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Acts 1:8
New International Version

**BUT YOU
will receive
power when
the Holy Spirit
comes on you;
and you will
be my witnesses
in Jerusalem, and
in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**



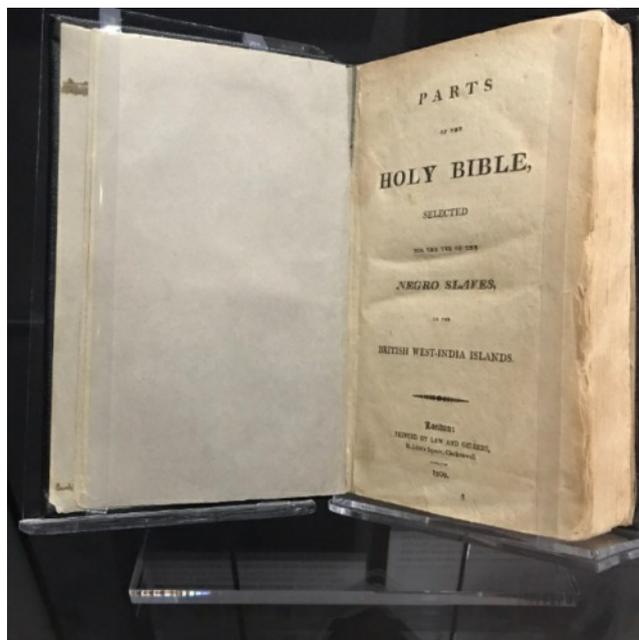


FROM THE PASTOR

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A curator in a museum or art gallery chooses the exhibits they think will best educate the visitors. By doing this they can shape or misshape the understanding of the visitor. For example if an exhibition of the Victorian era showed toys children played with, pictures of happy children in school, accounts of summers spent hop picking in the countryside, the viewer would conclude that the Victorian era was a wonderful time to be a child. On the other hand if the exhibits were of clothes worn by working children, the brushes used by child chimney sweeps or the little seats children sat on while opening and closing ventilation doors in the mines. Then the viewer would have a very different opinion of what it was like to be a child in the Victorian era.

It is very important that we don't allow others to curate the Bible for us, to tell us which parts to read and which parts to omit. In Washington on display at the Museum of the Bible, there is a copy of The Slave Bible. This was produced to be given to slaves in the West Indies and America. It missed out any passage that spoke of freedom, liberty or equality. It told the story of Joseph being sold as a slave in Egypt because that turned out to be the best thing for him but it omitted the whole book of Exodus. It missed out the Book of Revelation, so there was no new heaven and earth, no crowd of every tribe and nation. This is a frightening thought, someone knew that the Bible had a message of liberty and equality, someone knew



the command to Philemon, *Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.* Yet knowing these things were in the Bible they chose to ignore them for their own life and hide them from others.

Today many allow their ministers or the writers of Bible reading notes to curate the Bible for them, to choose which parts can be read and which parts stay hidden. Even the best of pastors have their own bias and favourite themes, some are aware and attempt to mollify the effects by using a preaching plan or lectionary, but even then a bias can leak through. The only way to counter this is to read the Bible, the whole Bible for yourself. I can't pretend that the first 9 chapters of 1st Chronicles are easy reading, but even in these passages there is treasure hidden in the sand.

The only way to be sure that you have the whole counsel of God is to read the whole Bible for yourself. Wrestle with the difficult passages and concepts, argue with it, fight to find application but read it and read it all.

Andrew

Our Historic Baptist Article is from the US this month and the Baptist recorder September 1939

Sixty Facts and Observations About the Bible BY W. F. MARSHALL

The items that follow were gathered from Smith's Bible Dictionary, Pattison's History of the English bible the Cambridge History of English Literature, the address by the late Chief Justice Walter Clark at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, May 14, 1911, on the occasion of the tercentenary of the Authorized Version of the Bible, Holman's Sunday School Teacher's Bible and from other sources. It is .hoped that not a few who chance to read them will wish to file at least some of them in their Bibles The compiler will be grateful for any corrections or helpful additions Bent to him in care of the Biblical Recorder. Structure and Authorship

