# Joy of Living Bible Studies

Enriching lives through the study of God's Word

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# How to Use Joy of Living Materials

This unique Bible study series may be used by people who know nothing about the Bible, as well as by more knowledgeable Christians. Each person is nurtured and discipled in God's Word, and many develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as they study.

Joy of Living is based on the idea that each person needs to open their Bible and let God speak to them by His Holy Spirit, applying the Scripture's message to their needs and opportunities, their family, church, job, community, and the world at large.

Only a Bible is needed for this study series. While commentaries may be helpful, it is not recommended that people consult them as they work through the daily study questions. It is most important to allow the Holy Spirit to lead them through the Bible passage and apply it to their hearts and lives. If desired, additional commentaries may be consulted after answering the questions on a particular passage.

The first lesson of a series includes an Introduction to the study, plus the first week's daily study questions. Some questions are simple, and some are deeper for those who are more advanced. The individual works through the Bible passages each day, praying and asking God's guidance in applying the truth to their own life. (The next lesson will contain the commentary on the Bible passage being covered in the study questions.)

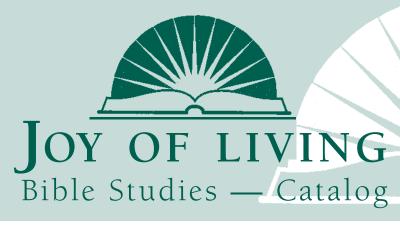
#### To Use in a Group Setting:

After the daily personal study of the passage has been completed, the class gathers in a small group, where they pray together and discuss what they have written in response to the questions about the passage, clarifying problem areas and getting more insight into the passage. The small group/discussion leader helps the group focus on Biblical truth, and not just on personal problems. The student is the only person who sees their own answers and shares only what they feel comfortable sharing.

After small groups meet for discussion and prayer, they often gather in a large group meeting where a teacher gives a brief lecture covering the essential teaching of the Bible passage that was studied during the prior week and discussed in the small groups. The teacher may clarify the passage and challenge class members to live a more committed daily life.

At home, the student begins the next lesson, which contains commentary notes on the prior week's passage and questions on a new Scripture passage.

<sup>1.</sup> Challenge questions are optional for those who want to dig deeper or write their personal opinion. The Personal questions are between the individual doing the study and God. Those answers may be shared in class only if the individual would like to.



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#### Statement of Purpose

Joy of Living Bible Studies is an evangelical, interdenominational, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the study and teaching of God's Word. All money not used for printing and office costs goes toward developing new Bible study courses.

The *Joy of Living* office is here to serve you and provide Bible study materials. There are no rules regarding who may begin a *Joy of Living* class.

Any person may order any quantity of studies.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please see current order form for prices, or visit our website at:
<a href="https://www.joyofliving.org">www.joyofliving.org</a>.

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# Leadership Materials

Joy of Living Bible studies are a unique Bible study series that may be used by people who know nothing about the Bible, as well as by more knowledgeable Christians. Each person is nurtured and discipled in God's Word, and many develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as they study.

Joy of Living is based on the idea that each person needs to open their Bible and let God speak to them by His Holy Spirit, applying the Scripture's message to their heart and life. Only a Bible is needed for this study series.

Many plans for organizing and leading a class are included in the Leadership Training Guide. Variations in the format of the class or use of these materials are possible and may be necessary to accommodate the needs of your class. Ask the Lord to guide you as you plan for your group.

Joy of Living Bible study materials are interdenominational in nature, and people of all faiths are welcomed and encouraged into a disciplined study of God's Word.

May you find your "Joy" in the Lord Jesus Christ as you study His precious Word, the Bible.

#### Leadership Training Guide

Step by step guidelines to help you start, administer and teach a class, lead a discussion group, and provide nursery and childcare.

Pages are reproducible for leader training.



May also be downloaded from our website at no charge.



## Teacher's Starter Kit

Helpful for training new teachers, substitutes, or alternates.

