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YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND!



Dear Friend, it may be winter outside but in this New Year edition of Faith Magazine we are issuing a warm welcome! We wanted to start out the year by focusing on one of the best things about our Fellowship: a focus on the strong bond of shared friendship among our Members. It is faith in God that unites us in the Three Daily Prayers we say together each day. Our friendship,

together with Fellowship's positive and prayerful message are values we hope to spread far and wide as we work to grow our Membership this year.

You and Your Fellow Members are a vital part of that, Dear Friend! We publish Faith Magazine for you, and we know it means a lot to many of our Friends. If you haven't already, please make a point of writing to

us this year to let us know how you're doing, and tell us what Fellowship and FAITH mean to you.

We've already heard about that from Members like William V. of North Carolina, who credits Faith Magazine with literally saving his life!

On Page 10 William writes, *"I had decided to end my life by a drug overdose. I had even planned and contemplated it when I found myself alone on Thanksgiving. Knowing I would also be alone on Christmas and New Years as well was just too much.*

"Well, while preparing the house for my 'departure,' in one of the drawers of a dresser that had belonged to my grandfather I found an old copy of Faith Magazine . . . As I read each page I could feel my inner strength grow and the fear began to fade away. I just knew not to end my life that day, but to give my life to Christ instead."

We must say, that story gave us chills. We are humbled that our little Faith Magazine made such a positive difference for you, William.

On Page 6 of this FAITH, long-time Member Annette I. from Indiana, also wrote an inspiring story about her impending lay-off, and how she was able to turned that negative experience into a positive one.

"I cried as I drove home, wondering how I would pay my mortgage and take care of my kids without a paycheck or

health insurance. That night, as I lay in bed unable to sleep, I decided to turn this problem over to Jesus. "Lord," I prayed, "Please help me work this out so I can keep my home and provide for my loved ones."

The Lord came through for Annette, too. She eventually found a better job with a bright future.

Finally, on Page 8, Member Linda D. of Georgia says Faith Magazine is a source of inspiration for her. *"For such a small magazine, it has so much interesting and good news. Faith Magazine has helped me to handle life's everyday situations better and shown me how to better respond and communicate with others."*

We're happy to learn Faith Magazine is such a big part of our Members' lives. Please let us know what it means to you as well, Dear Friend!

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Maybe someone gave you this Faith Magazine. Or perhaps it came into your hands some other way. We just know we're glad you've welcomed us into your home!

So please, if you like what you see and want to start receiving FAITH regularly, we'd like to pass along this *Special Invitation* to you. Yes, we would be delighted to tell you more about Life-Study Fellowship and how you can start receiving Faith Magazine! All you need to do is use the handy little form below to send us your name and



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And visit our web site:
www.lifestudyfellowship.org

It would be a pleasure to hear from you and to welcome you!

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asked for arrives late or gets lost because of an old address. Help us make sure that doesn't happen to you!

If you are writing to Fellowship for the first time, please let us know if you are not already a Member. This will also help us give you a speedy response.

Following these few important tips will ensure that we stay in close contact!

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“Paid In Full!”

Many months ago, I was in a financial dilemma. I had discovered that I had three Sears credit accounts. All these accounts had different monthly payment amounts which I was unable to pay. I wrote a letter to each account informing them of my financial circumstances and my desire to pay these accounts. I made an arrangement to pay each account \$25 a month until the accounts were paid in full.

Needless to say, all this was done while using the Prosperity Harvest Plan. I am no longer stressed. I am calm, my days are harmonious and peaceful. Praise the Lord! I am enclosing a check for Fellowship. Please send me a new Prosperity Harvest Plan.

Member Ernestine J., New York

“So Happy!”

I have been able to pay bills on time, which makes me so happy! At the same time, my health is better and I have been able to make improvements to my home. Yes, I feel blessed by God and my new Prosperity Harvest Plan. I will certainly continue to use it and add to my savings. Thanks to God and Fellowship!

Member Tania M., New Hampshire

“Extra Savings”

Whenever I use my Prosperity Harvest Plan my money just seems to multiply. All my bills are paid up now and I feel blessed. I am delighted to share this extra savings with Fellowship because you are the one who told me about this wonderful plan!

Member Arlene P., Oregon

Give Our Prosperity Harvest Plan A Chance To Work!

You probably know someone for whom good things just seem to fall into place, Dear Member. It may often seem like that person doesn't have to make an effort. However, we don't think all those good things are just random chance. A positive attitude goes along way, and of course, seeking the Lord's help makes good things happen.

For example, you've probably read about Fellowship's Prosperity Harvest Plan, haven't you? It's a wonderfully simple way to save money for whatever need you may have . . . and it's

absolutely free for any Member who writes to request it!

This plan will help you stop worrying about paying bills, and live a life more in tune to receive God's Blessings of Prosperity!

Just write to us and say, *"Please send me a free Prosperity Harvest Plan."*

That's all there is to it. So, if money troubles are keeping you up and making you anxious, the Lord can help. Give our Prosperity Harvest Plan a chance to work and we're certain you'll see a big difference!

“I Worked During My Shift And Went To School At Night!”

I have been a Fellowship Member for more years than I want to admit! My mother gave me my first Faith Magazine and I immediately was hooked by its warm, friendly stories and inspiring Scripture.

I never imagined I might be writing Fellowship with a story of my own, but life has a way of surprising us, doesn't it?

