

Knowle Green Church



It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
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Than to put confidence in princes.

Psalm 118 vs 8&9

NKJV

September - November

Knowle Green Congregational Church

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Knowle Green is an independent Church affiliated to the Congregational Federation. Our ultimate loyalty is to Christ Himself and to His Word. We seek in our dealings to be guided by the Holy Scriptures and aim to build a spiritual house worthy and fit for the Lord Jesus.

If you would like to know more about our fellowship here you are welcome to speak to our Pastor, who can be contacted at the Manse, or by telephone (see above) or speak to one of the Deacons on duty, who will be happy to provide more information.

Services are Open to all and you are invited to attend any or all.

9. 45am Devotional Service

This takes place every Sunday morning excluding the 1st Sunday in the month. This Service is facilitated by a Church member. It is Devotional in orientation, is an open Service and attendees are encouraged (optional) to take part through reading of Scripture; sharing of testimonies; choose a hymn/Worship song etc. This Service offers you the opportunity to be still; Seek God and listen to what God through the Holy Spirit is saying; to share; encourage ; bless and share in the Believers Breaking of Bread.

11.00am Family Service

This is a traditionally structured family Service. It is led from the front by the Pastor of the Church (1st and 2nd of the month) and invited speakers thereafter.

2.30pm Agape Fellowship Meeting (1st Sunday ONLY)

This is a 'MUST' for all. It takes place every 1st Sunday. We recognise the fact that increasingly Christians are becoming more isolated and marginalized hence this Service. It is more of a celebration/fellowship meeting. We share a meal (bring and share). This follows on after our usual tea/coffee recess. The gathering gives insight into the Church and the opportunity to meet Church members. We also recognise that we have a number who travel in and miss out on fellowship hence the need to be part of the family and enjoy each other's fellowship. Knowle Green remains unspoilt and is a designated ' Area of natural outstanding beauty'. On a good day take the opportunity to explore the Ribble Valley. If you have not come prepared (brought food with you) please do still join us. Your fellowship means a lot to us.

Have you visited the new Church website:-

www.knowlegreencc.com

We would like to put testimonies of how people came to faith in Jesus and/or what he has done in their lives recently, if you are willing to share your testimony please email it to:

andrew.aco012000@gmail.com or pass it to **Pastor Chris**

Regular Weekly Fortnightly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

Sunday	9.45am –10.30am	Holy Communion and time of Open Worship	Weekly (not the 1st Sunday of the month)
	11.00am –12noon	Family Service	Weekly
Monday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Life of Faith Girls Group	Alternate Weeks
	6.30pm-8.00pm	Boys Club	Alternate Weeks
Tuesday	9.00pm-10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Weekly
	7.30pm-9.30pm	House Group @ the Manse	Weekly (not 1 st week of the month)
Wednesday	10.00am-12noon	Art Group (All ages)	Weekly
	7.30pm-9.00pm	House Group in Longridge	Fortnightly

Regular Weekly Monthly/Quarterly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

Sunday	11.00am-1200 noon	Family Communion Service	1 st Sunday in the month
	2.30pm-3.30pm	Agape Fellowship Mtg	1 st Sunday in the month
Tuesday	7.30pm-9.00pm	Deacons Meeting	1 st Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	9.00am	Finance Group	Usually last week of the month (or as required)
	1.30pm-3.30pm	Prayer for Israel	Last Wednesday of the month
Thursday	10.00am-3.00pm	ACE Home School Support/Fellowship Group	Usually 3rd week of the month
	2.00pm-3.30pm	Thursday Fellowship (All Ages)	Usually last Thursday of the month
	7.30pm-9.00pm	Building Committee	Quarterly
Friday	7.00am-6.00pm	Day of Prayer and fast-ing	Last Friday of the month
	7.30pm-9.00pm	Prayer Meeting	
Saturday	9.00am-12noon	Bikers Breakfast - Last Saturday of the month	Monthly (Mar-Oct)
	9.00am-10.30am	Men's Breakfast	Quarterly

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

HARVEST

I am the LORD of the Harvest

All things come from me

Crops and all good things

Flowers of all colours

Nuts and all green leaves

Harvest—Butterflies and gardens

Water and streams and seas

Everything I provide

For you

You are the apple of my eye

Wonderful people

Like pebbles on a beach.

