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hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their heart and turn, so that I should heal them." ([Matthew 13:14](#), [15](#)).

[Proverbs 23:23](#) tells us to "Buy the truth, and do not sell it." To those who do not have a "love of the truth," "God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" ([2 Thes. 2:11](#), [12](#)).

I have heard people speak of the Bible and say "it's a mystery to me." The word "mystery" can be used in two different ways. Sometimes it means something that is hidden and cannot be understood. Other times it refers to something we are ignorant of. For example, the workings of a diesel engine are a "mystery" to me. I believe I could understand that engine if I applied myself, but right now I am ignorant of it. If the Bible is a "mystery" to you, it is because you have not applied yourself.

The Bible can be understood. It is given to us in this life and will be opened before us at the judgement ([Rev. 20:12](#)). What you know about God's word, and what you do about it, will determine what He says to you in the final day.

Let us imitate the [noble Bereans](#) who "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" ([Acts 17:11](#)).

An Anvil

I passed last eve beside the blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring, the vesper's chime,
And looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
And so, thought I, the anvil of God's word,
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon,
But though the noise of falling blows was heard
The anvil is unchanged; the hammers gone!

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

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9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

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12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

7:pm

Read Your Policy

by David Padfield

People often accuse insurance companies of not honoring their policies. Having spent a few years in that business I know the charge is seldom true. State and federal regulations force insurance companies to honor their policies. Insurers do exactly what they say in their policies; the problem is that most people have never read their copy. What keeps people from reading their policy?

Sometimes people trust their agent so they figure there is no reason to question his word. This is sad for there are a few "bad apples" in every business.

Sometimes people claim the policies are too difficult to understand. I believe most people who say this have never attempted to read their policy anyway.

I have also noticed that many people look at religion the same way they would a life insurance policy. They put blind trust in a smooth talking salesman (some preacher) and hope that he knows what he is doing. They never read their policy (the Bible) for they imagine that they couldn't understand it anyway. It is much easier to trust a priest or preacher than to read and study for themselves.

The [Holy Spirit](#) guided the apostles in the writing of the New Testament ([John 16:13](#)). Paul told the Ephesians that "when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" ([Eph. 3:4](#)). The Bible was written so a person with a limited education can read it without difficulty.

Yes, there are some things that require a good deal of study. Peter spoke of the epistles of Paul "in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" ([2 Peter 3:16](#)). Peter simply said some people will "twist" not only the difficult things, but also the "rest of the Scriptures."

When a man claims the Bible is too difficult to understand, he is impugning the character of God. Jesus told us we will be judged by His words ([John 12:48](#)). It is against every law of humanity to hold a person accountable for something they can't understand. But, there is a big difference between the words "can't" and "won't."

Jesus spoke of some in His day by quoting [Isaiah 6:9, 10](#). "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the heart of this people has grown dull. Their ears are hard of

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Those to Serve

(B) Jeffrey Burks FV) Jack Wall

(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Mike Mallett 2nd prayer Judd Wall

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List: Naomi Wall , Mildred Lovell , Gene Payne, Lloyd Crownover, Ruby Jones, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

You should know that the church was--

- built by Jesus (Matthew 16:13-18)
- built on Jesus Christ who is the only foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)
- not built on Paul, Apollos, Peter, or any other man (1 Corinthians 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:20-22)
- established on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47)



To

Scotty Miller August 8

Crickett Miller August 12

Jack Wall August 20

Mildred Lovell August 23

Cindi Wall August 26



To

Keith & Kathy Stifflemire

August 7th

Dates to Remember

July 31st

Noon Fellowship

August 7th

Mission Sunday

August 28th

Noon Fellowship