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Would you ever tear out a page of the Bible? And if you would, why would you?

Thomas Jefferson didn't actually tear out pages of the Bible, but he did use a knife to cut out passages he didn't think should be in it. Others may not cut them out, or tear them out, but simply choose to ignore passages they don't like. But is there ever a good reason to literally tear out some pages? The answer, surprisingly, is yes.

I recently read an amazing account of an attempted crossing of Antarctica by Sir Ernest Shackleton and a crew of twenty-seven that took place over a hundred years ago. They began their journey on the *Endurance*, a ship that didn't endure. When it became trapped in the frozen sea it was crushed like an egg, leaving them marooned on an ice flow. When they abandoned ship they took the supplies needed for survival, drug two lifeboats onto the ice, and the men were allowed to each take two pounds of personal possessions with them.

"By way of example, before the assembled men, Shackleton discarded a handful of gold sovereigns and his gold watch on the ice, followed by his silver brushes and dressing cases. He then took the Bible that had been presented to the ship before departure by Queen Alexandra. Ripping out the flyleaf and a few other pages, he lay the Bible on the ice. The pages he retained were those of the Twenty-third Psalm and these verses from Job:

Out of the womb came the ice?
And the hoary frost of Heaven, who hath
gendered it?

The waters are hid as with a stone
And the face of the deep is frozen."

He may have read those verses while preparing to sail into the frozen deep, and they apparently spoke to him. And, unlike the author of Hebrews who prefaced a quote with, "One has testified somewhere, saying...", he knew where to find it.

I'm not suggesting that we unnecessarily tear out pages of the Bible to keep with us, but if our memory doesn't allow us to hide the word in our heart very well, we should at least mark the passages that really speak to us so we can find them in a time of need. God Bless, Rick



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Bonfire, Games & Hot Dogs!
The Donaldson Farm
(4029 Siliskie Rd, Pawnee)
Saturday, November 9th
Anytime after 3:30
Please bring a side to share

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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship 102
Offering \$5,659.53

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-11/3/19

Greeters Beryl & Jamella Reese
Visitors' Stand Bonnie Ruebush
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Kirk Polley
Ushers Scott Bales
Rick Polley
Brad Stirmell
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Gary Gredzieleski
WORSHIP NURSERY
Toddlers.....Julie & Lily Divjak
Infants.....Janice McLaughlin
Vicki Small
Anna Hunley
Sunday School
Toddlers.....Rhonda Luzio
Infants.....Jonathan Sperry

The Hidden Word

MARK 1:15

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Let Us Pray For...

- Pat Mohler recovering from heart attack.
- Rod Brown recuperating after knee replacement.
- Beryl Rese scheduled for knee replacement next Monday.
- Family of Dayne Sabo who passed away unexpectedly.



NOVEMBER SERVERS

11/10: Kirk Polley, Chris Luzio
11/17&11/24: Jonathan Sperry,Chris Luzio

NOVEMBER PROJECTIONIST

Erica Blakley

NOVEMBER GREETERS

11/10 Rhonda Luzio
11/17 Will & Sara Bartels
11/24 Brad Stirmell

NOVEMBER VISITORS' STAND

11/10 Bob & Dixie Williamson
11/17 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
11/24 Judy Marlow

NOVEMBER NURSERY

Worship - 11/10

Toddlers: Erica Blakley
Carter Hunley
Infants: Jeni & Kate Sperry
Kileen Huber
Sunday School
Infants: Karen Mann
Rebecca Smith

Worship - 11/17

Toddlers: Janet Polley
Reagan Formea
Infants: Shannon Higgins
Jamella Reese
Courtney Bales
Sunday School
Infants: Julie Divjak
Vicki Small

Worship - 11/24

Toddlers: Karen Mann
Jake Divjak
Infants: Kristin Polley
Stacey Cantrell
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School
Infants: Kelly Donaldson
Elizabeth Wright



A big **THANK YOU** to Cory Moore for the new sink and countertop in the handicap restroom!



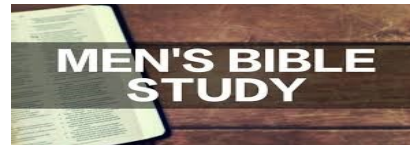
PAINTBALL

Our annual trip to Wildcatt Paintball Park is right around the corner! We will be playing on Saturday, November 9th before the Donaldson bonfire. The cost will be \$30 per person which will include all the necessary equipment for our two hour session. Plan on leaving the church at 9:00am and returning around 3:30pm. There is plenty of room in the church van, so invite a few friends to come along!

Enlightened

High School Youth Group

Enlightened is a community worship event for High School Students this Sunday evening at the High School. It is organized and directed by local students in an effort to get to know others of like faith and simply praise Jesus. Please arrive a little early this Sunday evening, around 6:10, so we can load into the church van and participate in this event. You should be back to the church no later than 8:00.



The Men's study on Thursday night will not be meeting this week in order to spend time with our children or grandchildren as they trick or treat for candy. We will resume on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00pm to discuss Chapter 7 of our book.



High School Students

The stage is set for a fantastic evening this Saturday! In fact, the mystery has already begun as students were assigned roles on Sunday and have tasks to complete before Saturday. In total, there will be 18 characters gathering here on Saturday, 14 students and 4 adults.

The backstory is this... The Anonville Historical Society is hosting the annual masquerade charity event known as the Abby Manor Masquerade Ball. The estate, built in 1842, requires constant maintenance and restoration due to the age of the property and because it is the town of Anonville's treasured landmark.

This event is the talk of the town and attracts the most intriguing party guests. It will be an exciting evening full of glam and glitz as we all put on our fabulous masquerade masks. Until tragedy strikes!!! Someone meets an untimely death and it is our job to figure out the mystery.

We will begin promptly at 6:30. During our appetizer round, you will enjoy munchies while getting to know the other guests and your relationship with them. Your conversations will primarily be driven by the envelopes you receive prior to each round.

When we break for dinner, another round of envelopes will be distributed moving the game forward to another level. After you have a chance to talk with each guest, we will break again to reconvene for dessert.

After dessert and your evening interactions with everyone, it is time to identify the culprit. Who will it be? See you on Saturday to find out!