Be encouraged

I love you

Harvest people

You have worked hard

People who served and kept

And look after families.

Sunsets and sun rises

Cloudy and Sky

All seasons and weather

I am the LORD of the Harvest

Anne Rowland

Pastors Desk

"Better is open rebuke than hidden love,"

(Proverb 27:5)

Is loyalty the same as Truth? **'You can be very loyal and not be truthful. Can you be truthful and still be loyal.'** Desiring to be truthful will always cause us pain and problems because peers demand loyalty. Dealing with life issues will involve a series of choices. For example, Jesus encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4. Jesus said, **"You have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband" (4:18)**, she did not blow up in his face, or say, "That's none of your business. " She said, "I can see that you are a prophet" (4:19) Jesus spoke the truth and yet she could sense he deeply cared for her, he faced her with her moral failure. She did not feel rejected. The disciples thought they were loyal and loved Jesus till the time of testing came. They scattered, betrayed him, and deserted him in his hour of need. **"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.** Simon Peter answered him, **"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."** (John 6:67)

At times we equate loyalty to love and would go as far as to follow blindly. Some follow loyally only to realise to have been misguided. If we truly value and respect someone, we can say what needs to be said and what is required without that person feeling humiliated, belittled or rejected. Truth is rooted in genuine friendship. True friendship is not blind to a friend's failures and shortcomings. It is willing to face up to the failures, direct, support, encourage and bless. **It always distinguishes** between who a person is, an individual with worth and value and what a person does.

Romans 15:1-6 Paul sets out the principle that we are not to look for our own interests, but for that of others, because that is exactly what Jesus did for us.

In every man and woman's life, there comes a time when their character is called into question; until they go with the flow no matter what, or will they say "No, this is not right."

Let us consider our relationships and friendships. Are we ignoring something that should be confronted because you are a "friend"? Or have you withdrawn love and respect because you don't like some particular behaviour? ***Loyalty void of truth is not being loyal.*** .

A truthful witness gives honest testimony Proverb 12:17

Truthful lips endure forever Proverb 12:19

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. 1 Corinthians. 13:6

Have a blessed Autumn

God Bless



Pastor Chris. (Pastor Chris.)

Life of Borrowing

Jesus was born in a borrowed manger.

He preached from a borrowed boat.

He entered Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey.

He ate the last supper in a borrowed upper room,

He was buried in a borrowed tomb.

The only part of Him which was His, He gave away of His own free will.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
Sept. 1st	Joss Daune Annette Dickinson	Tony Jackson	Tony & Pat Jackson
Sept. 8th	Jack Catlow Sue Catlow	Joss Daune	Audrey & Brian Wynne
Sept. 15th	Jean Procter Colin Procter	Tom Mellor	Ruth Woods Paul Knapton
Sept. 22nd	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Colin Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
Sept. 29th	Margaret Mellor Annette Dickinson	Ken Saunders	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
October 6th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Tony Jackson	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
October 13th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Mel Gilday	Brian & Audrey Wynne
October 20th	Jack Catlow Sue Catlow	Joss Daune	Tony & Pat Jackson
October 27th	Jean Procter Colin Procter	Ruth Woods	Ruth Woods Paul Knapton
November 3rd	Margaret Mellor Annette Dickinson	Richard Grimshaw	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
November 10th	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
November 17th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Diane Daune	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
November 24th	Jack Catlow Sue Catlow	Margaret Mellor	Tony & Pat Jackson

Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is: Sunday 20th October 2013
Please note: The Voice is published **Quarterly NOT** bi-monthly.

