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## An Independence Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for us through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that a very high price was paid for our freedom. Our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, we are so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, we are grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help us never to take these blessings for granted.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ. In your name, we pray, Amen.

~ Mary Fairchild

# Retirees

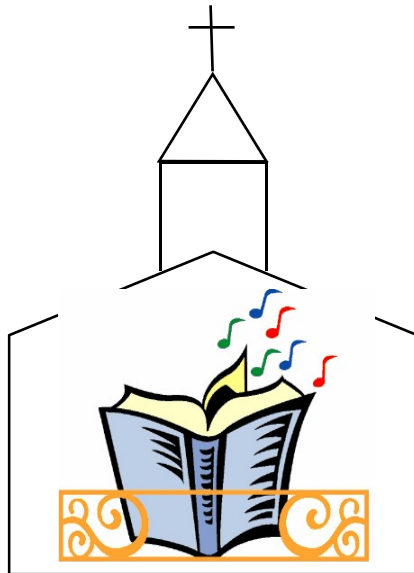


St. Peter's Retirees will meet on **Wednesday, July 9th**, at 9:30 a.m. at Miller's Grove. Bring a covered dish and your lawn chair.

The Retirees are open to anyone looking to have a good meal and play some games, age is not a factor. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**September Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, August 12th**

# St. Peter's Church West Penn



where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

## **St. Peter's Church Mission Statement**

*"St. Peter's Church is committed to providing a family atmosphere for people of all ages. We are a people who sincerely care about each other and the community. We strive to be one people, bonded by Christ's love.*

*We look to the future for the continued vitality that we share today. Through worship, preaching, fellowship, and servanthood, may we reach out to all people as a witness to the living God."*

# Cliff's Notes

*Jesus said: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16: 24)*

Henri Nouwen wrote in his book, “Bread for the Journey”: *Each of us has a cross to carry. There is no need to make one or look for one. The cross we have is hard enough for us! But are we willing to take it up to accept it as our cross?*

*Maybe we can't study, maybe we are handicapped, maybe we suffer from depression, maybe we experience conflict in our families, maybe we are victims of violence or abuse. We did not choose any of it, but these things are our crosses. We can ignore them, reject them, refuse them or hate them. But we can also take up these crosses and follow Jesus with them.*

Nouwen reminds me that we are all unique individuals. Each of us have our own histories, our own challenges, our own crosses to bear. Yet, if we actually accept these challenges, as hard as that may be, we take a giant step in equipping ourselves to follow Jesus and serve others in his spirit. But taking that step is often hard opening ourselves up to feeling inferior or filled with shame. Yet this has never been the message of Christ. Doesn't God fully understand who we are and what we can do? Yet I think that too often we sell ourselves short, thinking that we could never do anything, thereby dismissing the God-Given gifts that our Creator has blessed us with.

Many are afraid to try anything new fearing that they will fail. I can promise you that whenever we try anything new, we will make mistakes.... But that is part of the process. That is part of learning. We learn from our errors. The God I know and trust in never penalizes us for making mistakes. For the One who is shown to us in the words and deeds of Jesus is one who challenges us to learn from our mistakes and to keep trying so we can be the best that we can be.

It would be easy for me to tell you all of the things I am not good at. For example, I am very uncoordinated and am a real detriment to any sport I engage in. But does that make me unworthy of God's Love? Of course not! I was not created to play professional sports, but I believe I am good at helping others. Have I made mistakes in ministry? You bet! Am I a failure? Not in God's eyes.

We are the same way. We are to strive to serve God as best we can. Doing things with a sense of joy and purpose. Thus, instead of putting ourselves down, let us accept our crosses. Find healing because of them and then use the wisdom that we have learned to help others.

*Pastor Cliff*

## **Upcoming Sunday School Events:**

**Sunday School will begin again in September at**

**10:15 a.m., Every Sunday**

**HAPPY SUMMER!**

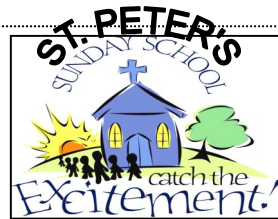
**Adult Sunday School ~ Every Sunday at 10:15am.**

⇒ 7/14 ~7/18 ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00 PM

⇒ 7/20 ~ VBS Closing Program; 9:00am at St. Peter's

Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class in September. We have classes for all ages. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Samantha Kistler or Josh Hunsicker.

Just remember, you can't ask "What would Jesus do?" until you know "What Jesus did and said!"