#### The kit includes:

- Leadership Training Guide
- Planning and Leading a Bible Study (DVD)
- Joy of Living Promo Packet

#### Audio Lecture Series

See the order form at end for available studies.

#### A helpful source of ideas for your own lectures

- Each Lecture Series includes lectures given to *Joy* of *Living* classes by experienced teachers.
- All series are available on CD or as downloadable mp3 files.
- Downloaded mp3 files may be burned to CD for use in a CD player.
- Note: Audio quality varies and may not be suitable for use as a "substitute teacher" for a group.

#### Planning and Leading a Bible Study

45-minute training video on DVD

Topics addressed are:

- how to develop and administer Bible study groups
- how to improve your leadership
- how to use small groups to strengthen the unity of the

church and reach out to the community.



Video may also be viewed free of charge from a link on our website.

# Joy of Living Promo Packet

#### Let others know about your class ....

Available free on our website, or order a printed copy:

- 11" x 17" Poster
- 8 1/2" x 11" Poster
- Promo/Witnessing Card
- Class Promotional Brochure
- Sample news releases
- Ideas for using the above items

Each poster contains a space for your class information.

All items are black and white, and may be reproduced. Items may also be downloaded free of charge from our website.



# Adult Bible Studies

All printed studies are spiral-bound, and are available in both regular type (10pt) and large type (18pt).

All are also available as digital files for a computer or tablet, either downloaded or on CD. See page 5 for more information.

See page 7 for information on licensing

Complimentary Sample Lessons available on our website.

# Finding Joy! Series

Printed Format —  $5^1/2'' \times 8^1/2''$  for regular type or  $8^1/2'' \times 11''$  in large type.

Each lesson contains daily questions. Commentary is interspersed with questions. The Bible verses referenced each day are listed for the reader's convenience on the right hand side of each day's two facing pages.

The Joy of Knowing 6 lessons
Knowing God Through the Psalms 6 lessons

#### Joy of Living Classic Series

*Printed Format* — 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 11"

Each lesson contains commentary and a week's daily study questions (except for the final lesson which contains the final commentary only).

| Genesis (28 lessons in 2 parts)             |                        | Gospel of Mark (32 lessons in 2 parts)              |             |
|---|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Part 1: Genesis Ch. 1-26                    | 15 lessons             | Part 1: Mark 1:1—8:33                               | 15 lessons  |
| Part 2: Genesis Ch. 27-50                   | 14 lessons             | Part 2: Mark 8:34—16:20                             | 18 lessons  |
| Exodus: Egypt to Promised Land (2           | 26 lessons in 2 parts) | Gospel of John (22 lessons in 2 parts)              |             |
| Part 1: Exodus Ch. 1-24                     | 15 lessons             | Part 1: John Ch. 1-11                               | 12 lessons  |
| Part 2: Exodus Ch. 25-40 & portion          | S                      | Part 2: John Ch. 12-22                              | 11 lessons  |
| of Num., Deut., Joshua                      | 12 lessons             | Acts (25 lessons in 2 parts)                        |             |
| Judges & Ruth                               | 8 lessons              | Part 1: Acts Ch. 1-13                               | 13 lessons  |
| 1 Samuel                                    | 19 lessons             | Part 2: Acts Ch. 14-28                              | 13 lessons  |
| 2 Samuel                                    | 10 lessons             | Romans  | 18 lessons  |
| 1 Kings                                     | 11 lessons             | 1 Corinthians                                       | 17 lessons  |
| 2 Kings                                     | 11 lessons             | 2 Corinthians                                       | 12 lessons  |
| Nehemiah                                    | 13 lessons             |   | 12 10330113 |
| Esther                                      | 7 lessons              | Ephesians (21 lessons in 2 parts)                   | 11 lessons  |
| Job   | 13 lessons             | Part 1: Ephesians Ch. 1-3 Part 2: Ephesians Ch. 4-6 | 11 lessons  |
| Psalms of Faith (revised 2023)              | 17 lessons             | 1   |             |
| (Covers Psalms 1, 8, 19, 20, 22, 40, 42-43, |                        | Philippians & Colossians                            | 9 lessons   |
| 45, 50, 51, 73, 84, 90, 95, 107, 109)       |                        | 1 Thessalonians                                     | 6 lessons   |
| Psalms from the Heart (free digital do      | ownload)               | Hebrews (21 lessons in 2 parts)                     |             |
| (Covers Psalms 23, 34, 139)                 | 4 lessons              | Part 1: Hebrews Ch. 1-8                             | 11 lessons  |
| Ecclesiastes                                | 9 lessons              | Part 2: Hebrews Ch. 9-13                            | 11 lessons  |
| Isaiah                                      | 14 lessons             | Hall of Faith: Study on Hebrews 11                  | 10 lessons  |
| Daniel Chapters 1-6                         | 7 lessons              | James   | 8 lessons   |
| Prophecy in the Book of Daniel              | 9 lessons              | The Letters of John                                 | 11 lessons  |
| Jonah                                       | 5 lessons              |   | 11 10000110 |
| Highlights of the Old Testament             |                        | Revelation (24 lessons in 2 parts)                  | 111         |
| History: Genesis - Esther                   | 13 lessons             | Part 1: Revelation Ch. 1-8                          | 11 lessons  |
| Wisdom & Prophecy:                          |                        | Part 2: Revelation Ch. 9-22                         | 11 lessons  |
| Job - Malachi                               | 15 lessons             | Highlights of the New Testament                     | 17 lessons  |
| Christ B.C.                                 | 14 lessons             | Treasures from the Parables                         | 10 lessons  |

