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We Simply Have to Trust Him

Because Vernon Lucy died, Susan Andrews would live. He didn't intentionally give his life in a heroic effort to save Mrs. Andrews, who was a longtime friend of the Lucy family. But by all accounts, Vernon Lucy was the kind of man who would have done just that without a moment's hesitation.

Vernon, a Community Bible Study Area Director, died Nov. 19, 2009, of a brain aneurysm. He was only 67, the same age as Susan, the woman whose life was saved when, the following day, his healthy liver was transplanted in place of her cirrhosis-ravaged liver. Susan, who also attended CBS, had never consumed any alcohol, so she and her family were shocked when doctors gave her the devastating diagnosis in May 2008.

Larry and Susan Andrews met Vernon and Dale Lucy in the early 1970s, at a Baptist church, in Virginia, where both families were active members. At the top of the list of things the two young couples had in common were children of similar ages, so the families quickly grew close.

It was no surprise to anyone, then, that nearly 40 years later, while Susan was struggling through the effects of the disease, Vernon, a compassionate and gregarious man, regularly inquired about the state of Susan's health. By the summer of 2009 it wasn't good: She couldn't sleep at night, couldn't stand for more than a few minutes and couldn't speak more than a sentence or two without gasping for breath.

When the two couples visited in September 2009, shortly after Susan was placed on the national transplant list, the Lucys told Susan, "Don't worry. We're still praying for you."

About two months later, Nov. 18, as Vernon was exercising on a treadmill, he collapsed and was taken to the hospital. On the afternoon of Nov. 19, Chris Lucy, Vernon's son, called the Andrews to tell them that doctors didn't expect Vernon to survive the aneurysm. The Lucys were suggesting a directed donation of Vernon's healthy liver—if Vernon's liver was compatible. It was!

Within hours of that call, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center called to tell Susan to come in for the transplant, which was performed the following day.



Vernon and Dale Lucy

According to an article in the local newspaper, "Vernon Lucy was a country boy who loved God, family and Virginia Tech. He was the sort of man who would look for people on the fringes of the room and make them feel welcome, who would loudly whistle hymns everywhere he went, who traveled the world on business but when asked what he did for a living would describe his company's work without mentioning he was the president."

Dale Lucy said of Vernon, her husband of 43 years, "Jesus says blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Meek does not mean a little, timid person. It actually means controlled strength. I think our kids would agree that he had controlled strength."

A week before Vernon Lucy died he told Dale, "Sometimes we don't understand God's purpose, but we simply have to trust Him." Vernon always did. No doubt the meek man would have acknowledged his trust in God's wisdom at allowing his death to give renewed life to a dear family friend.

*Adapted from an article printed in the
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Thomas and the Two Hearts

My name is Melissa Franklin. I have two children, Thomas and Hudson, who are five and two years old. It was actually Thomas who brought me to CBS. I was at home with him, needed a break, and I needed to be in God's Word.

I came to CBS because they had what I thought was "childcare" during the ladies' Bible study. Little did I know that it is a whole ministry for the little ones, and a place was available for Thomas in January when he was a one year old. He was *not* happy about coming. He would cry nonstop. Donna Christie, the Director of the Children's Ministry at that time, told me to keep coming despite his objections. So I continued to attend.

We signed up to return the next year and Thomas cried and cried again. As I would hand him over to Ms. Ginny, his teacher, he would just melt into her arms and she would rub his back and say, "Thomas, I am so glad you are here today." And I would think, "Really?" I looked at all the children playing happily in the background, and she was happy that *my* child was there—*really*? But she meant it.

At the end of that year, Ginny told me, "He wasn't one of my talkers in the class, but I could tell he was getting something out of it." Even at his young age, Thomas has stored up so many Bible stories and I know that a foundation was built before he could articulate what he was learning.

All our Children's Ministry teachers are so special; you can feel the love they have for the children. And our children have learned so much!

