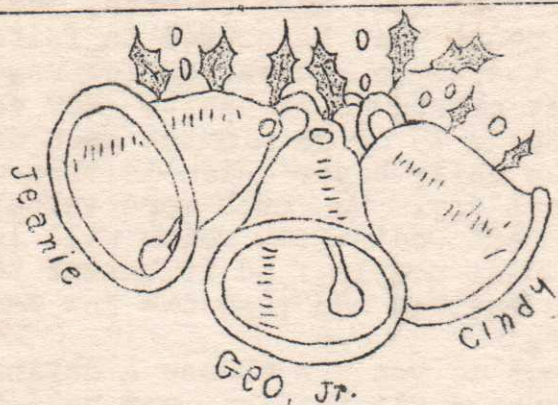


WARNERS CHAPEL

MESSENGER



THESE THREE BELLS
AND TWO CANDLES
WISH YOU

THE BRIGHTEST
HOLIDAY
SEASON
EVER



The new year of 1954 is beginning soon. Perhaps you have made several good resolutions. May we challenge you to read the Bible through in 1954.

You can do it by reading three chapters each day and five each Lord's day. You can complete it in 365 days.

More Bibles were sold in 1953 than in any year of history. No doubt you own one or more. But the Bible must be read, must be meditated upon, must be obeyed in faith if it proves the way of salvation for us. We are largely creatures of habit. How easy it is to spend 15 or 20 minutes each day reading the daily paper which is thrown away the next day. How much more valuable for us to read God's Book which will last forever. Most people find it better to start with Matthew and read the New Testament first.

It is best if you can choose a definite time for each day's reading, and hold to it. Read with expectancy seeking God's will for you. Mark the passages which are most helpful so that you can re-read them later. Memorize key verses so that you can meditate on them during the day. Be sure to pray for God's blessing as you begin to read and for strength to do his will when you finish your reading. Such a program will bless you beyond measure in 1954.

Several hundred people locally have made this resolve, and the church is furnishing them with a 38-page pamphlet on "Understanding the Bible." If you would like a copy of this you may have one by writing a card addressed to the church, Broadway and T, Lubbock, Texas. But be sure to read the Bible every day in 1954.

M. Norvel Young

You Are Like A Pencil

I have before me just a common lead pencil. But how much like this pencil you are! This pencil was made for a purpose, and properly directed, can be very useful. A true, inspiring message can be written with this pencil, or a lie, a tale of misery, or damaging gossip can be spread abroad with it. It must have the proper guidance.

It bears the name of its maker, and the reputation of the maker depends on how this pencil does the work. I haven't seen the maker of this pencil, so I must get my impression of him from his product.

This lead pencil looks all right on the outside, but its real value is determined by its heart.

To correct a mistake, to erase an error, the head of the pencil must be brought low, in a humble position. As long as the head is held up high the mistake is not corrected. Instead, more damage is done. The head must be used.

Will you take a lesson from this pencil?

(selected)

As Soldiers of the Cross, we have only a short distance to go before crossing the line into a new year. Can it be said of us that we have discharged our duty in a soldierly way?

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A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep its eyes on the spot where the crack was.If you do not open your window toward Jerusalem you will pitch your tent toward Sodom.....Falsehood and silence often amount to the same thing... (selected)

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day.
And as my fingers pressed it, still
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past;
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it still it bore,
And I could fashion it no more!

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently pressed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years had gone:
It was a man I looked upon.
He still that early impress bore,
And I could fashion it no more!

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The world interprets your sincerity on the
first day of the week by how you spend the
last six days.

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THIS IS AN INVITATION

TO

TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES