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2006

New Sterling Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Come, Let Us Worship

Religion is that which binds a person. Every person is bound somewhere, somehow, to a throne, to a government, to an authority, to something that is supreme, to something to which he offer sacrifice and burns incense, and bends the knee.

G. Campbell Morgan

The Westminster Pulpit

We are a religious people. After the fall of Adam and Eve, God cursed them and our creation in several ways. The most severe of those curses was his decision to ban them from the Garden and more importantly ban them from their daily, constant presence with him. Adam and Eve lost the presence in their hearts that the Lord God occupied and man has been searching, seeking, starving for a replacement ever since. The removal of God's presence is the act that makes human beings, all humans, religious.

As is noted in Morgan's statement people have and will search and search for that one thing that will fill the void created by God's decision to remove himself. We know as Christians that only one thing will satisfy the hunger, the thirst, and the drive and that is God himself. The only thing that will fill the void is that which created it. We have the remedy available to us through God's mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, his Son and our Lord.

Morgan also commented that 'every person is bound' meaning that every person is overwhelmingly occupied with the pursuit of that thing and then paying homage to that thing which is determined, properly or improperly, to fill the void within us. This is called worship. We will worship that which brings us peace and fulfillment, or perceived peace and fulfillment.

For some this object of peace and fulfillment that seems to fill the void may be money – if I only had a little more. It may be our jobs – the company needs me, if not for me where would this company be. It may be family – if only peace would come within my family or I am from so-and-so family and that gives me significance. It may be this earth, the environment, and the idea of mother earth – if only we could live in peaceful existence with the planet earth then calm would settle over everyone. I could go on and on because there

are so many other 'gods' that we make and try to use to fill the void within us.

As for us, those who identify themselves as Christians, let us be certain that we have acknowledged that God the Father through the work of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit is the God that we are 'bound to, that we offer sacrifice, burn incense (pray) and bend the knee.' God alone can fill the void. God alone can quench the thirst. It is God alone in the name of Jesus Christ that can provide the remedy to a person's plight and their pursuit. Therefore, it is God and God alone that is to be the object of our worship.



But what is worship? The Westminster Larger Catechism's first question provides a point to begin. The question is: what is chief end of man? And the answer: to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Here simply a person is to acknowledge God for who he is and give to him the glory that he so richly deserves. It also says that we are to enjoy him forever. We are to find peace, satisfaction, contentment in him that leads to overwhelming joy. Doing these things is in fact worship.

Evelyn Underhill in her book entitled *Worship* (London: Nisbet, 1936, p 61) defined worship as 'the total adoring response of man to the one Eternal God, self-revealed in time.' Adoring – a beautiful response that can be offered only by one who recognizes God as he truly wishes to be recognized.

There are many facets of worship and because it is so vast with many sides, attitudes, methods, and outcomes and so very important, I would like to lead us through a discussion of worship within these pages over the next several months. Please pray that we, the children of God, always acknowledge him and give to him, through our worship, the response he requires.

In His Service,

Pastor Tim

Marriage Conference



Make your marriage an intimate marriage! Make plans now to attend New Sterling's Marriage Conference. Explore God's intent for marriage with The Goal of Marriage, a Bible study by Dan B. Allender & Tremper Longman III and facilitated by Pastor Tim.



The conference will be November 10-11, 2006 at Best Western in Banner Elk, North Carolina. The times will be Friday evening from 7:30-10:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am—6:00 pm.



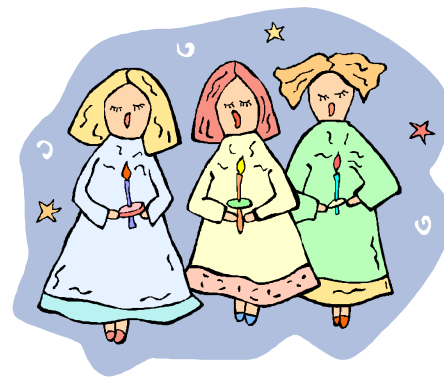
Lunch will be provided. The cost will be \$120 per couple and includes study materials, Friday night's lodging and lunch on Saturday. Please make checks payable to New Sterling ARP Church and give to Cindy McNeely or Lori Compton. For couples wishing to extend their stay Saturday evening, rooms are reserved and available for \$69.99 plus tax. These expenses will be taken care of at the hotel.