About a year ago, I realized another benefit of bringing my children to CBS. We were watching a Christian children's program at home when one of the characters said, "Some people don't know that God loves them." Thomas immediately says, "Mom, I have an idea," and he tells me that he needs white paper, scissors, and crayons. He wants to make two hearts, so I fold the paper and draw half-hearts. He cuts them out and then scribbles all over one of them. Holding up the scribbled, messy heart, he says, "The people who don't know God loves them—we can tell them that this is what their heart is like."

"But," he says, showing me the other heart, "Jesus can make your heart like this one—white and clean."

It amazed me that my four-year-old could express that! I assume he learned that at CBS. You see, our Children's Ministry teachers have not only taught our children Bible stories and helped them hide God's Word in their hearts, but, by their example, they have given them a desire to tell others about Jesus. And we are so grateful.

*Melissa Franklin
Birmingham South Day Class, AL*

Stars shine and birds fly
Yet these lost fools still deny.
Life and love we all were given
Yet hatred and war we all live in.
Children taunt and men destroy,
Rulers pervert our dreams
And make the world their toy.

Life given and death deserved,
we are so unworthy and refuse to learn.
Our God is gracious and we are all saved
Except for those who's burdens refuse to lay.
The Beast's schemes are clever and cruel.
We all seek for answers from sages and fools.

When you're in bed and lying in pain,
Just bow your head and begin to pray.
You have suffered for many a day,
And the memories of happiness are starting to fade.
He does not want to criticize you or tell
You about the wrongs you do,
He wants to wrap you in His warmth
And gently say I love you.

*Sam Reddell, 6th grade
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Languages: 48

“You Will Be Blessed For Your Obedience”

Those were the words I heard from Sarah Mars, TD of the St. Louis West County group, after I reluctantly agreed to serve in the Children’s Department. She had asked me the previous year, and I had replied “no!” I did not like to march, make crafts or sing.

She phoned me two days after God miraculously spared me from overturning a tractor that I was driving. I was pulling a hay wagon, filled with children, and heading down a hill too fast, sliding as I applied the brake. (It needed to be in a lower gear, but I’m a city girl and had just learned to drive a tractor.) Just as I believed we were about to tip over, we stopped! That evening my husband asked me why I thought the tractor stopped. I said it was the hand of God. I knew no other reason.

I had attended CBS for two years by this time. I purchased my first Bible at the age of 41 when I joined CBS—never having read the Bible. God protected those children I nearly injured, and I reasoned to Sarah that I probably should say “yes” to the Children’s Department request this year. In the back of my mind, I thought I could stand the marching, crafts and singing for one year, and then I would be justified in stepping out. To my amazement, God needed seven years to teach me, as His child, the basics of knowing Him.

To teach, one has to learn the lessons first. *“From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise”* (Psalm 8:2). I wasn’t singing—I was praising Him with the children and infants. I sat in the Leaders Council with mature Christian women and listened and learned.



Standing is Stacy Dunn Winters (left) and her mother, Vicki Dunn. Sitting is Ruth Werkmeister holding great-granddaughter, Samantha Winters.

“She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue” (Proverbs 31: 26).

When Teen CBS began in St. Louis in 1999, I served in that ministry because I needed to gain more knowledge.

“As for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:14-15).

On June 12, 2009, I became a grandmother! I had been urging my daughter to join Bible study or attend church with me for years. I asked my daughter this year if she would like to come to CBS and study Genesis. “There is a group for nursing mothers,” I coaxed her. To my surprise, she said “yes!”

Then I asked my mother if she might like to come to CBS and study Genesis and see her daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter every week! And again, to my surprise, she said “yes!” Four generations are praising God together, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

Sarah was so correct, I have been abundantly blessed!

Vicki Dunn
St. Louis West County Day Class, MO

A Lifetime of Memories and Lessons from CBS

It was early September and I found myself in a familiar place—the first day of CBS. As we had each year, we were going around the circle of our new Core Group telling each other a little bit about ourselves, how we came to CBS, and how many years we have attended. I always smile as I answer this question. “This is my 17th year at CBS, but I can’t remember a time when CBS was not part of my life.”

My first memory was in the late 1970s. I was about 11 years old and I asked my mom why her yellow name tag had the television news station’s name on it. She smiled and said that CBS stood for Community Bible Study, a new class she was attending. Shortly thereafter, my dad joined a men’s CBS and from that point on CBS has been a constant in my life.