1. The Bible contains 66 books—39 In the Old Testament and 27 in the New.
2. Of the books in the Bible, 22 are history, 5 poetical, 18 prophetic, and 21 epistolary. They contain logical arguments, poetry, songs and hymns, history, biography, stories, parables, fables, eloquence, law, letters, and philosophy.—Smith.
3. There are at least thirty-six different authors, who wrote in three continents, in many Countries, in three languages, and from every possible human standpoint. Among these authors were kings, farmers, mechanics, scientific men, lawyers, generals, fishermen, ministers and priests, a tax collector, a doctor, some rich, some poor, some city bred, some country born—thus touching all the experiences of men—extending over 1,500 years.—Smith.
4. The longest book is Psalms; the shortest, Second John.
5. The middle book is .Micah; the middle (and shortest) chapter, Psalm 117; the middle verse, Psalm 118:8. -'
- 6.'-There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible -929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New.
7. The longest chapter is Psalm 119 (176 verses); the shortest, Psalm 117 (two verses, 33 words).
8. Of this-longest chapter John Ruskin says: "It is strange that of all the pieces of the Bible which my mother taught me, that which cost me most to learn, and which was, to my childish mind, chiefly repulsive"—the 119th Psalm—has now become of all the most precious to me, in Its overflowing and glorious passion of love for the Law of God . . ."
9. The number of verses is given differently by different authors. Why not make a tabulation of your own by books, chapters, and verses and thus settle the matter for yourself?
10. Esther 8:9 is the longest verse; John 11:35, the shortest.
11. Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet except J.
12. Second Kings 19 and Isaiah 37 are practically alike.
13. In Psalm 107, verses 8, 15, 21, and 31 are alike.
14. In Psalm 136, every verse ends alike.

15. The words "boy" and "boys" occur three times: Genesis 25:27; Joel 3:3; Zechariah 8:5. The words "girl" and "girls" occur twice: Joel 3:3 and Zechariah 8:5. " -

16: Mentioned in the Bible are 12 each of Jonathans, Obadiahs, and Michals; 14 Joels (one a possible corruption of Shaul); 15 Shallums; 16 Shimels; 20 Manaselahs; 24 Azariahs; 25 Shemaiahs; and 28 Zechariahs—27 is the number given by Dr. Hight C. Moore (in The Teacher, comment on August 27 lesson), it not being certain that the 28th listed by Dr. Smith is different from one of the 27. The Smith Bible Dictionary cites the passages in which the names occur.

17. The present division of the whole Bible into chapters was made by Cardinal Hugo de Sancto-Caro about 1236 or 1250; the division into verses, by Robert Stephens about 1551-1555.

Printing and Circulating the Bible

18. The Bible was the first book ever printed. It was produced by Johannes Gutenberg, the reputed Inventor of printing, at Mainz (Mentz), Germany, nearly 500 years ago, and Was called the "Forty-two line Bible" from the number of lines in a column.

19. Only three copies of the original Gutenberg Bible are now known to be in existence. The finest copy known is in the Library of Congress at Washington, acquired in 1930 in the Vollbehr Collection of 3,000 items that cost a total of \$1,600.- 000. The cost of this Bible (printed In the Vulgate Latin on vellum), including export tax and other charges, was rated in excess of \$350,000—"the highest price ever paid for a single printed book." The two other copies are in the British Museum in London and the National Library of France in Paris.

20. The first complete Bible printed in English was that of Miles Coverdale in 1535. The final sheet came from the press October 4 of that year. This was after the Bible had been divided into chapters, but before the division into verses.

21. The first Bible to be printed with the chapters and verses indicated was the Geneva Bible of 1566.

22. In an edition of the King James Bible published in 1631, a printer made the mistake of leaving out the word "not" from one of the Ten Commandments, thus completely reversing its meaning. He was fined three hundred pounds (\$1,250 or \$1,500) for his blunder.—Pattison: History of the English Bible

23. As far back as the year 1926, the bible had been *translated into* 827 of the 3,000 tongues or languages in the world; and every year finds, it is said, translations into other tongues added to the list.

24. More copies of the Bible have been printed than of any other book. It is estimated that more than 14,000,000 copies of the bible or New Testament are distributed every year.

King James Translation of 1611

25. What is commonly known as the King James or Authorized Version, "the sum and fruit" of all the translations that had gone before it, appeared in 1611. Fifty-four learned scholars of the day were appointed by the King to do the work. . It was actually done by only forty-seven of them, in two years and nine months, with a second revision which took nine months longer. These forty-seven worked in six companies, two of whom met at Westminster, two at Oxford, and two at Cambridge.—Smith.

