One of the most delightful activities that we do in our region is in the conducting of in-home bible studies.

Currently, we conduct four week-night studies: two in the Vero Beach area, one in the Ocala area of Lake City, and one in the Fort Myers area of Arcadia at the DeSoto Correctional Institution prison. Also, in the northern part of the Fort Myers area, we have recently held a Friday night study and plan to add one to two more per month elsewhere. Typically, a different topic is featured at each study.

Currently, we are studying Isaiah in Lake City, James in Melbourne, Acts in Stuart, and general Christian living in Arcadia.

These studies have been interactive, with members discussing scripture and making observations that they draw from their own life experiences. These studies are unifying and represent an extra dose of hearty fellowship with brethren.
As one of the deacons recently stated, these precious opportunities to “break bread” together with bible studies and potluck meals are limited. We may not always have this option in the future ... so let us “make hay while the sun shines.”

Proverbs 27:17 mentions that “iron sharpens iron.” When we exchange thoughts on our understanding of God’s Word, we can spur each other on to good works as we display our conviction regarding this way of life. Malachi 3:16 comes
into play here: “At that time, those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them. So a scroll of remembrance was written before Him regarding those who feared the LORD and honored His name” (BSB 2019).

Can we do more of this? Does it matter to God how interested we are to fellowship with other believers? Will this add to our Christian development? The answer to all of this is, “Yes!”

We understand that not everyone has enough close proximity or time availability to make it to an in-home bible study, but we will do what we can. That may include having another bible study during the daytime to eliminate nighttime driving. For those who are retired, usually a daytime study is most welcomed.
The main thing is that we provide these opportunities as we can. We can’t stand still. We must continue to grow in biblical study and zeal!