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1 Corinthians 1:10
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EDITOR'S NOTES:

1. How do you like the new logo? Coming up this month you will be able to tell me when I get Pastor Mark to pass around the NP can. Please also tell me any opinions, comments, ideas, etc. Tell me how I am doing. P.S., take a close look at the new page numbers!
2. This month, Pastor Mark is taking donations for Campus Journal. I would like to encourage you to donate. The booklets are free and they don't have to send them to us.
3. I am hoping someone wants to write about sports. I don't want anything in particular, you can even join up with Brian if you want to. 2 sports columnists are better than 1! Please see me if you are interested.
4. I would like to take this time to thank all the people who have contributed to the newsletter in the past couple of months. Thank you Robin Gross, Thank you Karen Neher, Thank you Brian Duffy, Thank you Stephanie Wilson, Thank you Pastor Mark, and finally, Thank you Associated Press!!!

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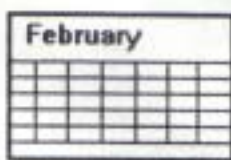


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WHAT'S UP IN FEBRUARY?


The only events scheduled for February are both Winter Weekends for the Jr. and Sr. High.

February 9-11 Jr. High Snow Camp; February 23-25 Sr. High Snow Camp

Pack your bags for 3 days of fun at Camp Calvary in Lansdale, P.A. During Thursday Night through Saturday, there will be many activities including tubing and ice skating depending on the weather. We will be leaving about 4:30, and will return about 9:30 (both Jr. High and Sr. High camps). So get those camp forms in and PRAY FOR SNOW!!



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A NOTE FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR:

I just wanted to take a moment and share with you a huge change in my life. As of January 1, 1995, I am a full-time youth pastor. Ever since I began as youth pastor, there has always been my regular job as an engineer competing with the youth group for my time. Praise the Lord that competition is over!

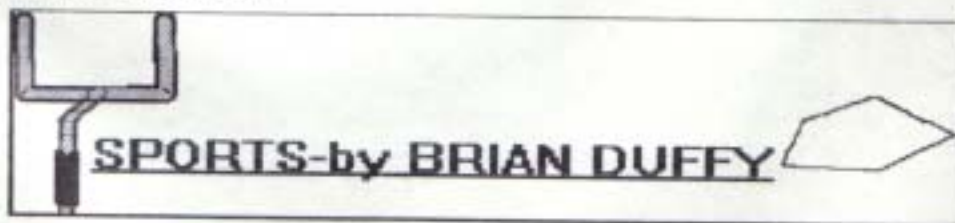
Now you may be wondering, how does a person decide to become a pastor? Or for that matter, what makes people want to become missionaries or Christian school teachers? I can't answer for every full-time Christian worker, but I can tell you that the Lord made it very clear to me what He wanted me to do. I didn't have a vision or dream or anything like that. And I didn't get a letter from heaven with detailed instruction for my career. And yet I am just as sure that God wants me to be a pastor as if He had written me an actual letter.

One of the clearest ways God leads is through His Word. Verses like Ezekiel 22:30 have impressed upon me the absolutely desperate need for people who are willing to commit their lives to God's service. This doesn't have to only be pastors and missionaries because God wants total dedication no matter what career He wants you in. But, there is a special need today for young people who will commit to God's calling to full-time ministry.

Obviously, this calling is not for everyone. And God's Word does not include a list of names of everyone who should be a pastor or missionary. So how do you know if God specifically wants you to be a full-time servant? God led me through many different ways. My heart's desire has always been to be a pastor. That was my first clue. Also, the advice and input of other respected Christians helps you know if God has given you the gifts you need to be a full-time servant. Also, God leads through situations. For example, Dana and I came to New Jersey because this is where I had a job. Then, God led us to this church through some discussions with Pastor Jordan about the College and Career Group.

In my case, there weren't many hard choices to make. God led us step by step to the place He wanted us to be. The reason He could do that was because we were open and willing to do what He wanted. I notice in Acts 13 that Paul was called while he was busy at his local church. I would challenge you to be busy in your youth group and church if you really want to know what God wants you to do. Now, I could have made up my mind that the money in engineering was just too good to leave. Or that I didn't want the responsibility of being a pastor. And yet God has worked in my heart to the place that I truly want to do what He wants me to do. I may not always succeed at trying to do right, but at least my desire is to obey Him.

So here I am - your Youth Pastor. I hope you are even half as excited as I am. I'm looking forward to being more available to meeting your needs and getting to know each of you better. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you!