26. Notwithstanding the current use of this term (Authorized Version), the Jacobean (King James) revision was never publicly authorized by Parliament or convocation, Privy Council or king. The acceptance which it has enjoyed has been won chiefly on its merits.—Cambridge History of English Literature.

27. Requesting the bishops and chapters to furnish remuneration to the translators was highly characteristic of James. He did none of the work, paid nothing toward its cost, and took to himself all the credit of it. . . . The bishops seemed to have followed the king's example rather than his precept. Nothing was subscribed, and all that the translators received was free entertainment when they met.—Pattison.

28. The Authorized Version . . . came from the press at a moment when the English people, overflowing their borders, were starting upon that era of world conquest whose impetus still abides with us. It was but four years after the founding of Jamestown and less than ten before the landing at Plymouth—those two points from which the Anglo-Saxon has carried the bible with him, as the shrine of his hopes, his Ark of the Covenant, while . . . he has founded State after State and has not only reached the Pacific, but in the far off continent of Australia and in New Zealand and in India has belted the world with his camp-fires, his language, his laws, and his religion.—Chief Justice Walter Clark.

29. . . . as a mere literary monument, the English Bible is the noblest example ' of the English tongue. Of its 6,000 (different) words, only 250 are not in common use, and nearly all of these last are readily understood.—Welsh: Development of the English Literature and Language.

30. The English Bible- a book which if everything else in our language should perish, would almost suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power.—Macaulay: Essay on John Dryden.

31. There are no quotation .marks ("") in our ' ; Authorized Version of the Bible notwithstanding its very great, abundance or direct quotations.

Musical English of the Authorized Version

32. Where did John Ruskin, "the apostle of a new revelation of beauty," . . . get the deep-toned melody of his stately English prose, the echo of which has remained an enchantment to so many ears? Let Ruskin himself give the hint: "I have next with deeper gratitude to chronicle what I owe to' my mother for the resolutely consistent lessons which so exercised me in the Scriptures as to make every word of them familiar to my ear as habitual music. . . , In this way she began with the first verse of Gehehls and went straight through *to* the last verse of the Apocalypse; hard names, numbers, Levitical law and all, about once a year. After our chapters . . . I had to learn a few verses by heart or repeat something I had already learned. . . . I had to learn the whole body of fine old Scottish paraphrases . . . and to these, together with the Bible itself, I owe the first cultivation of my ear in sound,"

• 33. In his History of English Prose Rhythm (1912), Dr. George Saintsbury Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in the University of Edinburgh, says: "One of the highest points of English prose is probably reached in the Authorized Version of the .sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, beginning, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." "So utterly-magnificent," continues Poi. Saintsbury, "is the rendering that even the Revisers of 1870—188&. Hardly dared .to touch it at all."

34. As for Isaiah 60:19 and 20, "I do not know," avers Prof. George Saintsbury, "how many thousand times in my life"—and he assures us the number is not poetical—"I have said these verses over to myself with ever-fresh perception of their inexhaustible sweetness and splendour."

35. The melodious Charity passage of I Corinthians 13, of which the very sound of the words, independently of the thought, falls most pleasingly upon the ear from beginning to end, opening with "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal," Prof. Saintsbury refers to as "perhaps the finest passage, rhythmically, of the New Testament."

36. It (the uncommon beauty and marvellous English of the Protestant Bible) lives on the ear like a music that -can never be forgotten, like the convert scarcely knows how he can forego.—F. W. Faber, eminent Roman Catholic divine and hymn writer.

Influence Upon Civilization and Government

37. In the long "and splendid history of the Church of England . . . that church has lost many of her children, but they all took their mother's Bible with them. It has been a bond which has bound together the English speaking race.—Chief Justice. Walter Clark.

38. Among barbarians woman was a captive in war and a slave. Among all Oriental people, except the Hebrews, polygamy existed and women were subject to purchase and lived in seclusion. Among the Anglo-Saxons, from whom our laws are in main derived, women were—chattels;—what property they brought in marriage became the property of the husband and she herself was subject to chastisement at his will. Among the Hebrews alone was woman, in that distant age, the companion and equal of man.—Chief Justice Walter Clark.

39. Wherever paganism dominated, woman was dishonoured and marriage was a commercial partnership, at its best. Whenever the doctrine of the Scriptures was obtained, woman was glorified and marriage treated as a sacrament. She owes to the Scriptures, and to the Scriptures alone, the position she holds today in the civilized world—Chief Justice Walter Clark.