### ***Recently Baptized***

***Grace Louise Fogel***

***Born Sunday, April 13, 2025***

***Baptized Sunday, June 8, 2025***

***Grace Louise is the daughter of***

***Jesse and Taylor Fogel***

***Goddaughter of Andy Fogel and Ashley Brent***

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***Talli Joy Miller***

***Born Saturday, September 14, 2024***

***Baptized Sunday, June 8, 2025***

***Talli Joy is the daughter of***

***Travis and Taylor Miller***

***Sister of Tripp Miller***

***Goddaughter of Mitchell and Samantha Miller***

***Grandparents Robert and Lisa Gerber***

***Great Grandmother Ruth Gerber***

***Grandparents Kent and Jen Miller***

***Great Grandmothers Charlene and Kay Miller.***



## Senior Recognition Updates:



**Joseph D. Houser** is the son of Rick and Kym Houser. He is a graduate of Carbon Career and Technical Institute. He participated in the Lehigh Area High School Football Team and a work Co-Op Program, and received inspection license while at CCTI. Joe is also a member of the Mahoning Volunteer Fire Company. He will be working at Cleveland Brothers Caterpillar in the Apprenticeship Program. In his spare time he enjoys working on his trucks and riding his Harley.

**Mason MacMillan** is the son of Jen and Brad MacMillan. He is a graduate of Tamaqua Area High School and Schuylkill Technology Center; Outdoor Power Technology. While there, he was a SKILLS USA participant. He also was a 4-year Varsity Soccer player and was on the Wrestling and Track & Field Teams. Mason received the Outstanding Senior Achievement Award and the Wrestler Scholarship. He plans to attend a technical/trade school for automotive technology.



### **A Perfect Summer Day!**

***“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.”***

***~ James Dent***





# Joyous Noise

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE

*June's Joyous Noise totaled \$727.14 and was designated for Parker Brode. Parker was in an ATV accident that required him initially to be life flighted to Lehigh Valley Cedar Crest Hospital. Due to the severity of his spinal cord injury he needed to be life flighted again, this time to CHOP in Philadelphia. He required surgery at the beginning of May for a trach to be placed. After he is discharged from CHOP he will be transferred to Shreiner's Rehab in Philadelphia for extensive Physical Therapy. In order to tend to his needs and be by his side through this very scary situation, Parker's family has not been able to work. This collection will be used to help offset the costs they have acquired for travel, lodging, food and medical expenses.*

*The Joyous Noise recipient for the Month of July is the Vacation Bible School Mission Project, Oceana. Oceana is a non-profit project to protect the world's oceans. With your help, we can protect vulnerable sea turtles, sharks, dolphins and other sea creatures and their habitats.*

*August's Joyous Noise recipient is to be determined.*

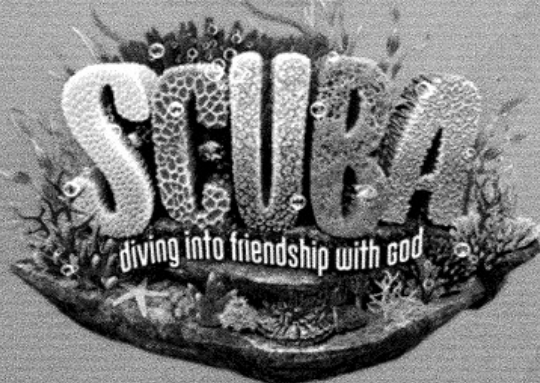
*Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office. If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!*



Many thanks to our Newsletter assembly crew: Becky Zehner, Marian Frantz, Pauline Frey, and Dave Hontz. And, a special thank you to Anne Scott.

Their dedication to helping is much appreciated! If you'd like to help with this project, please let the office know ~ we'd love to have you join us!

# Vacation Bible School 2025



**St. Peter's Church West Penn**  
**July 14-18**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**184 St Peter's Road**  
**Tamaqua PA 18252**  
**570-386-4388**

