

PRECIOUS GIFT

Today is mine, it belongs to me,
To live the best I can,
To shape, to mold, for eternity
A day that is simply grand.

I mustn't fill it with petty things,
Selfish things, and small,
I must live only for the joy it brings
To give my bests, my all.

God made it such a beautiful day,
A special gift, you see,
He made it bright and shining,
Then, He gave it to me.

You, too, are given a special day,
A day in which to do
Not only what you feel you must,
But all that's expected of you.

Every day is a special day,
A day in which to give
The very best within you,
Every day you live.

—Gladys Adkins

IF JUST ONE SOUL

If just one soul has been enriched
Because you trod this earth,
Or if one doubting heart can trust
And realize its worth
And turn to Christ because you shared
Your joy to ease his pain,
You'll know beyond the slightest doubt
You'll not have lived in vain!

—Alice Hanson Mortenson

**DAILY BIBLE READING
FEBRUARY 2016**

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| 1. Matthew 21:1-22 | Exodus 27-28 | O |
| 2. Matthew 21:23-46 | Exodus 29-3 | O |
| 3. Matthew 22:1-11 | Exodus 31-33 | O |
| 4. Matthew 22:23-46 | Exodus 34-35 | O |
| 5. Matthew 23:1-22 | Exodus 36-38 | O |
| 6. Matthew 23:23-39 | Exodus 39-40 | O |
| 7. Matthew 24:1-28 | Leviticus 1-3 | O |
| 8. Matthew 24:29-51 | Leviticus 4-5 | O |
| 9. Matthew 25:1-30 | Leviticus 6-7 | O |
| 10. Matthew 25:31-46 | Leviticus 8-10 | O |
| 11. Matthew 26:1-25 | Leviticus 11-12 | O |
| 12. Matthew 26:26-50 | Leviticus 13 | O |
| 13. Matthew 26:51-75 | Leviticus 14 | O |
| 14. Matthew 27:1-26 | Leviticus 15-16 | O |
| 15. Matthew 27:27-50 | Leviticus 17-18 | O |
| 16. Matthew 27:51-66 | Leviticus 19-20 | O |
| 17. Matthew 28 | Leviticus 21-22 | O |
| 18. Mark 1:1-22 | Leviticus 23-24 | O |
| 19. Mark 1:23-45 | Leviticus 25 | O |
| 20. Mark 2 | Leviticus 26-27 | O |
| 21. Mark 3:1-19 | Numbers 1-2 | O |

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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| 22. Mark 3:20-35 | Numbers 3-4 | O |
| 23. Mark 4:1-20 | Numbers 5-6 | O |
| 24. Mark 4:21-41 | Numbers 7-8 | O |
| 25. Mark 5:1-20 | Numbers 9-11 | O |
| 26. Mark 5:21-43 | Numbers 12-14 | O |
| 27. Mark 6:1-29 | Numbers 15-16 | O |
| 28. Mark 6:30-56 | Numbers 17-19 | O |
| 29. Mark 7:1-13 | Numbers 20-22 | O |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| LaRea Williams | 4th |
| Gabrialla "Gabby" Flores | 10th |
| Dixie Duncan | 13th |
| Sharon Butcher | 21st |
| Zach Lutjen | 23rd |
| Mollie Ohrenberg | 25th |
| Danny Nothwehr | 25th |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Kenny & Sandra Coggins | — 11th |
| Jimmy & Darlene Coggins | — 26th |

The Lincoln Light

"I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).

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SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM Sunday 9:30 am

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS, Channel 10, Springfield, MO

"In SEARCH of The Lord's Way" 7:00 am

"The Living Word" 7:30 am

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*****NEWS & ACTIVITIES*****

Pray for the following: Our military personnel, Dave Rushton, Bruce Rushton, Cathy Dalke, Donna Boney, Arthur James, Christy Harms' childhood friend, Robert Schenewark, Chester Reynolds, Marcus Cemenik, Samantha Crawford, Jason Schenewark Connie Carr, Naomi Parrigey, JoDell Kiefaber
Buddy & Dixie's neighbor has requested prayer for **John Randall** who had something go wrong with back surgery leaving him unable to walk.

