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Protecting and Celebrating the Family

By Pastor David R. Barnhart

“And after I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people ‘Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your homes.’” (Nehemiah 4:14)

God Himself established marriage and the family. Family life should be celebrated and cherished. Aside from the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, the gift of family should be our most treasured experience on earth. Each of us should be doing everything in his or her power to strengthen and uphold traditional family values.

The family was, is and forever shall remain the glue that holds society together. Strong families produce strong nations. A nation can never be stronger than its families, and no nation can long endure if its families are not functioning as they were intended by the Creator.

War has been declared on the Family

Since the days of Adam and Eve, Satan has been doing everything in his power to destroy the family. Today, liberals and secular humanists have declared war on the traditional family – father, mother and children. The breakdown in moral values and the growing acceptance of abortion,

sexual promiscuity, the homosexual lifestyle, same-sex marriages and same-sex adoptions have set family life on a downward spiral in most western nations.

It is a rare experience to find families today that have not suffered casualties in this war. You may have family members who are victims of these pernicious assaults, or you may even be a victim yourself. Satan and those who do his bidding are unleashing attacks against families in ways not known before. While Satan still employs all the usual means – drugs, alcohol, pornography, greed, spousal abuse, child abuse, hate, sexual immorality and rebellion – many of his attacks are far more subtle.

Today, attacks on our families are coming directly into our homes via the media’s provocative images and messages. Children in public schools are under attack by being forced to learn what the secular humanists have designed for their re-education. Gideons are no longer permitted to distribute Bibles to children in schools, but Planned Parenthood representatives are allowed to distribute condoms and sanction sexual perversions and promote sexual promiscuity.

The school board in St. Lucie County, Florida, recently adopted an explicit sex-education curriculum that includes “how-to-do” lessons for students as young as fourth graders and a proposed field trip in which they are asked to purchase condoms and talk about the experience. Pastor Bryan

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Longworth, who is spearheading opposition to this curriculum, said materials provided discuss condoms and contraceptives 210 times, but mention abstinence only 17 times. Longworth said school board members were “following the recommendations of Planned Parenthood’s Michael Panella.” Similar programs are being introduced in schools across the country.

In Montgomery County, Maryland, the school board introduced a program in which students are taught the virtues of homosexuality as well as how to use condoms when engaged in various sexual activities. In Boulder, Colorado, students were required to attend a seminar in which they were told to “have sex” and “take drugs.” A recent school event in California promoted homosexuality while banning parents from attending.

Public schools are indoctrinating the re-educating children to adopt politically correct views concerning marriage, globalism, false religions and to reject the views of their parents and churches. Traditional family life and values are being attacked through the influence of social engineers who want to remove Judeo-Christian principles from all aspects of public life. Anyone who upholds traditional biblical values is accused of being a bigot.

Attacks on family life are even taking place in churches where moral issues are no longer determined by biblical principles but rather by position statements drafted and passed at church conventions. Many church leaders today are more inclined to promote the politically correct teachings of the secular humanists than they are to promote the teachings of the Bible.

Show yourself in all respects a model of good works. Titus 2:7.

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Recognize the dangers.

When Nehemiah was engaged in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, he faced what seemed like insurmountable odds. The Jewish people, having just returned from Babylon, were outnumbered by enemies who plotted against them night and day. Rubble was everywhere. The situation seemed hopeless until Nehemiah took actions based on biblical principles. Those principles worked then, and they still work today!

Fear not!

It is said the words “fear not” or their equivalent are mentioned in Scripture 366 times – one for every day of the year and even one for leap year. In order to gain the upper hand over the enemy, we must cast aside our fears. The Bible says: “*Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*” (1 John 4:4). Let us also remember the words of Paul: “*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.*” (2 Cor. 10:3-4).

When the King of Aram approached the city of Dothan in order to capture Elisha, his servant went outside only to discover the city was completely surrounded by a huge army with horses and chariots. “What shall we do?” he inquired. Elisha answered:

“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed and said, “*O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.*” *And the Lord opened the servant’s eyes and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha* (2Kings 6:15-17).

Christians today need to get their eyes opened and start speaking out. Like Nero who “fiddled while Rome burned,” many Christians busy themselves with countless activities and refuse to focus on the battles raging around them. Some Christians are intimidated by peers as well as by religious and civic leaders; others remain silent because they don’t want to assume responsibility or be branded as troublemakers. But as the enemy increases the ferocity of his attacks on the family, Christians need to cast aside their fears and stand up for their families before it is too late!

Remember the Lord

If our homes and families are to be secure, we must “Remember the Lord!” The foremost responsibility of all parents is to see their children are brought up to know the Lord Jesus Christ and have a living relationship with Him. It seems like such a simple matter, yet when left undone, this spiritual neglect leaves children unsaved, as well as unprotected from the enemy’s attacks.

Parents cannot give their children what they themselves

do not possess. If parents do not have a living relationship with Christ or if they fail to live out their faith daily, how can they expect to have a positive influence on their children? Children are usually turned off to spiritual matters when a poor example is being set by their parents.

Attend a Bible-believing Church

“Remembering the Lord” also means to worship in a Bible-believing church where the Word of God is honored and where salvation is proclaimed. If you are not part of such a church, wake up and take the appropriate action now! How will you or your children get saved and walk in the truth unless you are part of a church fellowship where the fullness of God’s Word is both preached and clearly taught?

Parents who think they can continue to worship in churches where false doctrines and unbiblical practices are promoted fail to understand the damage they are inflicting on themselves and their children. No Christian should worship in a church where the Bible is not fully accepted as the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. Those who do will expose their children to great spiritual danger. The war being waged today against the family is real and it must be taken seriously. Being part of a Bible-believing church is more essential than ever because of the constant bombardment of lies and deceptions coming from nearly every part of our society.

Teach your children to love and respect the Word of God

An essential for protecting our homes and families is to help each family member to develop a love for God and His Word. The Psalmist declared, “*I will not neglect your word*” (119:16) All too often the enemy is able to infiltrate our homes because we have neglected God’s Word. The Psalmist asked, “*How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.*” (119:9)

As Nehemiah led the people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, he called them to carefully listen to the reading and teaching of God’s Word. On one occasion from early morning until noon, men, women and children stood weeping as the Scriptures were read to them. They were broken and humbled by their sin and by God’s unfailing mercies to them...