I FIND MYSELF
FREQUENTLY
DEPRESSED...
— & I FIND —
NO BETTER CURE
THAN TO TRUST
IN THE LORD
WITH ALL MY
HEART
CHARLES SPURGEON

Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

When: 1st Thursday of every month

Where: 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire,
Nr. Blackburn

Time: 7:30pm



Agape Fellowship Meal

It is good to note attendance in number continues to increase month after month and we are thankful to God for the encouragement we can draw from the meeting and the messages we have received. We would encourage those who attend to please bring enough food for yourselves and another. If in doubt about what to bring please speak to Julie, Maureen or Trish.

Thoughts to Ponder

The heart of revival is the revival of the heart – Mark Stibbe
Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. And all is well.

- Ken Saunders

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of bill payments.

God doesn't command sinners to go to Church, but He DOES command the Church to go to sinners.

If we are not willing to climb the mountain, then we will not see the view (Anon)

Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?

Great faith is a product of great fights. **Great testimonies** are the outcome of great test. **Great triumphs** can only come after great trials. (Smith Wigglesworth)

If a man only has correct doctrine to offer me, I am sure to slip out at the first intermission to seek the company of someone who has seen for himself how lovely is the face of Him who is the rose of Sharon and the lilly of the valley. Such a man can help me, and no one else can. (A.W. Tozer)

There are two ways that David could have looked at Goliath. He could have said, "Boy, he's one big mountain of a man, I am out of here." Or, he could have said "Boy, he's so big, I can't miss."
David did the latter.



A Life of Faith Girls Club exists to provide an encouraging and inspiring environment for mentoring young girls, primarily ages 6 to 14. The objective of the Club is to help each club member develop a life of Faith.

We look at a range of issues including forgiveness, rejection, truthfulness, jealousy and more through using the historical fiction novels of Martha Finley. The main characters - Elsie Dinsmore, Millie Keith and Laylie Colbert serve as excellent role models to teach us faith and godly living as a lifestyle.

The evening sessions include dressing up, baking, drama, craft and the much-loved tea party!

Forthcoming Events in 2013

September - 16th & 30th

October - 14th & 28th

November - 11th & 25th

December - 9th

Meetings start at 6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm

Men's Breakfast

This is a quarterly held event March, June, Sept and December.

The next dates are:- September 14th 2013

December 14th 2013

Come to be encouraged and also to encourage. Bring a friend with you.

With Grateful Thanks

I would just like to send a special and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and kind words of sympathy during the recent and sudden loss of my friend Pete. Not everyone had met Pete as he worshipped at St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Ribchester, but despite being a private man in his personal life, publicly he did so much for the community and society in general.

He taught English at Longridge High School for nearly 35 years and from the tributes that came in, was a well respected, humorous and unconventional teacher, who taught many of his pupils much more about life than just punctuation and grammar.

He also gave over 20 years service volunteering as a Samaritan, usually on the Saturday night shift that they struggled to fill.

More recently he was actively involved running the horticultural section of Goosnargh and Longridge Agricultural show, which he loved as his main passion and hobby was gardening.

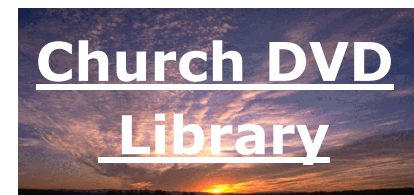
I was blessed with 13 wonderful years together with Pete and have so many fond memories of happy times together that I will cherish forever along with pride for the man he was publicly.

The DVD Library is now Open!
We have a growing number of DVDS now in the church book-case.

Please ask Jean or Annette for details. DVD's can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks and they include great teaching DVDs/CDs by Derek Prince...Do have a look and we pray this resource will bless you

This is a **Ministry** with the aim of sharing the gospel; to encourage and bless through DVD's.

All DVD's will be secured in a locked cabinet and only



IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE CMA **CAMPING WEEKEND / September Biker** **Breakfast**

CMA (North West) will be having its 1st ever weekend Camp here at Knowle Green on Friday the weekend 27th- 29th September which also co-insides with our usual bikers breakfast. CMA will be using the Church facilities. Unfortunately on this occasion breakfast (September) will be restricted to none CMA members. We do not want to inundate the system with numbers requesting breakfast. Thank you for your cooperation. The CMA program includes lunch for the CMA group immediately following Biker Breakfast. All are invited to the weekend fellowship meetings. CMA will also be attending our Sunday service. Come and share fellowship, be encouraged and meet the other half of

Bikes and the Bible

Know your Bible?