SUPERBOWL

Well, I don't think I have to tell you that the 49ers just won the Super Bowl, unless you live in a cave. The score was 49 to 26. It didn't come as a surprise to me, although I did want to see the Chargers win. They had a lot of heart going in, but when put up against the best of the NFC, they just couldn't cut it. Well, I'm looking forward to next season.

It doesn't look like Dick Vermeil is going to coach the Eagles next season, hopefully we can get someone good so this team will go places next year.

PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS? (part 2 of 2)

This is the last part in a two-part series on the controversial issue of prayer in public schools. Last month I went over the vote planned before July 4, and some opinions about the issue. This final part will include an article by Mike Royko, a Chicago columnist. He isn't the best of role models; he was recently arrested on drunk driving charges, but the message of the following article I feel is very important to all of us, especially those who go to a public school.

AMERICANS' RIGHT TO PRAY IS SECURE

I hopped into a cab, gave the driver an address, then said: "Excuse me, but do you mind if I pray?"

He laughed and said: "Don't worry, I drive careful. You got nothing to worry about."

"No, it's not your driving," I said. "I wanted to pray for a variety of things. Do you have any objection?"

Peering into the rearview mirror, he said: "No, sir. That's your business. Uh, but you're not going to do it real loud, are you?"

"Oh, no. I always pray in a soft mumble. I doubt if you'll be able to hear me."

"Go ahead," he said cheerfully. "I've had fares who did a lot of funnier stuff than praying, if you know what I mean."

"I can imagine. By the way, is there anything I can say or ask for on your behalf?"

"What do you mean by that?" he said.

"I just thought as long as I was praying, and this is your cab, I could pass along any requests you might have. Wealth, health or a blight upon your enemies. You name it, I'll ask. Of course, I can't guarantee results, but you never know. How about it?"

"Uh, no thanks," he said. "I'm OK, no problems. But thanks anyway."

"Really, it would be no trouble at all."

"No, it's OK. You just go ahead. Don't worry about me. I'm fine."

"Suit yourself," I said. "Now, if you will excuse me, I'll begin."

"Good luck," he said.

When we got to my destination, I paid the fare, got out, waved and said: "Bless you, my boy."

"Yeah," he said, "And you, too."

I relate that incident in hopes that it will comfort Newt Gingrich, the new big heat conservative in Congress.

Gingrich worries about Americans praying, especially schoolchildren. Which is fine. If schoolchildren feel the need to pray, they should.

So should congressmen like Gingrich, and maybe they do, although I haven't detected any heavenly influence in their behavior.

But I don't know why Gingrich and his ilk (he currently has lots of ilks) are so concerned about prayer. My informal survey, beginning with that cab ride, tells me that Americans can pray just about anywhere and any time.

After the cab ride, I dropped in at a tavern, pulled up a stool, and said to the barkeep: "I hope you have no objections to my praying while I sit here."

He gave me a slightly suspicious look, then said: "You'll still have to pay for your drinks."

"Of course. I simply want to offer up some requests and my gratitude for the bounty of your well-stocked bar, including those pepperoni sticks, of which I will have two."

"Whatever you say, But I hope you aren't going to make a big deal out of it."

"What do you mean by a big deal?"

"I mean, I got a quiet clientele here, so you're not going to jump around or yell or sing or anything like that, are you?"

"Absolutely not. I'll be very restrained. Your other patrons will probably think I'm merely brooding."

"Good. There's nothing worse than someone singing depressing songs or having a crying jag about his dearly departed mother. I cut people off when they start doing that kind of stuff. It's a downer for the other customers and bad for business."

"I understand and will restrain myself. You won't even hear one hallelujah from me."

"OK. But I'll turn on the jukebox just in case."

See? Here we have a tavern, the sort of place sometimes thought of as wicked or sinful.

Yet, I had no difficulty using it as a place of worship. Indeed, I could have done so without even telling the bartender what I was up to. Had I rested my head on the bar while praying, he would have thought I was just showing the effects of a stressful day.

It was another example of the potential for spiritual growth that exists in this free country - a potential that Gingrich may not be aware of, since he appears to be so deeply concerned about prayer opportunities.

But just think about it: If I can pray in a tavern, what is to stop a student from praying in school? After all, bartenders are no less demanding than teachers.

Later, I went to a restaurant. The hostess said: "Smoking or non-smoking?"

"Doesn't matter," I said. "But do you have praying and non-praying sections?"

"Excuse me?"