Excerpt taken from ‘*The Vine and Branches*’
(Spring, 2008)

Instructors of the Young

Titus 2:4-5

Many churches have made the mistake of relegating senior saints to a place of relative unimportance. Though they possess a tremendous wealth of knowledge and resources available to help younger believers in the practicality of their daily Christian walk, their experience and guidance, in large measure, remain untapped. It is, therefore, with great interest that we listen to the words of Paul in Titus 2:1-3 as he instructs concerning the life and ministry of older saints. In a judicious manner (vv. 4-5), the old apostle gives to the "aged women" the responsibility of teaching the younger women how to be successful wives, mothers and housekeepers and, in turn, obligates the younger women to listen and obey. Remember – the Christian home was a totally new thing, a new concept to the young women in the first century who had been saved out of paganism. They had to become accustomed to a new set of priorities and privileges. Some, with unsaved husbands, would need special encouragement. So, Paul instructs Titus to instruct the older women to instruct the young women.

Consider the age group involved. "Young women" refers to those women who are able to bear children or are still rearing children. Since women can bear children well into their forties and the main duties of raising a child last for about twenty years, a woman under sixty could be considered "young" (1 Tim.5:9). Having provided the general reference to be "teachers of good things" (v. 3), the apostle Paul then expands on this phrase with specific directions (vv. 4 - 5). We, with Paul, must issue a clarion call to the older saints of the church – please teach and be an example of godliness. JED.

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GOD keeps His Word

"I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me" (Psa. 57:2). "for thus saith the LORD ...I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you" (Jer. 29:10). "for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed" (Jer. 51:29). "For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: ...I (will) say the word, and will perform it: (Ezek. 12:25). "I the LORD have spoken it, and performed

it" (Ezek. 37:14). "Blessed be the LORD, that hath (done) according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised" (1 Kgs. 8:56). "And being not weak in faith, (Abraham) ...staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:19-21). "for all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God" (2 Cor. 1:20). "and this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life" (1 Jn. 2:25). "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2). "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised)" (Heb. 10:23). "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). Yes, God keeps His Word. People will lie, deceive, and break their promises, but God is always faithful to His promise. Jesus is coming back again. It may be today. Are you ready? Are you saved? Are you living for Him? PNF

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Relevant?

God has not called the Church to be Relevant, but rather Repentant.

He has not called it to be Conformed to the World, but rather to be Conformed to the image of the Son of God.

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Ford meets conditions; AFA suspends boycott

AFA is suspending the two year boycott of Ford Motor Company. The conditions of the original agreement presented in Fall 2005 have been met. We reached the conclusion that Ford had met the conditions of the agreement based on monitoring for several months.

During the 24 months the boycott was in effect, Ford sales dropped an average of 8% per month. The boycott was not entirely responsible for the drop in sales, but it played a very significant role.

A total of 780,365 individuals signed AFA's Boycott Ford petition.

Basically Ford has met the terms of the agreement; a few minor issues yet remain and these, AFA says, they will continue to bring to the attention of Ford.

U.S. abortions are the lowest in 30 years

According to a report released January 17, 2008 by Guttmacher Institute. Guttmacher offered no explanation for the decline in abortions, and various theories were offered by both abortion rights and pro-life advocates, according to *The Washington Post*.

The Guttmacher study also showed that 22 percent of all pregnancies, not counting miscarriages, resulted in abortions. Forty-seven of all women who had abortions had undergone at least one previously. About 33 percent of all U.S. women will have an abortion by age 45.

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New Year Greetings To Israel From Bin Laden

Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden threatened direct terrorist attacks against Israel in an audio recording posted on the internet this weekend. The arch terrorist said he wanted to "assure our people in Palestine that we will extend our ji-

"The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

(Psalm 1:4-6)

had there. We intend to liberate Palestine, the whole of Palestine from the Jordan River to the sea." *Israel Today*, 12/30/07

The Plans of the ELCA and the UMC (United Methodist Church) to Pursue Full Communion are Moving Forward

Christian Post, 1/18/08: The United Methodist Church (UMC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will ask their members to approve "full communion" between the two bodies starting this spring. Full communion essentially means acknowledging one another's ministries as valid and wanting to be involved in mutual decision-making. "Although full communion is a clear step towards full unity," said a ranking Methodist official, "we don't know what full unity is or can look like."

If approved by the leadership of both church bodies, the resolution for full communion will be presented at the Methodist's General Conference April 29, 2008 and at the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly August 17-23, 2009 in Minneapolis.

Editor's Note: The ELCA has already entered into full communion with the Episcopal Church USA and the United Church of Christ. These respective church bodies now welcome each other's members to their respective communion tables and exchange clergy. The ELCA has also adopted the Episcopal Church's concept of the episcopacy (apostolic succession) for its clergy and bishops. Both the Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ officially permit practicing homosexuals to serve as clergy in their churches.

While the United Methodist Church has not yet officially changed its policy sanctioning the ordination of homosexual clergy, increasingly they are permitting practicing homosexual pastors to serve congregations without imposing discipline. The official approval for homosexual clergy to serve ELCA congregations will likely be endorsed at their 2009 Churchwide Assembly. Liberal congregations whose memberships are in decline are now seeking fellowship with each other in an attempt to take the focus off their losses and show just how "inclusive" they are. "Birds of a feather" do seem to flock together.

The Vine and Branches
Pastor David Barnhart, Editor

The US should pull out of Washington

“We’ve heard much discussion lately about our military involvement in various places, and whether or not we can morally justify our present policies. But I believe the problem is much more profound and all-inclusive than the question of whether or not we should send troops to one foreign country or another. Consider these statistics, pointing to a far more profound weakness, which unless we deal with it, there is nothing positive that we could ever accomplish in the rest of the world. ‘There has been a monthly average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theater of operations during the last 22 months, and a total of 2,867 deaths. This gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000 soldiers.