# Non-English Materials

#### The following have been translated into other languages.

Overseas Missionaries please contact office for special arrangements.

Complimentary Sample Lessons Available on our website.

All non-English courses are available in digital format; Spanish courses also available in printed spiral-bound format.

# DIGITAL BIBLE STUDIES

Type your answers to the daily Study Questions in the Adult Studies on your computer or tablet.





All Adult (English and Foreign Language), Youth and Preschool courses are available in one or more digital formats. Studies can be shippped on CD or downloaded from our website.

Formats: PDF, PDF with Fillable Fields, Microsoft Word.

#### Arabic



| 1 Thessalonians | 6 | lessons |
|-----------------|---|---------|
| James           | 8 | lessons |

#### German



| Genesis         | 28 | lessons |
|-----------------|----|---------|
| Exodus          | 26 | lessons |
| Nehemiah        | 13 | lessons |
| 1 Corinthians   | 17 | lessons |
| 1 Thessalonians | 6  | lessons |
| Revelation      | 24 | lessons |

#### Nepali



| James | 8 | lesson |
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#### Spanish



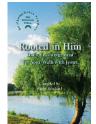
| Exodus Part 1            | 15 | lessons |
|--------------------------|----|---------|
| Exodus Part 2            | 12 | lessons |
| Isaiah                   | 14 | lessons |
| Gospel of John Part 1    | 12 | lessons |
| Gospel of John Part 2    | 11 | lessons |
| Philippians & Colossians | 9  | lessons |
| Romans                   | 18 | lessons |
| 1 Thessalonians          | 6  | lessons |

# ROOTED IN HIM

#### Daily Encouragement for Your Walk with Jesus

50th Anniversary Devotional

Living in this world is not easy! Jesus Himself said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b). Knowing and truly walking with the Lord makes all the difference.



This devotional contains 30 warm hearted daily readings that we hope will encourage you as you walk with Jesus Christ, rooted and grounded in Him.

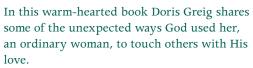
Compiled by our President, Kathy Rowland, the daily readings were written by our various authors: Doris Greig, Ray Stedman, Bill Myers, Anne Walls, Kathy Rowland, Nancy Collins, Ruth Bathauer, Jean Randall, and Robert Ricker.