Know your bike bits?

Find the bike bits from the following Bible references

1. Amos 1:10 2. Micah 6:7 3. 1Kings 7:33 4. Philip. 4:3 or Matthew 11:29 5. Ephesians 3:10 6. Matthew 14:8 or 1 Samuel 3:3 7. Daniel 5:29 8. Psalm 112:6 9. Song of Solomon 6:11 and 2 Samuel 13:17 10. Exodus 3:2 11. Matthew 14:13 and Hebrews 3:11 12. 1Kings 5:9

Thanks to Dean Cosgrove (CMA-West Yorkshire)

Biker Breakfast

Dates are as follows:

September 29th & October 27th

It is always on the last Saturday of the

month 9.00am – 12.00noon. **(October's is the last one of 2013)**



To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
Woodcrafter's Carpenters Shop
Nazareth

From: Jordon Management Consultants
Jerusalem

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resume of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery tests.... And we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultants.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capacity.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic depressive scale.

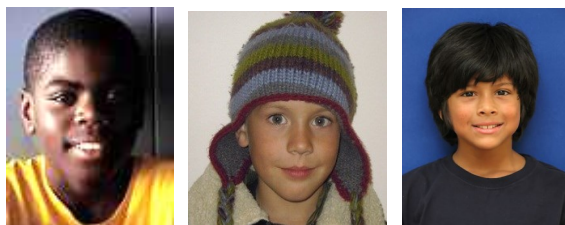
One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right hand man. All of the other profiles are self explanatory.

We wish
cess in

you every suc-
your venture

Bikes and The Bible: Answers

1. Tyre 2. Oil 3. Wheels, spokes, axles, hubs and rims
4. Yoke 5. Manifold 6. Headlamp 7. Chain 8. Horn
9. Nut(s) and Bolt(s) 10. Bush 11. Footrest
12. Float (if you remember carbs!!)



Boys Club

Knowle Green Congregational Church, Clitheroe Road,
Knowle Green, Longridge. PR3 2YQ Tel: 01254 878394

When: Every other Monday Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Age Group: 8-16year olds

**Forget the gadgets: The Wii; The Xbox; Computer games;
The Blackberry.**

Upcoming meetings in 2013 are:

September - 9th & 23rd
October - 7th & 21st
November - 4th & 18th
December - 2nd & 16th

Save Syria Campaign

For two thousand years there has been a church in Syria. But now its very survival is threatened by violence, conflict and persecution. The church is on its knees.

Open Doors has been active in Syria since before the war. We are helping the church in Syria to care for thousands of families in desperate need. "I believe the Lord has been preparing the church for this day," says Pastor Edward in Damascus. "Who else can give hope and really spread peace other than our Lord?"

The church in Syria is asking for your help. Please join us to speak out, provide emergency relief and pray for

our brothers and sisters in Christ in Syria.

2013 Ribble Family Bible Camp update

2nd year running and we've achieved the impossible, operating from three different venues, the Church buildings, the Village Hall and the Stoneygate holiday complex. It was a challenge, we were stretched, and we rose to it. Praise God! The overall numbers were up from last year, and so were the number of Churches represented. We attracted 6 Congregational Churches from the Northwest Area and thirteen other denominations. **Theme: Be Holy for I the Lord your God, am Holy** (Leviticus 19 vrs 2) and we looked at the Tabernacle in the Old Testament and the parallel between

