

Jan. 24, 2024

Bits of Home Chat: Hi, Hello, Hola, Bonjour, Shalom, how are you dear folks? Carl and I are doing fairly well but we sure could use some sunny days to get outside! Some of you abide in Arizona, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, California and other areas where the sun is more likely to shine and shines many more days than here in Western PA. ....To offset the feeling of being shut indoors, we started to put together one of 3 new puzzles that we got this winter. I took a picture of it so you could see the work so far. There was a picture added in the box so I laid it on the puzzle board hoping you are able to see it. We have a lot of the frame done and the colors separated into divisions. There are 1,000 pieces which could take some doing but it is a nice puzzle with pieces that do not have duplicate cut in the same area. That makes it a lot nicer than ones that are so close in cut and color that they can be placed in the wrong spot and cause confusion in other parts of it. ....



.....Carl and I had the joy of hearing from one of our former PA students who is now home! He needs your prayers and ours that he will get a lasting job. He had a good one but got laid off. That has to be a real grief for any of you who may be going home. ....Our church had a surprise on Sunday as our pastor resigned. He took a position in the South at a larger church. We were not truly shocked since he has been having a hard time financially. He will be here for 2 months and then move to the new location. It is extremely important for a church to seek God's appointed man and not one who we think will do. Carl and I would like to open our home for prayer meetings as soon as possible so our little body of believers will be drawn together, comforted, and kept together in extra times of prayer for our next pastor. Actually, Carl and I have been praying that God would supply a new pastor when the time came and that He would give us a man who would shepherd us like God would want him to. The church is made up of believers who are in various ages and in different stages of maturity. A pastor has to know when to encourage and when to correct. He needs a good handle on the Word of God and how to teach it to others. He also needs to be able to mobilize God's children, getting the gospel out and bringing others to Jesus, then building them up. a pastor has a huge responsibility. He can make or break a group of people so he must fit the criteria set up in the New Testament for them. Please do pray because the church is also responsible for sending us forward with *Bible To You*. ....If any of you have internet or radio and can get in stations on the air, try WOTJ Morehead City. It is old-fashioned, true to the Word radio station that has godly music also. At 5:00 each weekday evening there is a kid's story on called Ranger Bill, a really old story about a godly Forest Ranger and others who have exciting adventures. Yep, Carl and I listen in as often as we can, even to Ranger Bill! It is on right now in the background but I missed half of it so I can't figure out what's going on!

Memory Verse:

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, II Timothy 2:24

Verses to Ponder: II Timothy 3: 14 through 4:5; Titus 4:1-9;