The book is in 5  $1/2 \times 8 \cdot 1/2$  spiral-bound format. Also available in PDF format.

# You Can Do It, Too!

#### Opening Your Heart and Home to Share God's Love

by Doris W. Greig





There are questions for study and reflection at the end of each chapter to encourage and challenge the reader to share God's love with others in the everyday circumstances of life.

Also included are 250 easy recipes and household hints.

The book is in 8 1/2 by 11 spiral-bound format, and includes a complete recipe index. Also available in PDF format.

Doris Greig is the founder of Joy of Living Bible Studies.

# Preschool Materials

#### Reproducible for children ages 2-5

Each Course Consists of One Reproducible Master. Complimentary Sample Lessons Available on our website.

Suggestions are included for administering the class, distribution of responsibilities, coordinating and training volunteers, room arrangements, snacks, and games.

Sing-Along Songs for Young Children (below) contains the suggested songs to use with the Joy of Living Preschool Curriculum.

> **Preschool Kits** combine a Preschool Course with the Music CD set at a reduced price.

All Preschool courses are available in printed format or as digital files (PDF and mp3).

#### Bible Basics for Little Ones

#### by Joan Regan

This course is suitable for both 2-year-olds and preschool children. Covering a variety of basic Bible themes, this 33 lesson course includes:

- Lesson plans
- Stories
- Crafts, activities, suggested songs and fingerplay
- Take-home activity papers for "mommy"

#### **Joy of Living Preschool Curriculum**

Suitable for use with older preschool and early elementary children.

#### by Nancy Collins

- Luke
  - Acts
- 2 Timothy

These courses include:

- Lesson plans
- Learning activities
- Memory verses
- Reproducible crafts • Written stories

#### by Dana Stewart

#### Judges & Ruth

• 1 Samuel

These courses include:

- Lesson plans
- Notebook activities
- · Crafts, activities

# Children's Music Resource

#### Sing-Along Songs for Young Children:

• 2-CD Set

(Reproducible)



This item may be purchased to use with Joy of Living Preschool curriculum (see Preschool Kits) or may be used independently with the curriculum of your choice.

# YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

#### Reproducible for children ages 6-14

Each Course Consists of One Reproducible Master. Complimentary Sample Lessons Available on our website.

#### by Pat Kampenga

This series offers opportunities for spiritual growth and learning for children ages 6-14 (under 10 may need help on homework.)

Each course includes:

- · Children's Lesson Sheet
- contains daily questions to complete
- Leader's Lesson Sheets
- includes answers to the daily questions
- Suggested Schedule for each meeting
- · Activity, game suggestions
- Craft ideas

All Youth courses are available in printed format or as digital files (PDF).

#### Courses Available:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings • 2 Kings
- Esther
- Psalms
- Ecclesiastes
- Daniel chapters 1-6
- Jonah
- Luke
- Acts
- Romans
- Ephesians • Philippians & Colossians
- · 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Timothy
- Hebrews
- · Hall of Faith
- James
- 1-3 John & Jude
- · Christ in the Old Testament



#### Office Hours

Our Customer Service department is available to answer your questions and take orders Monday through Friday during the following hours (check your time zone):

Eastern - 11AM to 6:00 PM Mountain - 9AM to 4:00 PM Central - 10AM to 5:00 PM Pacific - 8AM to 3:00 PM

#### ORDERING

Orders may be placed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 800-999-2703 or at <a href="https://www.joyofliving.org">www.joyofliving.org</a>.

When placing a phone order after hours, be certain to give us your Customer Number, as well as your name and telephone number, to ensure proper shipping and billing. If we have complete information, your order will be processed the next business day.

You may also place your order by:

E-mail: info@joyofliving.orgWebsite: www.joyofliving.org

• US Mail: Joy of Living P.O. Box 5828 Ventura, CA 93005

(Please allow 2-3 weeks if ordering by mail).