Please register by September 24.

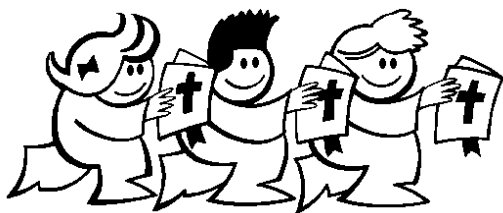
The Golden Christian Circle visited Autumn Care on Monday, August 7. It was very special seeing Mary Lippard, Pauline Pope, Mary Deal and Leroy Johnson.

We enjoyed singing led by Dr. Earl Linderman and Harriet Linderman. The rest of the voices were Olean Deal, Birchie Pope, Edith Milholland, Pauline Charles, Avis Pope, Betty Godfrey, Swannie Snyder and Peggy Gray.

It was a very special day to visit and sing.



YOUTH AGES 6TH GRADE TO YOUNG ADULT

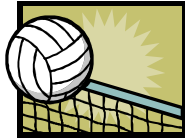


COME AND JOIN THE CONTEMPORARY YOUTH CHOIR LED BY LINDA HARPER AND SCOTT GRAHAM. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 6:00 PM. IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR, THERE WILL STILL BE A REGULAR CLASS FOR YOU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone is interested in playing in a church volleyball league, please contact Andy Gray at 704-873-1908 by September 17.

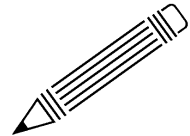
Male or Female—High School age and up



Sunday Family Nights begin on September 10

Address for Bobby Buchanan:

Robert Lewis Buchanan
PO Box 310
Polkton, NC 28135



September 3, 2006

We have lots of dishes left in the kitchen from Bible School. If you are missing any at home, please check in the church kitchen.

Please pick them up as soon as possible. Sunday night suppers are starting soon and we need all the space available.



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MEN'S MISSION TRIP

If you are interested in going to Biluxi, Mississippi on the mission trip, please contact David Brady at 704-872-5370 or David Sides at 704-585-2503.

The dates are October 29-November 4.

Sunday Night Meal Schedule



September 10	Friendship Class
September 17	Chapel Bible Class
September 24	Deacons
October 1	
October 8	Knit Witts
October 15	
October 22	
November 5	Young Adults
November 12	Elders

Sign Up

If your group would like to help with a meal on one of the open dates, please contact Andy Gray at 704-873-1908



New Sterling ARP Church
Established 1787

**New Sterling recently
celebrated
it's 219 birthday.**



New Sterling ARP Church - 2006

STERLING SILVERS

Summer wanes, the vacation season eclipses so another seasons arrives to gather the flock who have enjoyed the travel fields of fun and frolic. trips of Beaches, cruises, hikes, and culinary delight we wish to hear about. Credit cards and physical prowess are depleted Come and replenish your psychic at our gathering on 11 September, Monday at 1030AM in the Fellowship Hall. For those whose memories need reassurance names follow for a reminder.