My story starts many years back, when I was younger. I had already been married and divorced by then, raising two children by myself with help from my mom. I never went to college, but found a good, solid job working at a manufacturing plant. It paid me a decent wage, enough that I could buy a modest home and provide for my kids. I felt like I had overcome the odds and accomplished something to be on my own and able to support myself.

Then, as I said, life came and surprised me.

I'll never forget, it was a Thursday afternoon, about an hour before the end of my shift, when my boss came down to the

manufacturing floor and called everyone to a meeting. Then he introduced a man in a suit who I'd never seen before, and said he was a vice president or something, I don't recall exactly. The man in the suit announced the company would be closing our plant in eight months and moving all its manufacturing overseas. I remember feeling like I had been kicked in the stomach, and hearing loud booing as the man said the company would pay for educational retraining for those who wanted it.

I cried as I drove home, wondering how I would pay my mortgage and take care of my kids without a paycheck or health insurance. That night, as I lay in bed unable to sleep, I decided to turn this problem over to Jesus. “*Lord,*” I prayed, “*Please help me work this out so I can keep my home and provide for my loved ones.*”

The next months were hectic. I worked during my shift and went to school at night learning about computers. By the time my company began closing its doors, I was offered a good job working with the computer system of a hospital in the next town. As I look back, it was a great career move for me. I thank Jesus for answering my prayers and steering me toward a new and better opportunity!

Member Annette I., Indiana



Strength For The Day

Little Prayers For Life's Everyday Situations

Valentines Day

Dear Lord, I am so happy we have a holiday like Valentines Day, that reminds me to tell my loved ones how much I care for them. Everyone needs to hear those warm messages of support, and I intend to spread more of them this year. I hope others do the same, because one thing we need more of in this World is love!

— Amen

A New Roof

O Lord, I hope this New Year brings me better fortunes than last, so I can make some badly needed repairs to my home. My roof needs to be replaced and I pray You will help me get this worked out. I am grateful for Your blessings, Father, and ask You to show me the best way to accomplish this goal.

— Amen

My Hometown

My hometown faces many challenges, today. Many businesses have left and people are looking for work. So many folks have given up, Dear Lord, so I am offering this prayer for hope. Let this New Year be one that brings new employment to my town. Give us the chance to prosper, so we can be proud once again.

— Amen

A Fresh New Year

Dear Father, I am excited about the chance to make this New Year a good one. I have the opportunity to start off fresh on whatever challenge or goal I choose. I intend to do that, guided by Your wisdom. Please lead me, Lord, and keep me on the path You want me to take. I promise to stay close to You all year through prayer.

—Amen

A Friend's Health

I pray today for a dear friend, who is fighting health problems, Father. Please bless this Dear One with strength in body and soul for the next 12 months. Let my friend enjoy radiant good health and be able to do things that have been off limits for so long. For this one thing I pray, Dear Lord.

— Amen

Bless The Children

Dear Father, with a New Year comes my prayer for children around the World. May they all have enough to eat and fall asleep at night within families who love them. Please rescue those children in harm's way, Lord, and let them enjoy life in the peace and loving company that they so deserve!

— Amen

“For A Small Magazine, It Has Such Interesting And Good News!”

Greetings to my Dear Fellowship Friends. I hope all is well and in God's care. A friend of mine invited me to start receiving Faith Magazine and I am so glad they did. It has been one of my constant companions.

Every inspiring page helps me along and brightens my day from beginning to end. I especially love the Daily Bible Verses and Prayers for all through the day. It helps me be more knowledgeable about God's Word, and mostly helps me to become closer to, and commune with, the Master. I also share them with my family members and coworkers.

The Verses and Prayers help to keep me on track and mindful of what I do, say and how I carry myself throughout the day. It also helps me to keep my mind

on the Lord throughout the day.

I also love the prayers because I'm not only praying for myself and my loved ones, I'm also praying for others, my Fellowship Friends all around the World and that's how it should be . . . “people caring about people.” Thank you so much! I thank God for you.

I also love the Bible Readings. I have daily Bible readings from my Sunday School book at church, but when I sometimes don't get my Sunday School booklet on time, I refer to our Fellowship Bible readings. They give me peace of mind and in my heart.

Thank you for your special prayers for me, too.

For such a small magazine, it (FAITH) has so much interesting and good news. Faith Magazine has helped me to handle life's everyday situations better and shown me how to better respond and communicate with others. Thank you!

In closing, I would I would ask for my Friends continued prayers. And, please offer a very special prayer for my daughter-in-law. She was just recently diagnosed with cancer and will be having surgery soon. Please keep her in your prayers and pray that God will heal her body.

May God bless you!

Member Linda D., Georgia



You Can Have No Better Friends Than Jesus And His Father, God!

On the first page of this FAITH we wrote that **“You’ve Got A Friend.”** And, just as we want you to think of us as a good friend, Dear Member, we hope you think of Jesus and His Father, God, in a similar manner.

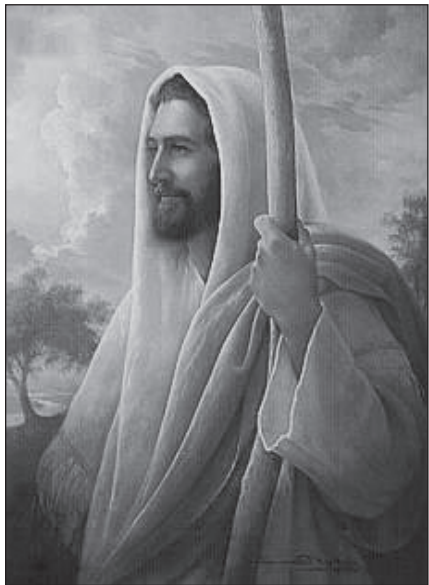
Wait just a minute, you might say, adding that you pray to Jesus and His Father to help you solve problems or some other issues. Could they really be your Friends as well?