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#### Licensing

For a reduced price per individual Bible study, Joy of Living will provide you with a digital master copy of the study of your choice and grant you permission to print the study lessons for your individual class members.

These may only be sold to your group members for enough to cover the cost of the license price of the study plus your printing cost.

For details or to order, call our office at (800) 999-2703.

#### CLASS LIST

Joy of Living maintains a list of all classes currently using our materials. This information is provided to individuals who are seeking a class in a specific area. Please contact the office for assistance.

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We are a nonprofit ministry whose primary source of funds is through the sale of studies. Without this resource we would be unable to continue making studies available.

#### SHIPPING

Orders within the continental U.S. are shipped by either United Parcel Service (UPS) Ground or by United States Postal Service (USPS) Priority Mail or First Class Mail, whichever is least expensive. Please include a street address for UPS delivery (UPS will not deliver to a P.O. Box).

Orders are normally shipped on the next business day. Shipping time in transit varies according to your location.

Tell us when you would like to have your order arrive; we will let you know the least expensive way to send it.

If you make certain we receive your order at least two weeks in advance, you will be certain to receive the materials in time at the least possible cost.

#### BILLING AND PAYMENT

Shipping costs are charged on all orders and vary according to quantity ordered and method of shipment.

A 7.75% sales tax is added to California orders (digital downloaded items are exempt).

#### Several payment options are available:

- You may charge the order to Mastercard, Visa, American Express or Discover.
- You may choose to have the order billed to you. An invoice (payable within 30 days) will be sent for each order. Monthly statements will be mailed.
- You may pay for your order in advance by including a check with your order.
- Extended payment option for courses over seven lessons long. Call us for more information and to take advantage of this offer.
- Orders placed through our website must be paid by credit card or a Paypal account. Use another order method if you wish to pay by check or receive extended payment terms.

# Customers Outside the U.S.

The Cart on our website calculates freight only for U.S. delivery. If the actual shipping charge will be significantly more than the calculated amount, we will contact you to pay the additional amount, or you may cancel the order for a refund.

If you place your order by phone, email, or postal mail, we ask customers outside the U.S. to pay for their order by credit card or PayPal to avoid the collection fee charged by our bank on each check or money order drawn on a non-U.S. bank.

When the package arrives at your local post office, there may be taxes, customs charges, or other fees due and payable to the postal service before your package is released to you.

To avoid the cost of shipping printed copies outside the U.S.:

- You may order digital copies from our website. (Each person in the group is still responsible to pay for their own copy.)
- If there is a printing or duplicating business located near you, you may order a digital PDF study and have them copy and bind it for your group. We will adjust the price to reflect the printing cost. Contact us by phone or email to arrange for this.

Missionaries outside the U.S. may contact us for special financial arrangements.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

#### RETURNING MATERIALS

All unused materials\* in good condition\*\* may be returned, within two years of original purchase, for credit. A 10% restocking fee will be deducted from the credit for all returned materials.

When returning materials please note the following:

- Package returns in a new, sturdy container that can withstand rough handling during shipping. Items received in damaged condition due to poor packaging cannot be credited by *Joy of Living* or by the shipping service.
- Ship packages by a method that can be tracked. Insure the package to guarantee reimbursement if it is lost or damaged.
- A copy of the itemized invoice or packing slip for the material being returned must be enclosed in each package to receive full credit. All materials returned without this may be credited at a reduced rate. All credits issued in this manner are final and will not be increased if a copy of the invoice or packing slip is received at a later date.
- Don't use newspaper as package filler unless you first line the studies with clean paper or plastic. Materials smudged with newsprint ink are not acceptable for credit.
- Rental CDs (audio lectures): Rental fee will be credited only if CDs are returned within 30 days. There is a \$3.00 charge for each missing CD.
- Purchase CDs (audio lectures): We will credit the difference between purchase and rental prices.
- Reproducible items may be returned within 30 days only if they are unused and in good condition. Please contact us for permission to return.