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| <i>Beatty, Dorothy</i> | <i>Moore, Sue</i> | <i>Brady, Virginia</i> | <i>McNeeley, Doris</i> |
| <i>Brady, Mabel</i> | <i>Milholland, Edith</i> | <i>Brookshire, Florence</i> | <i>Milholland, Clark</i> |
| <i>Cashion, Helen</i> | <i>Pope, Avis</i> | <i>Charles, Pauline</i> | <i>Pope, Birchie</i> |
| <i>Dagenhart, James</i> | <i>Pope, Meldirene</i> | <i>Dagenhart, Eleanor</i> | <i>Massey, Juanita</i> |
| <i>Deal, Olean</i> | <i>Poovey, Cora</i> | <i>Deal, Mary</i> | <i>Poovey, Roy</i> |
| <i>Elliott, Carol</i> | <i>Reese, Lucille</i> | <i>Godfrey, Betty</i> | <i>Reese, Pressley</i> |
| <i>Gray, Vivian</i> | <i>Snyder, Swanee</i> | <i>Gray, Leon</i> | <i>Snyder, Jim</i> |
| <i>Jenkins, Lynn</i> | <i>Waugh, Wayne</i> | <i>Jenkins, Muriel</i> | <i>Linderman, Earl</i> |
| <i>Johnson, Elena</i> | <i>Linderman, Harriet</i> | | |

(Be Glad To Add Your Name)

Come and frolic with us, Lunch Menu is in discussion, rest assured that it will be provided. This session will be discussing the new season events. October will be a trip to the mountains in the new bus (Thank You Katie Collins) with a stop at one of our favorite eateries. Come for warm embraces, delightful conversations, nourishment, spiritual up lifting and downright fun!

The rejuvenated SARGE: Chairman Pro Temp

Psalm Singing Service

COME ENJOY AN EVENING
OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND
SINGING OF TRADITIONAL PSALMS



Led by Dr. Earl &
Harriet Linderman

Sunday
September 24
7:00 p.m.

**NEW STERLING**
FULL SPECTRUM OF LIFE - COMPLETE COUNSEL OF GOD

Sponsored by
New Sterling
Worship Committee

Refreshments following in Fellowship Hall.
Nursery Provided



Art & Dixie Waugh

Art And Dixie Waugh met by becoming neighbors. Art's family moved and became neighbors to Dixie's grandparents. Both of their families were friends. Dixie's brother and Art were good friends. When Art returned from the Air Force her brother played match maker and they were married not long after. On Sunday March 23, 1958 at Science Hill United Church of Christ , in Alliance, Ohio, Art and Dixie Waugh were married. They moved to the New Sterling Community in March 1973 and joined a year or so later.

Art and Dixie have six children: Greg (Linda) Waugh, Jeff (Teresa) Waugh, Cheri (Greg) Caldwell, Lori (Steve) Hobs, Kathy (David) Leonard, and Lisa (Andy) Duke. They have eleven grandchildren: Josh Waugh, Jenny Waugh, Travis, Stephanie and Zach Sartain, Glenn and Brian Caldwell, Brad and Kayla Hobbs, Samantha and Christian Leonard. Their children live in Statesville primarily except Kathy and David who live in Richardson, NC and Lisa and Andy who live in Marietta, GA.

Art has three "special" gold fish in their small outside fish pond. They are fun to watch.



Art retired in February 2000, after fifteen years as a mechanical inspector for Iredell County. Dixie retired in March 2000 from ISS Prime Time for Kids. In November 1973 Rev. Bill Harris and "Mrs. Reta" invited Dixie to work In the Kindergarten and Day Care program at New Sterling, which she really enjoyed. Dixie had worked with small children in the Presbyterian church and at Science Hill. She began teaching the Junior Class with Mrs. Virginia Brady and also Mrs. Mary Pressley August 13, 1974. Dixie had a good experience being a "Junior". The year she began she remembered those in her first class: Jeff McNeely, Michelle Jenkins Hairyes, Lori Thorne, Any Wilson, David and Mike Pope, Lori Waugh and 4 or 5 others. Olean and Dixie have taught together since the 1980s. "Olean you're the greatest!"

For about ten years, Art and Dixie have Square Danced with the Emerald Square of Hiddnite, NC. They "retired" so they could travel which they enjoy greatly. They spent a month this year traveling west again. They saw the pacific Coast. In 2004, they visited the Panama Canal and traveled by train across the Isthmus of the Panama. They saw a ship as it passed through one the locks. They have been trying to visit each state and have three that have not been visited yet.