40. No one can step into any court, from that of a justice of the peace to the Supreme Court at Washington or to the High Courts of Justice at Westminster, without seeing our English Bible in daily and hourly use. No one can assume an office, whether he is the King of England or the constable of a township, without recourse to it. By it every witness makes an appeal to heaven of the truthfulness of his narration of past events, and every public servant appeals to it as a pledge of the fidelity of his future conduct Chief Justice Walter Clark.

41. There was never found in any age of the world, either religion .or law that did so highly exalt the public good as the Bible. Bacon. .

42. No nation is better than its sacred-book. In it are expressed its highest ideals of life, and no nation rises above those ideals. None has a sacred book to be compared with ours. The American nation, from its first settlement at Jamestown to this present hour, is based upon and permeated by the principles of the Bible. The more this Bible enters into our national life, the grander and purer and better will that life become. —Associate Justice D. J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court.

. Observations and Incidents

43. The Bible is a volume of letters from the heavenly country.—Saint Augustine (354-430).

44. The memory of the dead passes into it (the Protestant Bible of 1611) the potent; traditions of childhood are stereotyped into its verses. It is the representative of a man's -best moments. All that there has been about him of soft, and gentle, and pure, and penitent, and good speaks to him forever out of his English Bible. It is his sacred thing, which doubt never dimmed and controversy never soiled: and in the length and breadth of the land there is not a Protestant with one spark of religiousness about him whose spiritual biography is not in his Saxon Bible W. Faber, Roman Catholic divine (1814-1863).

45. God's Word is not to be trifled with: if you do not understand it, take off your hat to it. — Martin Luther (1483-1546).

46. We raise questions, more or less vital, about the Gospels; but the Gospels have only one question to put to us, "What think ye of Christ?" Dr. James Moffatt. - |

47. The Bible of the Jews In our Lord's time was practically our Old Testament. For us its supreme sanction is that which it received from Christ Himself. It was the Bible of His education and the Bible of His ministry.—Dr. George Adam

Smith.

48. There are no songs comparable to the Songs of Zion, no orations equal to those of the prophets, and no politics like those which the Scriptures teach.—John Milton. '

49. The best business man I have-ever known memorized the entire book of Proverbs at twenty-two.—Whitelaw Reid, United States Ambassador to England (1905-1912).

50. The first parcel sent through the first pneumatic postal tube (in Philadelphia) was a copy of the Holy Scriptures wrapped in the American flag.—Pattison.

51. Reduced near to poverty by years of effort to perfect his invention, Samuel F. B. Morse, in 1843, applied to Congress for an appropriation of \$30,000 with which to build a telegraph line from Washington -to Baltimore. He listened to the debate of opposition and ridicule as that session drew on to its closing hours. "If the bill falters I am ruined," he murmured, with a hand to his aching head. The evening of the last day, March 3, 1843, he spent watching the Senate—there were 140 bills to be considered ahead of his. Advised by his friends late in the evening to prepare for disappointment, he went to his room in the deeps of despair, "heart-sick, broken in faith and finances." Next morning, as he was making ready to return to New York, he was told that a young lady in the parlour wished to see him—a Miss Ellsworth, young daughter of the Commissioner of Patents. She had come to congratulate him; her father had-seem the bill signed, before the midnight adjournment. May' 24, i844, the first public telegraph message was flashed from Washington to Baltimore—appropriately a quotation from the Bible suggested by the same young lady who had been the first to bring such cheering news to the despondent inventor the year before. The quotation was from Numbers 22:23, "What hath God wrought!"

52. In this last war (World War 1), it is estimated that forty per cent of all the olive trees in Palestine were cut down for military purposes. . . . As for the militarists, their ruthless work is as destructive of trees as of human societies. When Pompey came to take Palestine for Rome, the record says that he cleared, away the trees, and Josephus tells us that Titus cut down every tree within ten miles of Jerusalem. . . ; Away back in ancient Israel's time the meaning of war to the fruitfulness and beauty of the land was set down Plainly in the Bible (II Kings 3:25, Moffatt's Translation): "Every man threw a stone on every good field till it was covered, they stopped every fountain, and they felled every fruitful tree." Fosdick's A Pilgrimage to Palestine (1927). ". . . The work of demolition in Mount Lebanon began in order to feed the locomotives running up and down the mountain between the Mediterranean port and military station of Beirut and the ancient capital, Damascus. . . .It is a common sight in these days (spring of 1919) to see a line of automobiles wending their

way to the plain with their loads of timber. The sight makes one groan. . . . When the trees are cut down the ground becomes parched and dry. "The flower of Lebanon" (Nahum 1:4) literally languishes and is no more.—Letter in N. Y. Times of June 10, 1919, from Mrs. Ghosn-El-Howie, Shweir, Mount-Lebanon, Syria.