We think they can, and here’s why. A friend is someone you trust and confide in . . . someone who you know will listen to your concerns in confidence and only use that information to help you, never to cause harm.

Doesn't that sound like Jesus and His Father, God? You know they want only the best for you, and will stand beside all who believe in them. They listen to your prayers and reveal how they can help or lead you to a solution -- always at just the proper time.

In fact, in this Scripture John 15:15, Jesus calls His Disciples “friends” rather than servants. He trusted them to use the information He preached for the good of God’s kingdom.

“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all



things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”

So, knowing Jesus is your friend, the other side of the question is . . . Are you His friend as well?

We know He listens to you, Dear Member, but do you listen to Him as well? Do you want Him to know what’s in your heart?

To be a friend of Jesus, simply follow and listen to His teachings. Then, you will be in a position to talk sincerely with others who are curious about what the Lord offers those who believe in Him. For the truth is, you can have no better Friends than Jesus and His Father, God!

“I Just Knew Not To End My Life That Day!”

Dear Life-Study Fellowship,

My name is William and I am writing you to say Thank You and to inform your readers that your Faith Magazine saved my life!

I am an only child. My grandparents have passed away, and so has my father. Unfortunately, my mother is not very supportive. In my youth, my grandmother would always be in church or talking about the goodness of the Lord. I would often see her reading Life-Study Fellowship's magazine when I would visit her.

It has been several years since I lost my grandmother, and I later moved into her home and began to remodel it. I ran into so many obstacles, and hateful people, that I became depressed and overwhelmed with anxiety and fear.

After years of dealing with that, I had decided to end my life by a drug overdose. I had even planned and contemplated it when I found myself alone on Thanksgiving. Knowing I would also be alone on Christmas and New Years as well was just too much.

Well, while preparing the house for my “departure,” in one of the drawers of a dresser that had belonged to my grandfather I found an old copy of Faith Magazine. It was an edition with the month of



November, and in its stories was information that related to me. As I read each page I could feel my inner strength grow and the fear began to fade away. I just knew not to end my life that day, but to devote my life to the Lord instead.

And, I figured if this Life-Study Fellowship magazine was in my grandfather's things he must have been a believer before he passed away.

So, I am now saved and I am listening to God's Word. He has sent my inner demons away.

I am enclosing a contribution to express my thanks and do what I can to help you with your good work.

Also, please send me another Faith Magazine! I found inspiration in its pages and want to continue reading it.

Member William V., North Carolina

The Lord's Loving Support Can Help Us Accomplish Anything!

Dear Member, do you ever feel there is a big problem or situation that affects you, for which there's no solution? Are you overburdened with this concern to the point you don't know what to do?

If so, let us bring you some good news . . . Jesus loves you and He is standing by to help. Yes, we really mean that!

In the Bible passage of John 13:34, Jesus tells His Disciples. . . *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."*

So, right in that Verse, you see Jesus declaring His love for us. It is a boundless love that helps us solve any problem and conquer our fears. And when we return His love in faith, there is nothing He won't help us accomplish. The loving support of the Lord can help us with issues involving health, prosperity, guidance and many other aspects of our daily lives.

And yet, there are still many doubters. *How can Jesus truly love all of us*, they may ask. That's because they have eyes, but can't see the wonderful effects of His love on us, God's children.

Nor do they realize the awesome benefit of following Jesus' commandment to love one another, Dear Friend. That truly is one of the biggest lessons

from the Lord, and one of the hardest to accomplish. Because, who hasn't run into people we don't like? Who hasn't dealt with folks who treat us badly? Those experiences are a fact of life.

And yet, we don't have to drop down to that level, Dear Member. We can remain calm and meet such unpleasant behavior with a smile and friendly demeanor. In that way, we honor the spirit of Jesus' teaching to love one another.

And you know what? More than likely the person who was unpleasant to you before will reconsider their actions when you don't respond in kind. That's the benefit we mentioned earlier, a true gift that comes from the Lord!



Happy Birthday!

We think your birthday is a very important date, and Fellowship would like to help you celebrate the day!

If you haven't already, drop us a note and let us know the month and day you were born. Then, as your special day gets close, check your mail for a personal greeting from us!

To ensure we have the proper information, just fill out the form below with your Name, Address and Birth date. We don't need to know the year, just the month and day, such as Sept. 15 or whatever your birth date is. That's it! Then, we will be able to send you a lovely Birthday

Blessing and Greeting Card that represents the happiness and friendship inherent in Fellowship. We hope to celebrate your special day!



TO: LIFE-STUDY FELLOWSHIP, Noroton, CT 06820

Dear Friends:

How nice of my Friends in Fellowship to think of sending me a beautiful "**Birthday Blessing Card**" at my Birthday Time! I'm sending the necessary information so you can add my name to your Birthday Remembrance Roll!

My Name Is _____

Address _____

Street, Route or Box No.

Apt. No.

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Month and Day of Birth _____

(Remember, just give the day — like Sept. 15 — Year is not necessary)

Here Are Some 2018 Dates For You To Remember!