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION ARE:

Ethel Davis, Opal Massengale, , Jimmy and Darlene Coggins, Danny Nothwehr, Edna Johnson, Doug Rose, Kenny Coggins, Charles Rose Van & Mollie White
Jody Clymer had a CT scan Friday. She will see her doctor Feb. 29th.

Congratulations to Jim and Beverly Leatherman who have a new great granddaughter. Remi Jo was born Wednesday and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and is 20 in. long.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & POTLUCK LUNCH
TODAY in the fellowship hall**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

As was noted in the bulletin last week under business meeting notes the ladies will begin a **LADIES BIBLE CLASS** with Sister Mollie White teaching. They will be studying from the book **"WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN"** by Cynthia Guy. The congregation will purchase the books, and I ordered 12 to begin with.

This book examines Scriptures that speak specifically to and about Christian women. An in-depth, easy to understand study of women's special role before God.

The first session will be at the ladies next regular meeting and they will determine then as to how often they will meet for class.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following surgery February 29th, I will be taking a leave of absence from the pulpit and teaching for the month of March. The surgeon has told us that I will be about 6 weeks in a very restrictive sling. I do plan to be back in the classroom and pulpit April 1st.

Buddy Duncan will continue his Sunday morning Bible class, with one exception as noted below. Speakers for the worship hours: **March 6th AM and PM Gaylon McCorkle. March 13th AM Jerry Haefaker of Holister, MO. PM Gaylon McCorkle. March 20th Byron Nichols, editor of Voice of Truth International will give a report on that work at 9:30 AM and bring the lesson at 10:30 AM. March 27th AM Gaylon McCorkle and the evening service will be singing night.**

LADIES DAY at 39th St. church of Christ Saturday, March 5th

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in in the collection plate.

HAS YOUR CHURCH LEFT YOU?

Charles R. Rose

Many have stopped attending church services and others wish they could. WHY? Because they are not getting what they need, and they do not need what they are getting.

I suggest that the root cause is a lack of respect for biblical authority on the part of many churches and their leaders. Many leaders of our more prominent religious organizations openly state their belief that there are myths in the Bible; and others act as if they believe this to be so. If people lose confidence in parts of God's revealed word, believing them to be mere myths, they are bound to question if any of it can be trusted. So, the Bible is no longer preached with the authority and definitiveness with which it should be preached.

It seems to me that such church leaders do not realize that what people need is a clear understanding of what God wants them to know and do. When this is denied them, they have no more reason, nor motivation for attending the church services.

I advise the people of the denominations to consider attending where the men filling the pulpit and classrooms preach and teach the Word of God with conviction. Where only the oracles of God are spoken (cf. 1 Peter 4:11). Where the Bible is preached in its entirety without any additions or subtractions of uninspired creed-books, catechisms or church manuals; because *"Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar"* (Proverbs 30:5-6).

It is no secret that many congregations of churches of Christ have changed their stance for God's truth, and I have had more than a few members through the years ask about their continuing to attend where they do; my answer is always the same. If you can go there and grow spiritually, then go. But if you are not growing spiritually, you are dying, and need to change. I advise them to find a congregation where the saving gospel of Jesus Christ is preached without compromise because *"even if we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, [he will] be accursed"* (Galatians 1:8). Find a congregation where the preacher takes very seriously the charge to *"preach the word . . . In season and out of season,"* and is ready to *"reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and teaching"* (2 Timothy 4:2).

I never, nor will I ever, ask a brother or sister in Christ to leave a sister congregation and come to Lincoln, but I tell them that they are welcome here if they so choose. And I promise that God's Word will be preached faithfully by me, and by all who are invited to preach here. May we be *"speaking the truth in love"* that we may all *"grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ"* (Ephesians 4:15).