53. Here are five translations of Genesis 1:3 Douay Version, Roman Catholic (1609): And God said: Be light made. And light was made. (2) King James Version, Church of England (1611): And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (3) Dr. James Moffatt (1922-1935): God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (4) Goodspeed-Meek (1931-1935): Then God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light: ... (5) Professor W. G. Simmons, at Wake Forest College near 60 years ago, gave to his chemistry class this—the most vivid' of all—as the literal rendering of the Hebrew: And God said, "Light, be!" And light was!

Seven short Sermons on the Bible

54. The secret of the Bible Its peculiar secret, is its supernatural grace. The Spirit breathes from its pages.—Pattison.

55. The Bible emphasizes the-conception that all nations are of one blood, and that all men are brethren, since their Father is one*—Cambridge History of English Literature.

56. All the world is but one orphanage, so long as its children know not God their Father; all wisdom and knowledge is only more bewildered darkness, so long as you have not taught them the fear of the Lord.—John Ruskin. ___*57. Let him approach, not with an unholy curiosity but with reverence; bearing in mind that his first and only aim and object should be that he may catch and be changed into the spirit of what he there learns. It is the food of the soul; and to be of use must not rest only in the *memory*, but must permeate the very depths of the heart and mind.—Desiderius Erasmus, Dutch Scholar (14657-1536).

58. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119:105.

59. Peasants as much as princes for now five hundred years have walked with Jesus along the pages of our English Bible and their hearts have burned within them as he talked with them by the way, and opened to them the Scriptures.—Pattison: History of the English Bible.

60. We have done almost everything possible with these Hebrew and Greek writings. We have overlaid them, clause by clause, with exhaustive commentaries; we have translated them, revised the translations, and quarrelled over the revisions; we have discussed authenticity and inspiration, suggested textual history with the aid of coloured type; we have mechanically divided the whole into chapters and verses, and sought texts to memorize and quote; we have epitomized into handbooks and extracted school lessons; we have recast from the feminine point of view, and even from the standpoint of the next century. **There is yet one thing left to do with the Bible: simply to read it.**—Prof.^f Richard G. Moulton: Short Introduction to the Literature of the Bible

Programme of Events

JUMP (Tuesdays)

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

5th

12th

19th

26th

Ladies in Fellowship Together(L.I.F.T.)

- 12th Members Evening - Please bring along your JIGSAWS for an evening of fun and fellowship.
- 26th Please welcome Mrs. Pat Sheppard to our meeting. She will be talking about 'Greyhound Rescue'

OPEN MEETING

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

(At 2.30 pm)

7th Sandra Riley

14th T.B.A.

21st Mrs. Gilliam

28th Rex Andrews - Flitwick

BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme

1 st	Pam Greener
5 th	Hayley Newns
7 th	Hazel Tomblin
9 th	Christine Barton Heather Lake
11 th	Eunice Hale
12 th	Nitish Uthayaseelan
15 th	Helen Malcolm
19 th	Jean Corder Gary Archer
24 th	Matt Wright

The act of Witnessing

How to Know & Share Your Testimony

Acts 26:1-32

Sharing the story of how God drew you to Himself is a wonderful way to honour God, encourage other believers, and reach out to the unsaved. Some people think their story isn't significant because they weren't a serial killer who saw a vision of angels, but that's simply not true. Your story doesn't have to be dramatic to be powerful. Remember your testimony isn't about you; it's about God. It's the story of how Jesus came in and rescued you. If you were raised in church and have loved Jesus for as long as you can remember, fantastic. That is an amazing testimony! Don't knock it; be grateful for it. Perhaps you don't know the specific day, that's more than fine too (I can't remember the exact moment I was born the first time, or the second, but I can assure you both happened).

Paul thought sharing his story was so important that we hear him tell it three times in the book of Acts. You'll notice that every time Paul shared his testimony, he also, very intentionally, shared the gospel, and so should we.

Your testimony is great to share anytime, but as it is disarming—you're sharing your story, the gospel applied to your own life (not theirs)—it's an especially wonderful approach to communicate the gospel with those you're most concerned with offending: family and friends.