The firearm death rate in Washington DC is 80.6 per 100,000 persons for the same period. That means that you are about 25% more likely to be shot and killed in the US Capitol than you are in Iraq. Conclusion: **The US should pull out of Washington.**” (Courtesy Kaye White) “If we cannot even maintain a climate of peace in our own nation’s capital, what earthly good can we accomplish in the rest of the world?” Ed Spurlin, of VIW Ministries says, “If truth is not absolute, then there is no such thing as truth.” Sword & Staff.

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McDonald’s

McDonald’s has signed on to a nationwide effort to promote “gay” and “lesbian” business ventures (including same sex marriages), according to McDonald’s CEO Jim ..., McDonald’s will aggressively promote the homosexual agenda.

Three in Four United States Mosques preach Anti – West Extremism

(Secret Survey Exposes Widespread Radicalism)

An undercover survey of more than 100 mosques and Islamic schools in America has exposed widespread radicalism, including the alarming finding that 3 in 4 Islamic centers are hotbeds of anti-Western extremism, World Net Daily has learned.

The Mapping Sharia in America Project, sponsored by the Washington-based Center for Security Policy, has trained former counterintelligence and counterterrorism agents from the FBI, CIA and U.S. military, who are skilled in Arabic and Urdu, to conduct undercover reconnaissance at some 2,300 mosques and Islamic centers and schools across the country.

“So far, of 100 mapped, 75 should be on a watch list,” an official familiar with the project said.

Many of the Islamic centers are operating under the auspices of the Saudi Arabian government and U.S. front groups for the radical Muslim Brotherhood based in Egypt...

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American Atheists hold their national convention on Easter weekend

An estimated 500 atheists are expected to be proudly wearing their name tags around the Marriot City Center Hotel. “Our movement is where the gay movement was 30 years ago,” said Ellen Johnson, president of the national association, from her office in New Jersey. “We still have a lot of members who are in the closet in terms of making their stance public. People have been disowned for being atheists....”

The group acknowledged that some people will be upset when they realize the atheists are holding their convention over Easter weekend. Both Johnson and Berkshire were adamant in saying that there’s no hidden agenda in the timing.

“It’s one of the few weekends during the year that hotels are hurting for business,” Johnson said. “The hotels are so empty that they bid for our business. It [the timing] is all just economic.” She added with a laugh, “Besides, it’s not like we’re going to be doing anything else that weekend.”

For much the same reason, another local atheist organization, Atheists for Human Rights, is sponsoring a public forum featuring Arvonne Fraser on Easter Sunday... The sponsor is the Minnesota chapter of the Atheist Alliance, the other major national association.

Everyone does seem to agree that the number of atheists is growing, especially among adults under 25. A survey released two weeks ago by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life reported that 19 percent of respondents between 18 and 25 listed themselves as “secular” rather than “religious.” In fact, the numbers were up in all age brackets, although not as radically: 5 percent for respondents over 60, 11 percent for those 40 to 60 and 14 percent for ages 25 to 40. “While it lumped everyone together under ‘no religion,’ the Pew survey definitely showed that our numbers are going up,” Berkshire said, “and the increase is huge among young people.”

At the same time, books about atheism are making waves – some might even say tidal waves – on the bestseller lists. Between them, “The God Delusion” by Richard Dawkins (who will take part in next weekend’s convention) and Christopher Hitchens’ “God Is Not Great” sold nearly a million books last year. Sam Harris’ “Letter to a Christian Nation” added another 200,000. A new book, “God: The Failed Hypothesis” by Victor Stenger, has climbed into the top 25 on the New York Times list.

A local atheist talk show [in Minneapolis] has been on the air only two months, but is finding its feet, said Berkshire, who produces the show, called "Atheists Talk."

Jeff Strickler
Star Tribune, March 15, 2008

Editor's Note: Perhaps they should have held their convention on April 1st, April Fools Day, because the Scripture says, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." (Ps. 14:1)

Gay Eighth Grader Murdered

Larry King was a gay eighth-grader who used to come to school in makeup, high heels and earrings. And when the other boys made fun of him, he would boldly tease them right back by flirting with them. That may have been what got him killed.

On Feb. 12, another student, Brandon McInerney, 14, shot him twice in the head in the computer lab at their junior high school, police say.

Police would not discuss a motive. But the day before the shooting, King told McInerney he liked him, eighth-grader Eduardo Segure told the Ventura County Star. If King had flirted with the other boy, "that can be very threatening to someone's ego and their sense of identity," said Jaana Juvonen, a psychology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. The crime – for which McInerney has been charged as an adult – horrified parents, educators and students in the community and across the nation. But according to gay rights groups and experts on adolescent sexuality, it is the extreme consequence of a growing, but often-ignored phenomenon.

Reassured by changing pop culture and easy access to information on the Internet, the age of sexual identification has dropped over the last few decades to the early teens and as young as 10, experts say.

"For years, representations of homosexuals were deviant, bleak, living outside the margins of society. There were no happy endings. Now, we have Ellen DeGeneres hosting the Academy Awards and RuPaul on the Home Shopping Network," said Caitlin Ryan, director of the Family Acceptance Project at San Francisco State. "So, it's no surprise that young people would realize who they are at earlier ages," Ryan said.

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Christian Ministry Fined \$23,000 in Gay Discrimination Case

One of Canada's largest Christian ministries dedicated

to caring for the disabled was fined \$23,000 recently by the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario for allegedly discriminating against a former homosexual employee.

[Canadian] Congress Drops Bill Expanding
'Hate Crime' Protection to Gays

Connie Heintz claimed discrimination against Christian Horizons after she said she was "subjected to a poisoned work environment" and pressured into quitting her job after she entered a homosexual relationship — which was in violation of her work contract back in 2000.

In line with its Christian foundation and principles, the ministry requires that all its employees sign "morality statements" vowing to abstain from immoral behavior, including pornography, pre-marital, extra-marital, and homosexual activity as a condition of employment.

In a recently made public ruling, Michael Gottheil, the single adjudicator representing the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, ruled against Christian Horizons, ordering the organization to pay Heintz \$23,000 in fines plus two years wages and benefits.

Gottheil also ordered that the organization abandon its Christian principles barring homosexual behavior and issued mandates that it begin requiring all employees to attend a homosexual oriented "human rights training program."

In a statement, Barbara Hall, the Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, wrote approvingly of the decision by the tribunal.

