

## LEARNING TO READ THE BIBLE IN THE FIRST GRADE!

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*  
Deuteronomy 6:4 ESV

*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.*

Revelation 1:3 ESV

Did you know that both the Old Testament and the New Testament were originally written to be read aloud and heard? This is because only 5% of people could read in the first century, and only 2% of people could write. The cost of reproducing large documents accurately in the ancient world was prohibitively expensive. The Old Testament scrolls were so expensive they were owned by a community. They were owned by a synagogue. And synagogues typically used their Old Testament scrolls for generations.

We are blessed that we can read. We are blessed that each of us can own our personal copy of Scripture. We are blessed to present to every child that enters first grade, their own personal copy of Scripture.

I love our tradition at Goodman Oaks of presenting an *ESV Big Picture Bible* to every child that enters first grade. First grade is an exciting year for our children because they are learning to become independent readers. Dawn Ales had the original thought behind the first graders receiving a Bible that would travel with them through their elementary education at Goodman Oaks. The children are learning to read at home. And the children are learning to read the Bible at Goodman Oaks.

The elementary education teachers at Goodman Oaks carefully reviewed various editions of the ESV before selecting the *ESV Big Picture Bible*. This Bible is an excellent transition from a storybook version to a Bible with chapters and verses. It also has beautiful illustrations that brighten the full text while still grabbing their attention.

Every Sunday morning the elementary teachers guide the children as they work on learning both the books of the Bible and where to find them in their Bibles. The children are rewarded with a smiley face on the sticker chart for bringing their Bible each week. For every five smiley faces they earn, they receive an award from the treasure box. This has proven to be a great incentive for building the habit of carrying their Bibles to church every week.

Make sure you are here next week to be part of this wonderful tradition.

Grace & Peace  
Derek

### Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live, call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244  
**YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE**

## Family News & Notes

- Jennifer Joines Enochs is recovering well after surgery.
- Sandra Buck, Jeff Shupp and Jeff Sims are recovering from surgery.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Helen Denton, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Emily Ready, Jerry Richardson, Jack Ussery, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

**REHAB:** Cora Epperson

**HOSPICE:** Lula Whittle

**SHUT-INS:** Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Chris Weatherford, Ray Yearwood.

### G.O. CHILDREN'S CHORUS



Beginning **Wednesday, August 8** we will begin a Children's Chorus. If you have a ...

♪ Kindergartner through grade five ...

♪ They like to sing ...

♪ You would like them to learn to read music and harmonize ...

Please contact **Irene McNamara** at [phone number] The class will be in room #1 at **6:00 PM, Wednesday, August 8.**

### LADIES SUMMER BRUNCH

The summer brunch will be held **Saturday, August 11, 2018.** Please invite your neighbors, friends and family. We ask that you bring a brunch dish to share and we will begin at **10:00AM.** Please note, there will be several door prizes.



### Reminders . . .

- ☞ **Nursery Workers** today are: Tonja Johnson, Ashley Parker, Melissa Tabor, Joni Lancaster, NO PM Service tonight.
- ☞ **Visitors, please stay for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner.**
- ☞ **The TLC's Fist Friday Fellowship is Friday, August 3 at 6PM.**

## Invite a friend to Worship



**JULY 29**

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship/Offering  
Food Pantry Restock**

**AUGUST 5**

**Promotion Sunday, School Supply Drive,  
Back To School Party**

**AUGUST 8**

**Children's Chorus—K through grade 5**

**AUGUST 11**

**Ladies Summer Brunch**

## Watermelon Waterslide Juice Dogs

Join us **Sunday, August 5 at 5PM** in the FLC as we end the summer and get prepared for **BACK TO SCHOOL.** Please bring clothes for water activities outside as we enjoy a waterslide, watermelon, juice and dogs.

Here is the list of school supply items we are collecting:

**KLEENEX  
LYSOL SPRAY  
CLOROX WIPES  
BACK PACKS for ages K—5th grade**

Please have all items here on **Sunday, August 5.** We will have bins placed in the foyer area for your convenience.

### YOUTH NEWS

#### PIZZA NIGHT

Wednesday night pizza is coming **Wednesday, August 1** at **6PM.** Bring \$3.

#### END OF SCHOOL SUMMER PARTY

We will wrap up our summer next **Sunday, August 5** at Randy and Alice Denton's house. Teens and their parents are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. In addition, our new 6th graders and their parents are invited as well. We will start at **3PM and end at 7PM.** Be looking for more information and food sign-ups through the remind app.