Paul Shared His Testimony Often

Take a moment and read Paul sharing his story in [Acts 26:1-23](#) before you go on.

In *Acts 26*:

1. Paul shared about his life before Jesus (v.1-11)

1. What was his religious upbringing?
2. What was his attitude toward believers in Jesus?
3. What did he do to the believers?

2. Paul shared how he became a follower of Jesus (v.12-18)

Notice how Paul gave the *details* of how he met Jesus.

1. Where was he going?
2. What time was it?
3. What did he see?
4. What did he hear?

3. Paul shared how his life was different now (v.19-23)

1. Notice how Paul weaved the gospel into his story.
2. The fruit of “repentance” is a changed life. What evidence of Paul’s repentance can be found in the following verses 19-23?

How to Identify Your Testimony

Follow the same pattern the apostle Paul did. Answer the 3 questions below.

1. Describe your life before you met Jesus

Did you believe in God? What religious upbringing did you have? What was your life like? How did you spend your time? What cherished sins did you have (don’t mention graphic ones)? “I was the king, the god of my own life” or “I constantly lied to friends, family, even myself; I was lost,” etc.

2. Describe when and how you became a follower of Jesus

Give details: When? Where were you? Who was with you (if anyone)? Was it at a church service? Was it after a friend told you about Jesus? What made you want to follow Jesus? Did you realize you needed God’s forgiveness or was it some other reason? *Don’t forget to share the gospel in either this or the next point, like Paul did.*

3. Describe how your life is different now

What’s your new life like? While situations may not have changed, what has changed in you? Do you act differently now than before? Are you thrilled to have God’s forgiveness? Have you become a forgiving and loving person? How does it feel to know you are God’s child? How has God changed your view of life?

FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

HAZEL LITTLEWORTH who celebrates her 90th birthday on 14th March.

JEAN CORDER who will be 91 on 19th March.

Three couples who have become Grand Parents again.

ROGER and CHRISTINE BARTON on the birth of MABEL to JONATHAN and DONNA.

ERWIN and SUSAN TADIAR (ERIC and ANN – Gt. Grand Parents) on the birth of NATASHA to RICHARD and TONI.

KEITH and ELIZABETH WRIGHT (HAZEL – Gt. Grand Mother) on the birth of JOEL to MATTHEW and SAMANTHA.

It is with great sadness we report the death of JEAN WRIGHT who died peacefully in the L&D Hospital on 30th January aged 94. Our love and sympathy to KEITH WRIGHT and family, and ANN and ALAN STEWART and family. We would also remember NANCY PAGE whose brother died recently and to JANET SUMMERLIN on the death of her dear friend PAULINE HINKS.

JUNE RADFORD was in the L&D for a couple of days. ELIZABETH WRIGHT had her op rescheduled for 20th February.

Several people have had or await appointments including NEIL HOWES, HEATHER LAKE, ERIC NORMAN and HAZEL TOMBLIN.

We lovingly uphold all these friends and their families in their joys, sorrows or anxiety. For all who have been unwell, sad, tired or lonely, we do pray that the Lord will heal, strengthen and comfort them. May we continue to be a supportive and encouraging fellowship.

TEA AND HYMNS MARCH 24TH. 3.30pm

Ann M. Norman

CHURCH DIARY
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Morning 10:45 am

(Services led by Minister unless, otherwise stated)

- 3rd Parade Service: The Transfiguration
- 10th Teaching Service: Part one of Pastor Ruth's series on Forgiveness
- 17th Meet Around The Lord's Table and Part two of Pastor Ruth's series on Forgiveness
- 24th Elder's Service with Erwin
3:30pm Tea and Hymns
- 31st Part three of Pastor Ruth's series on Forgiveness

On Sunday evenings we meet at our chapel in Perry Green at 6:00 pm, if you would like a lift please try to let the pastor know. Lifts leave the Cumberland Street Entrance at 5:40 pm sharp.

A prayer meeting is held every Sunday before the morning service from 10 am in the Vestry.

Thank You Page

Sharon, Sandra and Michelle Gordon, say thanks for the beautiful flowers they received from Central after their nephew passed away in January.

Nancy and Michael would like to say thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts and cards for our recent bereavement of Nancy's brother.

