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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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The Older We Get, the More Is Expected of Us

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.” “Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.” “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourish;” “To shew that the LORD is upright.” Ps. 92:12-15.

David here tells us how he shall flourish. He shall “flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.”

Of the wicked, he had said just before, “*When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever*” (vs. 7).

They flourish as the grass, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven. What a contrast to the worthlessness, the weakness, the transitoriness and destiny of grass - in a warm country too - are the palm tree and cedar of Lebanon! They are evergreens. How beautifully, how firmly, how largely, they grow! How strong and lofty is the cedar! How upright and majestic and tall, the palm tree! The palm also bears fruit, called dates, like bunches of grapes. It sometimes yields a hundred weight at once. (*Editor: My understanding is that the older the tree, better the fruit is.*)

He tells us where he shall flourish. “Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.”

The allusion is striking. It compares the house of God

to a gardener fine well-watered soil, favorable to the life and verdure and fertility of the trees fixed there. The reason is that in the sanctuary we have the communion of saints. There “*our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ*” (1 John 1:3). There are dispensed the ordinances of religion and the Word of Truth. “*There the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore*” (Ps. 133:3).

He also tells us when he shall flourish. “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age.”

This is to show the permanency of their principles and to distinguish them from natural productions.

*The plants of grace shall ever live;
Nature decays, but grace must thrive.
Time, that doth all else impair;
Still makes them flourish strong and fair.*

The young Christian is lovely; like a tree in the blossoms of spring; the aged Christian is valuable, like a tree in autumn, bending with ripe fruit. We therefore look for something superior in old disciples - more deadness to the world, the vanity of which they have had more opportunities to see; more meekness of wisdom; more disposition to make sacrifices for the sake of peace; more maturity of judgment in divine things; more confidence in God, more richness of experience.

He also tell us *why* he shall flourish. “They shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright.”

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We might rather have supposed that it was necessary to show that they were upright But by the grace of God they are what they are – not they, but the grace of God which is in them (1 Cor. 15:10). From Him is their fruit found. Their preservation and fertility, therefore, are to the praise and glory of God; and as what He does for them, He has engaged to do, it displays His truth as well as His mercy and proves that He is upright.

William Jay in
The Treasury of David

The Hardest People to Reach

D. L. Moody

The Gospel of Jesus Christ proves either a savor of life unto life or a savor of death unto death (2 Cor. 16).

We sometimes hear people say, “We will go and hear this man preach. If it does us no good, it will do us no harm.” Don’t believe it! Every time one hears the Gospel and rejects it, the hardening process continues. The same sun that melts the ice hardens the clay. The sermon that would have moved to action a few years ago makes no impression now.

There is not a true minister of the Gospel who will not say that the hardest people to reach are those who have been impressed and whose impressions have worn away. It is a good deal easier to commit a sin the second time than it was to commit it the first time. But it is a good deal harder to repent the second time than it was the first.

The Testimony of an Abortion Doctor

Abortion provider's long day in S.D. starts off
in Minnesota

By PETER SLEVIN Washington Post Sioux Falls,
S.D.

Carol Ball's day begins in the dark, in another state. By the time she arrives at work, crosses a snowy parking lot and enters the austere one-story Planned Parenthood clinic here, she has flown 200 miles to do something no South Dakota doctor will do. Ball performs elective abortions. She is one of four doctors who travel anonymously, for security reasons, to the lone clinic in a state that has seen some of the nation's fiercest battles over reproductive rights. The work is framed by worry and frustration — and the knowledge that the politics remain as unsettled as ever.

This is a difficult time for Ball and her colleagues. Last month, Scott Roeder told the jury in his Kansas murder trial that he stalked Dr. George Tiller, the nation's most prominent abortion provider, for years before he walked up to him in a church and shot him once in the head.

Roeder, who is scheduled to be sentenced next month, personifies the worst fears of the small, connected community of doctors that Ball inhabits. Unlike Tiller, she does not do late-term abortions, and she has not received threats. But her trips are carefully orchestrated by security officers, and she declined to allow her face to be photographed for this article.

Thirty-seven years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in its *Roe vs. Wade* decision, the nation remains deeply divided. To Ball, the national debate has turned her work into a political act.

"I would rather do this without all this hoopla," she says. "I'm dismayed that it's gone on so long. Why don't they just go home?"

She is speaking of the protesters who sometimes stand outside the clinic and whose legislative victories in South Dakota influence how Ball does her job.

But go home? Abortion opponents have demanded the same of her.

"I don't want them to come. They're coming to kill unborn children," said the Rev. Steve Hickey, pastor of the Church at the Gate in Sioux Falls and a newly declared candidate for Congress. "I don't believe abortion is health

care. I find it to be the lowest form of anything that could be called health care."

Sipping coffee aboard a recent flight, Ball describes her state of mind and the state of affairs that carry her in anonymity each month to a clinic, where she treats women who drive as many as five hours to see her.

"I think to myself, 'What century do we live in?'" she says.

A busy winter day

The Planned Parenthood clinic in Sioux Falls is busy on a January day. Out-of-state doctors have flown into town two days in a row, a rarity, and eight women are waiting to see Ball.

The clinic might be any doctor's office, but there are clues. The security cameras. The windows positioned to block prying eyes. There are bowls of mints and condoms. Also tissues, to soak up tears. The the day before, three hardy opponents quietly prayed outside in single-digit temperatures, but not today. Ball, casually dressed in a Scandinavian sweater, jeans and sneakers, leaves a security man's car and steps inside.

Changing into scrubs, she is briefed by the clinic staff on the day ahead.

With no South Dakota doctors willing to do elective abortions since 1994, the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Minneapolis coordinates the schedules of the doctors — three from the Twin Cities, including Ball, and one from Denver — who take turns staffing the clinic about one day a week.

"It would be a dream to have a doctor in town," says Andrea, the clinic director, who, for security reasons, spoke on condition that her last name not be used. "Until I got here, I didn't understand the magnitude of the political environment and the woman's decision and how much what we do matters."

South Dakota state law requires that women and girls seeking an abortion hear a script about abortion written by legislators. They must meet with a staff member one full day before they receive a medical abortion or RU-486, known as the abortion pill.

