



SCRIPTURE MEMORY FELLOWSHIP

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“Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.” (Ps. 119:92)

Delight to Live

If life has broken your heart, you know the psalmist is not exaggerating. Instead, he gives a literal assessment of his dependency on the life-giving — even life-saving — Word of God. His walk through life’s valleys, like ours, has seen him abandoned by friends, bereaved of loved ones, or plunged into financial ruin. In the midst of such trials, he finds joy not in the prospect of improved circumstances, but in the realization that God’s Word is forever “settled in heaven” (vs. 89), just like its Author Whose “faithfulness endures to all generations” (vs. 90). Because God Himself is faithful, the promises of His Word don’t expire or fail. We cling for life to the things promised, keeping those promises stored in the treasures of memory, and God brings it to pass (Psa. 37:5). Then, against the odds, the day then comes when we say, “Return to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling” (Psa. 116:7-8). Let’s delight in God’s Law...while we can!

Is SMF Camp Just for Kids?

If you can pass a 600-foot zip line with no impulse to hop on and zoom over the lake, should you pass on Scripture Memory Camp? Certainly not! Adults of all ages play a vital role at camp—not always in the way they expect! Take for example, God’s plans for Lois Bostrom:

When I was about 25, I had listened to young kids recite. I had only volunteered as a counselor—I was not saved yet. At Bible Memory Camp I received the Lord. I went to Bible College, then lived 47 years in Japan. I met my husband there. My life was changed.”

Just as Scripture memorization is not only for kids, so also the singing, study, and fellowship of camp are not just for kids! How can an adult like you help at SMF Camp?



Campers needed adult participation then...they still do today.



How will you help?

Pray: for the seed of the memorized Word to bear fruit, both during and after the week of camp.

Help: children and youth memorize to earn their week of camp. Supply their memory books; hear their verses.

Transport: Most of the children around you don’t have driver’s licenses. But you do. We hear such wonderful camp stories from the 70-year history of this ministry. Someone had to get the campers there.

Volunteer: to hear verse recitations at camp. Wouldn’t you love a few hours of hearing Scripture from the lips of the coming generation?

Scholarship: the week of camp by giving to SMF’s camp fund. Suggested donation of \$100 per camper may be mailed to SMF or given online.

There’s still time to sign up for camp! Children and young people can earn their way by memorizing and memorizing adults with financial need qualify as well! Contact us for details or see our website for registration form.

SMF...on the road!

This spring is packed with opportunities to promote Scripture memorization! Please pray for our ministry and considering visiting us at:

- ◇ March 11-12 SMF Board of Directors Meeting, **Garland, TX**
- ◇ March 14 SMF Benefit Concert, Bryan College Chorale, **Garland, TX**
- ◇ March 17-19 Texas Great Homeschool Convention, **Fort Worth, TX**
- ◇ March 17-19 Teach Them Diligently Homeschool Convention, **Nashville, TN**
- ◇ March 31-April 2 Midwest Great Homeschool Convention, **Cincinnati, OH**
- ◇ April 7-9 Greater St. Louis Area Home Educators Conference, **St. Louis, MO**
- ◇ April 21-22 EFFC Intermountain West District Conference, **Rock Springs, WY**
- ◇ April 28-30 Teach Them Diligently Homeschool Convention, **Atlanta, GA**
- ◇ April 29-30 OK Christian Home Educators Convention, **Oklahoma City, OK**
- ◇ May 5-7 TX Home School Coalition Convention, **Arlington, TX**
- ◇ May 13-14 Christian Homeschool Association of Pennsylvania, **Harrisburg, PA**



For more information,
feel free to contact us.

SMF App for iPhone/iPad — Coming Spring 2016

The SMF Bible memory app will soon be available for iPhone users. We have provided a “blueprint” of the app to our programmers who are working quickly to make it available. The iOS app will contain all features available in Android and feature classic memory books in KJV, NKJV, ESV, NASB, and NIV84.

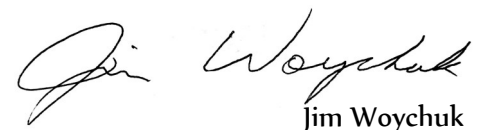
Fruit from the Seed, the Word of God

Sarah Jane J. wrote: “Thank you for your faithful work for so many years! I am now 20 years old and my parents diligently taught me the Forget-Me-Nots, ABC’s, and I AM verses. This past fall I finally began to truly realize that Jesus is my Savior. Through this experience these verses I had memorized constantly came to my mind. Yet now they were/are living and active by the work of the Holy Spirit!”

Ministry Update

Our financial needs have grown acute. This month, we are authorizing the production of new editions of *Peace* (Beginner Adult 1), the *ABC Memory Book CD*, and the *I Am Memory Book CD*. Our unpaid bills total over \$11,000. After God’s very bountiful provision through His people in November and December, January and February have seen quite a drought. Would you pray for SMF and consider what part He would have you play in our work? If your church has benefited spiritually from this ministry, please consider including us in your budget (Rom. 15:27).

We thank God for you. Much grace to each of you,


Jim Woychuk



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grip the “sword of the Spirit” (Eph. 6:17)
through Scripture memorization, knowledge, and application.*

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