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The Book of Books

People often comment when they enter my office, “You sure do have a lot of books. Have you read them all?” I must confess that I have not read all of them. It is my goal to read them all someday, however. Evidently, book collecting is in the Goodpasture blood. B. C. Goodpasture had a five room house with books stacked from floor to ceiling with only a path to walk.

I’m not quite as “book crazy” as Sir Thomas Phillips from the early 1800's. He set as his goal to collect every printed paper available. People tried to help him by dropping off boxes of books. Unfortunately, they weren’t usable since they weren’t organized in any way.

The floors of his house were about to collapse from the weight of the books so he decided to move. It took 230 horses, 130 wagons, and 160 men to move the books to a new house. Some were left behind when the wagons broke down.

His daughters could afford only one dress and he was nearly

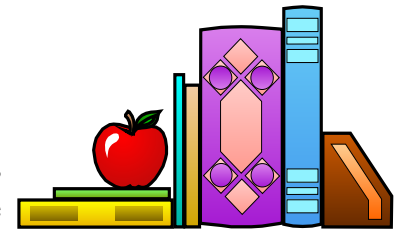
always in bankruptcy because of his obsession for books. He had more books than Cambridge University (one million books plus 60,000 manuscripts), but the books didn’t help him. He was so busy gathering books he had no time to read them.

What happened to the books? His family was still selling them 100 years after his death.

The best advice on books is given by Isaiah, “*Seek from the book of the Lord and read . . .*” (Isaiah 34:16)

—Bill Goodpasture, via *Four State Gospel News*

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During the next few weeks millions of young people across the nation will be heading to learning institutions to further their scholastic careers. Some are seasoned veterans with years of experience behind them while others will experience organized education for the first time. Whether kindergarten or graduate school, they all have one thing in common— they are preparing themselves to function efficiently in society.

This is a very important step in one’s life— so important that it is required by law until one obtains a certain age. How much more important is it to educate ourselves spiritually? We spend much time and money on our secular education, while so often forgetting about our spiritual education.

Our education here is valuable, but how much more precious is knowledge that will never be outdated? Educate for eternity.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey.**

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.



August 1 — Mark & Kim Quigley
 August 12 — Kim Quigley
 August 27 — Elaine Reynolds
 August 28 — Jerry Edwards



Little Things

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador, over the centuries it had been struck by lightning numerous times, braved the great windstorms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away at its mighty fibers until one day that king of the forest came thundering down.



So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure all “spoil” the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased.

—adapted via Northside, Harrison, Arkansas ❖

Sunday, July 28, 2013		
Classes	16	Acts 7:24-60
Preaching	26	Hebrews 10:1-31
Contribution	\$414.00	
Evening	17	Job 5:1-27
Wednesday, July 31, 2013		
Classes	23	I Samuel 9:1-27

Jul 28 (AM) Meghan, Jaxon & Gunner Blackford (San Angelo, Texas)
 Visitors— Jul 28 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)
 Jul 31 (Wed) Marvin, Meghan, Jaxon & Gunner Blackford (San Angelo, Texas)

Bible Quiz

God does marvelous things without what?

Last Week’s Answer— a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal (Revelation 22:1)

—This past week, beginning with last Sunday’s services, our YouTube broadcasts were automatically updated to high definition (720p). The audio of our services and the video that is shown on the screen at the front of the auditorium is broadcast live on YouTube and then archived for later viewing. The new high definition quality makes the Bible text on the screen extremely sharp and easy to read.

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)