

**August
2022**

Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus

W2E Times

**Important
Dates!**

FALL KICK-OFF
September 17, 2022
3:00 pm North Park

MEN's W2E, #80
January 19-22, 2023

WOMEN's W2E, #81
January 26-29, 2023

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Join us for an enjoyable afternoon
filled with music and fellowship
as we begin preparations
for the upcoming
Walk to Emmaus weekends!

Walk to Emmaus Fall Kick-Off

**Saturday, September 17, 2022
3:00 pm
North Park
(Use the parking lot on 19th St. North)**

**BRING YOUR OWN
LAWN CHAIRS**

In case of bad weather,
the event will move to
First United Methodist Church.

Bring your family and invite your friends.
All are welcome!

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

How often are your fingerprints left on your bible?

We can judge our level of spiritual maturity by listening to ourselves.

God's word will heal your yesterdays.

It is much easier to look out the window rather than look in the mirror.

The most frequent promise in the bible is "I will be with you."

God marks across some of our days, "will explain later."

In God's school, we never fail a test; we simply get to keep taking the same tests over and over until we pass.

Sometimes we just need to talk to a four-year-old and an eighty-four-year-old to understand life again.

GOING HOME

One day the famous evangelist George Whitfield was relating the difficulties of ministry to some friends. He said he was tired of the burdens and was glad his work would soon be over as he was getting close to going home to be with the Lord.

His other friends admitted having the same feelings—all except one, a Mr. Tennant. Whitfield asked, *Brother Tennant, you are the oldest among us. Do you not rejoice to think that the time is near when you'll be called home with the Lord?*

The old man said bluntly, *"I have nothing to do with my death. My business is to live as long as I can and serve my Savior as faithfully as I can until He thinks it's time to call me home."* Whitfield accepted the word as a gentle rebuke from the Lord, and it encouraged him to continue going about his ministry.

As we reach the autumn years of our lives, it can be tempting to think our best years are behind us. This can cause us to become discouraged. But the truth is that our usefulness for the Lord never expires until the very moment He calls us home. **So, stay focused on the task at hand, encouraged that your best days are ahead when the Lord will use you in a powerful way... maybe even inviting someone to the Walk to Emmaus.**

MISTAKE OUT

Bette Nesmith had a good secretarial job in a bank when she ran across a problem that interested her. She needed a better way to correct the errors she made on her electric typewriter. Bette had some art experience, and she knew that artists who worked in oils just painted over their errors. So, she concocted a fluid to paint over her typing errors.

Before long, all the secretaries in her building were using what she then called "Mistake Out." Bette attempted to sell the product idea to marketing agencies and various companies (including IBM), but they turned her down. However, secretaries continued to like her product, so Bette's kitchen became her first manufacturing facility, and she started selling it on her own.

When she sold her enterprise, the tiny white bottles were earning \$3.5 million annually on sales of \$38 million. The buyer of the product later dubbed "Liquid Paper" was the Gillette Company and the sale price was \$47.5 million.

Bette Nesmith found great reward in acknowledging she needed help with her mistakes. Liquid Paper would never have taken off if she had been perfect. In much the same way, it's in our own weaknesses that Jesus Christ is glorified...when we rely fully on Him to cover our sins.

So, trust completely in His cleansing power and honor Him even in your shortcomings!

SEEDS OF TIME

*Others, like seed sown on good soil,
hear the word accept it and produce a crop. Mark 4:20*

DID YOU KNOW?

God caused Aaron's rod to sprout buds that blossomed, producing almonds (Numbers 17:8).

The Ten Commandments had writing on both sides of the tablets (Exodus 32:15).

The book of Esther is the only book in the Bible that does not mention the word of God.

There will be no marriages in heaven (Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:25; Luke 20:34-35).

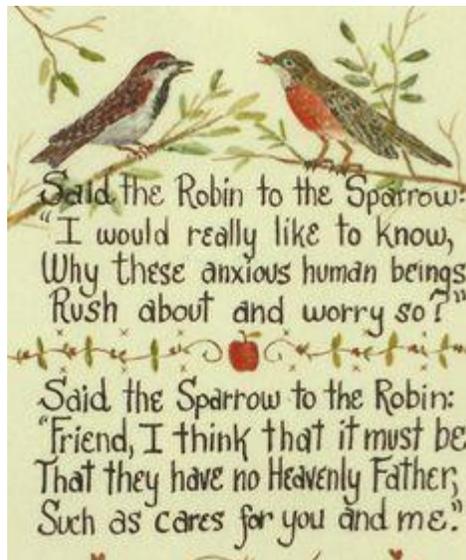
Hebrew 13:2 instructs us to always show hospitality to strangers because we may unknowingly be helping an angel.

Delilah did not cut Samson's hair. She called someone else to do it (Judges 16:19).

In 1879, people watching William Beal would likely think he was loony. They'd see the professor of botany filling twenty bottles with various seeds, then burying them in deep soil. What they didn't know was that Beal was conducting a seed viability experiment that would span centuries. Every twenty years a bottle would be dug up to plant its seed and see which seeds germinate.

Jesus talked a lot about seed planting, often likening the sowing of seed to the spreading of "the word" (Mark 4:15). He taught that some seeds are snatched by Satan, others have no foundation and don't take root, and yet others are hampered by the life around them and are choked out (vv. 15-19). As we spread the good news, it's not up to us which seeds will survive. Our job is simply to sow the gospel—to tell others about Jesus: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (16:15 ESV).

In 2021, another of Beal's bottles was dug up. The seeds were planted by researchers and some sprouted, having survived more than 142 years. As God works through us and we share our faith with others, we never know if the word we share will take root or when. But we're to be encouraged that our sowing of the good news might, ever after many years, be received by someone who will "accept it, and produce a crop." (Mark 4:20).



²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?