"This decision is important because it sets out that when faith-based and other organizations move beyond serving the interests of their particular community to serving the general public, the rights of others, including employees, must be respected," she said.

The Family Research Council (FRC), however, criticized the recent ruling as yet another attack in the worldwide effort to stamp out Christianity.

"It sounds unfair, yet this is the same rationale that's fueling the U.S. Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) debate. ENDA would mandate employer tolerance of all forms of sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promotion, and many Christian-oriented businesses (such as bookstores and radio stations) may not be protected by the bill's limited religious exemption," the FRC said in a statement.

John Jalsevac, of LifeSiteNews.com, also wrote incredulously of the ruling in a column.

"Connie Heintz wasn't even fired. She resigned. And, what is more, Heintz herself testified that her former boss at CH actually tried to help her find another job by providing her with listings of vacancies with other charities — hardly the actions of someone who is "homophobic," he wrote. "In the world of the Commissions, dogmatic Christians are by definition the bigots," he added.

Founded in 1965 by a group of Christian parents seeking to care for their disabled children, Christian Horizons is one of the largest organizations in Canada dedicated to caring for the disabled, receiving about \$75 million annually through the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Joshua Goldberg
Christian Post Reporter
Apr. 29 2008

Editor's Note: It isn't hard to see the handwriting on the wall for what is going to be in store for us in America.

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The Hauge Movement in America

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THE SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION: Lay Activity in the Early Church

We begin with the miracle on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and glorified Jesus and led the disciples into all the truth.

Pentecost is our spiritual birthday. Christ became the real and living One. His disciples received a new vision, a new power and a new message. The unconverted fell under a deep conviction of sin. They "had crucified the Lord of Glory." They cried to the brethren for help and to God for salvation, were saved and baptized – 3,000 in one day.

May the fire of Pentecost be kindled in our hearts! May we carry that fire of the Holy Spirit out to all who are dead in trespasses and sins! That has been the aim of all living and God-inspired lay activity in all ages. May sinners receive the sting of the Holy Spirit in their hearts! May we pray for a new experience of Pentecost!

The First Christian Church

In the first Christian church all were members of one family, the family of God's people. All attended the Gospel meetings. They could not get along without the prayer meeting, even every day. They lived in the blessed and sweet fellowship of brotherly love. Souls came to the Lord every day. Their Gospel meetings, love-feasts, communion, prayer meetings, worship, all was done joyfully and in holy simplicity, no special vestments, no chanting, no high church ceremonies. But the Spirit-filled prayers, simple songs of praise, and the testimony of God's people could be heard on every hand. Acts 2:42-47.

All Inner Mission and laymen's work is a returning to the old fountains. A return to the personal experience of

conversion on Pentecost. A return to the love-life, Christian fellowship, the free prayer meeting and testimony meeting and old-time simplicity of the first Christian Church. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord". But only the experience of new birth and personal faith in Christ led into God's Church. How is it now?

We are in danger of getting stiff, stale and petrified. We have divisions and misunderstandings among the brethren; some of us are leaning toward high-churchism, others are getting over-critical. Selfishness, love of honor with its chilling breeze, and love of the world are getting in among us. Let us come back to the fountains of the Holy Spirit in a true repentance. May our impure and selfish hearts be thawed up by the grace of God, the Christian family fellowship be renewed, and sinners be converted.

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FAMILY (Family Altar) DEVOTIONS

If you don't have "family devotions" the children will grow up thinking that GOD is just another option. Isn't it 'very interesting' that we have time to watch TV, be on the computer, take in sports, other activities, shopping, etc; but we don't have time to gather the entire family together to read/listen to what God says (the BIBLE). We are too busy to pray together! Praying together has a binding influence and effect! (What better place to seek forgiveness, for example)!!

It may not even look like the children or others are getting anything out of this 'practice', BUT YES they do as God's WORD is not bound and it is the incorruptible SEED from GOD, Himself!!!

What's in a Cigarette?

When you light up, you're smoking more than tobacco. Cigarettes typically contain thousands of chemicals, such as:

- Acetone – the active ingredient in nail polish remover
- Ammonia – a household cleaner also used to make fertilizers and explosives
- Arsenic – a poison used in many commercial weed killers and pesticides
- Benzene – found in gasoline and also used in the production of dyes, detergents and pesticides
- Carbon Monoxide – the poisonous fumes that come out of a car's tailpipe
- Cyanide – in its gas form, used to exterminate rats on ships and in buildings
- Formaldehyde – a component of glue and adhesives used to make pressed wood products, as well as a preservative in some types of paint
- Lead – commonly used in house paint but banned in 1977 because of the danger it poses to children
- Vinyl chloride – used to make plastic products, such as pipes and packaging materials

Taken from: *Healthy Attitudes* from Medica, Spring 2008

Fact: Tobacco smoke contains more than 60 substances known to cause cancer.

Source: *National Cancer Institute*

Fact: Cigarette smoking causes 87 percent of all lung cancers.

Source: *National Cancer Institute*, 2004

Fact: Every cigarette smoked by a person after the age of thirty takes eleven minutes off his life.

Dr. Gerald Fletcher,
Director of Internal Medicine, Atlanta

From the Medical Director

Tobacco use, especially cigarettes, causes many kinds of deadly cancer. Lung cancer is the best known, but there are others as well. Cancers of the mouth and tongue are

caused by tobacco. Cancer of the bladder, also, is tobacco related. All of them are painful and deadly.

Smoking causes chronic bronchitis and emphysema. These conditions make breathing difficult, and they are permanent and progressive. Imagine not being able to play the sports that are so enjoyable. Or not being able to go shopping, or play with your children or grandchildren. You can prevent these conditions, Don't smoke!

Heart disease, including heart attacks, chest pains with exertion and severe palpitations come from smoking. From these come disability and death. For the sake of your loved ones who need you, don't smoke...

Dr. Joseph Horozanieki,
Medical Director for Metropolitan Health Plan
Taken from *LifeLines*, February, 2008

Smoking Stars

Young teens that see actors smoke in the movies are more likely to try tobacco. U.S. researchers reached that conclusion after surveying more than 6,500 teens ages 10 to 14 years old. Another surprise: The study found that youths are exposed to smoking mostly in movies rated G, PG and PG-13.

