

For Our Information

Vickie McNees has been dealing with severe headaches lately.

Ruben Keisler is to have surgery on his hand in a few weeks.

Dan & JoBeth Henderson plan to travel to Alabama near the end of this week for a family get together.

As holidays and summer break begins there will be more folks traveling. Remember them and those with on going health issues.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

These points begin to reflect the planning and wisdom of the supernatural God, as the apostle says that the "manifold (diversified) wisdom" is seen by the church (**Ephesians 3:10-11**). Of course, when the gospel is obeyed, the Lord adds the saved to the church (**Acts 2:47**). Consequently, as God's all-seeing eye is behind the saving of the lost, so is His breath behind the gospel message which saves sinners in every place in every age (**2Timothy 3:16-17**). The gospel is for all.

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Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mark 16:15

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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The Gospel Is For All

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Christ said to preach the gospel to all creation, to make disciples in all the nations (**Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20**). His instruction binds the work of evangelism upon every generation of Christians, however, there is another lesson to be gleaned from the Great Commission: the gospel has universal appeal. It can be understood, cherished, and obeyed by every people in every generation.

Preachers used to say that where ever there is enough water to live there is enough water to be baptized as the scripture commands. Their



"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31-32



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point was realized a few months ago when Whit Sasser sent a photo of soldiers in Iraq who had made a makeshift baptistry out of plastic bags and a hole in the desert sand. When death looks our way and the gospel takes root we will find a way to obey, because the gospel is practical in its application.

The Star Wars generation is not beyond understanding bushels, candles, and cities on a hill. As long as man gets his food from the ground he will understand the parable of the sower (**Luke 8**). As long as we drink water we will be reminded of the "*living water*" (**John 4**). As long as pearls are precious we will know the value of the kingdom (**Matthew 13**). As long as men work we will understand the point of the eleventh hour worker (**Matthew 20**). As long as men and women marry we will know how Christ cherishes the church (**Ephesians 5**). As long as there are children we will understand God's care for us (**Matthew 5**). God's illustrations are timeless.

Understanding moral purity is universal. Folks may not be very close to moral purity, but they can understand it. They know the difference between honesty and dishonesty. Folks know about loyalty, faithfulness, and evading vice. Radio talk show host Dr. Laura, a Jew religiously, explained to her audience that her understanding of a "Christian divorce" is one based on the unfaithfulness of the spouse (**Matthew 19:3-9**). My friends, Christ's teachings are not designed to recruit rocket scientists into His kingdom, but He seeks those who love the truth about moral purity and salvation from sin (**John 8:31-32**).

A speaker recently mentioned that two thirds of

Store In My Heart

Philippians 4:13

NASBu: I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Amplified Bible: I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].

Paul reminds us, through his own example, that we are able to accomplish anything if we first give ourselves to the service of Christ. As long as Christ is with us there is nothing that needs to be done that we cannot do.

What a wonderful thought to keep with us at all times. In Christ I am successful in my endeavors! Of course my endeavors must be in agreement with Christ if I am to receive such strength.

the world's population has access to the Bible. I'm not sure of the accuracy of this estimate, however, if it is a fair estimate the Bible is available to more people in the world than telephone communication. Only half the people in the world have ever made a telephone call. Living in a hi-tech world might remove folks from the reality of life for the great majority. It might also cause folks to believe in such outlandish notions as the general theory of evolution, to socially experiment with marriage, and to delve recklessly into genetic engineering. True progress is good, and God has blessed America, but those who overlook the good fruit produced by the Bible are foolish. One glimpse into the fruits of the Koran in the Arab world, the caste system among the Hindus, or the oppression of atheistic communism should draw us back to an appreciation for what the Bible has done for the whole world -- and the promise that it holds for eternity.

Mr. James Mazingo who taught English literature explained carefully that literature is that which deals with human experience. My brother also teaches literature, and guess what they both teach -- that's right -- the Bible. Now teaching the Bible as literature is a far cry from urging gospel obedience, however, the point is that the Bible is universally recognized as dealing with the human experience. Like Shakespeare and Mark Twain, the Bible's proverbs, allegories, figures, and instructions are often quoted by folks who are unfamiliar with the source. Not that God should be honored with a Pulitzer Prize for writing the Bible, but the people of the world who might "get real" will be directed to God's Word.