I was blessed with parents who were actively growing in their faith. I watched as they opened their blue notebooks each morning and studied. I listened to them discuss lesson questions. I heard my mom make her weekly phone calls and listened to her encourage her ladies and pray for them over the phone. I saw my dad finish his lessons and pray on his knees. I saw them prepare lectures and prepare meals. I helped them put together notebooks in the late summer for their new Core Groups.

I also saw the CBS community minister to my family. When I was 17, my mom was in a serious car accident and it was not only our church family, but the CBS ladies who brought us

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Midland Park CBS Class Celebrates 20th Anniversary

“I feel like I’m in heaven!” Those were the words of one of our long-time Children’s Teachers as, one by one, former leaders and members of the Midland Park, NJ, class arrived from far and near on an April morning in 2009.



The seed of a Midland Park, NJ class was planted more than 20 years ago as a small group of women prayed to start a new Bible study. Today the class is a vibrant and growing group of some 250 women and 70 children and homeschoolers. Only 16 miles from New York City, the class is unusually blessed with great diversity, with women from as far away as Egypt, Armenia, South America and Asia. The Lord has greatly blessed the faithfulness of those original praying women, as a CBS teen class, a day class, and one evening class have been birthed out of Midland Park.

The gathering that morning was full of joy as the members of Midland Park’s first Servants Team arrived: TD Sallie Mount from Arizona; Coordinator Pat Terrill from Connecticut; Senior Leader Chris Snyder from Boston with her husband John (a former leader in the Bergen NJ night class); and Children’s Director Ruth Culp from Pennsylvania. Also there were Senior Leaders Carol Pignatelli and Erin Rypkema, and ATD Jane Marshall.

As other former members arrived, Friendship Hall overflowed with laughter, hugs and reminiscences. Cameras were flashing. Our former Children’s Directors, Ruth Culp

and Teri Daino, set up a wonderful display of “Little Lambs” memorabilia from the children’s classes and brought out the “EWenice and LAMBert” puppets for a show that the children loved!

The room was lined with photos, letters, and emails of greeting from those who lived too far away to attend. One letter was from Wilma Aalbersberg, a former Children’s Teacher and now a member of the National Servants Team in the Netherlands.

My dear sisters in Christ, with much fondness I remember my years in Midland Park. Thank you for the love you showed. Thank you for all the things I was able to learn in CBS in that time of my life, living in the USA. ... The years in Midland Park were ... useful in preparing for things to come. Thanks be to God for enabling this!

A touching letters came from Jeanne Brody, now Coordinator of the evening class in Virginia Beach.

Dear CBS Ladies!

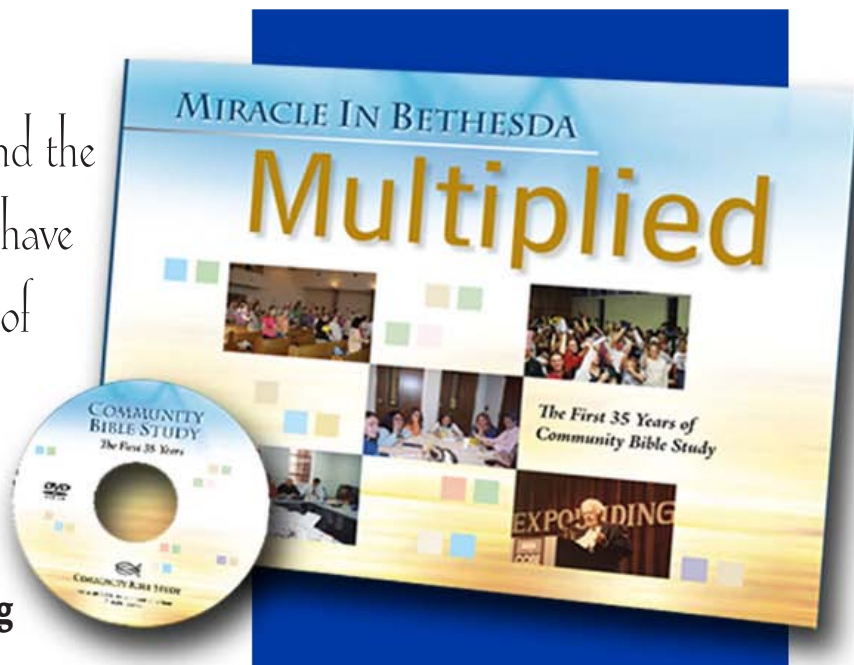
It is so hard to believe that so many years have passed since Sallie, Chris, Jane and Lottie started praying in my dining room. I am sorry not to be there with you as you celebrate. What a wonderful ministry CBS is. There have been many times in my life when CBSers have supported me in ways they may not have known about. While there have been many changes in all our lives, one thing keeps us bound together—our love of the Lord and a commitment to spread His love to others. Thank you to all of you for keeping the vision going in North Jersey.

