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2014 is about to come to an end and 2015 will be starting soon. Each year we set New Year resolutions; often goals to make our bodies physically healthy. Sometimes, we set spiritual goals to improve our spiritual health. As the year goes by, we look back and many of the things we started at the beginning of the year ended within the first few weeks. How quickly January comes again to try it all over.

Over the years, we have gone through several reading schedules including "90 days through the Bible," a chronological study, Old and New



Testament mixed, and reading random sets of books and chapters. For 2015, we wanted to do something different. We looked to see how many chapters there were in the New Testament and found that there were two hundred sixty.

Quickly doing the math we realized that dividing 260 by 52 came out to 5. We thought, why not read a chapter a day for five days a week?

What about the weekend? We wondered about throwing in some Old Testament chapters or just using the weekends to think about what was being read throughout the week.

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## 61 CALLERS - YOU CAN HELP!

The Oklahoma Christian University Think Tank—Closing the Back Door is working both to develop new ideas to help churches of Christ growth, but also a method of getting those ideas to our 12,311 locally autonomous US congregations.

The distribution method is to recruit 100 callers to call 125 congregations and request the current e-mail address. We have presently recruited 39 callers and need 61 more. Volunteers will be provided a list of congregation names, phone numbers and sample wording to use. You will need calling flexibility during the normal work day, as that is when most congregation offices are open.

If you can be of assistance in this, your help will be greatly appreciated. Contact [bbaugh@thearray](mailto:bbaugh@thearray) to receive your list.

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Our preaching minister suggested, "Add some prayer topics for the weekends". The plan then became known as "260+105." 260 days of reading and 105 days of prayer. Prayer topics are based on the previous week's readings and to aid in thinking about how it applies to me today.

The "260+105" plan is a simple plan, and since it only takes a few minutes to read a chapter a day. It gives you time to meditate, **highlight interesting passages**, research, take notes or journal entries about what is read. Read it individually, with the family, with friends, or as a couple. This can be used as a Bible class challenge with discussion, a small group study or any other idea to challenge, encourage and grow in knowledge of God's word. We are using the reading selections from the week as topics for the Sunday evening sermons at our congregation.

**At the end of 2015 each member who follows this plan will have the personal assurance that they know the churches of Christ follow the New Testament because they have carefully read it for themselves.**

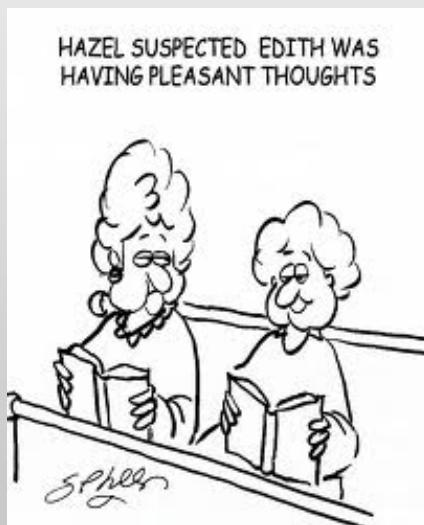
The plan starts in Luke with the story of Jesus, and then Acts; the beginning of the church. After that, the progression through the books is in an order that makes the reading flow well. The last chapter to read at the end of the year is Philemon where Paul encourages Philemon and the church to keep up the good work of spreading the word and reaching out. We pray that this year, we will learn from the reading of God's word so that we can share the Gospel with boldness.

Keep reading and growing and let's go in 2015.

Robert Heyen, Involvement Minister, Memorial church of Christ, Houston, TX

Hebrews 4:12 *'For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.'*

I would like to thank David Duncan, Philip Bailey and Amanda Archer for their input and ideas in the development of "260+105."



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## CASTLEMAN COMMENT BE STRONG - BE STRONG

Daniel 10:19 says, "Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength." (NIV)

We need to hear and remember that "God loves us, so don't worry or fear." Self-improvement says, "You can do it; you have the potential within, so don't worry or fear." Yet the source of strength for victorious living is in the profound fact that, "God loves me."

Daniel's life in Babylonian and Persian captivity challenges us. We know that Daniel's faith made him so tough that the lions could not make a meal of him. That did not make it easier to live without worry or fear; it was just proof that God would be there in a crisis. The command in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything..." comes from beyond us; it originates in the God who knows, controls, and loves.