Where to send returns:

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Do not send orders or payments in with your returns. Returns may not be processed the day they are received.

We will issue a credit to your Joy of Living account. If you won't be ordering again soon and would like a refund, please enclose a request in each package.

- \* May not be returned: Special-order and discontinued items.
- \*\* To maintain the quality condition of materials that you may return: Protect spiral-bound book covers—if there is even a small amount of damage, we cannot resell the book, so we cannot credit you for it. Do not use paper clips or rubber bands, or write on studies, even in pencil.

#### About Joy of Living

For over 50 years *Joy of Living* has been effectively establishing individuals around the world in the sound, basic study of God's Word.

Multiple thousands of individuals are currently studying *Joy of Living* material, with active classes in nearly every state in the U.S., as well as other countries, including Canada, Mexico and Germany to name a few.

Evangelical and interdenominational, *Joy of Living* reaches across denominational and cultural barriers, enriching lives through the simple pure truths of God's inspired Word, the Bible.

Studies are flexible, suited for both formal and informal meetings, as well as for personal study. Each lesson contains historical background, commentary and a week's worth of personal application questions, leading readers to discover fresh insights into God's Word.

#### Aim of Joy of Living

**To help** people enter into a joyous relationship with God as they come to know His Son Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

To enrich lives by sharing the truths in God's inspired Word, the Bible.

To help believers discover the fulfillment and joy that comes from daily, disciplined Bible study and personal, devotional time with the Lord.

To help believers apply the teachings of Scripture to their own lives, in order to live in a way that pleases God.

To build confidence and enthusiasm in believers for sharing with others the Christian faith and the abundant life in Christ.

To provide Bible study materials, at a reasonable cost, to those desiring to study God's Word, and to those desiring to teach the truth in God's Word to others.

#### Testimonials

"Joy of Living Bible Studies have truly opened the Scriptures for me. There's so much more in Genesis than I ever realized. Each lesson is so exciting..." E.R.

"I am one person that has been saved because of Joy of Living Bible Studies. My home is now united in Christ." P.W.

"The blessings and rewards of Joy have overflowed in my life. He has shown me through these lessons how I need to be 'thoroughly furnished' to be used of Him more effectively." L.K.

"...You constantly pull out the hidden gems of the Word and make them so relevant to our everyday walk in Christ." J.J.

"I have only been in our study for one month...they are always on target with what the Holy Spirit is dealing in my own life about." K.B.

"These great lessons...They are a real gift. They have helped me more than anything else...They have helped me learn to study every day in the Bible." E.B.

# Founder and Author

#### DORIS W. GREIG

Founder of Joy of Living Bible Studies and author of many of its studies, Doris W. Greig also wrote You Can Do It Too!—Opening Your Heart and Home to Share God's Love.

A graduate of South Dakota State University, Doris accepted the Lord as a young adult. Joy of Living Bible Studies began when Doris was forced by ill health to stay in bed for a year. The Lord used this time of rest, reflection, and prayer to launch her writing career. In 1971, Doris was asked to use her material to teach a Bible study. From that first meeting in 1971, in Newhall, California, Joy of Living has grown to include classes meeting both nationally and internationally. Through her life, which was yielded to the

Lord, multiple thousands of men and women around the world have come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ and have been established in the Word of God.

Doris and her husband, William T. Greig II, had 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Doris went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in 2004.

Studies by Doris Greig: Esther; Daniel Chapters 1-6; Jonah; Luke\*; Gospel of John\*; Acts & 2 Timothy\*; Romans\*; Ephesians\*; Philippians & Colossians; 1 Thessalonians; James\*; and 1-3 John & Jude\*; and co-author of Selected Psalms\*.

\*These studies available only in non-English versions.