Source: *Pediatrics*

Should a Christian smoke? The evidence is obvious. The Scripture tells us, "*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you. whom you have from God, and that you re not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*" (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

It is clear from Scripture and from medical evidence that smoking does not heal, but destroys the physical body which God has given to us. For the Christian, it is the very Temple of God Himself. The Holy Spirit comes to reside within every true believer. Notice that He is called the HOLY Spirit. He wants His Temple to be set apart (holy) for His use. He commands His children to glorify Him in our bodies.

You likely know of people whose lives have been cut short because of smoking. Thank God that He can give the Christian the power to overcome this bad habit, as well as all bad habits. He does not command us to do what He doesn't enable us to do.

SENIOR SAINTS

Two Lady Washingtons

George Washington, whose father died when George was young, owed his good training to his mother, **Mary Ball Washington**. Wanting her son to become a righteous man, she taught him to love God and to kneel beside her morning and night to say his prayers. She also taught him always to speak the truth and to do his duty.

His firmness of character, too, came from his mother, as the following incident will show.

One day while looking over some land in Virginia, one of General Washington's officers came upon a fine team of horses pulling a plow driven by a large worker.

"Hello there," called the officer to the man. "Those are beautiful horses you are driving, just the kind I have been looking for."

Waving his hand toward the old mansion, the worker said, "You better see the Mrs."

The officer drove up the road and soon was knocking on the mansion door. When a pleasant but stern-looking woman answered the call, the officer tipped his hat and said, "Madame, I claim your horses in the name of the government."

"My horses?" she asked surprised. "You cannot have them. I need them in the field."

"I am sorry," said the officer, "but I must have them for my chief."

"Your chief! Who is your chief?" she questioned.

Standing up straight, the officer replied confidently, "General George Washington."

Smiling the lady said, "You tell George Washington that his mother says he cannot have her horses."

With a humble apology, the officer went away.

Martha Custis Washington, the wife of the General, was a refined woman and a good example to all. During the War of the Revolution, she denied herself many things she ordinarily had and enjoyed. Often she wore a brown dress and a speckled apron when receiving visitors. She did not want to dress up in fine clothes when soldiers were crying on true battlefield. Rather, she spent much time knitting socks for the barefooted men at Valley Forge.

One time she entered the hut of a sergeant and found him lying on a heap of straw in a dying condition. His wife was beside him, crying. Mrs. Washington gave them food prepared by her own hands. Then, kneeling down, she prayed earnestly with her sweet solemn voice for them both.

When she passed by a line of troops, she would often hear them call out, "God bless Lady Washington!" or "Long live Lady Washington!" They felt they could fight to their

very last drop of blood with a commander whose wife also loved them and did what she could for them.

No wonder George Washington became a great man, surrounded as he was by the good influence of the two Lady Washingtons.

Mrs. G. E. Fearson
Taken from 'Sword of the Lord'

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WHEN AT LAST

Oswald J. Smith

*When at last grown tired and weary
With the toil of many years,
I shall go to dwell in Glory,
Far beyond this vale of tears,
I will find my sorrows ended
And my trials forever o'er,
For the Saviour will be with me,
He will leave me nevermore.*

*When at last the dear home faces
Vanish from my fading sight
And I bid farewell forever
To this world of sin and night,
I shall see, amid the Glory,
Faces that I used to know
And await the joyful coming
Of the dear ones left below.*

*When at last I rise triumphant
To the many mansions fair
And behold my Saviour standing
By the portals over there,
I will be reward sufficient
Just to gaze upon his face,
Just to learn the hidden secret
Of His matchless, saving grace.*

Is There Not A Cause?

By Theo. Knutson, Norma, N.D.

WHEN Israel was confounded by the threatening Philistine army which came up against her in the shadow of the powerful giant, Goliath, David, in the Spirit of God, came upon the scene only to be thrust aside by his own brethren. But one who has gone forth in the power of the Spirit has a zeal for the cause of God, and is not so easily discouraged. Neither is it a small matter to defy the armies of the Living God. Therefore we must say as did the stripling, David: *Is there not a cause?*" (1 Samuel 17:29)

When a man who has gone forth in the Spirit of God to "cry aloud" against the apostasy of our day, as has our beloved brother in Christ, Pastor Haakonson, he is then accused of uncontrolled criticism of the established church, and is accused of adding poison of hate to the soul refreshing streams that ought to be kept pure, and his devoted efforts are compared to the tactics of the Jehovah Witness. One is reminded how Jesus was accused by the "brass" of the established church of 31 A.D. of casting out devils by Beelzebub, how Luther was accused of heresy by the pope and his prelates, and now Hauge and Bunyan were shamefully imprisoned for exposing and rebuking the sleeping and self-satisfied clergy of their day.

The preacher who thinks he can preach the whole council of God without causing any disturbance is to be pitied. *"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets."* (Luke 6:26)

Has the crying of our brother, the editor of MORNING GLORY, been too loud, too persistent.? If the shoe fits, why don't the ...Pastors lace it up and then try to make up some lost time? Is there not a cause when Lutherans can no longer give to the church budget lest a certain percent be designated to the W.C.C. conglomeration; an organization whose leaders for the most part ridicule the blood atonement? I know not what course others may take, but as for me and my house not a copper shall ever wittingly go to any church or other organization thus affiliated.

Is there not a cause when a Bible teacher from one of our bible schools visits a local congregation, preaches two sermons a day for five days, using heart searching and challenging texts such as: *"Therefore if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things are passed away behold all things are become new."* (II Cor. 5:17) – without applying it to those to whom he was preaching, but rather dwelt on how the gospel had affected the heathen: they had laid down their spears, picked up their Bibles, built churches, etc. All of which was good as far as it went; but here he was preaching to a congregation of which every

council member was a Mason! And except for a devout Anna here and a pietistic Simeon there, the whole congregation belonged to the unconverted mass which are headed for eternal damnation; yet, because of fear of man or some other inexplicable reason, he refused to either hint or imply in any way that perhaps someone in the audience was outside of Christ. But for him there could be "life for a look at the Crucified One." But for him old things could pass away and through the salvation experience all things could become new. According to his sermons there was not a soul in the church that was not "a dear Christian friend." This sort of thing is what makes some of us complain that so often the sermons of our day "however fundamental" seem to have a hollow sound.