**Join us for a week of songs,  
snacks, games and stories while  
"diving into friendship with God!"**





Online Registration

## REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Say a Prayer for:**

*Loved Ones of*

*Dorothy Miller*

**Recent**

*Alyssa Whiting*

*Donald Hank Williams*

*Hannah Frey*

*Kenny Oliver*

*Michelle Broadt*

*Ralph Fisher*

*Terry Abrachinsky*

*William Boyer*

**Ongoing**

*Ann Mimm*

*Austin Klein*

*Barbara Kershner*

*Beth Pravozino*

*Betty Breiner*

*Bob Goerner*

*Bonnie Miller*

*Brad Steigerwalt*

*Brian Abrachinsky*

*Bruce Miller*

*Carolyn Lantz*

*Clyde*

*Cody Wolfgang*

*Dan McMullen*

*Darlene Kunkel*

*Darryl Moyer*

*David Schoch*

*Debbie Mooney*

*DeRue Kistler*

*Donald Coombe*

*Dr. Harry Berger*

*Erin Coombe*

*Erlin Moyer*

*Franklin Mackes*

*Gary Steigerwalt*

*Gregory Slivka*

*Hollie Fox*

*Judy Gerber*

*Kay Faust*

*Kenneth Breiner*

*Larry Chesla*

*Linda Garber*

*Loretta Beers*

*Madison Brode*

*Maggie Wehr*

*Mark Wolfe*

*Marsha Rodgers*

*Mary Lou & Jim Walk*

*Mary Lou McGowan*

*Michelle Boyer*

*Mike Canty*

*Nadine*

*Nellie Faust*

*Parker Brode*

*Paul David*

*Renee Troutman*

*Ricky Everett*

*Rita Yarmell*

*Robert Coombe*

*Robbie Trainer*

*Sharon Horning*

*Sue Hower*

*Teresa Fowler*

*Tim Kistler*

*Wayne Lazarus*

**Those on our  
Visitation List:**

*Buddy Arner, Jr.*

*Hazel Arner*

*Edith Coombe*

*Robert Coombe*

*Olga Faust*

*Lynn Gerber*

*Barbara Kershner*

*Larry Miller*

*Gary Steigerwalt*

*Doris Wolfe*

*Althea Zehner*

**Our Missionaries:**

*Michael, Kay, Mikayla,*

*Leilani, & Michael*

*Killar*

*Maude, Valera, Zarina,*

*Alexander, & Nicolas*

*Motovilov*



### **Our Military Overseas:**

*Deployed to USS Harry Truman: Austin Resch*

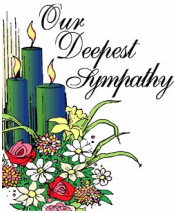
*Deployed to Japan: John McGuire*

*Deployed to Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt*

### **Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:**

*Mark Habel  
Dustin Hoppes  
LeRoy E. Kromer II  
Timothy Kromer  
Ezekiel Kuneck  
Sean Kurtz  
Antonio Lorenzo  
Dominic Lorenzo  
Amanda Miller  
Tyler Resch*

*Alexis Scott  
Trevor Schilling  
Andy Snyder  
Ryan Snyder  
Alexander Thomas  
Chad Wehr  
Mark West  
Scott West  
Michael Zeigenfuss*



Our sympathies go to the family and friends of  
**Dorothy L. Miller**  
who passed into eternal life on Thursday, June 12, 2025  
Please remember this family in your prayers.

*Dear Members of St. Peter's,*

*Thank you for your generous gifts of \$5,531.75 in 2024 to Mission Support.*

*God bless your mission and ministry as you love, heal and engage like Jesus!*

*Blessings abound,  
Georgia Suranofsky*

**Thank  
You!**

***Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across God's blue sky, is by no means a waste of time.***

*~John Lubbock, "Recreation," The Use of Life, 1894*



## **Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser**



### **ST PETER'S CHURCH WEST PENN**

**When:** August 3rd through September 19th

**Where:** Last 2 Sunday School rooms on the left hand side

**Contact:** Laurie Seip at (570) 778-0904



PLEASE DON'T MAKE THE BAGS TOO HEAVY ~ OUR VOLUNTEERS LOADING THE TRUCK ON SEPTEMBER 20TH APPRECIATE IT!



Help our organization raise funds by  
cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements.  
Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. Every  
bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again.  
The more our collection weighs the more we raise.  
Thank you for your support!



#### **What We Accept:**

All Merchandise in Plastic or Paper Bags that are of different colors that are directly packed and folded from the homes and not re-bagged once they have left the homes.

Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Apparel, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks, New Diapers, and **NOW ACCEPTING** Household Items, Utensils, Hard & Soft Toys, Electronics, Small Bric-A-Brac Items which **all must be bagged**.

#### **Please, We Do Not Accept:**

Thrift Store Goods, Flea Market, Yard Sales, Furniture, Books, Pillows & Curtains.  
Any merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold or has an odor.  
Any items once they have been re-bagged after they have left the home.