We thank the Lord for bringing us so much joy that morning and for His faithfulness over 20 years!

Read how God birthed CBS and the testimonies of people whose lives have been changed through the study of God’s Word.

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Community Bible Study Class List

647 Classes (378 Day classes, 153 Evening classes, 13 eTeen classes, 54 Teen classes, 2 Young Adult classes, 6 ASK & 41 InPrison classes)

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BIRMINGHAM (W) EVE
BIRMINGHAM MEN
BIRMINGHAM NE
BIRMINGHAM NE MEN
BIRMINGHAM SHELBY
BIRMINGHAM SOUTH
BIRMINGHAM SOUTHEAST MEN
COLUMBIANA
DECATUR
DOTHAN
DOTHAN EVE
ENTERPRISE
FAIRHOPE
FLORENCE
HUNTSVILLE
OPELIKA
OPELIKA EVE
TUSCALOOSA

ARIZONA

ANTHEM
CAREFREE
NORTH SCOTTSDALE EVE
PHOENIX CENTRAL
PHOENIX EVE
PHOENIX NORTHWEST
PRESCOTT
SCOTTSDALE
SCOTTSDALE EVE
SUN CITY
SUN CITY WEST

ARKANSAS

CABOT
CRITTENDEN COUNTY
LITTLE ROCK
LITTLE ROCK EVE
NORTH LITTLE ROCK
SALINE COUNTY
VAN BUREN/FT. SMITH

CALIFORNIA

ANTIOCH/BRENTWOOD
BAKERSFIELD
BAKERSFIELD EVE
BANNING/BEAUMONT
BELLFLOWER
CALAVERAS COUNTY
CAMARILLO
CARLSBAD
CONCORD
CONCORD EVE
CONEJO VALLEY EVE
CORONADO
ELK GROVE
FULLERTON
FULLERTON MEN
GLENDALE
HANFORD
HEMET
HUNTINGTON BEACH
HUNTINGTON BEACH EVE
IRVINE
LA JOLLA
LA QUINTA
LAGUNA HILLS
LAKE ARROWHEAD MEN
LAKE ELSINORE
LOS ALAMITOS
MALIBU
MISSION VIEJO MEN
MOORPARK/SIMI VALLEY
NEWPORT BEACH
OAKLAND
ORANGE

ORANGE COAST (W) EVE
ORANGE COUNTY (W) EVE
ORANGE COUNTY MEN
PALM DESERT
PALM DESERT EVE
PALOS VERDES
PLEASANTON
POINT LOMA
RANCHO BERNARDO
RANCHO BERNARDO MEN
RANCHO BERNARDO (W) EVE
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
RANCHO SANTA MARG (W) EVE
ROSEVILLE
ROSEVILLE EVE
SACRAMENTO EVE
SAN BERNARDINO MTS
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
SAN JOSE
SAN JOSE EVE
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
SAN MATEO
SANTA CRUZ MEN
SANTA MARIA
SANTA MARIA EVE
SANTA MONICA
SHAFTER
SOLANA BEACH
TEMECULA
TUOLUMNE COUNTY
TURLOCK
WESTCHESTER
WESTCHESTER EVE
WESTLAKE
WESTMINSTER/FOUNTAIN VALLEY
YORBA LINDA
YUCAIPA