It is, by no means, only in the twentieth century that Christian men have been accused of hatemongering for daring to oppose those who are making merchandise of multitudes and leading them on the broad way to perdition.

Why are we always turning the wrong end to? Let us be realistic! Let us be kind! Let us be honest! Who is roiling the streams of unity? Who is driving wedges between brethren? Who is causing division? Is it the one who "cries aloud" when error is detected, or is it the one who is responsible for and tries to cover up error? We are not talking about sins of weakness, but rather, the sins that are excused and embraced.

The prophet Elijah had guided, admonished, interceded for and labored with, oh yes, and "cried aloud" against the sins of Israel; he was a light and a salt and loved his countrymen dearly. God only knows how much time he spent on his knees in behalf of Ahab and Jezebel, and yet, when punishment had to come because of the wickedness of the King and Queen especially, and the nation as a whole, how does the King greet the Prophet when they suddenly meet? We'd never guess, if we had not read the story: *"Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"*

The Prophet Jeremiah must have gotten some of the same treatment when he complained: *Woe is me my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me."* (Jer.15:10)

Moses was the chosen vessel of God through whom the great exodus was to be effected; accompanying signs and wonders confirmed his commission. How could there possibly be a man in Israel who would doubt his leadership? Yet, when their burdens were increased because of Pharaoh's stubbornness and defiance of God, who should get the blame, but Moses!

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May we rally to the side of a dear brother (ministry) who is earnestly contending for the faith. May we gladly hold up the prophet's (ministries) hands. Is there not a cause?

Morning Glory, April 1, 1959

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Where Are You Looking?

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved" (Isa. 45:22)

Many Lutheran pastors and church leaders are telling their people, "Remember your baptism," or "Look to your baptism." Whenever the issue of salvation or assurance of salvation comes up, this is where people are directed to look. The general reasoning goes something like this, "God regenerated you at your baptism. It was there that you became God's child. It was something He did, not you. As long as you have confirmed that you have remained in that covenant, you are a Christian today and headed for heaven. If you have doubts, then simply look again to your baptism and remember what God did for you there."

It can even carry to the point where pastors will put the baptismal fount in front of the casket at a funeral. They recite a liturgy that goes something like this: "The deceased is in heaven today because they were baptized into Christ. As Christ rose from the dead, so they have risen with Him and are in heaven today." Baptism did it all.

We in the Lutheran Church believe that the Scriptures teach that baptism is a means of Grace. It is a means that God works through. Yet, there still must be a personal conversion in the life of the baptized, or there will be no spiritual life. It is the same as the Word of God. It is THE means of grace. The Scripture says in 1 Peter 1:23, "*For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding Word of God.*" The grace of God is present through the Word (as in baptism), but are we going to say then that everyone who has heard the Word of God is saved? No, it is only those who personally respond to the offered grace who come alive spiritually. So is the case with baptism.

In other words, I must look to my personal faith in Jesus, not to my baptism. **No where in the Scriptures are we told to "Look to your baptism" or "Remember your baptism."** Rather, we are told to Look unto Jesus, "*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...*" (Heb. 12:2). We are told to remember Jesus, "*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel.*" (2 Tim. 2:8) It is clear from these and other Scriptures that our salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can save us. If you do not have faith in Jesus Christ, you will not be saved, even if you have been baptized. Jesus Himself stated this in Mark 16:16, "*He who believes and is baptized will be*

saved, but whoever does not believe will be damned." Notice that Jesus didn't simply say, "Whoever is baptized will be saved," but it is the one believing in Christ and being baptized who will be saved.

For those brought to Christ in baptism at a young age, they must come to a personal repentance of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior. If this doesn't happen when they come to the age of understanding, they will fall away from the Lord and not be saved. It is futile to tell people that they are saved today because God worked in them once through baptism.

What is it to believe in Jesus, that is to have saving faith in Jesus? The Scriptures are clear about this. "*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith, examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test.*" (2 Cor. 13:5) The Scriptural test for faith is not to see if I am baptized, but if Christ is in me. "*He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name*" (John 1:11-12). The Biblical test of whether you are God's child is whether you have received Christ. In verse 12, believing in Christ is equated with receiving Christ.

Even the Catechism is clear as to what saving faith in Christ is: "Q: **What is the true and living faith in Jesus Christ?** A: **This is faith, that a repentant sinner lays hold of Christ as his only Savior from Sin, and death, and the power of Satan; that he takes refuge with Christ and His righteousness, and builds thereon with the confidence of his whole heart.**" It is repentance of sin and a faith that does not just acknowledge that Christ died for my sins, but a true and living faith is one that comes to Christ and receives Him as personal Lord and Savior.

Notice in all of these that it is my personal faith in Christ that is brought into question, not the fact that I have been baptized. Multitudes of Lutherans (and other denominations which practice infant baptism) are somehow led to believe that their baptismal certificate is their ticket to heaven. This is why preachers can preach anybody into heaven at their funeral, as long as they were baptized, regardless of what they personally believed or how they lived. The whole issue of conversion of heart and life to the Lord is never mentioned.

Instead of looking to your baptism, look instead today at your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you living in repentance of your sin? Is Christ in your heart? Have you come to Him and received Him as Savior from your sin? Are you following Him as Lord of your life? Pastor Jim Haga

"And this is eternal life, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."
(John 17:3)

Editorial

RES

Jesus Only

“And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only.” (Matt. 17:8)

*Jesus only on the mountain, Jesus only on the sea,
Jesus only in the valley, There in dark Gethsemane,
Jesus only up to Cal-v'ry, Jesus only on the cross,
Jesus only in all suff'ring, All things else are empty
dross.*

*Jesus only in life's evening, Jesus only gives me rest,
Jesus only can support me, When the sun sinks in
the west. Jesus only in the morning Of that vast
eternity, There reveal'd in glorious splendor, In the
home He won for me.*

“Memories” are a wonderful gift from HIM who changes not! The above ‘song’ was written by Dr. Samuel Miller, the founder and leader of the Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) in Minneapolis, which was “really” founded upon the knees of a ‘few’ burdened/concerned sinners saved by GRACE! (We sang this wonderful hymn many times as a student ‘many’ years ago!)