Ball says doctors and staff have long discussed the procedure thoroughly with the patients, considering it a duty to act responsibly.

"It's important that she be sure that this is what she wants," Ball says. "I tell women that we don't do abortions for boyfriends or husbands or mothers or best friends. We do abortions for women who want them."

She adds, "Women almost universally have given this decision a great deal of thought."

Even so, the patient is sometimes unsure. Late last year, a girl of about 15 or 16 said she feared that an abortion would be killing a baby, Ball recalls. One of the visiting doctors advised her to go home and return in two weeks if she felt certain that an abortion was right for her. Four weeks later, the girl came back, Ball says. The girl said she was sure, sobbed after the procedure was over, and thanked everyone on her way out.

Not mincing words anymore

Ball entered medical school at the Mayo Clinic in 1973, the year Roe was decided. She did not count herself radical: "I was white, upper-middle-class suburban. I still don't see myself as edgy." Nor did abortion seem controversial to her: "It was legal. It was right. Why would anyone argue with that?"

By 1980, she was working one or two evenings a month for Planned Parenthood in Duluth, focusing on contraception. When the Duluth Women's Health Center opened, she asked to be trained to do dilation and curettage, better known as abortion. For years, she told few people about her work.

"Now, I say, 'I work for Planned Parenthood,' because I'm not going to mince words anymore," she says. "But there were years when I would say, 'I'm an obstetrician and gynecologist.'"

Along with her desire for privacy, she wanted to protect herself and her family from harm. She remains cautious. But her children are older, and she wants to show them the importance of "standing up for what you believe."

'I see the anger. I see the sadness'

Until late last year, staff members were required to tell women: "The abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being"; the pregnant woman has "an existing relationship with that unborn human being," a relationship protected by the U.S. Constitution and the laws of South Dakota; and a "known medical risk" of abortion is an "increased risk of suicide ideation and suicide."

U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier eliminated the second and third required assertions, calling them "untruthful and misleading." Another rule specifies that follow-up questions and answers must be in writing.

"I see the anger. I see sadness. And I see people just doing what they're told to do because they'll do what they have to do to get the abortion care they need," Ball says. "We comply with the law. We do what we need to do."

GOP Rep. Manny Steele is a strong proponent of the

scripts opposing abortion.

"We feel that the doctor is being very biased in his duties to the mother," Steele says. "He is showing his bias, so is it wrong to express what would be called my bias? Isn't it fair for us both to express our feelings?" he asks, especially since the doctor is "the one killing the babies."

Ball spends the end of her day in a small cubicle, recording details in her patients' files before meeting the security man for the ride to the airport. This day, she saw more tears than usual. Mothers with children are more likely to cry, she suspects, because "they have already imagined the baby that would result."

"Tears are OK," Ball says she told more than one patient. "We understand tears."

As she prepares for the trip home, she talks about the struggle ahead. The decision to limit abortion coverage in the health care legislation before Congress, she says, "makes me less optimistic about the future. It makes me tired. I just have a very deep conviction that we're right and they're wrong. And they as honestly believe that they're right and we're wrong."

With that, she heads for the door. She knows she will be back.

Taken from the *Star Tribune*
February 28, 2010

Editor's Note: This candid article shows how caloused some can get to committing murder against the unborn, and will stand up for their "rights." There have been an estimated 50 million babies killed since 1973. That is more than have been killed in all wars that the United States has been involved in combined! Thank the Lord that there are still some people (as in South Dakota) who will take a stand for the unborn. Dear reader, please pray, vote and get involved where you can to see this insidious evil removed from our land.

The following are some facts about a Pre born Baby at 11-12 Weeks

- Heart is beating. Has been since 18-25 days.
- Brain waves have been recorded at 40 days.
- He can squint, swallow and make a fist.
- He has fingerprints and can kick.
- He is sensitive to heat, touch, pain, light and noise.
- He sucks his thumb.
- **All Body Systems are Working.**
- He weighs about 1oz. And is 2 and one-half to 3 inches long.
- He could fit comfortably in the palm of your hand.

Editorial

RES *SOCIALISM*

Very Definitely we are to be concerned and caring about others, But 'socialism' is not the **Biblical ANSWER!**

What does the Bible say? We read in the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not steal." For 2,000 years, theologians have declared that to be a guarantee by God of private property. God knows we need that property so we can exercise our stewardship and **be stewards of God**. John Wesley said, Make as much as you can. Save as much as you can. Give as much as you can." IF we would follow his counsel, we would find our society flourishing, indeed. The Bible is very clear that IF a person is 'capable' and has the opportunity he is to work. "For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: IF any one will not work, neither shall he eat." 11 Thessalonians 3:10 reveals this: When taking from the 'wealthy' and giving to the 'poor' that this is an expression of covetousness! So it is not for the 'Government' to share = but it is the privilege and challenge of the individual to share. IN the parable of the 'good Samaritan' we are instructed to 'go and do likewise'. **Capitalism (free enterprise) is not the problem but the solution!**

In Acts 5 we find that the account of Ananias selling property and giving proceeds to the church teaches the right of private property. Not only the property was his (entrusted to him, by GOD), but the fruits produced by that property also belonged to him. Please note that this action was voluntary. GOD through Peter sets the record straight of what the basic problem is: "But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?'" Acts 5:3 . The Apostles never told anyone to give ALL their funds away. But out of the joy and the enthusiasm of the Spirit of God filling their hearts, they wanted to do it. It was voluntary.

We need to stand up and say, "Enough of this!" Look what atheism has produced in other parts of the world. We don't want it here! We want the religious freedom that our Founders gave us. We don't want this *socialistic mess* of pottage that American socialists and atheists are trying to force on us.

We want the free enterprise system the Founders of this country gave us, which made America the strongest and the most bountiful and plentiful nation that God has

blest and entrusted to us, and which has influenced other nations to do the same.