God Bless

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Flowers for the Sanctuary

- 3rd Mrs. Jean Corder and family – In loving memory of a dear Mother; In loving memory of a dear wife from Mr. Thomas Allen.
- 10th Mrs. Hazel Tomblin – Lovely memories;
Mary and Bill Quinn – In loving memory of dear parents.
- 17th In loving memory of Thelma and Arthur Morley and Mrs. Tiplady from Ingrid Khan and family.
- 24th Connie Archer and family – In loving memory of Bert.
- 31st In loving memory of Mother and Father from Geoff and Simon Brandon and families;
J.U.M.P. (Mothering Sunday)

Perry Green Services

At 6.00 pm

3rd. Miss Pam Greener (c)

10th. Mr. Roland Ogberigbe

17th. Mrs. Philippa Watson

24th. Tea & Hymns at Central (3:30pm)

31st. Mr. Len Fowler

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We meet at 2.30 pm. On the first Tuesday
of
each month at Perry Green Baptist Chapel.

5th Mrs. Hazel Smith

Prayer Diary – March 2019

- Fri 1 Today is St. David's Day: pray that the people of Wales would be reminded of their Christian heritage and turn back to God. Pray for Doreen Simpson, and for Michael Banfield recovering after a spell in hospital.
- Sat 2 Lift up to the Lord the many people (Christians and others) in prison in Pakistan because of false accusations of blasphemy, some of them sentenced to death. Pray that they will be acquitted and released, and pray for a change to this law so that it can no longer be misused to settle personal grudges.
- Sun 3 On World Wildlife Day, pray that people protect the plants and animals that God created.
- Mon 4 Pray that the girls who attend our Girls' Brigade company would enjoy their times together, and learn to serve and follow Christ. And for Elizabeth and the other leaders that God would inspire them with continued enthusiasm.
- Tues 5 On Shrove Tuesday, give thanks for the gift of food and pray a blessing on families sharing pancakes together.
- Wed 6 On Ash Wednesday, pray for opportunities to talk about what Lent means to you.
- Thurs 7 As we come towards the end of Fairtrade Fortnight, pray that farmers would be paid fairly for their work and that God will help us all to choose what we buy in ways which are fair whenever possible.
- Fri 8 On International Women's Day, give thanks for advances in equality, protection and dignity for women and girls and remember those who are still treated unfairly or denied opportunities to flourish.

- Sat 9 Thank God for all who are working to combat modern slavery and pray for a world where people are valued, free to come and go, and where no one is exploited.
- Sun 10 This is Andrew's "longer sermon" Sunday. Pray that we may all understand and apply the message to our lives.
- Mon 11 Thank God for the extraordinary response of people across the world to the problem of plastic pollution. Pray that growing public demand will persuade governments and companies to act even more decisively on this issue.
- Tues 12 Ask God to grant each of us wisdom and discernment to know how to direct our financial giving; to help the poor, resource the Church, respond to those who unexpectedly ask for our help, and to bless our families and friends.
- Weds 13 The Baptist Union Council meets today; pray for the Council members as they look to set the broad strategic direction for the denomination.
- Thurs 14 Pray for communities in the Philippines who are living at the sharp edge of a changing climate: typhoons now are stronger and more dangerous. Pray that we might do all we can to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.
- Fri 15 Pray for the Christians of Niger, who are less than 1% of the population. Last year a church building in the capital was ransacked, looted and set on fire, leaving it a charred shell. Pray that the Lord will support that congregation (led by Pastor Eduard) and safeguard Niger's churches.
- Sat 16 Pray for the church in India to be a beacon for its people, speaking out against corruption, caste discrimination, violence against women, human trafficking and other injustice and to preach the word of God in regional languages, so that all can understand the message.

- Sun 17 Pray for the safety of today's St Patrick's Day parade, for the Luton Irish Forum, for the Catholic Churches in Luton, and for our own communion service today.
- Mon 18 Bring your lament to God that women in Sierra Leone are more likely to die in childbirth than complete high school. Give thanks for those who are helping to make a difference to that terrible situation by advocating for women's rights, and providing practical help such as nurses' stations, solar lights, and financial support.
- Tues 19 Pray for those struggling with anorexia and other eating disorders.
- Weds 20 Remember prisoners convicted of sex offences, often hated and victimised by other inmates. Pray for therapists, chaplains and social workers who help them, and for ex-offenders who feel shunned by society.
- Thurs 21 Pray for the impact of the numerous different ministries reaching out to people in Luton; you can find out a bit more about them at 7:30 tonight at Olive Tree Church (aka Blenheim Baptist). Also, today is a special day for Jews (Purim) and for Hindus (Holi) so pray for those who work for harmony between those of different faiths.
- Fri 22 Pray that Mel and all the BB leaders and helpers would be continuously inspired as they encourage the boys in their growth in obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.
- Sat 23 Pray that people in this country will continue to respond generously to appeals for money both for acute situations of disaster and for ongoing funding of worthy causes. Remember charities that are finding it difficult to raise the funds they need at this time.