"Do you have sections where people can say grace or not say grace? That sort of thing."

"Not that I know of. It's never come up before. But I guess it's all right anywhere, you know?"

The potential appears to be unlimited. If we can pray in public restaurants, I'm sure students can do the same in the school cafeteria. What, would an atheistic server withhold a worshiper's meat loaf?

And this morning, when I arrived at work, I asked a lobby security guard: "Do you know if we have a company policy forbidding prayer at one's desk?"

He looked at me for several seconds, shook his head, and said: "If we do, nobody told me about it."

"Great," I said. "I'll put in a good word for you, my lad."

He nodded and said: "Uh-huh." He was clearly moved.

So I think Gingrich, and his politically flexible new ally, President Clinton, can relax. Our right to pray is secure. They can get back to the business of spending less of our money. We can all pray for that anywhere.

- BY MIKE ROYKO, A CHICAGO COLUMNIST.

WORDS OF WISDOM

QUOTATIONS:

1 -When you speak, always remember God is one of your hearers.

2 -To reply to a nasty remark with another nasty remark is like trying to remove dirt with mud.

3 -A wise old owl sat on an oak.

The more he sat the less he spoke:

The less he spoke the more he heard;

Why aren't we like that wise old bird?

-E.H. Richards, *A Wise Old Owl*

4 -Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.

-George Eliot, *Theophrastus Such*

5 -A Slip of the Foot you may soon recover.

But a Slip of the Tongue you may never get over

- Franklin, *Poor Richard's Almanac for 1747*

6 -The heart of the fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of the wise man is in his heart.

- Franklin, *Poor Richard's Almanac for 1733*

VERSES:

Ephesians 4:29-Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

1 Corinthians 15:33-Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.



THE BEST OF IN JANUARY

"HERE COMES JESUS"

JANUARY 4

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

I was tooling down the highway the other day when I noticed in my rearview mirror another vehicle approaching much faster than the law allows.

As the car got closer, I noticed that it had one of those personalized license plates with a name on it. To my surprise, I saw that the name was JESUS.

I knew right away it wasn't Him.

After all, if our Lord and Savior really were here in person, and if He were to drive a car, He wouldn't be going 75 in a 55 mph zone.

So what was I to make of this person with the "Jesus" license plate and the lead foot? For one thing, I was glad she was willing to let people know that she cared enough for Jesus to advertise His name. But then I wondered if she realized what kind of bad advertising she was presenting.

As Christians, we carry Jesus' name with us everywhere we go, whether we plunk down a few bucks for a license plate or not. We say, in effect, "Here comes Jesus," every time we enter a room. But what impression do we leave? I'm sure that speeding motorist is putting questions in the minds of other drivers as she zooms past. Questions like, "Is that how a Christian should drive?" and "Why do I need Jesus? I obey the laws."

When we realize how our behavior reflects on Christ, we can respond in one of two ways: We can keep our faith hidden and avoid the hassle of trying to be a shining light for Jesus. Or we can rededicate ourselves to making sure that when people see us, they see people who reflect the character of Christ.

When you saunter across the campus, stride into the dorm, or step into the classroom, would it be good or bad for the cause of Christ if someone would say of you, "Here comes Jesus"? -DB

Past, Present, and Future Parenting! by: Karen B. Neher

This month's question is as follows:

- What, in your opinion, was the most important thing to your now grown teenager?

- I know that the most important thing in my daughter's life during her teen years was living for her Lord and Savior. She always wanted to be in the will of God. She was very active in the youth group and shared her faith with everyone she came in contact with. After high school, she attended Word of Life Bible Institute because she wanted to understand God's word more in depth. Her strength to get through very troublesome years only came from God. She knows that God will provide in the way he feels is best.

- a Christian mother

- What, in your opinion is the most important thing to your teenager?

- The most important thing to my teen is dreaming of what that future holds, being able to make their own decisions, and not relying on me as his/her parent.

- a teen father

- What do you wish to be the most important thing to your future teenagers?

- I wish for my children to have a close walk with God and to make Christ the center of their lives.

- a future mother of teens

I also interviewed parents as to what age their daughter did, can, or will be able to single date. These are the results of my interview.....

- age 16 = 6 parents
- age 17 = 15 parents
- age 18 = 12 parents
- never = 2 parents

Stay tuned to this article for more adult opinions. Please contact Matt or me if you wish to have a question answered by the adults of our church.