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

- 12 Lincoln's Birthday (US)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Presidents' Day (US)
- 22 Washington's Birthday (US)

MARCH

- 11 Daylight Saving Time starts
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 30 Good Friday
- Passover Begins

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 27 Arbor Day

MAY

- 13 Mother's Day
- 19 Armed Forces Day (US)
- 28 Memorial Day, Observed

JUNE

- 14 Flag Day (US)
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 Summer begins

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (US)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day (US)
- 23 Autumn begins

OCTOBER

- 8 Columbus Day, Observed

NOVEMBER

- 4 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11 Veterans Day, (US)
- 22 Thanksgiving (US)

DECEMBER

- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa begins



JANUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

We have chosen these 31 Bible Verses for each day of January, Dear Member, so you can start the New Year off with the wisdom of God. We think you will want to copy them on paper and keep them with you, so you can benefit from the Lord's teachings everywhere.

1. *"Let brotherly love continue"* Hebrews 13:1
2. *"Let all things be done decently and in order"* I Cor. 14:40
3. *"He shall bring it to pass"* Psalm 37:5
4. *"Walk in love"* Ephesians 5:2
5. *"Thy faith fail not"* Luke 22:32
6. *"Seek of Him a right way"* Ezra 8:21
7. *"Thy work shall be rewarded"* Jeremiah 31:16
8. *"Strive not with a man without cause"* Proverbs 3:30
9. *"God is love"* I John 4:16
10. *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness"* Col. 1:13
11. *"He that hath clean hands shall be stronger"* Job 17:9
12. *"And the Lord spake unto Moses"* Numbers 1:1
13. *"I will love thee, O Lord"* Psalm 18:1
14. *"My burden is light"* Matthew 11:30
15. *"Trust in the Lord, and do good"* Psalm 37:3
16. *"Lord, I will follow Thee"* Luke 9:57
17. *"In Him will I trust"* II Samuel 22:3
18. *"The rich and poor meet together"* Proverbs 22:2
19. *"My peace I give unto you"* John 14:27
20. *"The Lord God will help me"* Isaiah 50:7
21. *"Thine, O Lord is the greatness"* I Chron. 29:11
22. *"I have hoped in Thy word"* Psalm 119:74
23. *"He heard the sound of the trumpet"* Ezeiel 33:5
24. *"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you"* Col. 3:16
25. *"Choose you this day whom ye will serve"* Joshua 24:15
26. *"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!"* Proverbs 16:16
27. *"I shall be safe"* Psalm 119:117
28. *"Eat thy bread with joy"* Eccl. 9:7
29. *"The Lord is at hand"* Philippians 4:5
30. *"The power of Christ may rest upon me"* II Cor. 12:9
31. *"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts"* Colossians 3:15

JANUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

A year of positive changes and happiness is what we hope you have in store, Dear Friend. Join us for our United Daily Prayers each day and you can even make a New Year's resolution if you want. You and your Fellowship Friends will be a powerful force for good.

“I will pray with the spirit!”

I Corinthians 14:15

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Throughout the hours I slept, You were watching over me, Dear Lord. I ask You to do the same through the hours of this day, and give me and my Fellow Members the Guidance we need to do our jobs well. Our relationship with You is built on love and respect, for Your knowledge is vast, and we are eager to learn from You! — Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Dear Father, my Fellow Members and I pause as the clock strikes noon and bow our heads to pray. We have worked hard this morning and pray You will bless us with Prosperity. We are grateful for the good things we have and want to be sure we are able to provide for ourselves and our loved ones. We know You have our best interest in mind as well. — Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

As I lower the shades on my windows at night, I am mindful that many of my Fellowship Friends and Dear Ones are trying to sleep with pain. Please Heal these good people, O Lord, so they may wake in the morning refreshed and able to enjoy a full day. We pray this in Your Name, and ask You to watch over us and keep us safe. — Amen

“How I Learned We Should Never Question God’s Goodness!”

God came through for us at the eleventh hour! At least, that’s what He did for my husband and me, and I want to tell you all about it, dear Fellow Members.

My husband lost his job after Christmas one year because the store in which he was the assistant manager did not turn in the sales that the owners had charted. He was so disappointed, because he really had worked hard. But the store actually did not carry the right merchandise for the neighborhood, and he was never able to convince the owners of that. It was only long after he left that they realized he was right. By then, God and our Fellowship had taken him far beyond what that store ever could have.

When my husband left his job at the store, he didn’t find it easy to get another job at age 57. It was just about that time . . . while he was still job hunting. . . that I wrote about him needing to find a new job on Page 17 of Faith Magazine and sent that page back to Fellowship’s Special Help Department.

Well, would you believe that after I wrote to you, my husband did receive a job offer. It was in a grocery chain and the hours were hard and long. Actually, it seemed like a worse job than the one he had before. I was tempted to ask God, “*Is this the job that*



is supposed to be the answer to my prayer?” But I kept silent, because I knew He was going to take care of things.

Meanwhile, my husband’s new job was going to send him to another town for training, and then we would have to move to another city. I would have to stay behind and sell our furniture because it wouldn’t pay to move it such a distance. We weren’t looking forward to this new job with great joy.

Then came our eleventh hour. The night before my husband was to leave, we got a phone call from a friend in our city. It was about a different job in a grocery store in a good location. My husband could not have been happier!

Needless to say, he took this new job and has done wonderful with it. That was how I learned we never should question God’s goodness and should wait for His blessing. My heartfelt thanks go out to my Fellow Members who prayed for us, too!