## **ClothingShoeDrive.com**

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## *Each Day Is A Gift From God*

*View each day as a precious gift,  
To you from God above.  
To Him, each thoughtful deed you do,  
Is an expression of your love.  
And, as you travel down your path,  
Know that He's at your side.  
As a constant source of comfort,  
And an understanding guide.*

*His love for you is infinite,  
And his mercy never fails.  
For you He was the sacrifice,  
Hung on a cross by nails.  
So, put Him first in all you do,  
And your life will be blessed.  
With the strength and confidence,  
To do your very best!*

*~author unknown*



## **Daily Lectionary Readings for July 2025**

**Tuesday, July 01, 2025:** Psalm 75; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Ephesians 5:6-20;  
**Wednesday, July 02, 2025:** Psalm 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matthew 10:16-25;  
**Thursday, July 03, 2025:** Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 7:14-25;  
**Friday, July 04, 2025:** Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7;  
**Saturday, July 05, 2025:** Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Luke 9:1-6;  
**Sunday, July 06, 2025:** Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
**Monday, July 07, 2025:** Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 19:21-27;  
**Tuesday, July 08, 2025:** Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Acts 19:28-41;  
**Wednesday, July 09, 2025:** Psalm 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16;  
**Thursday, July 10, 2025:** Psalm 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26;  
**Friday, July 11, 2025:** Psalm 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16;  
**Saturday, July 12, 2025:** Psalm 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21;  
**Sunday, July 13, 2025:** Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37  
**Monday, July 14, 2025:** Psalm 7; Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7;  
**Tuesday, July 15, 2025:** Psalm 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17;  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2025:** Psalm 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46;  
**Thursday, July 17, 2025:** Psalm 52; Amos 5:10-17; Hebrews 5:1-6;  
**Friday, July 18, 2025:** Psalm 52; Amos 5:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21;  
**Saturday, July 19, 2025:** Psalm 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10;  
**Sunday, July 20, 2025:** Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42  
**Monday, July 21, 2025:** Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 7:1-6; Colossians 1:27-2:7;  
**Tuesday, July 22, 2025:** Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6;  
**Wednesday, July 23, 2025:** Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51;  
**Thursday, July 24, 2025:** Psalm 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20;  
**Friday, July 25, 2025:** Psalm 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36;  
**Saturday, July 26, 2025:** Psalm 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25;  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025:** Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13  
**Monday, July 28, 2025:** Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1;  
**Tuesday, July 29, 2025:** Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4;  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2025:** Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48;  
**Thursday, July 31, 2025:** Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36;



*Blessed are those who read and hear  
the Word of God  
and keep it.*

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**Friday, August 01, 2025:**Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 9:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-24;

**Saturday, August 02, 2025:**Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22;

**Sunday, August 03, 2025:** Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

**Monday, August 04, 2025:**Psalm 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1;

**Tuesday, August 05, 2025:**Psalm 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6;

**Wednesday, August 06, 2025:**Psalm 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31;

**Thursday, August 07, 2025:**Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9;

**Friday, August 08, 2025:**Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8;

**Saturday, August 09, 2025:**Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23;

Matthew 6:19-24;

**Sunday, August 10, 2025:** Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

**Monday, August 11, 2025:**Psalm 11; Isaiah 2:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-7

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025:**Psalm 11; Isaiah 24:1-13; Hebrews 11:17-28;

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025:**Psalm 11; Isaiah 24:14-23; Luke 12:41-48;

**Thursday, August 14, 2025:**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 2:5-11; Hebrews 10:26-31;

**Friday, August 15, 2025:**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:1-17; Hebrews 10:32-39;

**Saturday, August 16, 2025:**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:18-4:6; Matthew 24:15-27;

**Sunday, August 17, 2025:** Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**Monday, August 18, 2025:**Psalm 74; Isaiah 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6;

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025:**Psalm 74; Isaiah 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53;

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025:**Psalm 74; Isaiah 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48;

**Thursday, August 21, 2025:**Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:1-19; Hebrews 12:3-17;

**Friday, August 22, 2025:**Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9;

**Saturday, August 23, 2025:**Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19; Luke 6:1-5;

**Sunday, August 24, 2025:** Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**Monday, August 25, 2025:**Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:1-15; Hebrews 3:7-4:11;

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025:**Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:16-26; Revelation 3:7-13;

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025:**Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Luke 6:6-11;

**Thursday, August 28, 2025:**Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12;

**Friday, August 29, 2025:**Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 12:1-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11;

**Saturday, August 30, 2025:**Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22;

Matthew 20:20-28;

**Sunday, August 31, 2025:** Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

*The word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). It is a sure foundation that we can build our lives upon (2 Timothy 3:16). When we neglect the word of God, we are neglecting the very thing that has the power to change our lives.*

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