Free enterprise is sometimes called 'capitalism'. YES, we **are** to care for the less fortunate, the poor and the hurting! Not because of 'laziness' though! For example: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27. To the best of my knowledge the free enterprise system (Capitalism) has been around for app. 6,000 years! Vital and primary we need to know JESUS because of our SIN (lost condition); for without HIM you are headed for a Christless eternity! **John 3:18 & 36.** (Please Read). Also unless we trust in Christ as our personal Savior, which then GOD has promised to "supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory" OR we are going to continue to look to a provident State, and we are going to move more and more into despotism, socialistic tyranny, and economic ruin in this country. **Socialism** bankrupts in every way and is an ideology we cannot afford. Socialism distorts Biblical Truth and promises prosperity to the idle and to seizing workers' earnings! It rejects religious values. **IT STEALS LIBERTY!** In a sense 'socialism' is a branch of Marxism. AND if we fail to stop the death march too socialism; we will reap a horrible harvest. The late Rus Walton put it very well when he said that the government is not a producer; it is a taker, a taxer, and a spender. Every dollar spent by the public sector is a dollar the government must take from the private sector, from the workers, and earners, and investors. YES we should be concerned about others and in helping them; but not by hurting people. James Madison said; "Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government."

From Luther's Small Catechism Explained we find the following: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house." **Answer:** "We should fear and love God so that we do not seek by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor obtain them under pretense of a legal right, but assist and serve him in keeping the same." "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbors." **Answer:** "We should fear and love God so that we do not estrange or entice away our neighbor's wife, servants, or cattle, but

seek to have them remain and discharge their duty to him.”

Socialism has been a repeated proven failure! Socialism contradicts man’s individual stewardship to God - Given privilege and challenge! Socialism is contrary to what the BIBLE teaches! Let us take our stand together, in JESUS name, and defend the USA’s freedom and the future.

IF you are a ‘Christian’ it should make you a better ‘citizen’ with concern for now and the future. There is much at stake!

Free enterprise is the solution; not the problem!

GIVE ACCORDINGLY AS THE LORD HAS ENTRUSTED UNTO YOU – *WITH A HEART OF GRATITUDE/LOVE Generously!*

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

WE are living in ‘very serious times’, please **Pray earnestly** for one another and our country!

O HAPPY HOME, WHERE THOU ART LOVED

Carl J. P. Spitta, 1833 Anonymous

Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1823-1907

While this hymn is Scripturally based on Luke 19:9 it is said to be a description of the author’s own childhood home life. It is the finest hymn ever written on the topic of the Christian home ...

And is a wonderful tribute to the author’s mother a Christian Jewess, who alone raised him.

“And Jesus said to (Zaccheus), “Today salvation has come to this house ...”

*O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving Friend and Savior of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place.*

*O happy home, whose little ones are given
To Thee, O Lord, in humble faith and pray’r,
To Thee, their Friend, who from the heights of heaven
Guides them, and guards with more than mother’s care!*

*O happy home, where each one serves Thee lowly,
Whatever his appointed work may be,
Till ever’y common task seems great and holy,
When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee!*

*O happy home, where Thou art not forgotten
When joy is overflowing, full and free,
O happy home, where ev’ry wounded spirit
Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee.*

Taken from ‘*The Concordia Companion*’
by Donald L. Rodvold

By The Board of Parish Education - AFLC

And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom

(Matt. 27:51).

How many down through the ages had looked with fear and trembling upon this veil! This curtain, as it were, barred the access to the Holy of Holies, to God, to the mercy seat. To be sure, the high priest entered this holy place, bringing with him the blood of the atonement; but he remained there for only a short time, and oppressing weight of sin returned; and one was left standing outside the veil, separated from God and from His mercy, with the burden of unatoned sin!

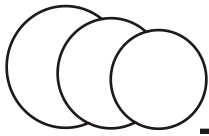
But now the great wonder comes to pass: the great High Priest enters the Holy of Holies once for all. He brings with Him an eternal redemption and a perfect atonement. Then God’s hand reaches down and tears the veil in two – from the top to the bottom. The way is open. Nothing now separates the sinner from God. Atonement is made, and the way to God is open. Whosoever will may come, without mediators and intercessors. Christ Himself is the Mediator. The sinner is welcome, even into the Holy of Holies, at the mercy seat, yes, in the very presence of God.

Praise God! Now we have free access to Him. He is coming!

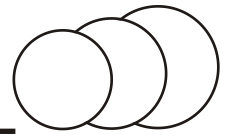
Taken from *REST A WHILE* by Fredrik Wisloff

President James Madison said, “Charity is no party of the legislative duty of the government.”

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27 Editor)



From Our Fellowship Circle



R & J. O. **Hawarden, SK - Canada**
Enclosed is a check for \$... to support the ministry of the *Morning Glory*.

We read several articles in your paper when we visited my brother,... recently in Arizona. Thus we would like a subscription to the *Morning Glory*.

A. & D. T. **Seattle, WA**
It seems like the *Morning Glory* keeps getting better all along as it has been good. We have enjoyed some of the articles of late even more so, like the articles: Separation, Discernment, Joy, etc.

May the Lord keep blessing you and the work you are doing.

M. & D. L. **Iowa**
Just a note to tell you that ... died and the money enclosed is given in her memory in support of the *Morning Glory*. She and her husband liked that paper so much and we need to keep the *Morning Glory* going as there is a lot of good reading in there.

Alice is now rejoicing in Heaven.

Like Psalm 27:14 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the day's of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

God bless you and we pray each day for you and your work. (*Editor*: Thank you so much as it is greatly appreciated and needed as well, the Lord Bless).

M. L. **Story City, IA**
Our Savior's Lutheran Church of... Iowa had a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, ...in order for members to air their convictions and feelings in regards to the direction of the ELCA.

Thirteen or so spoke and emphasized: 1. There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ 2. I read from *Morning Glory* what Bishop Mark Hanson's note stated, 3. We cannot change the Bible. See the last chapter of Revelation verses 18 & 19. The entire Bible really is prophecy. Jesus prophesied that He would rise again and He did.

So keep up your honest and sincere work.

F. S. **Radcliffe, IA**
May God bless you and yours! May God bless the sol-

diers! May God bless America! Oh Happy Day! Jesus is Lord!

Pastor W. R. **Stephens City, VA**
Subject: The Indian Child and the Bird

Here is a story from my sermon illustration notebooks that tells how important that sometimes in life we learn to leave some situations alone and give them to GOD. I love this story and I have found it to be true in my own life.