Member Betty B.

Take Our Fellowship Bible Quiz And See How You Do!

Studying the Bible doesn't need to take a long time, and it can be fun. Try answering these questions with your own Bible. Then turn to Page 18 to see if your answers are correct!

* * *

1. How did the animals enter Noah's Ark? (Genesis 7:15)
"And they went into the Ark _____ of all flesh."
2. What material were the tablets God gave Moses? (Exodus 31:18)
"And He gave unto Moses two tablets of testimony, two tablets of _____."
3. What did God say about man's actions? (Galatians 6:7)
"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also _____."
4. How many people did Jesus feed in the miracle of the loaves and fishes?" (Mark 6:44)
"And they that did eat of the loaves were about _____ men."
5. What kind of crown did the soldiers place upon Jesus' head? (Matthew 27:29)
"And when they had platted a crown of _____, they put it upon His Head."

Show us how you did on this quiz . . .

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My Name Is _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

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How Did You Do On Our *Fun Bible Quiz*, Dear Member!

Check The Answers Below Against Your
Answers On Page 17!

Then, Cut Out That Page And Send It To Us.
Let Us Know How Many You Got Right!

*(Write us a note to say what questions you
would like see in future Bible quizzes, too!)*

ANSWERS

1. TWO AND TWO
2. STONE
3. REAP
4. FIVE THOUSAND
5. THORNS

ONE-SENTENCE SERMONS

These little bits of wisdom can cheer and motivate you, Dear Member. They come right to the point and they may make you chuckle. If you have a favorite, please send it along. We print as many as possible.

"It is not what you say to a person, but how you say it that counts!"

Member Johnny B.

"The heart has no secret which our conduct does not reveal."

Member Jack E.

"Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine."

Member Ferris B.

"The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated!"

Member Lawrence F.

"Guilt is concerned with the past; worry is concerned about the future and contentment enjoys the present."

Member Tom L.

"The price of greatness is responsibility."

Member Yolanda T.

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

Member Nan G.

"Wisdom is the wealth of the wise."

Member Gary Y.

"The best inheritance a parent can give to his or her children is a few minutes of time each day"

Member Pam M.

"Two things are bad for the heart: running up stairs and running down people."

Member Sam J.

"The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism."

Member Fred M.

"Laughter is the brush that sweeps away cobwebs of the heart."

Member Karen B.

"Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light."

Member Perry S.

"Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death."

Member Bret F.

"Some people are so heavenly minded they are no earthly good."

Member Richard N.

"Put your will in neutral so the Lord can shift you."

Member Kim T.

"The purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on Earth."

Member Zachary T.

"Be humble or you'll stumble."

Member Vince O.

"A bitter World cannot be sweetened by sour Christians."

Member Ophelia R.

FEBRUARY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

We have listed below Fellowship's Bible Verses for February, Dear Friend. Each morning, we hope you will copy the day's Verse on a slip of paper and carry it with you, thinking of what it says often. Doing this can help to brighten your day and bring inspiration!

1. *"Make thy way straight before My Face."* Psalms 5:8
2. *"I will perform it"*
Psalms 119:106
3. *"The way of the wicked seduceth them."*
Proverbs 12:26
4. *"The integrity of the upright shall guide them"*
Proverbs 11:3
5. *"I will give you pastors according to Mine Heart"*
Jeremiah 3:15
6. *"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures"*
Psalms 23:2
7. *"I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight"*
Isaiah 42:16
8. *"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel"* Psalms 73:24
9. *"For this God is our God for ever and ever"* Psalms 48:14
10. *"Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people"*
Exodus 15:13
11. *"Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more"*
John 8:11
12. *"This I say then, walk in the Spirit"* Galatians 5:16
13. *"Yield yourselves unto God"*
Romans 6:13
14. *"God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit"*
I Cor. 2:10
15. *"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan"* Luke 4:1
16. *"This is the way, walk ye in it"* Isaiah 30:21
17. *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God"*
James 1:5
18. *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty Hand of God"*
I Peter 5:6
19. *"Thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water"*
Isaiah 58:11
20. *"Shew me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths"*
Psalms 25:4
21. *"God is faithful"* I Cor. 10:13
22. *"For all men have not faith"*
II Thess. 3:2
23. *"Be strong and of a good courage"* Deut. 31:6
24. *"Discretion shall preserve thee"* Proverbs 2:11
25. *"Thou savest me from violence"* II Samuel 22:3
26. *"I and My Father are one"*
John 10:30
27. *"He shall strengthen your heart"*
Psalms 31:24
28. *"In all thy ways acknowledge Him"* Proverbs 3:6

FEBRUARY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

We invite you to join your Fellow Members in the Three Daily Prayers for this month of February, Dear Friend. The power of these prayers is multiplied by the scores of our Members near and far who are participating in prayer each day. Please add your voice to theirs!

“From the end of the Earth will I cry unto thee!”

Psalms 61:2

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

I give thanks this morning for Your gift of a new day, O Lord. Before my Fellow Members and I go forth into the World, let us pray and seek Your Guidance. Help us find the right path, not just for ourselves, but so we may follow Your lessons. We are Your students, Father, and we await Your instructions for life.

— Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Dear Father, I am happy to stop what I doing in the middle of this day to thank You for Your blessings. My Fellowship Friends and I pray for continued Prosperity and Success, and for the food and shelter You help us obtain. The comfort of Your love makes our work go more quickly, and we appreciate Your abundant blessings that make our daily lives possible.

— Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Dear Lord, as we pray before bed this evening, my Fellow Members and I ask You to touch all who suffer in pain or illness with Your Healing Touch. Bless these dear ones with Good Health in the future, and bring them peace of mind. We pray for strength in body and spirit, and restful sleep that will refresh our bodies and our outlook when we awake. For all these things we are grateful, Father. — Amen

Bless This Home

Helpful Household Hints

It's still a couple months before spring cleaning, Dear Member. But that doesn't mean you can't get a jump on some pesky chores before then. And, if you have a household tip of your own please send it to us so we may publish it here in FAITH.

Magic Erasers

These are one of the handiest items imaginable for cleaning just about anything! Here's a list of several uses for the brand name and generic versions of this useful tool:

Scuff Marks -- One of the most popular uses for magic erasers is removing scuff marks. Whether the marks are on floors, walls, baseboards or more, magic erasers get the job done.

Young Artists -- Magic erasers do a great job at removing crayons, markers and more from walls and furniture.

Coffee and Tea Stains -- If you pull your favorite mug from the dishwasher and notice a not so nice ring around the rim, wipe it down with a magic eraser. The ring will be gone in no time.

Clean Shoes -- When you have tennis shoes that have lost their luster, use a magic eraser to clean the sides. They'll look as good as new again.

Remove Dried Paint -- The next time you are a little too messy with your paint, let it dry and

then clean with a magic eraser. This works great on a variety of hard surfaces like floors, walls and door hinges.

Soap Scum -- Magic erasers work great at abolishing soap scum in tubs and showers! They also work well on grout, tile and fiberglass. Be careful, because they are abrasive, and a little bit of scrubbing goes a long way.

Clean Dry Erase Boards -- When you have a lot of old marker left behind on a dry erase board, try rubbing it down with a magic eraser. The surface will be sparkling clean after very little effort.

No More Rust Stains

Here's how to remove those ugly rust stains from a faucet leak in a bathtub. Squeeze a lemon over the rust spot and cover the rusty areas with salt.

Let this mixture sit on the rusty area for three to four hours.

Finally, use a nylon scrubber to scrub the solution off, along with the rust stains.

The reason this home remedy works well is because of the acidity of the lemon, and the gentle abrasiveness of the salt.

Aspirin Refresh For Flowers

You can extend the life of fresh flowers by crushing aspirin and putting it into the water of a vase with filled with flowers.

“I Don’t Believe I Can Do Without Faith Magazine!”

Dear Fellow Members, I am so glad to be able to write and tell you how much I really love Faith Magazine. Thank you for always sending it to me all the time. I do believe that I receive all the good mail that you send me, and ask that you always keep in touch with me.

All of your personal letters I asked you for were received, and Faith Magazine always comes on time. I have not been well at all, and I am thankful I am up and around. I have faith and I am very thankful to God and His Son, Jesus. I receive Their blessings all the time. I also believe that I get what I consider to be miracles, when I don’t even know I am going to receive them.

I tell God how much I love Him, and I read all the lovely letters and words that my Fellow Members write to you.

We really love all your prayers and letters. And all the things in each edition of Faith Magazine can help us stay close to God by knowing how to word our prayers.

We pray and thank Him and ask Him for the blessings we need Him to give us. I don’t believe I can do without Faith Magazine and your personal letters that you send to me, or the Three Daily Prayers in FAITH. I dearly love all these things in your magazine, as I love all of you in Fellowship! You are all my Friends!

Member Opal B., Florida

Dear Friends, I am so thankful for people that are great and caring. I been a Member of Fellowship since 1973 and I feel that you are like close family to me. I would not know what to do if you weren’t around when I needed your help.

Thanks for all the good that you do to help me out with all my problems. Yes, thank you so much.

I am writing to you again for prayer help. Please pray that God will help my younger relative get rid of his feeding tube so he can start eating regular food without a problem. He has to go to rehab because of the tube. Also, please pray that all goes well for me and him when he is in rehab and I go to visit him.

And one more thing . . . I’m asking you for a prayer because I am getting a new mobile home! I would like my Friends to pray all goes well with setting it up, and that God blesses me and everything goes well!

Member Viola M., South Carolina



Recipes From Your Friends

It's early in the New Year and we're bringing you some hearty recipes that are sure to warm up friends and family. These tasty dishes were contributed by your Fellow Members, so we'd love to hear from you, too, Dear Friend!

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GOURMET CHICKEN

This dish is so good it's like eating in a nice restaurant, according to Member Irma F. from Connecticut.

Ingredients: 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves ... 3 tablespoons flour ... 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided ... 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided ... 2 tablespoons olive oil ... 1 14-1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained ... 1 can condensed French onion soup ... 1 cup grated Swiss cheese.

Combine flour and 1/2 of the salt and pepper. Dredge chicken in flour mixture and saute in olive oil until golden brown. Place in casserole. In same pan simmer tomatoes, onion soup and remaining salt and pepper for 5 minutes. Pour over chicken and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees about 25 minutes or until chicken is done.

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MOLASSES CAKE

It's the molasses that makes

this cake a standout, Member Renata S. from Arizona says this is her family's favorite chocolate cake.

Ingredients: 1 teaspoon baking soda ... 1/2 cup boiling water ... 2 heaping tablespoons cocoa ... 2 tablespoons molasses ... 2 cups flour ... 2 cups sugar ... 1/2 cup butter ... 2 eggs ... 1 teaspoon salt ... 1 teaspoon vanilla ... 1 cup buttermilk.

