

2012 Reading Contest: “Be Diligent”

This year, the members of the Christian Education Board are encouraging you to read the Bible (first and foremost), good Christian books, and to MEMORIZE Scripture as well. Our church library contains shelf upon shelf of great books, old and new, waiting to be discovered and read this winter. But you are free to read ANY Christian book, even if it is not from our church library. For Bible memory work, there are wonderful resources available, and any program you are currently involved in (including AWANA) will count. You may recite your verses to anyone – each family needs to determine how to be accountable, and we trust you to accurately report your points in each category.

The CE Board also wants to encourage entire families to read and discuss together again this year. There will be bonus points awarded when everyone living in the same house chooses to read the same Bible story or book, or memorize the same verse. (There are books available for every age, even the preschoolers, so dads and moms can read a short picture book with their little ones and IT COUNTS!!)

Starting TODAY, January 29, 2012, you may begin reading and keeping track of your points. The point record sheet is designed to help each family turn in their points together. You may turn in your first point sheets by February 5 on the table in the overflow. Prizes will start on February 12, and continue every week, until March 11. During the next few weeks, Sunday School Opening will be at 9:15 in the sanctuary, and it will be for EVERYONE in the church. At 9:30, everyone will be dismissed to their classes.

Please do what you can to take part in our Reading Contest this year. The competition is friendly; we would love for everyone to adopt this verse for themselves: “**Be diligent** in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress” (I Tim. 4:15).