COLORADO

AURORA
BOULDER
CASTLE ROCK
COLORADO SPRINGS
COLORADO SPRINGS EVE
CONIFER/EVERGREEN
DENVER
DENVER NORTHWEST
DENVER SOUTHWEST EVE
DENVER (W) EVE
DENVER WEST EVE
ESTES PARK
ESTES VALLEY EVE
EVERGREEN/GOLDEN
FORT COLLINS
FORT COLLINS EVE
GRAND JUNCTION
GREELEY EVE
HIGHLANDS RANCH
LAKEWOOD
LITTLETON EAST
LITTLETON EVE
LITTLETON WEST
LONGMONT
MONTROSE
PARKER
PUEBLO
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
THORNTON

CONNECTICUT

FAIRFIELD EVE
GREENWICH
GREENWICH EVE
HARTFORD WEST
NEW CANAAN/DARIEN
ORANGE/MILFORD

RIDGEFIELD EVE
RIDGEFIELD/WILTON
WESTPORT
DELAWARE
DOVER
NEWARK
SUSSEX COUNTY

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON EVE

FLORIDA

AMELIA ISLAND
AMELIA ISLAND (W) EVE
AMELIA ISLAND MEN
CLAY COUNTY
CLEARWATER
CLEARWATER MEN
DESTIN
WINTER HAVEN
FORT MYERS
FORT MYERS EVE
JACKSONVILLE SOUTH
MOUNT DORA
NAPLES
NATURE COAST
OCALA MEN
ORLANDO
PALM BEACHES
PEACE RIVER
PONTE VEDRA BEACH
SARASOTA
SARASOTA EVE
TAMPA NORTH
TAMPA SOUTH
TAMPA WEST
THE VILLAGES
VERO BEACH

GEORGIA

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ATHENS EVE
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GURNEE
LAKE FOREST
MOUNT PROSPECT EVE

NAPERVILLE
PARK RIDGE
PEORIA
PEORIA EAST
PEORIA EVE
ROCKFORD
ROCKFORD MEN
ST LOUIS METRO EAST

INDIANA

BLOOMINGTON EVE
CORYDON
INDIANAPOLIS NW
MICHIANA (W) EVE
NEW ALBANY
NEW ALBANY/GEORGETOWN EVE
WARSAW/WINONA LAKE

IOWA

BETTENDORF
FORT DODGE
LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST IA EVE
SOUTHWEST IOWA

KANSAS

KANSAS CITY EVE
OLATHE
OVERLAND PARK
WICHITA

KENTUCKY

ASHLAND
BARDSTOWN
LOUISVILLE
PADUCAH
WINCHESTER

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE EVE
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BETHESDA
DAMASCUS/MT. AIRY
ELDERSBURG
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GAITHERSBURG
HAGERSTOWN
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WESTMINSTER

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NEPONSET VALLEY
NORTH SHORE
PIONEER VALLEY
SOUTH SHORE

MICHIGAN

ALPENA
ALPENA FREEDOM EVE
ANN ARBOR
BIRMINGHAM
BRIGHTON
BRIGHTON EVE
GRAND RAPIDS NW
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OMAHA

NEVADA

CARSON VALLEY
CARSON VALLEY EVE

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CONCORD
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MONADNOCK
SEACOAST

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MANASQUAN
MERCER COUNTY
MIDLAND PARK
NORTH JERSEY EVE

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE EVE
ARTESIA
CLOVIS
FARMINGTON

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ROSWELL EVE
SANTA FE
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ROCHESTER EVE
ROCHESTER WEST
SKANEATELES
SYRACUSE EVE

NORTH CAROLINA

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CARY
CHARLOTTE
CHARLOTTE EVE
CRYSTAL COAST
GASTONIA
GASTONIA (W) EVE
GASTONIA MEN
GREENSBORO
GREENSBORO EVE
GREENVILLE
GREENVILLE MEN
LAKE NORMAN
MATTHEWS-WEDDINGTON
PINEHURST
PINEHURST EVE
RALEIGH
RALEIGH EVE
RUTHERFORDTON
SHELBY
WAKE FOREST
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BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION EVE
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HILTON HEAD ETEEN SC
MIDLAND ETEEN TX
NEW BRAUNFELS ETEEN TX
RICHMOND NORTH ETEEN VA
ROSWELL ETEEN NM
SHELBY ETEEN NC
WIMBERLEY ETEEN TX

