly grateful to my father for forcing me to read the Bible that first time, and then forcing me to keep it up. And I honestly believe that more young people need to do the same. So many new ideas and belief systems are thrust upon us in college, whether secular or Christian, and we need to be better prepared or we will be taken in by whatever the "intellectual" society tells us.

----Stephanie Brewster

**THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS  
IS STILL EVIL.**

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## FRIENDSHIPS

receive it. We were committed to encouraging one another to walk a spiritually straight line. We had one cause and that was to please the Lord. We both reached out to others and it seemed we both always had someone living at our houses until they could take care of themselves. We had a David and Jonathan relationship. But what made it even better was that our husbands were like brothers. Our children were different ages and did not run together but our children loved them and their children loved our children.

Before long the Lord moved Jerry and I away and Bill and Shirley moved to Missouri. For awhile it was like this verse that says,

**Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness. Ps 88:18**

Sometimes our relationships change. The Lord removes them for one reason or another. There was a couple of years that it seemed we didn't have room for each other. Then, all of a sudden, God brought us back to where we had been and it was wonderful to get back to enjoying fellowship together.

Shirley had always let me do the teaching when we were together but she had much to share and needed to do her own teaching. God divided us so we could both share what He was teaching us.

Shirley was smart!!! She was a walking dictionary. She had the answer for every question. You didn't want to play scrabble with her. She would always win!

Shirley had been fighting an illness for about a year. She was up and going, but things were not right. The second week in December she was admitted to the hospital in a weak condition. They helped her some and sent her home. About two weeks ago they had to return her to the hospital. I learned of her sickness and she and I talked on the phone for about an hour on Wednesday night. We told each

other how much we loved the other and rejoiced in the friendship the Lord had given us. She thought she was going to recover. The next morning she went home to be with the Lord.

She beat me! She got ahead of me and now she knows all about heaven. Her funeral was such a tribute to a godly, virtuous woman. Her pastor loved her. Her church staff loved her. The people of the church loved her. Her two daughters loved her and emulated her life. Her husband loved her and was so peaceful and content in her love. Her family members had such sweet things to say about her life. Those who lived around her life were blessed. They were influenced for good by her presence.

Shirley wasn't an outstanding beauty. Shirley didn't stand out in a crowd. I am sure that many people did not realize her importance until she was gone, because she never made a big deal out of anything she did. But she made a big difference!!! She lived what she learned and what she believed and it worked!

My sweet friend is gone, but what about tomorrow? Will I be the friend to others that she was to me? Will I risk friendship with others so I can serve their lives? We must show ourselves friendly if we are to have friends, and there are friends that stick closer than a brother.

The one friendship that we should be concerned about is our friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says,

**...whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4**

If we make the Lord our closest friend, then we can be the kind of friend that makes a difference in other people's lives. We should be like Abraham was to the Lord.

**And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. James 2:23**

Art not thou our God, who didst

**drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?**

2 Chron 20:7

**But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend Isa 41:8**

Abraham's friendship was a forever friendship and ours should be also.

Have you told your friends that you love them and are thankful for them lately? You should. You will not always have them! Be a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Everybody needs one!

To all my friends, thank you for every loving action you give!!!

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## A Story of Puritan Cotton Mather

Cotton Mather died on this day in 1728, the day after his 65th birthday. The last of the great Puritan ministers, he was the first pastor to make calls on parishioners, the first to visit inmates in prison, the first to hold church meetings for young people. His life was filled with tragedy - he lost two wives and outlived 13 of his 15 children - yet his faith remained unshakable.

A true Puritan, he did not think more highly of himself than he ought; indeed, he considered himself "feeble and worthless, yet (Lord, by Thy grace) desirous to approve himself a sincere and faithful servant of Jesus Christ".

Aside from his public life as a puritan leader, Cotton Mather wrote *Magnalia Christi Americana*, the definitive history of the first half-century of New England. Chronicling their spiritual journey from humble origins through great trials and adversities to their current strength, he was dismayed. God had honored the trust and obedience of the "first comers" with blessing, and now at the dawn of the 18th century their descendants were turning away from Him.

***"Religion begat prosperity, and the daughter devoured the mother."***

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**None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing!**



# TID BITS MONTHLY REPORT

February is the month we think of love. This is the month that you recognize your sweethearts. We would like to say thank you to all the sweethearts who have supported Tid Bits through the years. Your faithfulness has made it possible to go forward. We would like to encourage others to join us with their support so we may be able to increase the monthly mailing. We are sending papers to our missionaries overseas, which cost much more than the States. Our missionaries need to hear from home, since they are so far from all their family and loved ones. We love being able to touch their lives while they serve their people.