"There is a story of an Indian child who came to an old Indian chief with a wounded bird in his hand. The old Indian man looked at the bird and said, 'Take it back and lay it down where you found it. If you keep it, it will die. If you give it back into GOD'S HANDS, HE will heal its hurts and it will live.'"

How many times in life have we took a situation and tried to handle it only to make it worse? I could name several in mine.

But if we only left it alone and put it 100% into the HANDS OF GOD and let HIM work things out it would have been so much better! Oh how we need to wait on the LORD and trust HIM!

Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and HE shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD".

What I am interested in is getting the Message out!

E. S. N. **Duluth, MN**
Suddenly this morning I was reminded that March 9th is ...Birthday. With my birthday greeting I was enabled to give my own personal testimony as well as referring to... lifelong walk with the Lord and her own testimony.

Then you may recall the time I sent...a subscription gift and she refused it in writing to you. So ...is on my daily prayer list. Jesus died for hard-hearted and pride-filled folk. In sharing with her concerns...we often wept and prayed together for her sister's.

The Bible is so crystal clear that how do we escape IF we neglect so great and costly a Salvation We can bring nothing of good to help earn our Salvation; but only cling to the Cross and pray for me the sinner!

I belong to a... Lutheran Church which is Biblically sound in teaching and preaching. Never did I ever think I would live to witness such a falling away and watering down of God's Word by those who have come from such a

strong and sound Biblical background.

Now it seems many want to change God’s Word to fit the worldly mold. It is time to pray as never before that our Pastors, Teachers of God’s Word, will be true to our God and His Holy Word!

I am so thankful for a sound Church in these days. Our Pastors are great in sharing the Powerful Word of God and I so enjoy attending our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class and Worship Service, along with Wednesday evenings.

The *Morning Glory* is great! I appreciate this well written, Christ centered magazine.

God’s Blessing & love. I would appreciate prayer ...

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The Watcher of the Springs

Many years ago one of our towns voted to improve its water system. Mains were laid to a network of lovely mountain springs whose pure waters flowed by gravity into the homes of the nearby town. After a season the housewives began to complain that the water was dirty: bits of leaves and other foreign matter had found their way into the line.

The town fathers chose a man who lived near the springs and assigned him the task of keeping the springs clean of leaves and debris and of keeping the lines open. The watcher was a quiet, unassuming man who seldom went to the town, but attended strictly to his assigned task and his own personal affairs.

Few people had ever met the watcher of the springs. He was just a shadowy figure who moved in the background and whose name was never known by the towns-people, save as they noted that name on the annual budget. No one paid special heed to the man until the Depression came and with the demand for decrease in expenditures. The fathers decided to lay off this watcher of the springs in order to reduce the expenses.

Not long after this the mothers began their protest: the water was polluted. And there were those who would trace the mounting illness to this cause. It was a poor economy to reduce the payroll by laying off the watchman and in consequence hazard the health of the community.

The watchman was hastily sought out and returned to his old task. It was a brief period until the public was again refreshed by the pure, clean waters and knew well that ‘the watcher is back at the springs again.’”

This beautiful story was taken from an old book ‘The Watcher of the Springs by Murray L. Wagner.

To me this is a story that beautifully illustrates that even the least amongst the saints in the church are so very impor-

tant. And while that dear brother or sister in the LORD may not be the most vocal or the most outgoing or the best known in our church yet their faithfulness in prayer, in giving, in service to the LORD is of the utmost importance if the church is to move on!

1 Cor. 12:23: “*And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.*”

By Pastor Warren Roy, Stephens City, VA

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NCAA Squashes Pro-family Message - the Censorship of Christians Continues

The ad features a father holding his young son and saying, “All I want for my son is for him to grow up knowing how to do the right things.”

The tag line: “Celebrate Family. Celebrate Life.”

This Focus on the Family ad, believe it or not, has been yanked off the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) web site for one simple reason: Focus on the Family supports natural marriage, believing that marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

The NCAA, who apparently believes only in selective diversity - “Christians need not apply” - has censored this ad after homosexual activists complained.

...With the number of NCAA athletes who get in trouble with the law (so often), you’d think the NCAA would enthusiastically support a message which urges fathers to be great role models for their sons and athletes-to-be ...

NCAA officials even went so far as to say that even if the message was okay, they’d have to spike it because of the messenger.

In other words, the NCAA is telling America that it has no room in its view of diversity for voices of faith and family.

AFA Action Alert

The Sun of My Soul

Tennyson was walking one day in a beautiful flower garden where many flowers were blooming, and a friend said to him, “My Tennyson, you speak so often of Jesus. Will you tell me what Christ really means to your life?”

Tennyson stopped and, pointing to a beautiful yellow flower, said, “What the sun is to the flower, Jesus Christ is to my soul.”

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable!

‘Mark of the beast’ idea back on the table

Objections are being raised over a proposed immigration reform measure that involves a provision call for a national ID card.

Senators Charles Schumer (D-New York) and Lindsey Graham (R - South Carolina) have proposed the biometric national ID card, but a coalition of groups has written a letter voicing opposition to it. John Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute, tells OneNewsNow that everyone seeking employment will be required to present the biometric ID, and employers will have to use scanners to verify citizenship.

“It will contain your fingerprint, your retina scan information, even a mapping of the veins in the top of your head and other information that is uniquely identifiable to you as an individual,” Whitehead explains.

Personal and financial records would be included on the ID card as well, so the Rutherford Institute president warns that the idea could eventually result in government-issued radio frequency identification (RFID) which would allow the government to track people. If this bill is passed, the Rutherford Institute plans to file for religious objections.

OneNewsNow.com

Ninth Circuit Gets It Right on One Nation “Under God.”

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has ruled that teacher-led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools, including the words “under God,” does not violate the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. “The Pledge is constitutional,” concluded the court, dismissing the latest attack by atheist Michael Newdow to remove every reference to God from the public square.

Christian Newswire

Waldorf College Financial Crisis Brings About Sale of ELCA College

Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, was sold January 8 to Mayes Education, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Columbia Southern University, a for-profit institution. The sale was prompted by a financial crisis. As a result of the sale, Waldorf is no longer affiliated with Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Waldorf was founded in 1903 by the Rev. C. S. Salvenson, former pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City.