TEEN CBS CLASSES

4COUNTY TEEN MD
ALBUQUERQUE TEEN NM
ALPENA TEEN MI
AMELIA ISLAND TEEN FL
AUSTIN TEEN TX
BALTIMORE TEEN MD
BEAVER VALLEY TEEN PA
BERGEN COUNTY TEEN NJ
BEAUFORT TEEN SC
BOULDER TEEN CO
CARSON VALLEY TEEN NV
CARY TEEN NC
COLORADO SPRINGS TEEN CO
COLUMBIA TEEN MO
CONIFER/EVERGREEN TEEN CO
CRYSTAL COAST TEEN NC
ENTERPRISE TEEN AL
FAIRMONT TEEN MN
FINGER LAKES TEEN NY
FULLERTON TEEN CA
GEORGETOWN TEEN TX
GRAND TRAVERSE TEEN MI
HEMET VALLEY TEEN CA
HILTON HEAD TEEN SC
HOUSTON NW TEEN TX
HUNTINGTON BEACH TEEN CA
LITTLETON TEEN CO
LOUDON COUNTY TEEN VA
MCLEAN TEEN VA
MIDDLE PENINSULA TEEN VA
MIDLAND TEEN TX
MIDLOTHIAN TEEN - VA
MINNEAPOLIS TEEN MN
MISSION VIEJO TEEN CA
MONADNOCK TEEN NH
MT. PLEASANT TEEN TX
NAPERVILLE TEEN IL
ORANGE TEEN CA
PALM DESERT TEEN CA
PHOENIX CENTRAL TEEN AZ
PITT COUNTY TEEN NC
RESERVOIR TEEN NJ
RICHMOND NORTH TEEN VA
ROCHESTER CENTRAL TEEN NY
ROCHESTER TEEN NY
ROSWELL TEEN NM
SACRAMENTO TEEN CA
SCOTTSDALE TEEN AZ
SOUTH BAY TEEN CA
ST. LOUIS TEEN MO
TARRANT COUNTY NE TEEN TX
TEMECULA VALLEY TEEN CA
THE DALLES TEEN OR
WOODLANDS TEEN TX

YOUNG ADULT CLASSES

AUSTIN YOUNG ADULT TX
MIDLAND YOUNG ADULT TX

ASK

AUBURN ASK AL
HILTON HEAD ASK SC
MIDLAND ASK TX
NAPERVILLE ASK IL
ROSWELL ASK NM
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
ASK CA

CONDENSED CLASSES

BELLVILLE EVE TX
GAINESVILLE FL
HANNIBAL (W) EVE MO
LA GRANGE EVE TX
LAKE FOREST EVE IL
LEE COUNTY EVE IA
MID HUDSON VALLEY NY
MONROEVILLE AL
PAOLI (W) EVE PA
TRAVERSE CITY EVE MI
WIMBERLEY EVE TX
WINSTON-SALEM EVE NC
WOODBIDGE EVE VA

