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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:105 NIV

In the fall of 2001 I was in Nashville, TN for a LifeWay Children's Ministry Conference at the big LifeWay headquarters in downtown Nashville. One of my favorite things about conventions and conferences is the exhibit hall, and LifeWay had set up an area of "discounted" materials for the attendees to purchase. As I was going through the section of Bibles, I found an "Ultrathin Reference Edition" of the New International Version, published by Broadman and Holman Publishers (the publishing arm of the SBC). It was a dark blue, genuine leather Bible. I was looking to purchase a new, quality, everyday Bible to carry with me, so I bought it for something like \$21. This was a real bargain, as genuine Bibles usually run above \$50.

For the past 19 years, that blue Bible has been my constant companion. It has been to many camps, mission trips, not to mention all the times it has been in a church sanctuary. It is always right there when I need it. The cover is still holding strong, though faded across the binding where the oils from my hand have worn into the leather. Over the last few years, the binding has begun to come loose on the inside, with a few introductory pages slipping out. There are a few coffee stains from an errant slip of a mug, and some pages are a little crinkled from getting wet from the mist at gravesides. The pages are filled with underlines and notes out to the side, including dates of sermons or lessons I've heard or given myself.

I know that this old blue Bible won't last forever, but the words of God will. Isn't it good to know that we can renew ourselves daily in God's Word every single day? In 1 Peter 1:24-25, Peter quotes the prophet Isaiah when he writes: ²⁴ *For, "All people are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever."*

If you don't make Scripture a priority in your life, you're missing out on the greatest treasury of wisdom of how to live in this world. I hope you have your own copy of a worn-out Bible, because as the old Spurgeon quote goes: "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." The Bible truly is a lamp for your feet and a light for your path.

Blessings,

Pastor Terry



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September 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Joy Erlanson Max Brandes

Heartis House

Verna Arp

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please continue to pray for all those on on our church's prayer list.

Baskets of Hope



**Mark your Calendar!
Sept. 22, 2020**



Betty Horton-----	9/3
Donnie Ramsey-----	9/3
Troy Tucker-----	9/3
Nancy Gordon-----	9/5
Rex Tucker-----	9/5
Daniel Alder-----	9/7
Carol England-----	9/7
Craig Huffman-----	9/8
Vickie Squyres-----	9/8
Karen Huffman-----	9/9
Victoria Milam-----	9/10
Jeff Squyres-----	9/11
Trisha Wallace-----	9/13
Scott Tucker-----	9/17
Carrie Sloan-----	9/26
Luke McAdams-----	9/27
Joann Cox-----	9/29

Where there is no vision of eternity, there is no prayer for the perishing.

David Smithers



Spicy White Chili

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Nonstick cooking spray
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups chopped onions (2 large)
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 4.5-ounce can diced green chile peppers, undrained
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
3 (15 ounce) cans no-salt-added cannellini beans (white kidney beans), rinsed and drained
2 (14.5 ounce) cans reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 cup water
5 cups cubed cooked turkey breast or chicken breast
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeño chile peppers (4 ounces)
1/4 cup light sour cream
Snipped fresh cilantro (optional)
Chili powder (optional)

Coat an unheated large skillet with cooking spray. Add oil; heat over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic; cook 5 to 6 minutes or until tender, stirring often. Stir in green chile peppers, the 1 tablespoon chili powder, the oregano and cayenne pepper; cook for 1 minute. Transfer to a 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker.

Mash one can of the beans. Stir all of the beans, the broth and the water into mixture in slow cooker. Stir in turkey. Cover and cook on low-heat setting 4 to 6 hours or on high-heat setting 2 to 3 hours. Add 3/4 cup of the shredded cheese, stirring until melted. To serve, top each serving with about 1 teaspoon of the sour cream and 1 teaspoon of the remaining shredded cheese. If desired, garnish with cilantro and additional chili powder.

No Bake Chocolate Chews

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2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1/2 cup half-and-half
1 tablespoon light-color corn syrup
1 cup bittersweet chocolate baking chips
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
1/2 cup coarsely chopped almonds

Line two extra-large baking sheets with waxed paper; set aside. In a large saucepan, bring sugar, butter, half-and-half, and corn syrup to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar for 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat.

Stir in baking chips, vanilla, and, if desired, almond extract. Stir until the chocolate melts and the mixture is smooth. Stir in oats, coconut, and almonds.

Drop the mixture by rounded teaspoons onto the prepared baking sheets. Let stand at room temperature for about 1 hour or until set.

Enjoy immediately, refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 1 week, or freeze for up to 3 months.



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