ELCA News Service 1/13/10

Arizona Town Officials Okay Home Bible Studies

The Gilbert, Arizona town council agreed on (March 22) to amend an ordinance that banned one small church from meeting in homes.

“I’m not willing to regulate what goes on in people’s homes,” Council member Jenn Daniels said, according to the [Arizona Republic](#).

The council held a special meeting to discuss changes to the Land Development Code which currently prohibits the use of single family residential structures for religious assemblies.

It was convened after a relatively new church of seven members was ordered to stop holding Bible studies and worship services in the home of Pastor Joe Sutherland.

ChristianPost.com

Editor’s Comments: Governments at all levels are just simply too enamored with their own importance. When it takes “an act of Congress” (town council) to approve a meeting of seven people because they are doing something religious, there is just too much government.

The Sword of the Lord

ELCA Bishop Meets Pope – Joint Catechism Considered

Bishop Mark Hansen of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and head of the Lutheran World Federation, met with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican in February and presented the Pontiff a gift.

Also present at the meeting was Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for promoting Christian Unity. He has proposed a shared catechism that could be used jointly among Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and members of various Reformed churches.

The Cardinal proposed the idea as the potential fruits of 40 years of dialogue with one another. He did not know how the new catechism would be prepared or written. “There is a need,” said Cardinal Kasper, “for an ecume-

nism of basics that identifies, reinforces and deepens the common foundation.”

Episcopal church in Calif. to ordain 2nd gay bishop

Seven years after the Episcopal Church caused an uproar by consecrating its first openly gay bishop, it’s set to do the same thing again only this time with a woman.

The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool, of Baltimore, will be ordained and consecrated on Saturday, making her the second openly gay bishop in church history and one of the first two female bishops in the Diocese of Los Angeles’ 114-year history.

The Rev. Canon Diane M. Jardine Bruce, of [San Clemente, California](#), will also be ordained Saturday.

The two women were elected last December to serve as assistant bishops in the diocese’s six-county territory but conservative Episcopalians had urged the church not to ordain Glasspool. The decision to do so highlights a continued Episcopal commitment to accepting same-sex relationships despite enormous pressure from other Anglicans.

The Episcopal Church, which is the Anglican body in the United States, caused turmoil in the church in 2003 by consecrating the first openly gay bishop, V. [Gene Robinson](#) of New Hampshire.

Breakaway Episcopal conservatives have formed a rival church, the Anglican Church in North America.

Several overseas Anglicans have been pressuring Archbishop of Canterbury [Rowan Williams](#), spiritual leader of the world’s 77 million Anglicans, to officially recognize the new conservative entity.

In 2004, Anglican leaders asked the Episcopal Church for a moratorium on electing another gay bishop while they tried to prevent a permanent break in the fellowship.

Since the request was made, some Episcopal gay priests have been nominated for bishop, but none was elected before Glasspool. In July 2009, the Episcopal General Convention, the U.S. church’s top policymaking body, affirmed that gay and lesbian priests were eligible to become bishops.

Glasspool and Bruce, who leaves her post as pastor of St. Clement’s Episcopal Church in San Clemente, will also be the 16th and 17th women to be elected bishops since the first was selected for such a post in Massachusetts in 1988.

Glasspool, 56, an adviser, or canon, for eight years to the Diocese of Maryland’s bishop, said in an essay on the Los Angeles diocese website that she had an “intense struggle” while in college with her sexuality and the call to become a priest.

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OUTRAGE: Army Dis-invites Franklin Graham to Prayer Breakfast.

In an exclusive Newsmax.TV interview, evangelical leader Rev. Franklin Graham said the Obama administration had “slapped” all evangelical Christians by banning him from the Pentagon prayer service. He said the Obama White House had approved of the move. He criticized President Obama’s praise for Islam and warned of a coming repression against Christians.

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Forgiveness and Cleansing from Sin

Isaiah 1:16 - 31

God is a holy God. He never upholds sinners nor condones sin. God cannot lie, and therefore, He must continually warn about sin. His Word often pleads with sinners to flee from the wrath to come. The followers of some cults deny the very existence of sin. Others align with certain social causes such as the Gay Pride movement and seek not only to justify sin but to “draw iniquity with cords of vanity” and “call evil good, and good evil” (5:18, 20). One of Satan’s tactics is to make light of sin; in so doing, he blinds people to their need for salvation from sin’s penalty because they question the very existence and therefore the consequences of sin. Why does God’s Word contain so many negative statements against sin? It is because until an individual admits that he is a sinner, he will not recognize his need for a Savior.

Today it is common to “sugar coat” the gospel by emphasizing the love of God and downplaying His judgment; leaders of many evangelistic ministries say that such tactics make it much easier to obtain “decisions” for Christ. But unless a person first experiences the Holy Spirit’s conviction of sin, his “decision” is apt to be in the head rather than from the heart – a dangerous situation that leaves one with a false hope. When the true gospel is preached faithfully, lost sinners hear the good news that even though they are sinners and the wages of sin is death, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) and that whosoever believes in him shall never perish (Rom 6:23, Jn. 3:16). The Bible emphasizes not only the universality of sin and its eternal punishment but also the forgiveness that is available in Christ. MHR

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WORRY – WORRY – WORRY

by Pastor Tony Scheving, Fargo, ND

“Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful (full of care) and troubled about many things.”-Luke 10:41

Someone said that a day of worry is more exhausting than a day of work. Someone else said, “Worry is admitted as a guest, it soon becomes master of the house.” Why do people worry? We spend so much time and energy worrying about tomorrow that we miss the opportunities of today. In fact, ‘today’ is the ‘tomorrow’ we worried about ‘yesterday’. The advice newspaper columnist Ann Landers used to receive 10,000 letters every month from people seeking her counsel for their problems. She was once asked what issue she most commonly had to address. Without hesitation, she replied “Fear.” She said, “People fear losing their health, their wealth, their loved ones, and countless other things. People are worried about life itself.” Ear Derby is quoted as saying that making a speech cost him two nights’ sleep. One beforehand, thinking about what he should say, and on afterwards, worrying about what he should have said. Jesus said in Luke 12:11, *“take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say.”* In the Bible, Jesus rebukes a lady named Martha for being such a worry-wart. In Matthew 6:25, He addresses all of us when He says, “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.” In other words, stop worrying so much! As we consider the bad habit (Ed. SIN) of worry, let’s look at the following:

