

## Back to the Bible Success

This past week's *Back to the Bible* Lectures were a great success. There were many very positive comments by those who attended and imbibed the spiritual nourishment of this biblical banquet. Even the response from the preachers who served this manna from Heaven were, in unison, pleased with the attention, the turnout and the comments regarding their presentation of the Gospel. The Forum was also greatly enjoyed by all.

Of course, these types of events do not materialize out of nowhere. There were many working in the foreground and background who contributed to the Lectures' success. It cannot go unstated how grateful we should be for everyone's involvement. Those coordinating the event, the publications, from packets to online production, and the more-than-ample table set before the attendees were all vital to our Lectures. But, also, there were those who addressed the rigorous task of cleaning the auditorium, the bathrooms and the kitchen. There were several who could not be here because of health issues but still managed to leave food for the meals. A great number of others prepared a variety of nourishing dishes, sometimes several days in advance, for this event. There are so many things for which the Park Heights family can be grateful. We are indeed blessed!

The hope and goal of such an event as this is to encourage and fuel further Christian service. We are especially grateful for our eldership, whose primary goal is to "*feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*" (Acts 20:28). Their support and diligence in planning, promoting and providing for this event is ample evidence that their intention is to strengthen, continually, the church here at Park Heights, and that we might purpose in our heart to continue the work of the Lord in this place with more vigor, dedication and commitment.

We have **great** potential for growth in this congregation if we will but dedicate ourselves to the task of opening the doors of our assemblies to our friends and neighbors, inviting them to study the Bible with us or with one of the elders or the preacher, and living a pure, Christian life before everyone with whom we come in contact, which preaches a most powerful sermon all its own.

So much for which to be grateful and a multitude of ways to express it! As our number begins to march forward in the Lord's army (2 Timothy 2:3), let us put our hand to the plow, never looking back (Luke 9:61), and dedicate ourselves to the purpose of becoming more effective fishers of men (Mark 1:17).