Art is a long time Cleveland Indians baseball fan. He loves to attend the ball games in Hickory when the Indians minor league team comes in. The Indians team Spring trains in Florida (Winter Haven) and he visits there when we are down in Florida. They both love to travel, garden, and spend time with their children and grandchildren.

God *Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead.*
So why should you?

Olean Deal

Coite and Olean Deal were married in August 1961. Olean moved her membership to New Sterling in November of that year. They have six children, three boys and three girls. They have ten grandchildren. She has a grandson in the Marines at King, Bay George. All of Olean's children live in NC except Terri who lives in Manassa, VA.

Olean was a house wife and did substitutions for the schools for several years. She has been involved in nursery, teaching the junior Sunday School class and the Sunday Night Program for several years. For two terms she was the President of the Women of the Church. She also helps sell flavoring for the church. She was part of the South Iredell Athletic Association for years and also worked with the Booster club for West Iredell.

Olean loves to spoil her grandchildren, read, quilt and visit the nursing homes. She has traveled to Bronson, MA, the Amish Country, San Francisco to Los Angeles, CA, Washington DC, Nashville and Manassa, VA.



Olean recently retired from co-teaching the Junior Sunday School Class with Dixie Waugh after 30 years.

Missions at Home

“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me.” These haunting words of our Master recorded in Matthew 25:40 remind us of our responsibility to the poor in our midst.

With these words heavy on our heart, the Missions Committee has agreed to undertake building a Habitat for Humanity house. The Session voted to establish a Habitat for Humanity Fund. When voluntary contributions reach \$40,000, we will begin construction of a house in the Statesville area (exact site to be determined) to enable a family who has never experienced the joy of owning a home to become a proud homeowner.

We invite everyone to share in the joy and excitement of this bold step. If you desire additional information, please contact David Sides or any member of the Missions Committee.





First Presybterial Meeting

On Saturday, August 19, following prayer, eight New Sterling women headed to Pisgah ARP Church for the annual meeting of First Presbyterial. With controlled temperatures and recorded music the ladies took their maiden voyage on the new church bus. Of course that was the perfect backdrop for a time of visiting and fellowship and fun!

The ladies of Pisgah had prepared an assortment of fruit, muffins, nut breads, juice and coffee to welcome us, to our delight and the meeting began promptly at 10 am. Morning greetings and speakers included Pastor Rick Lewis, Ruth Bernet, Tom Patterson, Ruth Bonilla, Peggy Gray and Rev. Joseph Alghrary. Special music was provided by the Bethel Korean Choir.

Seminars were held on Officer Training, the Face of Islam Today, Life Management for Busy Women, Reaching Youth Today and Family Worship.

A delicious salad lunch with homemade cake was provided for the 142 ladies attending. Following lunch, the business sessions convened including the ARP WM Board Recommendations. Following the installation of officers and the passing of the gavel to Cathy Hunt, president for 2006-2007, the meeting was adjourned at exactly 2:00 pm.

Attending the meeting were incoming New Sterling ARP WM president Sheila Snyder, Kitz Emery, Betty Godfrey, Peggy Gray, Harriet Linderman, Juanita Massey, Betty Sides and Pat Sherrill. Many thanks were expressed to Scott Snyder who drove the bus.

Peggy Gray, President



At commencement ceremonies recently at Erskine College, Due West, SC, Dorothy Eugene Dagenhart was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Dot Dagenhart, an Iredell County native, was appointed a career missionary by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1947 and traveled to Montgomery, Pakistan, with the Rev. and Mrs. B.L. Hamilton. She served the Nancy Fulwood Hospital in Sahiwal, Pakistan for 41 years, first in the obstetrics department and later assuming responsibility for all general anesthesia administered in the hospital. Miss Dagenhart also served as a midwife and upon her retirement was presented a certificate from the Pakistani government estimating that she delivered 5,000 babies during her years as a nurse there. She returned to Iredell County in 1989 and promotes foreign missions throughout the ARP denomination. She returned to Pakistan in 1990 to receive an Award of Service from Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

Article taken from the Statesville Record And Landmark

“Hey! Did you hear about those people at New Sterling?”

Thanks for all the great news! Keep it coming! Remember school is starting soon, vacations, sports, outings, or any other “info” you would like to share please feel free. You may give your here and there to Scotti McCulloch.

HERE and THERE!!!!!!

Taylor Pope recently had his tonsils and adnoids out and tubes put in his ears....**Michelle, Richard, Cody** and **Mara Hairyes** and **Garrett Deal** vacationed for a few days at White Lake....**Clifton Mauney** went on a beach excursion with 5 of his buddies....What do grown men do on boys night out??? Ask **Scott Graham** and **Brian Setzer**.....Beware!!!!**Kattie Compton** has her drivers license....**Brent Mauney** had a battle with hedge clippers. The clippers won to the tune of 12 stitches over his knee.....**Melissa Kuebles** recently underwent a kidney and a pancreas transplant....**Erica Harper** had her wisdom teeth surgically removed....**Stephanie Watts** and helpers completed a total make over of our nursery. This was undertaken for her Gold Award for Girl Scouts. This is her last project for the Scouts....**Norma Jenkins** recently fell and badly injured her

wrist.....**Pauline Charles** had gallbladder surgery.....How many Pastors are so excited about their children’s sermon that they throw flowers and water all over the children????? Our **Pastor Tim** does.....**Abbie Pope** celebrated her 1st birthday with family and friends at the river. Everyone enjoyed swimming, BBQ and homemade ice-cream....**Taylor and Wendy Pope** and **Dylan Campbell** had a great time at Emerald Point Waterpark.

This was their last big swim before Taylor’s surgery.....**Brian, Wendy, Taylor, Abbie Pope** and **Dylan Campbell** enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Forge....**Dalton Winters** gearing up for football by shaving a “W” on his chest—Surprising everyone at the **Brady Youth** cook-out.....Kids of all ages were doing stupid things off the diving board at the cook-out. They had a huge turnout....**Pastor Tim** was heard fussing about the **Knit Witts** working overtime doing their jobs during the youth cook-out....**Daniel Pugh** being desperate for a parking pass at West High School went at 4:00 am with his sleeping bag to be the first in line.....

“NO! What did they do?”

Congratulations to **Dylan Deal** for making the Junior Varsity girls Volleyball team at West Iredell High School....**Steve and Judy Stewart** recently had a weekend get-away.....**Michael, Linda, Dylan** and **Tyler Pope** vacationed in Pigeon Forge.....**Chad and Brandy Lackey** were seen at the Outback Steak House celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary...**David Brady** spent overnight at the hospital and had some very unpleasant tests.....



You are invited to a Baby shower for Cindy (Harper) Bowman Sunday, September 10 From 2:00-4:00 pm In the Friendship Sunday School Class room

Teachers Appreciation Lunch



“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching. Do not neglect your gift.”

1 Timothy 4:13-14



Dixie Waugh and Olean Deal are retiring after 30 years of teaching the Junior's Sunday School Class.



Emma Caroline Moore was baptized July 23, 2006.



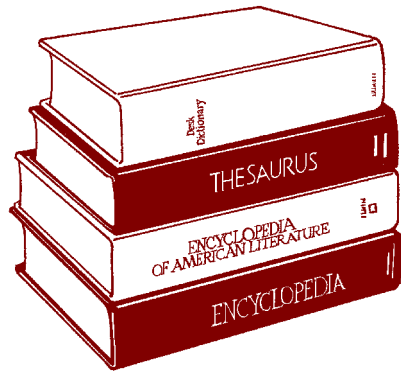
For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:27



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BACK TO COLLEGE

**Remember our College
Students with a note or a
card.**

**If you have not turned in
your new college address,
please do so soon.**

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Dear New Sterling Church,

Thank you so much for the wonderful support of my Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Even before my project came to the church, and it was still at the YMCA, I felt the support through donations and cards. Then when things fell apart at the YMCA and my project was in jeopardy, the congregation came to the rescue. The Session and the Property and Maintenance Committee approves the Project quickly. New Sterling helped my project happen and still is helping as it gets finished up. The love and support I have gotten from the people of New Sterling will always be remembered far past the completion of my Gold Award Project. Thanks again.