Joseph and Jesus. **Activities** included youth sessions led by our local Youth enabler (North West Area) and helpers; Mission; Teaching; Holiday Bible Club with puppets; drama; music; story telling (life of Joseph); first fruits (5 and under ministry); Seminars: Is science and Christianity compatible; Evolution vrs Creation; Mission; other activities included swimming; evening Rallies with speaker; BBQ and a Barn Dance which were all well attended. One of the encouraging aspects of this year was to see many teenagers, 19 young people in all, in the youth meetings and serving in various capacities including the worship groups. Another addition this year was a café in the village hall which was well supported. The camp also attracted business to the local economy for which we praise God. A member of the local ATC (Longridge Air Corps) also rendered his support for the duration. The whole venture was a success which would not have been possible without the help of the Ribble Valley Family Bible Week steering Group; the Congregation of the Church; the Village Hall management group and the Stoneygate Holiday centre proprietors. Thank you every one for your love, input, support and encouragement. Above all we Praise God for His Presence, revelation, Holy Spirit guidance and keeping everyone safe. God bless you all. Reeling of names is deliberately omitted otherwise it would be an exhaustive list with a certainty of omissions. **Please clear your diary for next year's Ribble Valley Family Bible Week. (D.V.) 2014 Details: - Tuesday 19th August – Sunday 24th August 2014. Speaker: Pastor John Anglis (South Reading Christian Fellowship). Pastor John is down to earth, an excellent and enjoyable Bible scholar/teacher and comes with many years of experience.**

This year we had repeatedly come through the **word 'God chose the foolish things of this world'** (1 Corinthians 1:27) which I believe is of the Holy Spirit. 'Do not despise small beginnings'.

Thanks to all who supported this vision practically, prayerfully and financially?

Preaching Plan June to August 2013

September

1. Pastor Chris
8. Pastor Chris - Harvest
15. Ekpenyong Efiong, Clitheroe.
22. Pastor John Irwin, Minister Inglewhite Cong.
29. The Gideon's

October

6. Pastor Chris
13. Pastor Chris
20. Penny McDonald Ellet Ministries
27. Revd. David Isaacs, Martin Top Cong.

November

3. Pastor Chris
10. Pastor Chris
17. David Cornall & family, Chipping

Sunday 29th September

Members of the Preston & District Branch of the Gideon's International will be taking our morning service. They will tell us of the often unseen work they do in making copies of scripture available to people in all walks of life throughout the world; they will share news of recent successes, and new challenges to face as they go about this vital work; and they will explain the many ways in which we can help"

Remembrance Sunday

10th November 2013

10.50am meet at the Cenotaph ready for the main Service to commence at 11.00am.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15 v 13 (KJ)

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

Next three meetings will be **at the new time** of 2.00pm to 3.30pm (approx.) on the first Wednesday of each month i.e.

7 August
4 September
2 October

This update will focus on some of the Ministries in Jerusalem. (Pages 5-9 in the July Prayer for Israel bulletin, where full details of the ministries are given). These are available from us or in the Sunday School.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you." , " Because of the house of the LORD I will seek your good" Ps.122vv 6&9.

The Messianic School

This is the only school in Jerusalem for the children of Messianic believers. It is privately run and funded. However State recognition was applied for some months ago, and a protracted court case has now followed. The Judge originally ordered the school to be closed, but eventually allowed it to remain open till the end of the school year, while approvals were sought from the Health and Safety ministries. Please pray that this excellent school will be able to reopen in September and be given permission to continue its work.

Fellowship no.1

We give thanks for the 5 babies who were dedicated to the Lord at Shavuot (Penticost), the festival of "first fruits" in Israel. Pray that these "first fruits" will grow up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Please also pray for the couple who are receiving pre-marital counselling as they prepare for marriage. They both know and love God. Several new believers are being prepared for baptism, pray that they will fully dedicate themselves to the Lord Yeshua (Jesus) Some of the teens and young adults are struggling in their faith, and some have even left the fellowship. Please pray for them, it is much harder to be a believer in Israel than it is here.

Fellowship no.2

This congregation has asked us to join them in prayer for many Muslims to seek the Lord, especially during the Muslim festival/fast of Ramadan, which will have finished (ends 7th August) by the time you read this, but we can still pray for them. They are also praying for persecuted Christians and have written, "the Church is shaken, bruised and grieving. But is growing and enduring". Can we stand with them?