Just recently we were privileged to gather at Trinity Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa for a brief Bible Conference. We definitely received solid Bible preaching of the Law and Gospel (in Love). There were numerous outstanding ‘blessings’; but from my perspective, singularly the warm Christian fellowship was outstanding. AND to think that it was through the leadership of the Holy Spirit to bring ‘sinners’ saved by GRACE to ‘gather together’ for Christian **fellowship of a kindred spirit!** This is all accomplished through the royal bloodship of our Saviour! Our many ‘concerns and burdens’ brought us together to share with one another! I believe the ‘openness’ was pleasing to our Sovereign KING! **Malachi 3:16 “Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened, and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name”.** What AMAZING GRACE! But of course we must not minimize the vital importance of the Word of God which must be central in our daily walk with Jesus when we gather together with ‘others’ in Worship, Midweek Bible Studies, etc. We enjoyed special music and gracious Christian hospitality - PTL.

As I write this editorial I am reminded of the ‘believers’ as they walked on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-34. Let us quickly notice a number of things that took place then:

v. 14 – Open heartedly they ‘walked together’ and shared what had happened in Jerusalem.

v. 15 – As they ‘conversed’ and ‘reasoned’ - human reasoning is the greatest hinderance to a ‘living faith’ that JESUS drew near.

v. 16 – their eyes were restrained.

v. 17-18 – It is good to ask significant questions and then opportunity is given for further enlightenment.

v. 19 – Today, sad to say, there are ‘many’ who talk the talk, but do not walk the walk; BUT that is not true of our Lord, Savior and King as HE is absolute and consistent in ‘deed and word’.

v. 20 – It was *our sins (mine)* that caused HIM to be crucified; but notice the ‘instruments’ - the unconverted religious leaders of that day.

v. 21 – Acknowledging Scripture as the final and absolute authority.

v. 22-24 – The world says “show me and I will believe” BUT the Scriptures tells us “believe Me and I will show you”!

v. 25-26 – How “unbelief” is a great hindrance to a ‘living faith’ and how we need to take ‘human reasoning’ in captivity in obedience to the Word of God as it will take place just as HE said (v.24).

v. 27 – How we NEED to hear and read the *whole counsel of God in LOVE*.

v. 28 - 29 – I like the word “constrained Him” as JESUS will not force Himself on anyone body, as we are fallen *sinners through and through* and YET HE will enable us to respond positively to His calling and will,

v.30 – consistency.

v. 31 – THEN their eyes were *opened*. JESUS is the greatest ‘eye-specialist’ and HE admonishes US to anoint our ‘eyes’ with ‘eye-slave’ that we may SEE - Revelation 3:18.

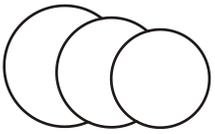
v. 32 – How you and I NEED this kind of ‘heart-burn’ where relief is not spelled Roloids.

v. 33 – Freshness, urgency and quickness.

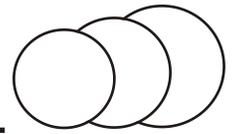
v. 34-35 – THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!!!! **We serve a risen Saviour who is coming again!** - SO Bible Conferences can be a little ‘foretaste’ of the blessed, purifying future of a true child of God! **We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.”** 1 John 3:12. How we NEED to pray that GOD will rekindle this ***Heart burn within each one of us!***

A blessed Bible Conference was indeed experienced and all Glory To His Name!

By faith are you personally ‘walking’ with JESUS?? It will not always be easy; but in the end it will be worth it all! **WHEN WE SEE JESUS! What will you ‘hear’ then from HIM?**



From our Fellowship Circle



I. C. **Maxbass, N. D.**

Enclosed is \$... I would like to receive the books "Mirror of The Heart" and "Sinners In The Hands of An Angry God" and hopefully this covers the cost of the books and postage.

We do so enjoy the *Morning Glory* magazine and I must read it cover to cover when it comes in the mail. Keep up the good, inspirational work!

E. N. **Duluth, MN**

Praise God for the keeping power! More and more I appreciate the power of God through prayer.

A teenager and his Mother stopped to visit me and both of them have been on my prayer list (daily). Actually I had been praying for them for over seven years! Praise the Lord as they came by to tell me that they now know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. Also, the husband and father has shown change from bitter hatred and anger to a softening, questioning attitude; as he calls me ...

My prayer partner, a bus driver, and I pray daily for a long list of folk by using the telephone. This bus driver has been such an encouragement and blessing to me; as this person freely quotes Scripture ...

Just think of it, a disabled almost 91 year-old reaching out to the hurting all because of the power of a Mighty God who answers her prayers! Marvelous mercy and GRACE! Yes, and such publications as the *Morning Glory*!

Editor's Note: What an encouraging, timely letter and being reminded God answers earnest prayer of believers and that HE Saves, keeps and satisfies! Please read Psalm 92:12-15. There is no place of 'retirement' in the work of the Kingdom of God on this side of ETERNITY for a child of God! What GRACE, privilege and responsibility!

E. T. **Grand Forks, N. D.**

Enclosed is my church for \$.... for the ministry of the *Morning Glory*. Would you please send the *Morning Glory* to ... Thank you. God bless you richly in the Work and that it may be to the Salvation of Precious Souls!

E. G.

I am 89 years old and have health problems, but I'm trusting in the Lord to uphold me during my remaining days. I am trusting in the Lord to forgive me for my failure and sin and pray that I may be a witness for Him during my remaining days.

Thank you for a good publication which my parents also subscribed to many long years ago.

L. H. **Lakefield, MN**

Thank you for sending the *Morning Glory* as it is a real blessing to me and after I have read it, I give it unto another. God bless you for working for Him!

O. R. **Langdon, ND**

Thank you so much for this wonderful magazine. There is absolutely nothing better than the 'Old Time Christianity'. Praise to God for you folk that are sending out to us this down to earth magazine. I wish I could help you more.

O.T. **Newport, NC**

God bless all of you "Morning Glory" staffers. Thank you for your sermons and articles that turn our thoughts to Christ Jesus. I wish my donation could be more.

M. B. **Portage, WI**

I enjoy receiving the "Morning Glory". It is so good to know there are those who are willing to speak the truth. We are living in perilous times. God Bless you richly.