The Crisis

What do you find yourself worrying about? Is it your looks, your health, your job, your money problems, or maybe loneliness? Perhaps you’re worried about losing your possessions? In Ecclesiastes 5:12 the Bible says, “The abundance of the rich will not suffer (allow) him to sleep.” Sometimes you wonder if owning a lot of ‘stuff’ is really worth it. Maybe your worry is more time related. You’re pressured by deadlines or just the schedule of your life in general. ... Are you stressed with paying the bills or getting through school, or raising kids or trying to find a way to get everything done? Someone said, “Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but doesn’t get you anywhere.”

The Caution

Someone once said with tongue-in-cheek, “Don’t tell

me that worry doesn’t do any good...I know better...The things I worry about never happen, so it must be working”. While worry can cast a big shadow, God’s Word tells us not to do it. The Bible says, *“It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep”* (Psalm 127:2). Jesus said *“Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (pain from a sudden headache)...and cares of this life”* (Luke 21:34). Many within the medical field tell us that 80% of all physical problems we suffer could be eliminated if we would both change bad eating habits, and rid our lives of worry and fear. While hard work won’t kill us, worry will. How do different people cope with worry? Some turn to alcohol. There are currently 18 million alcoholics in our nation, indirectly affecting nearly half of the population. To many, alcohol is a way to escape reality and worry. Many others are taking mood altering drugs, consuming hundreds of millions of pills a year. Some deal with the ragged edge of life by using illegal drugs. The United Nations estimates that there are over 50 million heroin and cocaine addicts in the world. Sadly, there are those who can’t find relief from worry through drugs, alcohol or mood altering pills and take more desperate measures. Suicide is now the leading cause of death in people under the age of 35, claiming over a million lives a year.

The Consideration

The songwriter said, “Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear.” A preacher from the 1700s said, “I would no more worry than cuss or swear.” Yes, overcoming worry is easier to preach about than practice. Actually, worry is ungodly because it is a mild form of atheism. We’re not trusting God! A truly born again Christian doesn’t have a thing to worry about if he considers that God is in control of this life, and He promises us heaven when our heart stops. All we need to do is look at the promises of the Bible. Psalm 34:7 says, *“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”* The apostle Paul added, *“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19). The Bible contains over 7500 promises we can claim. There are 366 times in the Bible where we are told not to worry or fear. That’s one for every day of the year (including leap year!) King David said in Psalm 37:25, *“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”* The same God who created

the earth, and flung the stars into their sockets, still owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Ps 50:10) and will make sure we're taken care of. God says, "*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not*" (Jer 33:3). Isn't that a wonderful promise"? When the apostle Paul was aging and failing in health, God told him, "*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness*" (II Cor 12:9). If you're tired, lonely, or have needs, there's a God in heaven who cares. The Bible says to "*Cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you*" (I Peter 5:7). In the Bible we find an aged John the apostle, possibly in his 90s in the slave camp of a copper mine on the isle of Patmos trusting God (Rev. 1). We find the apostle Paul in a storm at sea calmly trusting in the Lord (Acts 27:21). We find three Jewish young men in a fiery furnace not worrying (Dan. 3). Even Jonah is calmly praying for deliverance while in the belly of a whale (Jonah 2). If they could overcome worry, so can we. So what is the cure?

The Cure

Worry is a choice. We don't need to do it, but most people still worry nonetheless. The Bible says, "*Be careful (full of care) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God*" (Phil. 4:6). Years ago, a pilot was making a cross-country flight. As he was flying along, he heard a noise in his plane which sounded like the gnawing of a rat above the cockpit. For all he knew the rat could be gnawing through a vital control cable or wire. Regardless of how the rat had gotten in, the pilot found himself in a very serious situation. It was two hours back to the landing field from which he had taken off and more than two hours to the next field ahead. Then he remembered that the rat is a rodent. It is not made for the heights but to live on the ground and under the ground. Therefore the pilot began to climb. He went up a thousand feet, then another and another until the gnawing ceased. The rat was dead. It could not survive in the atmosphere of those heights. More than two hours later the pilot brought the plane safely to the next landing field and found the dead rat. Worry is like that rat. It cannot live when we soar in the heights of the Most High. It cannot breathe in the atmosphere made possible by prayer and Bible reading. Worry dies when we walk 'above the circumstances' with the Lord. The whole issue is a matter of 'trusting God'. When trust is present, worry cannot crowd its way in. The psalmist said, "*Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass*" Psalm 37:5). ...The Bible says, *Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved*" (Psalm 55:22).

The Conclusion

...A Harris Poll surveyed Americans to find out what worries them the most. More than seventy percent said they worried about wasting too much time, especially watching television. About the same number stated they worried about not reading enough, not attending church regularly, and not being active enough in community affairs. But the survey reported nothing about worry or concern over personal sins and future judgment. It's funny how people focus on the smaller concerns of life, and overlook the major concern: where they will spend eternity. When a person finds the joy of salvation and assurance of heaven, the Bible promises, "*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*" (II Cor. 5:17). That means we can ditch worry and replace it with trusting the Lord. Have you had a time in your life when you truly found God?

Taken from: *Faith for Life*

The Testimony of Polycarp

Polycarp, an early Christian minister and friend of Ignatius, was soon put on trial for his faith in Jesus. Seeing Polycarp was an old man, the Roman official in charge urged him to make it easy on himself. He could go free if he would swear by Caesar as a god and reject Christ.

He responded, "Eighty and six years I have served [Christ], and He never did me any wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"

The governor threatened, "I'll throw you to the beasts!"

"Then bring on your beasts" replied Polycarp.

"If the beasts don't scare you, warned the governor, 'I'll have you burned!'"

"You try to frighten me with the fire that burns for an hour," answered Polycarp, "and you forget about the fire of hell that never goes out."