WHAT'S HAPPENING? by Robin L. Gross

THE BOWLING TRIP

On January 21, at 2:30 p.m., we all met at the church to go on our bowling trip. We went to New Brunswick Bowling Alley in Cross Keys. We bowled 'till 4:45 p.m., then we headed back to the church.

Some highlights of the evening were:
- Watching Jill Jordan try to beat Tabitha, (Jill got some help by receiving 7 pts. from my dad), but the lowest scoring game of the evening was held by Lisa Gross, which was a 9. Well, that basically wraps up the whole event.



God's Plan for Your Life (FROM FEBRUARY 1994)

Everyone longs to give himself or herself completely to someone, to have a deep and committed soul relationship with another, to be loved thoroughly and unconditionally.

But God says:

"No, not until you are satisfied, fulfilled, and content with being loved by Me alone, with giving yourself totally unreservedly to me alone.

I love you, my child, and until you discover that only in Me is your satisfaction to be found, you will not be capable of the perfect human relationship that I have planned for you. You will never be united with another until you are united with Me; exclusively of anyone or anything else; exclusively of any other desires or longings.

I want you to stop planning, stop wishing and allow Me to give you the most thrilling plan existing, one that you cannot imagine. I want you to have the very best. Please allow Me to give it to you.

Don't be anxious. Don't worry. Don't look around at the things others have. Don't look at the things you think you want. Look to Me or you will miss what I want to give you. And then, when you are ready, I will surprise you with a love far more wonderful than you could ever dream. You see, until you are ready, and until the one I have for you is ready (I am at this very moment working to have prepared for you, you won't be able to experience the love that exemplifies your relationship with Me...and this is perfect love.

And Dear One, I want you to have the most wonderful love. I want you to see in the flesh a picture of your relationship with Me, and to enjoy materially and concretely the everlasting union of beauty, perfection, and love."

- Author Unknown

Weird Articles

FROM THE NEWS

Jackets and sweaters made out of recycled plastic have been on the market for some time. Now the environmentally conscious fashion plate can add jeans made from soda bottles.

Sun Apparel Inc., an El Paso, Texas-based company that makes jeans under the trademark Code Blue, is selling pants made from what it calls Soda Pop Denim - cotton and synthetic fibers spun from recycled plastic. Sun says there are two soda bottles in every pair of jeans. (from Associated Press reports)

RADIOACTIVE POOL STOLEN

TONAWANDA, N.Y. - Everybody out of the pool - it's radioactive.

The state Health Department said Tuesday someone swiped a radiation-contaminated swimming pool from an industrial site in this Buffalo suburb.

The 4-foot-deep, above-ground pool was used as a reservoir for water tainted with the radioactive chemical americium, said Lloyd Novick, director of the state Office of Public Health.

It had been dismantled and stored behind a fence after the cleanup and was to be removed to a permanent dump site. Then someone took it over the Christmas weekend.

Novick said the radiation level in the pool liner is low and does not pose a serious risk.

HUH?

NEW YORK- Figure this one out.

"The only thing I can say is that the governor will tell you where the governor lives, and the governor is not going to tell you where Mario Cuomo lives."

That was the word from Cuomo spokesman David Egnor when asked about a New York Newsday report that the outgoing governor and his wife have settled on a three-bedroom apartment in Manhattan's expensive Sutton Place neighborhood.

BURGLAR HAS A SNACK THEN STEALS A TV SET

CAMDEN (AP)- It wasn't enough for a burglar here to steal a television set. He had to get a meal out of the deal, too.

The intruder broke into the home of an 86-year-old woman in the city's Whitman Park section about 7 a.m. Saturday by climbing through a porch window, Camden police said.

Before leaving with a 19-inch color television valued at \$300, the burglar made himself a turkey-and-cheese sandwich and drank two bottles of Coke, police said.

The woman woke up and might have scared the intruder away, police said. No word on whether the burglar cleaned up his crumbs before he left.

MONOPOLY WHEELBARROW GETS 3 OUT OF AN ARK. JAIL

CONWAY, ARK. (AP) - Three inmates used the tiny wheelbarrow from a Monopoly set to break out of jail.

State Police searched on Monday for cellmates Donald W. Bissel, 24; Terry Lynn Sledge, 27; and Brian Castleberry, 27.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Wooley said the men used the wheelbarrow to remove tamper-resistant screws on air duct coverings Sunday at the Faulkner County Jail. The inmates then made their way through the ducts to the roof and lowered themselves three stories to the ground, using bedding as a rope, Wooley said. Authorities believe the men then stole a pickup truck.