

ABOUT OUR CURRICULUM

The name of our curriculum is *The Christian Literacy Series: The Light is Coming*, published by Christian Literacy Associates. This material has been used to successfully teach reading to adults and children in America and abroad for more than 35 years.

Christian Literacy Associates has arranged the presentation of material according to proven neurological principles to “stick” in people’s brains, even if they suffer from developmental problems or certain types of brain damage. In addition, the material utilizes teaching methods that involve the student’s visual, auditory, oral, and kinesthetic participation – all of which work together to facilitate learning.

Another important aspect of *The Christian Literacy Series* is the way that it integrates Biblical truth into the reading lessons. As a student learns to read, he or she will also read basic Scriptural truths about God, Jesus and redemption.

Since a high percentage of people who seek out reading instruction say that they want to do so in order to read the Bible, this curriculum helps them to achieve that goal. This spiritual dimension is also important to those of us who serve in the Reading Development Ministry because we have adopted it as part of our mission (*see back of brochure*).

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Reading Development Ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ by means of literacy instruction.

We hold to the conviction that everyone should be able to read and understand the Bible for him- or herself. This is a prime motivation for us as reading tutors.

We do this as a calling from Christ, our Savior and King. Because of this, we do not charge for our services, except for a small, one-time materials fee.

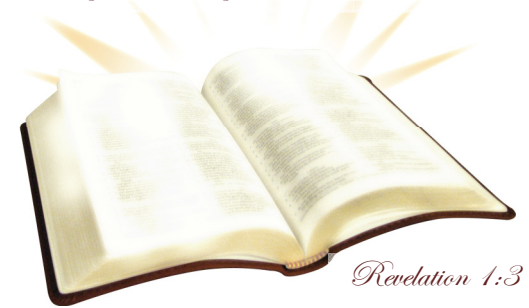


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**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO
WOULD HAVE TROUBLE
READING THIS, WE CAN HELP.**

The Light is coming...read, and be blessed!



Revelation 1:3

We are volunteer tutors in the Reading Development Ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church, in Piedmont, SC. We are trained to help children and adults with reading problems. Our training is recognized by Christian Literacy Associates, an international organization that has produced literacy materials and trained tutors since 1975.

If you have a friend, neighbor or family member who has difficulty reading, we would like to help – even if they cannot read at all.

You may contact us by phone or email. (*See the contact information on the back of this brochure.*)

HOW WE CAN HELP

The Unity Reading Development Ministry stands ready to help children or adults master basic reading skills from the ABC's to the skills that they need to recognize all the words in their spoken vocabulary.

It is important to understand that reading problems do not reflect on a person's level of intelligence. Many non-readers are very bright people who, for one reason or another, never developed the skills necessary to decode the printed word.

An adult who does not read well enough to fill out a job application or understand written instructions at work operates at a real disadvantage in our society. That person's problems may stem from a life-time of frustration and self blame going back to the early school years.

Our tutors realize the problems common to adults with reading problems, and they treat their students with dignity and respect. In addition, we use curriculum materials that adults do not find childish or insulting to their maturity level.

A child who cannot read well will have a difficult time in school, falling farther behind each quarter. Such youngsters often harbor fears that something is wrong with them because they have not mastered a skill common to those all around them.

Unity Reading Development Ministry's tutors will encourage your child by leading him/her through a step-by-step program designed to provide a sense of success and achievement from the very first lesson. Each tutor is also trained to reward those successes with sincere words of praise and recognition – something a child who reads poorly may not often receive from teachers with multiple students.

HOW TO GET HELP

1. For an adult, have them call 832-7371 to register and make an appointment over the phone. For your child, you can call the same number and make an appointment for him or her. If no one answers, leave a message, including the most convenient time for our staff to call you back.
2. We normally meet students at Unity Presbyterian Church, 2215 Hwy 86, Piedmont, SC. If it is not possible to schedule an appointment when the church building is open, we can make arrangements to meet at a public library or similar facility.
3. At the first session, the student will meet the tutor, and the tutor will lead the student through a series of diagnostic tools to identify his/her reading level and any special problems that need to be addressed.
4. Subsequent sessions are usually scheduled twice a week, and each session lasts about an hour. As a rule, we like to begin students somewhat below their actual reading level so they can familiarize themselves with our teaching methods as well as to ensure their early success.

FAQ'S (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

How much will it cost?

Unity Reading Development Ministry makes no charge for testing or instruction. We do collect a one-time materials fee of \$15 to cover the expense of the activities manual.

The student does not have to pay the full amount all at once, and if the student's budget is too tight, we can make special arrangements.

How long will it take?

It is impossible to answer that question until after the evaluation and the first few sessions. The course of study contains 114 lessons, and if a student completed one lesson per session, he/she would finish in about a year. However, many students do not need to begin at Lesson One, and most students will complete more than one lesson per session, especially at the beginning. Thus, the length of the program can vary widely from student to student.

What about students with special needs?

We use a program specially designed to help students with special needs. Stroke victims as well as students who suffer from dyslexia or mild autism have all learned to read using these materials.

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