### Authors

#### **RUTH M. BATHAUER**

Ruth M. Bathauer (1922-2016) wrote the **Joy of Living** courses *Isaiah* and *Hall of Faith: Study on Hebrews 11*, as well as a study on Judges, Ruth & 1 Samuel (English version discontinued, Spanish & German translations available). She graduated from Northern Baptist Seminary in Oakbrook, Illinois, and also studied at the University of Chicago. As an editor for Gospel Light in Ventura, California, Ruth wrote and edited both children's curriculum and adult Bible study materials. She also wrote *Parent Care* (Regal, out of print). Ruth went home to be with the Lord in 2016.

#### NANCY J. COLLINS

Nancy J. Collins is the director of Joy of Living Bible Studies. She has been a speaker and Bible teacher for over 40 years, ministering to both children and adults, and is the presenter of the **Joy of Living** training video, *Planning & Leading a Bible Study*.

Nancy holds a B.A. in Biblical Studies, and is the author of 3 complete Joy of Living courses, the commentary portion of 5 Joy of Living courses, the study questions for over 10 Joy of Living courses, and 3 Joy of Living preschool studies. She also co-authored the *Leadership Training Guide*, and has edited many Joy of Living courses. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Southern California. They have 7 children and numerous grandchildren.

Studies by Nancy Collins (commentary, questions, or both): The Joy of Knowing, Genesis, Judges & Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, Nehemiah, Job, Psalms from the Heart, Psalms of Faith, Highlights of the Old Testament, Christ B.C., Gospel of Mark, Gospel of John, Romans, Ephesians, The Letters of John, Revelation, Highlights of the New Testament, Treasures from the Parables.

#### WILLIAM L. LANE

William L. Lane (1931-1999) wrote the commentary for *Highlights of the New Testament*. A theologian and professor of biblical studies, he began his academic career as professor of New Testament and Judaic studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He went on to serve as professor of religious studies at Western Kentucky University for 15 years. Lane joined the faculty of Seattle Pacific University as dean of the School of Religion in 1989, and served as the Paul T. Walls Chair in Wesleyan and Biblical Studies from 1993 until his retirement in 1997. He went home to the Lord in 1999.

#### **BILL MEYERS**

Bill Meyers wrote the commentary for *Christ B.C.* He is a best-selling author and award-winning filmmaker who uses his talents to further the gospel around the world. During his first year at college, Bill told God He could have his life, that he would do whatever God wanted. To date, Bill Myers' books and videos have sold over 8 million copies. As author/screenwriter/director his work has won over 60 national and international awards, including the C.S. Lewis Honor Award. Bill holds a degree in Theater Arts from the University of Washington and an honorary doctorate from the Theological Institute of Nimes, France, where he taught.

#### JEAN W. RANDALL

Jean Randall wrote the commentary portion of *Exodus: From Egypt to the Promised Land* and of *Hebrews*, and co-wrote *Selected Psalms*.\* She attended Moody Bible Institute. Jean was a pastor's wife and Christian bookstore owner, and was associated with both Moody Press and Biola College. She went home to be with the Lord in 2001.

#### **ROBERT S. RICKER**

Dr. Robert S. Ricker is the author of the commentary portion of *Ecclesiastes*. Dr. Ricker was elected as the first President of the Baptist General Conference, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Previously, he served 24 years as a senior pastor. He also served on the Advisory Council for the English Standard Version of the Bible.

Dr. Ricker has 3 degrees from Bethel College and Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, including a Doctor of Ministry from the seminary. He and his wife have 2 children. They currently reside in Southern California.

#### **KATHY ROWLAND**

Kathy Rowland, daughter of Joy of Living Founder, Doris Greig, was director of Joy of Living from 1980 to 2019. A graduate of Westmont College, Kathy is author of 3 complete Joy of Living courses and the study questions for over 10 Joy of Living courses, revised and updated 5 other Joy of Living courses, and co-authored the *Leadership Training Guide*.

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