- Sun 24 As one of the elders leads today's service; keep praying for their leadership and ministry amongst us. Also pray for the ROOTS event this evening and ask that ROOTS will become a blessing to the whole of Luton.
- Mon 25 As an angel announced the incarnation of the Lord Jesus to His mother Mary, so pray that we may be ready to announce to others His presence in our lives today.
- Tues 26 Pray for the hundreds of thousands living in refugee camps in Bangladesh after fleeing violence in Myanmar, for food supplies, clean water, medical care and adequate shelter. Pray that humanitarian agencies will be able to get help to those in need in Myanmar, and pray for a lasting solution to this prolonged and tragic situation.
- Weds 27 Pray for teenagers in Luton who deliberately injure themselves. Pray for the work of Youthscape helping such young people towards a better self image.
- Thurs 28 Pray for all who gather at Thursday Afternoon Fellowship, for today's speaker, for Andrew as he leads, and for Dennis as he arranges speakers for future weeks.
- Fri 29 Pray for the more than one million children in Britain growing up without a father, especially for those at risk of being drawn into gangs or problems at school.
- Sat 30 Pray for Kenya: for a greater unity between Christian denominations, and for peaceable relationships with their Muslim neighbours in the face of increasing extremism.
- Sun 31 On Mothering Sunday, give thanks for mothers and pray for those needing encouragement. Pray for those with fostered or adopted children who (because of their early years) have challenging behaviour. Ask God to pour His patience and love on every family struggling in this way.

Weekly Church Activities

Sunday

10.45 am Morning Service
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Monday

1.00 - 3.00 pm Art Club
6.30 - 9.15 pm Girls Brigade (5-18 years)

Tuesday

10.00 - 11.30 am **JUMP** (Join Us Mums & Pre-schoolers).
During term time
2.00 - 4.00 pm Short Mat bowls
7.30 pm Ladies in Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T.)
(2nd & 4th week)
10.00- 12.00 pm Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

7.30 pm Shield for those aged 14+

Thursday

2.30 pm Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

Friday

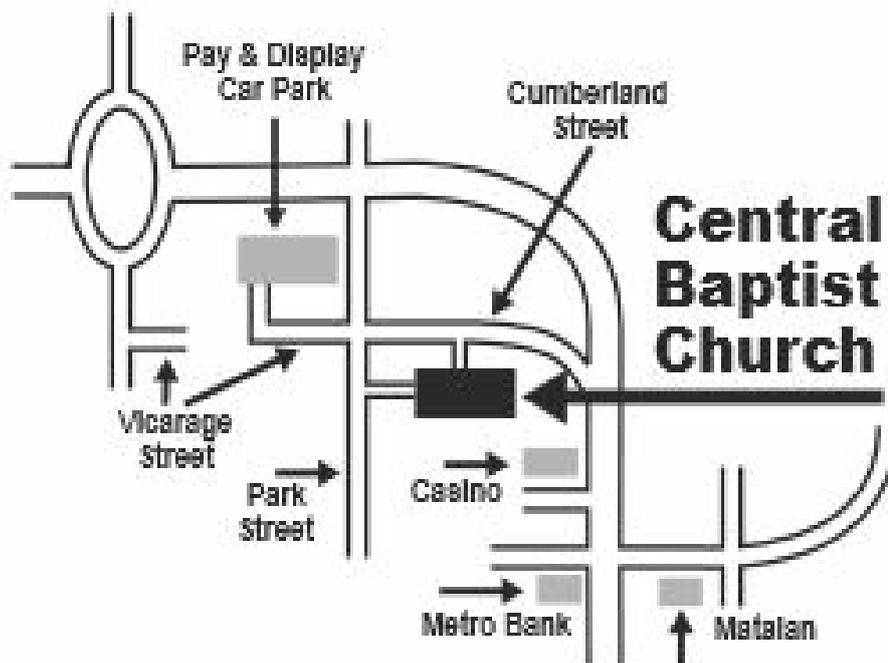
6.45 - 9.30 pm Boys Brigade

Saturday

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group - Year 7+

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