INPRISON CLASSES

CALIF. STATE PRISON 1, CA
CALIF. STATE PRISON 2, CA
CALIF. STATE PRISON 3, CA
CAMP PARKS WOMEN'S
PRISON, CA
CAMPBELL'S PRE-RELEASE
CENTER, SC
CLARK CTY. DET. CTR, KY (M)
CLARK CTY. DET. CTR, KY (W)
DALLAS CORRECT. CTR., NC
DENTON CTY. JAIL #1, TX
DENTON CTY. JAIL #3, TX
EDNA MAHON WOMEN'S
CORRECT. FAC., NJ
ENTERPRISE TEEN DET. CTR, AL
FED. CORRECT. INST.
ENGLEWOOD, CO
FOLSOM STATE PRISON, CA
IOWA STATE PEN., IA
JESTER III UNIT, TX
JOHN BENNETT CORRECT.
FAC., IA
LA MESA STATE PEN., CA (M)
LA MESA STATE PEN., CA (W)
LA VICTORIA PRISON CAMP, DR
McPHERSON WOMEN'S UNIT,
AR
MOOSE LAKE PRISON, MN
MOOSE LAKE MSOP - MN
MT. PLEASANT CORRECT.
FAC., IA
NEWTON CORRECT. FAC., IA
PEN. OF NEW MEXICO, NM
PILOT ROCK CONSERVATION
FAC., CA
PLAINFIELD CORRECT. FAC., IN
PRESTON SMITH UNIT, TX
RACINE CORRECT. INST., WI
RAINBOW CONSERV. CAMP, CA
REG. (W) CORRECT. CTR., MA
RICHLAND CTR. CORRECT.
INST., OH
ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECT.
FAC., WI
ST. CLAIR CORRECT. FAC., AL
STURTEVANT TRANSITIONAL
(MAX UNIT-A-POD), WI
STURTEVANT TRANSITIONAL
(MAX UNIT-B-POD), WI
STURTEVANT TRANSITIONAL
FAC. - PRE-RELEASE, WI
TERRELL UNIT (Main), TX
TRAVIS CTY. STATE JAIL, TX
WINFIELD CORRECT. FAC., KS

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meals, cleaned our house, sat with and ministered to both my mom and dad through her recovery.

I remember one evening in my senior year of high school in particular. It was late, and my mom and dad were finishing up baking a cake for someone in her Core Group. As I watched them I vividly remember thinking how I wanted what they had. I wanted their life, their faith, their ministering hearts, their peace, and the security they had in knowing that they were right where they were supposed to be, serving God and doing what He called them to do.

A few days later, after a lifetime of watching them, I accepted Jesus as my Savior and began my own journey of following Him.

Fast forward—high school graduation, college, marriage, work, and my first baby. I was now a 24-year-old stay-at-home mom with a 10-month-old baby, and it was early September. I was sitting at my kitchen table, with my own blue notebook, my own yellow name tag, my own Core leader, my own CBS. Seventeen years of learning, of lessons, of questions, of luncheons, and phone calls have now passed. I think over the years I have done just about every course CBS has to offer. And I have learned more about God, about faith, and about myself than I could have ever imagined.

So what have I learned from CBS as I have studied? A few months ago, my brother's sister-in-law, Margie, was diagnosed with terminal cancer, and they didn't expect her to live long. My CBS class was studying Revelation, and with that in mind, I had an overwhelming sense that I needed to write Margie a letter, presenting the gospel to her. Out poured the lifetime of the lessons I have learned from CBS.

Two days after I mailed this letter my brother called to say that Margie had passed away. I asked him if she had read my letter and he said he hadn't received it yet.

My first thought was, "Why, God, would you have me write that letter and then let her die before she even had a chance to read it?" Gently the Holy Spirit reminded me that He called me to do my part and leave the results to Him.

A few weeks later I learned that my brother received the letter the day after Margie's death. He read it to his wife and teenage boys, and then his wife read it to her extended family. At the funeral, the letter was read aloud and my sister-in-law made copies for anyone who wanted one. They ran out of copies and copied off so many more that the funeral home finally told them they had to stop.

Looking back at this letter now, I can see the whole picture, how 17 years of CBS lessons are all woven together as one message—it is God's love for us and His plan for redemption. So by the grace and power of our Lord, the CBS lessons I have learned are being passed on in a way that I never dreamed.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Angela Giessing Bortell
Richmond South, VA

What I Have Learned in Bible Study

by Karah Fleming, Age 11

I would like to thank my teachers from Bible Study, from Church and from Youth Group. I have learned so much about friendship. I have learned about the prideful group who will only let certain people in and I have learned about the humble group who will let anyone in.

I have learned about the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. I have learned how important living the life of fruit of the Spirit truly is. I have learned about humility.

I have learned about friends, about who I should hang out with and how I can be a good influence toward others. As a big sister, being a good influence toward others is a big deal.