Getting into the new office has gone slowly, but it is happening. We moved most of our books into the room this month (and we have more than we have shelves for)! We have the task of going through each book and entering it into the computer so we can organize the library. It was so moving, to pick up books and remember just what they had done for our lives, and many times we knew the author, which makes the book so much more precious to us. As we were moving the books, our son Steve, who was helping us, pointed to the Bible and said, "Everything that these books say can be found in that one book, the Bible." How true! But Gloria said, "Yes, but all of these books are written about what they learned and gleaned from the Bible." John says there is no end to the books that can be written. The written word can move and change lives. If writing truly is inspired of God, it should cause you to want to head right back to the Bible. We were talking to a man of God one day and asked why he had not written his autobiography. He had made many videos of other great lives, and his life was very interesting. He said, "No! I will not write about myself. I want to only glorify the Lord." We said, "But God is writing a book about you (Mal.3:16, a book of remembrance for those that fear the Lord), and your life's story is not about you, it is about what the Lord has done through you." He had a shocked look on his face and said he had never thought about that.

Are you writing down what the Lord is doing through your life? You should. You will forget, and your children will never know unless you keep a record. I challenge you to write down the workings of the Lord in your life.

If you have something you could share with us, we would love to receive it and make a file for later papers. We would like to share some of the letters from our readers:

*I just want to thank you for sending me your "Tid Bits." I am ashamed that I have not written before. I especially enjoyed your article in the paper I just received, "The Aged Women." I can certainly relate to it. You said that your mother got mad at your father about leaving his socks on the floor at the end of the bed. It sounded a lot like my husband, only his favorite place was leaving his clothes at the corner of the bathtub, when the closet was right next to it. I used to tell him that all he had to do was open the closet door and put them in there, but he was still doing it when he died. In fact, his clothes were piled by the tub when people were coming to the house the day he died. Margaret Harveston found them and moved them, bless her heart. If I had seen them, I would probably have "lost it". Anyway, I decided long before that, that it wasn't that important. Speaking of being aged, I was sitting on my daughter's front porch one day and one of the neighbors passed by. She told Bill that she saw an elderly lady sitting in the swing - ha! I told him that I might be old, but I'm not elderly. I suppose the gray hair fooled her. **Bobbie Alexandra.** I am from Harvest Baptist in Edinburg, and have met you there. Just wanted to thank you again for your wonderful paper. It has been a real blessing. I like the fact that the paper is very "personal". Connie collects the extra copies at the end of each month and gives them to me so we can send them to our students in the Bible Correspondence School. They*

*really enjoy them, and it is so good to know we are getting so much spiritual content into prisons, etc. **David & Elaine Shewfelt.** Thank you so much for the Tid Bits of Wisdom paper I sure look forward to reading it. Thank you also for praying for Glenda, she is doing so much better. You have been such an encouragement to me to read through the Bible this year and praise the Lord I finished and starting again this year. It has been such a blessing. **Bobbie Mayhew.** Thanks for the Bible reading guide, I'm going to hang in there this year. **Sandra Prather.** I just want you to know how very much I enjoy the Tid Bits. I knew all of your people. So it's special to me to hear about them. **Pauline Collings.** I just wanted to take a few moments to relive in the following paragraphs what a blessing you and your family have been to us. It is a blessing to get your publication, "Tid Bits of Wisdom" each month, and to respond to your survey. You mentioned in your last publication about reading through your Bible in a year and how you wanted folks who had read through the Bible this past year. So I am glad to send in my name. I have made it a practice of reading through the Bible every year for a number of years. I wanted to thank you for encouraging others to do so. You are from a family of encouragers. **James Massey***

Bro. James Massey is a pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Grand Saline, Texas. Both his grandparents and his wife's grandparents served together with Gloria's parents at the time of Gloria's father's death. We are a body; a family and friends in the service of the Lord. There is no greater treasure than to belong to the body of Christ.

Tell us what the Lord is doing in your life! **You can e-mail us at [tid-bitswww@aol.com](mailto:tid-bitswww@aol.com).**

Please pray for Mrs. Judy Connor. She and Bro. Larry were visiting their son when Mrs. Judy fell over a toy and broke her leg. She had surgery and it will be a few weeks before she can walk on her leg. ---Editor

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### **What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to  
bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows  
share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in  
prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace  
there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens  
bear

May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest prayer.  
Soon in glory bright unclouded there will be no need for  
prayer

Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion  
there.

### **1 John 4:7-11**

**Beloved, let us love one  
another: for love is of God;  
and every one that loveth is  
born of God, and knoweth  
God.**

**He that loveth not knoweth  
not God; for God is love .**

**In this was manifested the  
love of God toward us, be-  
cause that God sent his only  
begotten Son into the world,  
that we might live through  
him.**

**Herein is love , not that we  
loved God, but that he loved  
us, and sent his Son to be the  
propitiation for our sins.**

**Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we ought also to love one  
another.**

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--Psalms 68:11--

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