I.L. **Williston, ND**

Gift of...Thanks for your fine paper.

G.N. **Owatonna, MN**

Thank you for a great job. I read every page and then pass it on to others.

B&E K **Princeton, MN**

The enclosed check is late in coming as I was under the misconception that when the "MG" mentions "Subscription Renewals" that I would receive a notice in the mail. But you clarified your practice regarding this matter over the phone to me. (Donation of at least \$1/year-Editor)... While not being Lutheran myself, I find the issues to be both informative as well as inspirational... May the good work you folks are doing continue until the Lord returns for His bride! Sincerely in Christ.

“I know mine, and mine own know me”

(John 10:14)

Do you not hear the rejoicing of Jesus in these words: “Mine own know me!” He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice, He says in the verses immediately preceding.

The Good Shepherd does not *drive* His sheep; He goes before them and *appeals* to them to follow Him. They hear His voice and recognize it. Indeed, among all the voices of earth they can distinguish His voice.

They hear His voice in the Word. Throughout the whole Bible they hear the melody of heaven. Wow and then they go with Him up to Mount Tabor, where they see and hear things so unspeakable in their import that their hearts exult with an exultation for which they cannot find utterance.

At other times He speaks to them with such severity and strictness that their souls tremble and their tears flow. But they listen; and they want to listen. They do not permit themselves to be frightened by what they hear, but pray unceasingly: “Lord, speak, Thy servant heareth.”

Now and then they do not hear His voice at all, either in the Word or in prayer! He hides His face from them. According to His own word: “A little while, and ye behold me no more; and again a little while, and ye shall see me.”

But at such a time, too, it becomes apparent how attached they are to Him. They become sad, dismayed, and bewildered, and do not know what to do with themselves. Now it becomes manifest that they are giving utterance to the full, personal truth when they sing:

“Jesus, Thou art mine forever,
Dearer far than earth to me.”

They know of no greater joy than to live their daily life in His holy presence and thus, at work and at rest, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity, to hear His voice; and throughout every hour of the day to be admonished against sin, to be rebuked for disobedience, to be taught to fear that which is evil, and to be led by the Good Shepherd.

Taken from *God's Word for Today* by O. Hallesby

Editor's Note: Note that Dr. Hallesby correctly identifies the relationship between the sheep and the Shepherd: He leads and bids us to follow. He does not drive His sheep. This shows us the folly of the popular work: *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Jesus does not drive us with a purpose, like a cattle drive. Rather He goes ahead, leading us to do His will for our lives.

UpDate

Activities!

In our day and age we have an abundance of ‘activities’ and especially this time of the year! Be it in the church or in our individual lives! For example: Graduations, Confirmation Services, Birthdays, Showers, Anniversaries, Weddings, etc. AND ALL of these ‘activities’ may be *good* as long as they are in their proper priorities. By the way, don’t forget to share a *lasting gift* with them like the **Morning Glory!**

BUT please keep in mind, even though we hustle and bustle in seeking to take in many good things, the expenses of the Morning Glory continue just the same; which is a portion of our Lord’s Kingdom Work! We would *appreciate* hearing from YOU, that you are **praying** for this ‘ministry’ and sharing financially as the Lord lays on your heart. (The coming months can be a concern and even a hardship for ‘us’; but it doesn’t have to be that way!) It is our privilege to WATER (Especially PRAYER, as ‘spring rains’ greatly assist in the growth and fruition of the crop) and PLANT, (which is definitely planting the Incorruptible SEED and we need your ‘faithful’ financial support to do the same) AND GOD has promised to give the increase! Yes, we are seeking to do God’s Work in God’s Way and receive God’s Blessings in sharing *the old time MESSAGE in which we make NO apologies for!* **Remember**, God ALWAYS keeps His PROMISES!

Can we count on hearing from YOU? The LORD BLESS YOU!

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P.S. Remember the dates of the Annual Conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation is: June 27 - 29, 2008 (Lord willing) at Emmanuel Lutheran Church of rural Wanamingo, MN.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
HAUGE LUTHERAN INNERMISSION
FEDERATION

When? June 27 – 29, 2008

Where? Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Rural Wanamingo, MN.

Host Pastor: Pastor Martin Horn

SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. — Guest Speaker
Pastor Omar Gjerness, (Fergus Falls, MN)

Refreshments following the service

Saturday, June 28 at 9:15 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. =
Prayer Time

9:40 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. = Pastor Rodney Stueland

10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. = Refreshments

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. = Pastor Martin Horn

12 (noon) – Potluck meal at the Church

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. = Pastor Rodney Stueland

2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m. = Fellowship Time, Testimo-
nies, Gospel Songs & Hymns

3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. = Refreshments

3:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting of the Hauge Lutheran
Innermission Federation and HLIF Board Meeting
following

7:30 p.m. = Pastor Omar Gjerness

Refreshments following the service

Sunday, June 29

WORSHIP SERVICE: Pastor Omar Gjerness

Accommodations Suggestion:

Motel at Wanamingo, Minn.

Theme & Theme Song: JESUS ONLY

You are 'urged' and very WELCOME to Attend – WE
believe that YOU will be richly blessed in doing so!!!

P.S. IF convenient, please bring 'goodies' for 'Re-
freshment times'. We are SEEKING to do God's
Work, in God's Way, and thus are grateful for God's
Blessings and we make NO Apologies for the *old
time Christianity in Practice!*

Can "we" count on 'you' for prayer support, atten-
dance and encouragement?

WELCOME!

AVAILABLE

Fortunately we have a Gospel Tent available at
your request, Guest Speakers to lead Bible Studies,
have Fellowship Gatherings and Evangelistic Meet-
ings or Bible Conferences. Let us know IF we can be
of assistance to you in the work of the Kingdom of
God!

Make Plans now to attend Evangelistic Meetings
in this tent at Wanamingo, MN in August, 2008. Pas-
tor Terry Olson will be the speaker. Please begin to
pray for these meetings, for Pastor Olson, and for the
Lord to be at work in him and in the people who need
to come and hear the Word of God and be saved. Pray
also for the Christians to be blessed and challenged to
a deeper walk with the Lord.

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