Fellowship no.3

Please pray for the pastor's Mother who was 90 in July, and does not yet know Yeshua (Jesus) as her Messiah and Saviour. Also the house for drug addicts, in Jerusalem, run by this congregation, has been going through a time of severe financial testing. They were forced to lay off all the staff but the counselors have decided to work without pay as a sacrificial offering. This cannot be easy as there is much poverty in Israel. They have asked us to pray for the finances to continue this labour of love. (If anyone would like to make a contribution to this work we would be pleased to let you know how to do so.)

Richard & Maureen

Beginning of the Gideon's

The Gideon's International has one simple and clearly defined aim: to win men, women and young people for the Lord Jesus Christ. It has three basic and clearly defined methods in pursuit of this objective:

1. The association of Christian business and professional men and their wives for service.
2. Personal testimony and personal work by all members.
3. Placing and presenting Bibles and Testaments - God's Holy Word - in the main streams of life.

The history of The Gideon's goes back to the late 1800s.

When John H Nicholson was thirteen years old, during a special service in the town of West Monroe, Wisconsin, his mother, noticing John's anxiety, put her arm around him and led him to the front of the church where he opened his heart to the Lord Jesus and became a Christian. Not long after, John's mother went to be with the Lord. During her final hours she talked to John about the future and asked him to promise to read his Bible every day, a practice that he maintained throughout his life.

On 14 September 1898 John Nicholson came to the Central House Hotel, Boscobel, Wisconsin, to stay the night. Whilst he was there he met with Samuel E Hill of Beloit, Wisconsin.

As it was John's custom to read the Bible each evening, the two men discovered that they were both Christians. They had their evening devotions together and read from John 15. They talked and prayed long into the night and shared thoughts, which developed into a plan to form an association for promoting fellowship among Christian commercial travellers when away from home on business. Consequently, on 1 July 1899, a meeting was called in the YMCA, Janesville, Wisconsin. Although only three men were present - John H Nicholson, Samuel E Hill and Will J Knights - they went ahead with the project. One of them said, "If God is in this thing, He will give us a name; let's pray about it." It was Will Knights who, after prayer, rose to his feet and said, "I have it - we'll be called Gideon's." He read Judges 6 and 7, which showed several reasons for adopting this name.

Gideon was willing to do exactly what God wanted him to do, irrespective of his own judgement as to plans or results. Humility, faith and obedience were the great elements in his character. This is the standard which the Gideon Association seeks to establish in all its members, each being willing to do God's will at any time,

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In view of the fact that almost all the early Gideon's were commercial travellers, the question quite naturally arose as to how they might be more effective witnesses in the hotels where they spent so much of their time. The first suggestion of a Gideon Bible ministry seems to have arisen in 1903 after a Chicago Gideon, Fred Woodcock, visited Britain. His attention was drawn to the fact that the Commercial Travellers' Christian Association had placed Bibles in the rooms of British hotels. His visit to Britain also appears to have been significant for another reason, for at that time a Scotsman, named MacInnes, was enrolled and became the first Gideon outside the USA. This was the first connection between The Gideon's International and the British Isles.

On his return to America, Fred Woodcock reported on the work of the Commercial Travellers' Christian Association: "They are doing a great work by putting Bibles in all the rooms of the hotels where they stay and I think we should do the same." No immediate action was taken, however, but the suggestion was eventually discussed at a Cabinet Meeting in Chicago on 19 November 1907. The proposal that Gideon's should provide a Bible for every hotel room was adopted by the Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1908.

In September, immediately following the Convention, the National Secretary, Mr F A Garlick, attended a meeting of the Ministerial Union of Cedar Rapids. He told the pastors about the work of The Gideon's and of their plan to place Bibles in hotel bedrooms. There and then Dr E R Burkhalter, a Presbyterian minister, moved: "That Gideon Bibles be placed in all the local hotels and that the Ministerial Union be responsible for the funds." This was agreed unanimously.

And so the idea of the Gideon ministry being an extended arm of the church came into being, and the church took an initial stand to give financial support to the Scripture placement policy, a commitment which has been followed through the years with tremendous results and blessings to all concerned.