Kirk Castleman

We are happy to announce that the 2015 Schedule of Daily Bible Readings and Questions is ready to print. Our printer tells us that it will be about \$15/copy. Please publicize this to your family and "circle of friends" through your internet contacts. This is non-profit and we want it to be to the Glory of God! We just want folks to read their Bible every day! We will be glad to mail/ship copies to you, so please help us. Each copy will average about \$5/copy, which includes postage and mail envelope. Kirk and Linda Castleman 7419 Bairnsdale Lane, Houston 77070 [kirk.castleman1942@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.castleman1942@gmail.com) 830-900-9771 Any extra funds will be used to print copies to give away for evangelism. Love and blessings to all, Kirk and Linda

## PROVERBS TEACH WISDOM: ELIZABETH BROWN

The purpose of Proverbs is to teach wisdom and discipline, to help the young do what is right. They provide insight, knowledge and discernment for developing a wise character. A foolish or wicked character is contrasted with the righteousness of a wise character.

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline." 1:7

"My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction." 1:8

"To much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut." 10:19

"Honesty guides good people; dishonesty destroys treacherous people. 11:3

"Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others." 12:15

"Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed." 12:19

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper. 13:4

"Wise people think before they act; fools don't – and even brag about their foolishness." 13:16

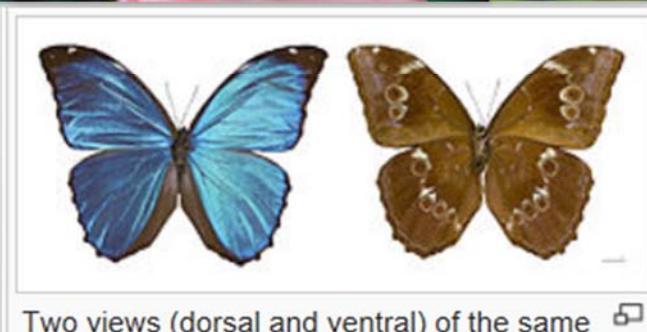
"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare." 15:1

"When people's lives please the Lord, even their enemies are at peace with them. 16:7

Solomon expressed God's true values in short pithy sayings as a practical way of teaching his law. Consider this tiny selection from Proverb as a prompting for a fuller reading!

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX

## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION: BLUE MORPHO BUTTERFLY



Two views (dorsal and ventral) of the same specimen

"With wings closed, the blue morpho butterfly (*Morpho peleides*) appears to have seven sets of eyes. As its common name implies, the blue morpho butterfly's wings are bright blue, edged with black. The blue morpho is among the largest butterflies in the world, with wings spanning from five to eight inches.

**Their vivid, iridescent blue coloring is a result of the microscopic scales on the backs of their wings, which reflect light.** The underside of the morpho's wings, on the other hand, is a dull brown color with many eyespots, providing camouflage against predators such as birds and insects when its wings are closed.

When the blue morpho flies, the contrasting bright blue and dull brown colors flash, making it look like the morpho is appearing and disappearing. The males' wings are broader than those of the females and appear to be brighter in color. Blue morphos, like other butterflies,

also have two clubbed antennas, two fore wings and two hind

wings, six legs and three body segments -- the head, thorax and abdomen." From the Rainforest Alliance on Wikipedia.

The intricate and different designs on each side of the wings (especially the 7 "eyes" on one side) could easily qualify something impossible for evolution to do, however, it is not the subject of this one. The design of microscopic scales (small prisms) which reflect the light and make the wings appear to be blue is this month's impossible. This clearly illustrates an intelligent designer rather than an accident of evolution.

Benton F. Baugh, Ph.D., P.E.



Wing of Blue Morpho Butterfly at higher and higher zoom to show the scales.

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**5/20/15     Houston Foster's Home For Children Golf Tournament—Blackhorse**

### **YAHOO GROUP**

*HoustonCofC is a Yahoo group hosted by Steve Sandifer [steve.sandifer@sbcglobal.net] for the purpose of communicating Houston area news among the brethren. It is open to any member of the church at no cost.*

### **The Christian Array E-Magazine**

This e-magazine is sent to members of the church on a monthly basis as an attempt to promote scriptural teachings, area wide activities and church growth. If you do not want to receive this e-magazine, send an e-mail to [bbaugh@thearray.org](mailto:bbaugh@thearray.org) and it will be stopped.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, send their e-mail addresses to [bbaugh@thearray.org](mailto:bbaugh@thearray.org). All past copies of the newsletter can be found on the website "thearray.org".

### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

A goal of this newsletter is to develop a mailing list of as many members of the church as possible and to communicate church related information to as many members as possible. In that light, we would appreciate it if you would:

1. forward the church member e-mail addresses which you have,
2. send the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have, and
3. give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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