I have learned about obedience. I have read in the Bible that living a life of obedience will give me a long and happy life. I used to think that if I obeyed I would be credited for doing so, but now that I have read the Bible I know that obedience is a lot more important than it seems. And I have learned about how righteous Abraham truly was. I have learned how important it is to be righteous.

I have learned how important prayer is. Praying for others is not only a way to ask God's help for them, it is also a very good way to communicate with Him.

I have learned that reading the Bible is pretty important. As a Christian, I need to know answers for people who need them. Because what are people going to think if Christians never read the Bible? They would probably think that Christians followed only what they heard about the Bible. That is why I now know that reading the Bible is important.

I've also learned how important teachers and parents really are. They have more wisdom than kids, of course. We need to respect our teachers and parents because they make it a point to make learning fun and easy.

I have learned more this year than any other year of my life. It is all thanks to my parents, to my teachers, and my pastor. I would like to add that it was all in God's will that I learned as much as I did this year.

And one more thing, God gave me this speech. He put a strong will in my heart to present it to you.

Let's pray. Lord, I pray that you would protect this Bible Study. I pray that the kids here in Bible Study will learn the same things I have. And Lord, I thank you for the leaders of CBS and all the effort that they put into this program. Amen.

Thank you and
Merry Christmas.

We Serve an Awesome God!

What a year this is shaping up to be for Community Bible Study! We are excited about the things God is doing at CBS. There are about 70,000 adults and 21,000 children registered in our US classes and we have seventy “prayer groups” seeking God’s blessing to form new CBS classes all across the country. Internationally, CBSI is seeing dramatic growth, especially in Africa. God is good, and His Word is good as well.

Unfortunately, our country is experiencing the worst recession of our generation. Unemployment and economic chaos are likely affecting you, your family and your friends. We don’t know when the economy will recover, but, as people of faith, we put our confidence in the mighty God we serve. We look beyond the circumstances and know -- without any doubt -- that God is at work in all things for His purpose and His Glory.

The downturn in the economy has affected many churches and ministries, and CBS is not immune from these effects. We remain committed to operating within the resources that are provided. Following much prayer and a firm commitment to remain vigilant in this area, we have made a number of decisions to reduce expenses, including the very difficult decision to reduce the staff level at the Ministry Service Center by 20 percent.

God has faithfully provided exceedingly abundantly for more than 35 years in many ways. We are blessed with talented, amazing leadership and dedicated hard working men and women of integrity throughout our CBS family, both paid staff and volunteer. I pray that we individually and corporately continue to keep our eyes on Him as together we faithfully fulfill the call “to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all.”

As you think about your end-of-year charitable giving plans, please consider making an investment in the future work of Community Bible Study. Gifts intended for the current tax year must be postmarked by December 31, or you can give online at www.communitybiblestudy.org.

We stand redeemed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are recipients of the Living Word of God. We are richly blessed by the privilege of studying His Word together and sharing it with so many across the country and around the world. Together, we praise and thank God for Community Bible Study.

Wishing a very Merry Christmas to each of you and your families.

Marty Pickett
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Camilla Seabolt
Executive Director

A Personal Word from Camilla ...

What does it mean to each of us to celebrate Christmas?

Perhaps you, as I, have spent much of your time each Christmas trying to maintain the traditions passed down through your family—same familiar recipes prepared by your grandmother, same routines and gatherings, same church services, same stories of past Christmases, and on and on. The only problem with attempting to maintain traditions is that we are always experiencing changes ... and the festivities are never quite how you imagined they would be.

The ones with whom you loved sharing Christmas don’t remain the same, and sometimes are no longer even there for the occasion. That’s the way life is, yet there is One Who always remains the same. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. The true reason for Christmas! Soldiers on foreign soil protecting our nation with no familiar traditions or surroundings can still celebrate the season. A stark hospital room can be a celebratory spot! Anywhere a true Christ-follower is, becomes a place of worship and rejoicing during Christmas as we thank our Heavenly Father for the Gift of His only Son, our Savior.



*May this Christmas be filled
with His Presence and fullness of joy
for you and all of your loved ones!*

Camilla

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