Combine boiling water, soda, cocoa and molasses. Cool until lukewarm. Cream butter and sugar and beat in eggs. Add remaining dry ingredients and buttermilk alternately. Stir in vanilla and molasses mixture. Pour into greased 9 inch by 13 inch pan and bake at 350 degrees 35 minutes, or until cake tests done.

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CHEESY BREAD STICKS

Darryl A., a Member from Boston, says these cheesy bread sticks can really spice up a nice pot of soup.

Ingredients: as many slices of white bread as you want ... some red pepper ... grated Parmesan cheese.

Remove crusts from bread and spread with soft butter. Cut into 1/2 inch strips. Sprinkle butter side with red pepper and dip in the cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes or until crisp.

The Lord Has A Better Idea Of What We Need!

Do you ever get impatient, Dear Member, when your prayers are not answered quickly, or in just the way you think they *should* be answered?

We ask this question because we often get letters from our Fellowship Friends wondering why the Lord didn't help them in the way they thought He was going to. It's natural for us to want to see the answers to our prayers as quickly as possible and in the way we had hoped they might be answered.

But the Lord has a better idea about what we need and when we need it. That's why He waits for just the right time and place to reveal the best way for us to reach a goal, or solve a problem.

You can look at it this way . . . your Fellowship Prayers are similar to the seeds a farmer plants in the ground. Sometimes you plant a prayer-seed in soil which has not yet been enriched by faith. When that seed is touched by the richness of faith and your sincere belief in God, it will quickly start to grow!

Jesus spoke of this in the Bible Verse of Mark 4:28. "*For the Earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear; after that the full corn in the ear.*"

In other words, there is an orderly transition to be followed

in the Lord's blessings, and you will receive God's "full corn in the ear" when your prayer-seed has had the proper time to grow and blossom to receive His answer.

You see, Dear Member this orderly path allows you to grow and mature spiritually as well, so you are in the proper frame of mind to receive your blessing and act upon it. Working with the Lord to find a solution to your prayer concerns is one of the primary ideas in Fellowship . . . the part that talks about "Self-Helpfulness."

So, long story short, simply continue praying and asking God for what you need, and cherish the insights He shares. Never doubt that He will reveal just the right answer for you when the time is right.



MARCH — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

The Verses we have chosen for March are listed below, Dear Member. Each morning please write the Verse for that day on a slip of paper and carry it with you. It can bring you inspiration and guidance, and can help to brighten your outlook in whatever you do!

1. *"God is love"* I John 4:16
2. *"I will multiply thee"*
Hebrews 6:14
3. *"See this great thing, which the Lord will do"*
I Samuel 12:16
4. *"Ask, and it shall be given you"* Luke 11:9
5. *"The Lord shall be a light unto me"* Micah 7:8
6. *"I will help thee"*
Isaiah 41:10
7. *"Pray one for another"*
James 5:16
8. *"The ways of the Lord are right"* Hosea 14:9
9. *"Thou shalt make me full of joy"* Acts 2:28
10. *"The Lord preserveth the faithful"* Psalm 31:23
11. *"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord"*
II Peter 3:18
12. *"He is a rewarder"*
Hebrews 11:6
13. *"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"* Col. 4:2
14. *"Keep His commandments"*
I Kings 8:58
15. *"The Lord stood with me"*
II Timothy 4:17
16. *"Cease not to give thanks"*
Ephesians 1:16
17. *"The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light"*
Isaiah 60:19
18. *"Keep yourselves in the love of God"* Jude 21
19. *"All the Earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord"*
Numbers 14:21
20. *"Make your ways and your doings good"*
Jeremiah 18:11
21. *"The Lord shall increase you more and more"*
Psalm 115:14
22. *"Freely ye have received, freely give"* Matthew 10:8
23. *"Keep sound wisdom"*
Proverbs 3:21
24. *"The Lord will hear when I call unto Him"* Psalm 4:3
25. *"Do always those things that please Him"* John 8:29
26. *"Harden not your heart"*
Psalm 95:8
27. *"Walk worthy of the Lord"*
Col. 1:10
28. *"One Lord, one faith, one baptism"* Ephesians 4:5
29. *"Charity shall cover the multitude of sins"*
I Peter 4:8
30. *"Hatred stirreth up strifes"*
Proverbs 10:12
31. *"Set me as a seal upon thine heart"*
Song of Solomon 8:6

MARCH — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Imagine your Fellow Members all around the World saying these Three Daily Prayers with you and for you throughout March. You will be united with them, Dear Friend, as you speak to God in prayer to ask for His blessings each day.

“Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good!”

Romans 12:9

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Heavenly Lord, as the sun rises my eyes are open to the new day. Be with me and my Fellow Members today, and Guide us with Your wisdom. Please stand with everyone in our Fellowship today. Help us to follow Your teachings and deepen our faith. You are the source of all that is good, and we love You!

— Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

The clock points to the noon hour, Lord, and I am pausing to say my Daily Prayers. For now, I lay my work down and pray for the wonderful blessings of Prosperity and Success in all I do, and for all of my Fellow Members. Please grace us with the ability to provide for ourselves and our families, and protect us as we work the rest of this day. Thank You for Your help, Lord.

— Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

My day is ending, Father, but as I prepare for bedtime I say this little prayer and ask for Your blessings of Health and Healing. If we don't feel well, my Fellowship Friends and I hope You will Heal us. Please watch over us tonight as we sleep, so we may enjoy a deep and satisfying slumber. We hope to wake up with fresh energy by morning, ready to take on another day. With Your help, we will undertake our daily duties. — Amen

Hymn

I've Found A Friend In Jesus!

I've found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Apple-tree of trees, in Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay,
He tells me every care on Him to roll:
He's the Apple-tree of trees, the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He all my griefs has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation He's my strong and mighty tower;
I've all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn
From my heart, and now He keeps me by His power.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempt me
sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal:
He's the Apple-tree of trees, the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He'll never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,
With His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory to see His blessed face,
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll:
He's the Apple-tree of trees, the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

By Charles William Fry, 1881

OUR FELLOWSHIP'S BIBLE READINGS



January February March

Keep your Bible close to you, Dear Member, and inspire yourself by reading the Lord's Word. To guide you in your reading, we would like to suggest the following Bible Passages that Fellowship has chosen for the coming weeks.

| Week | Text |
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| Dec. 31 - Jan. 6 | <i>"He heareth"</i> Read: John 9:17-41 |
| January 7 - 13 | <i>"I sought the Lord and He heard me"</i> Read: Psalm 34 |
| January 14 - 20 | <i>"Thou heardest from Heaven"</i> Read: Nehemiah 9:24-38 |
| January 21 - Jan. 27 . | <i>"Thy years shall not fail"</i> Read: Hebrews 1:1-12 |
| January 28 - Feb. 3..... | <i>"Pray for us"</i> Read: I Thess. 5:16-28 |
| February 4 -10 | <i>"There is no fear in love"</i> Read: I John 4:15-21 |
| February 11 - 17 | <i>"As it is in truth"</i> Read: I Thess. 2:10-16 |
| February 18 - 24 | <i>"Greater love hath no man than this"</i> Read: John 15:10-16 |
| February 25 - March 3 | <i>"A friend loveth at all times"</i> Read: Proverbs 17:14-20 |
| March 4 - 10 | <i>"We trust in the living God"</i> Read: 1 Timothy 4:7-13 |
| March 11 -17..... | <i>"Thou shalt be saved, and thy house."</i> Read: Acts 16:28-34 |
| March 18 - 24..... | <i>"They shall run, and not be weary"</i> Read: Isaiah 40:28-31 |
| March 25 - 31 | <i>"Faith is the substance"</i> Read: Hebrews 11:1-4 |

New Mornings

*New mornings are lovely gifts,
Alike to rich and poor,
Fresh with promise and hope,
Delivered to your door:
Tied with ribbons of the dawn,
To give the heart a lift,
Never two the same — each one
A very precious gift.*

*To be accepted joyfully,
As in the spirit given,
By that Creator of all days,
Delivered fresh from heaven.
New Mornings — new begin-
nings,
Alike for rich and poor,
A never failing gift of love,
Left daily at your door.*

Member H. S.

“Sharing My Faith!”

Fellowship has really helped me believe that with God all things are possible. Reading Faith Magazine and praying together with Fellow Members in our Three Daily Prayers has made me feel blessed to share my faith with others!

V. S., Georgia

“Copies of FAITH”

I enjoy leaving copies of my Faith Magazine on the benches in my favorite shopping mall. I noticed many people spend hours each day sitting on those benches. I hope some of them find and enjoy FAITH as much as I have!

D. W., Pennsylvania

Fellowship’s Legacy Won’t Be Forgotten!

Some Members have inquired about how they might make a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship.

Through the years, many Members have chosen to remember our Fellowship in this special way and we are truly grateful. Some Members have included Fellowship in their wills, while others have named Life-Study Fellowship in their life insurance policies.

If you are interested in making arrangements through your will, we suggest you talk with an attorney who can explain the tax advantages and ways to go about making such a bequest.

Please remember that it is to everybody’s advantage to have a will. This doesn’t apply just to the very wealthy. The truth is everyone who owns any property needs a will to direct who should benefit.

Otherwise, some or all of your property will be split up according to state law, which may leave your property in ways you did not want or intend.

Therefore, whether or not you include a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship, we encourage you to seek the services of an attorney to have a will drawn up if you have not already done so.

A New Year Poem

Ring Out, Wild Bells

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.*

*Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.*

By Alfred Lord Tennyson, 1850

We Are So Grateful For Your Support and Friendship!

Dear Member, you have reached the last page of our first Faith Magazine of the New Year! We hope its pages have been a source of comfort and inspiration as you read them. We are excited to think of what this bright New Year will bring, and hope you are as well. Please let us know what you thought of our FAITH, and what you would like

to see in its content in the future. We want to let you know about a special offer, too. Those who donate \$10 or more to help offset the publication costs of Faith Magazine will receive a booklet called "**Fellowship's Loving Guide To Friendship.**" We hope you are inspired by the Friendship theme of this FAITH, and wish you a year of blessings!

(Please clip here.)

To: **Life-Study Fellowship, Noroton, CT 06820**
www.lifestudyfellowship.org

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Dear Friends: I love being a part of Fellowship, so I am enclosing my "Thank You" Gift of \$_____ (\$10 or \$20 or \$30 or \$50 or whatever you are able to give) to help Fellowship continue its good work.

My contribution is \$10 or more, so please send me a copy of Fellowship's booklet called "**Fellowship's Loving Guide To Friendship.**"

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