As wood was being stacked around him for a fire, Polycarp prayed, "Lord God Almighty, thank you for counting me worthy of this day and hour, that I may be among your martyrs. I praise you, I bless you, I glorify you."

He was then burned at the stake.

News Just Keeps Getting Worse for Homosexuality

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is not a part of the vast, right-wing conspiracy, religious or otherwise. It is tasked with disease control and prevention and reports the stubborn facts on an array of health problems.

A data analysis released (March 18) by the CDC find that homosexuals have an HIV infection rate that is more than 44 times higher than that of sexually normal men.

Forty-four times the rate of infection-for a deadly virus that kills its hosts!

Further, the rate of syphilis infection among men who have sex with men (MSM) is an astonishing 46 times higher than that among sexually normal men.

Says Kevin Fenton, M.D., of the CDC, "(T)his analysis shows just how stark the health disparities are between this and other populations."

The FDA...says that the prevalence of HIV infections among MSM is 60 times higher than the general populace...

The FDA also reports that since the AIDS epidemic began in 1977, an astonishing 91 percent of all afflicted males contracted it through having sex with men or through drug injection. "Heterosexual AIDS" is a myth.

If there was ever a sexual behavior that deserved to be militantly opposed, in law as well as in public policy, homosexuality is it. It is lethal, it is fatal, and it is the height of callous indifference to tell these men that not only is their behavior okay, but we will punish anyone who dares to criticize it.

There is simply no genuine compassion in the hearts of those who would celebrate a lifestyle that consigns its practitioners to death.

Sword of the Lord

This teacher is truly a genius!

As the late Adrian Rogers said, "you cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had once failed an entire class. That class had insisted that Obama's socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said. "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on Obama's plan". All grades would be

averaged and everyone would receive the same grade so no one would fail and no one would receive an A.

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The student who studied hard was upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied little.

The second test average was D! No one was happy.

When the third test rolled around, the average was an F.

As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame, and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else.

All failed, to their great surprise, and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed.

Could it not be any simpler than that?

Remember, there is a test coming up. The mid-term election in 2010! —Selected

Destination Forever

Your soul is immortal. A great song says, "Only one life twill soon be part, and only what's done for Christ will last." One day your heart will stop, and that will be the end of your body, but not you. Most people fail to realize that this world is a very temporal place. All the trends, fashions and fads are as shallow as a birdbath. The Bible says, "*The fashion of this world passeth away*" (I Cor. 7:31). It's all really petty and pathetic in light of eternity. People today worry about being chic, trendy, and politically correct. The apostle Paul said, "*I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ*" (Ps 39:4). Life is a temporary assignment. In light of that, the Bible says, "*Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear (sober-minded)*" (I Peter 1:17). Don't put your roots down 20 feet deep, you're just passing through. Keep a light grip on this life, and set your sights on eternity. Eighty trillion years is a lot longer than eighty years, if you know what I mean. The Bible says, "*The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal*" (II Cor. 4:18). Knowing God's will for your life begins with knowing God! If you would like to know God in a real and close way...

—Excerpts from 'Faith For Life'

A Saved Thief

“And he said unto Jesus, ‘Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.’ And Jesus said unto him, ‘Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.’”

(Luke 23:42-43).

We must not excuse or discount this malefactor’s sin. He was a criminal and deserved a criminal’s death. He admits this himself.

But so much the greater and more unfathomable becomes the mercy which is bestowed upon him. He has no time in which is bestowed upon him. He has no time in which to amend his life. He will never be able to perform a good deed or to express his gratitude. He will never have the opportunity to demonstrate by his life that his conversion is genuine. He has sunk as low as it is possible for a human being to sink. His plight is as desperate as it is humanly possible to be. And besides, there is but a step between him and death.

And still he is saved. So infinite is the mercy of Jesus. He does not speak words of rebuke. He does not examine the criminal to ascertain whether his repentance is genuine. This robber is met with only love and forgiveness. He had prayed for a remembering thought; he received all of Paradise. He is unworthy to live among men here on earth; at the side of Jesus he is permitted to enter into salvation before the very throne of God.

O Thou boundless Love!

Saved to the Uttermost

“He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.” (Heb. 7:25).

Saved to the uttermost! This statement is so high-sounding as almost to seem fanatical. And yet it is Scriptural and true.

Therefore my faith will submit and cling to it. Despite all that may be said of me and about my imperfections, I am nevertheless saved to the uttermost!

The secret lies in this: I come to God *by him*. I have nothing to bring, and nothing to which I can lay claim, but, alas, so much to be ashamed of! However, I come - ‘by Him,’ by virtue of the work of my Substitute, sprinkled with His blood, clothed in the robe of Christ’s righteousness, covered with His holiness. By Him I stand perfectly clean and holy, even before the eyes of the all-seeing God.

Break forth, then, my soul, in rejoicing! I am saved to the uttermost. I, who hardly dare to pray for a drop, have

received the whole ocean of mercy. I, who, like the thief on the cross, anxiously beg only to be remembered, receive all of Paradise. I receive full forgiveness, perfect cleansing and holiness, full salvation - in *Christ*.

Heavenly Minded

You and readers have undoubtedly heard the “old saw” that goes something like this:

He is so heavenly minded that he is no earthly good!

Thank God for the fact that we can be – and have reason to be – **Heavenly Minded!** Heavenly minded in virtue of, and in view of, what Christ accomplished for us on the cross. And that He came down from the cross! And that He did away with death! And that He exited the tomb!

He is risen – **from the dead!** That is a promise performed. A mission accomplished. An established reality. A fulfilled hope. For the believer there need never be doubt or uncertainty. The promise is fulfilled. **He is risen indeed!**

Pastor Michas Ohnstad, North Branch, MN

Editor’s Note: By the GRACE of GOD the more *Heavenly Minded* we become the more earthly good we will do! Are ‘you’ Scripturally Homesick?

Search for the Heathen

The heathen are to be sought by all means, and the highways and hedges are to be searched, but home has a prior claim, and woe unto those who reverse the order of the Lord’s arrangements.

To teach our children is a personal duty: we cannot delegate it to Sunday School teachers or other friendly aids; these can assist us but cannot deliver us from the sacred obligation.