Love,

Stephanie Watts and Family



Finally finished!!

Homebound and Assisted Living

Norma and Johnsie Jenkins
1753 Midway Road
Stony Point, NC 28678
704-585-6960

Pauline Pope
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2001 Vanhaven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625

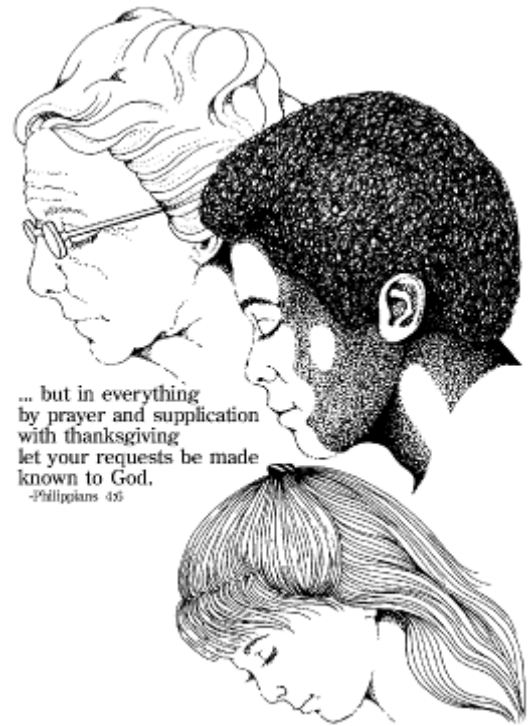
Leroy Johnson
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If we have missed anyone or you would like to have your name listed here, please contact Delinda Mauney at 704-880-0527 or Taryn Setzer at 459-2637



Comedy Corner

Vacation in Hawaii

Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation. They were determined to make this a real vacation escape by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed, they headed for a store and bought some outrageous shorts, shirts and sandals.

The next morning they went to the beach dressed in their tourist garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine and the scenery when a drop-dead gorgeous blonde, wearing a string bikini, came walking straight towards them.

They couldn't help but stare. As the blonde passed them she smiled and said, "Good Morning, Father. Good Morning, Father," nodding and addressing each of them individually.

They were both stunned. How in the world did she know they were priests?

One of the priests said, "Just a minute, young lady."

"Yes, Father?" she said.

"We are priests and proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world did you know we were priests, Dressed as we are?"

"Father, it's me, Sister Margaret."



September Birthdays

1 Karen Goodman
 1 Rose Reynolds
 1 Meldirene Pope
 3 Stephanie Watts
 4 Lucille Billings
 8 Gladys Bossman
 8 Gaye Pope
 10 Thomas Hartness
 10 Mike Warren
 12 Scott Graham
 12 Patti Gryder
 12 John McClure
 13 Dylan Pope
 14 Reid Gray
 14 Judy Stewart
 15 Bob Brawley



16 Megan Pharr
 16 Jeff West
 20 Melissa Stanley
 21 Mabel Brady
 21 George Chambers
 22 Danny Pope
 24 Laura Jordan
 24 Kelly Pugh
 26 Natalie Yount
 27 Frank Emery, III
 27 Kortney Hauck
 27 Melissa Henderson
 27 Shasta Snyder
 28 Mary Deal
 30 Kitzi Emery



Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around on our belt, in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

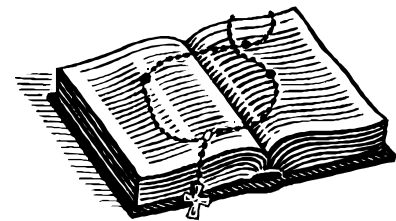
What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!



The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.