Mothers and Fathers must, like Abraham, command their households in the fear of God and talk with their offspring concerning the wondrous works of the most High.

Charles Spurgeon

Understanding God's Foreknowledge

Calvinism's False Teaching Clearly Refuted

By Dr. Andy Bloom, Pastor – Ocala, Florida

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29

Foreknowledge is not an act of God; it is something that is always active with God. Acts 15:18 says "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." We call that the "eternal now," meaning that God sees as clearly one billion years into eternity as He sees this moment; He also sees clearly back before the creation of man.

There is no new knowledge that God will ever gain, because He is omniscient -all-knowing. The fact that He knows what is going to happen does not mean that he makes it happen.

For example, a man told me, "Pastor, I'm going to start a business, but please don't tell anybody right now. Please just pray for this business." That's what I did.

I had foreknowledge about this business; I knew when it was going to start. But knowing all about it did not mean that I made the business happen; it did not mean that I made it start.

This is how foreknowledge ties into election. God knew who would receive salvation, but He did not say, "All right, before I create man, I'll elect some of them to go to Hell because it's My decision. I'll elect only some to go to Heaven, because I want to frustrate people who really want to be saved." God does not work that way!

God knows who will receive Him or reject Him, but He doesn't make it happen. Second Peter 3:9 puts it this way, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish (not the so-called elected), but that all should come to repentance." When God says 'all,' He means all. Even though not all people will be saved, His will is that all people be saved.

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." - 1 Tim. 2:3-4.

The Lord wants all men to be saved; in fact, He wants us who are saved to take the Gospel to those who are lost and share it with them.

Taken from *The Sword of the Lord*

UpDate

...In late 2009, BioSand water filters were installed in 23 homes in the Delhi, India area where Chintak serves as an Evangelist. A BioSand water filter uses concrete and sand to remove impurities from water, providing pure, clean water for drinking and cooking. The filters are 100 percent natural, easy to use and inexpensive to maintain.

The filters, provided by Christians around the world through Gospel for Asia's ...are being distributed to families throughout Asia.

The people who received the water filters from Chintak were overwhelmingly grateful to be able to enjoy a simple drink of water. ...

The filters that Chintak gave away are also softening the hearts of recipients. Today Chintak is eagerly welcomed into their homes. He spends time with these families, sharing their lives and praying for their concerns.

He has even started a small Bible study and prayer fellowship in that area. Six people came to the first meeting. None of these individuals had ever heard of Jesus or read a Bible before, but they wanted to hear about the God who loved them enough to send Chintak to bring them clean water.

Chintak gave 23 families clean drinking water to quench their physical thirst and meet physical needs. Now Chintak is introducing these families to Jesus Christ, the Living Water, who can wash away spiritual dryness. Taken from 'Send' (Gospel For Asia News Magazine), Carrollton, Texas

Now prayerfully please consider the conditions (the Spiritual drought) here in USA, etc. How many today 'hear' the Law & Gospel from the sacred 'desk' (Pulpit) on a regular basis! How many are making NO apologies for the old time Christianity? How many *pumps* (Vessels) are more concerned about pleasing God, rather than man? The lack of Christian fellowship - how we need to organize Fellowship Groups - even it starts with six! We are trying to span the gap in these days of APOSTASY- **Amos 8:11-12**! Even IF it is in a limited way, the *Morning Glory* is trying with your prayer support and financial support to help bridge this gap. How we need continued TEAM WORK! Please pray that **more folk** will receive a **burden and vision** as to what the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Ministry is all about and will actively become involved. **We are in a Spiritual Battle and so much is at stake!** IF we do not *hold the fort on the home front*; missions will fail also. Please pray and give as the Lord lays on *your heart!* THANK YOU! And thank you to all **you** faithful supporters.

Psalm 63:1-5, 126:3-4, Ecclesiastes 11:1, John 7:37 - 39

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Where? Stavanger Free Lutheran Church, Garden
City, Iowa

Host Pastor: Pastor Earl Korhonen

SCHEDULE

Friday evening, 7:00 p.m. Singspiration
Opening Service – 7:30 p.m. Pastor Jim Haga,
Shoreview, MN, *What About Baptism?*
Refreshments & Fellowship following

Saturday

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Hauge Lu-
theran Innermission Federation
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship
11:00 – Noon – Pastor Jim Haga, *What About Alco-
hol?*
Noon – Meal at Church
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Pastor Jim Haga, *What About Con-
temporary Christian Music?*
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Testimony time, Gospel Songs &
Hymns
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Refreshment & Fellowship
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Pastor Einar Unseth, Lyle, MN
4:30 p.m. – Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Evening Service: Pastor Rodney Stueland,
Dilworth, MN. Topic: Matthew 7:1-6, John 7:24
“**Judge Righteous Judgment**”.

Sunday Morning at 10:00 at Stavanger Lutheran
Church: Pastor Rodney Stueland will be preaching on
“**A Living Congregation**” from Acts 2:42-47.

Looking Ahead ...

Make plans now to attend the Hauge Bible
Conference for this fall, September 24 - 26 in
Fargo, North Dakota at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.
Pastor Jim Fugleberg is the host pastor. The theme
is “Standing on the Promises.” More details will
follow as plans solidify. Please begin to pray even
now.

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Bible Camps

An evangelistic Lutheran Bible Camp called Faith
Youth Camp is to take place on August 2nd – 6th at
Northern Pines campground in Park Rapids, MN. This
Independent Lutheran Group welcomes 7th – 12th
grades. Speakers will be Pastors Don Greven and Reu-
ben Unseth and Mr. Gary Stenberg. For further infor-
mation contact: Pastor Paul Larson @ or church
218-847-1040 or home 218-375-4331.

The Faith Family Camp (which is an Independent Lu-
theran Ministry) will be held Labor Day weekend at
Northern Pines Campground in Park Rapids, MN.
Planned Speakers are: Janos Herkely from Hungary,
Pastor Timothy Mundiah from Kenya and Pastor Don
Greven from Viroqua, Wis.

For further camp info contact: Pastor Paul Larson
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375-4331 (H) or Faith Lutheran 218-847-1040.