



Senior Heartbeat



TEMPLE
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COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

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Luncheon speaker, Dallas trip

Missions to be focus of upcoming activities

By Dale Oden

We are finally getting some relief from the summer heat now that fall has arrived.

And what wonderful relief as we enjoy these crisp mornings and beautiful clear skies during the day.

What a mighty God we serve!

If you were at our October luncheon, you know what a delightful program

we had presented by Dave St. Andre. He is so talented and blessed our hearts by leading us in singing some of the great hymns of our faith.

Many of you commented to me how much you enjoyed the program.

Let me encourage you if you know someone or group that could speak or sing for us, please let

me know and I will contact them for one of our luncheons.

Missions Speaker

Our November luncheon will have an emphasis on missions. Rev. Eddie Robison will be our guest speaker for this meeting.

Eddie and his family served for a number of years with the International Mission Board. He is

still employed as a consultant with the board and has recently been on a trip to one of the counties where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

Since we are approaching the time for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, I thought it would be appropriate to have someone come share with us about International missions.

As usual, you are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert for the meal.

Ginger Babcock has volunteered to make dressing for the luncheon. What a treat!

I hope that you will come join us on Tuesday, November 19 at 11:45

a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and an inspirational program.

Dallas trip

We still have some spots available for our trip to Dallas, Dec. 3-4, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is when we go to work in the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center.

It is a working trip and involves only one night away from home. The distribution center is a big warehouse where the shoe boxes are packed into crates to be shipped all around the world.

It is a great ministry and exciting to be a part in this ministry!

We do plan to visit the Ice Exhibit at the Gaylord Texan before

coming home on Wednesday. The cost for the trip is \$125 per person.

Call the Church Office and get your name on the list if you would like to go with us.

The bell tolled for him

After Quasimodo's death, Bishop Thomas of the cathedral of Notre Dame sent word through the streets of Paris that a new bell ringer was needed. The bishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin the screening process.

After observing while several applicants demonstrated their skills, he decided to call it a day.

Just then a lone, armless man approached him and announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job.

Bishop Thomas was incredulous. 'You have no arms.'

'No matter,' said the man, 'observe!'

He then began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the carillon.

The bishop listened in astonishment, convinced that he had finally found a suitable replacement for Quasimodo. Suddenly, while rushing forward to strike a bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below.

The stunned bishop immediately rushed down the stairways. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the fallen figure, drawn by the beautiful music they had heard only moments before. As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, 'Bishop, who was this man?'

'I don't know his name,' the bishop sadly replied, 'but his face rings a bell.'

—From Fred Benefield



Wisdom from church signs

“If you want God to close and open doors for you, just get your hands off the doorknob.” (*St. Malachy’s Catholic Church, Madrid, Iowa*)

“Humility is a great virtue until we’re proud of it.” (*So. Seminole Church of Christ, Winter Park, Fla.*)

“I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk, but I never got the chants.” (*St. John’s Episcopal Church, Kingsville, Md.*)

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?” (*Bethany Lutheran Church, Kelley, Iowa*)

“Life is a puzzle. Come here to find the missing peace.” (*First Church of the Nazarene, Des Moines, Iowa*)

“Heaven is real. Don’t myth it.” (*Mount Tabor United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Mo.*)

“Most people need more love than advice.” (*Redeeming Love Church, No. St. Paul, Minn.*)

“We welcome all denominations: \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100.” (*Faith Temple Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.*)

—From the Joyful Noiseletter

John Wesley’s advice for Christians

Believe evil of no one, and put the best construction on everything.

Speak evil of no one; keep your thoughts to yourself till you come to the person concerned.

If you see what you think wrong in a person, tell him plainly.

Be serious; let your motto be “Holiness to the Lord.” Avoid all lightness, jesting,

and foolish talking.

Be diligent; never waste away time, nor spend more time than is necessary in unprofitable talk or occupation.

Converse sparingly and cautiously.

Beware of all affectation, and preach the gospel as the servants of all.

You have nothing to do but to ... spend and be spent in the work of the Lord.

Be punctual; do everything exactly at the time.

Be ashamed of nothing but sin; not of cleaning your own boots or your neighbor’s or such things.

In all things act not according to your own will. Employ your time according to your profession in preaching, reading, meditating and prayer.

—From The Sword Scrapbook



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I Shall Not Pass Again This Way

*The bread that bringeth strength
I want to give,*

*The water pure that bids the
thirsty live:*

*I want to help the fainting day
by day;*

*I’m sure I shall not pass
again this way.*

*I want to give the oil of joy for
tears,*

*The faith to conquer crowding
doubts and fears.*

*Beauty for ashes may I give
always:*

*I’m sure I shall not pass
again this way.*

*I want to give good measure
running o’er,*

*And into angry hearts I want
to pour*

*The answer soft that turneth
wrath away;*

*I’m sure I shall not pass again
this way.*

*I want to give to others hope
and faith,*

*I want to do all that the
Master saith;*

*I want to live aright from day
to day;*

*I’m sure I shall not pass
again this way.*

—Ellen H. Underwood

God lights our paths one step at a time

By Ann Clark

As I was reading this scripture I thought again of the fact that God is leading us. What an awesome thought — He cares about what path we are on and where we are headed.

In fact, He has a plan for us, and he gave us His Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us, His word to light our path, and angels to keep us safe through all these uncharted waters.

Psalm 119:105 — “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

I see two things David focuses on here — the feet that we walk with and the path that we walk on. There are times when we can’t seem to see more than a few feet in any direction. There are unsolved problems we

worry about, even dangers we perceive could be around the corner.

But in the midst of it all we have this guarantee: If we are sincerely obeying the Word of God as it is revealed to us in any given situation, we will never walk in the dark alone. The Word tells us that He will never leave nor forsake us no matter what.

God promises us that as his children we will not put our foot in some treacherous place that will cause us to stumble and fall into injury or disaster.

He simply will not let us misstep. He even sends His angels to help and uphold us.

Amazingly, however, this guarantee seems to apply only to one specified area; the place where we are to

plant our next footstep.

Interesting that He never promises us we will be able to see more than one step ahead. Beyond that, we may not have any way of knowing what awaits us — but that is not to be our concern, frustrating as that is.

All that God requires of us is to take the next step by faith in simple obedience to His Word.

Our greatest danger is that we will seek to peer too far ahead into the darkness. In so doing we may miss the place for our next step, which is the only area illuminated for us at that moment.

Prayer: Lord, show us where to plant our feet just now in obedience to Your Word, and help us leave the future in Your hands.

‘It wasn’t me; I didn’t do it!’

A school inspector, to get an idea of the standard of teaching, entered a classroom while the lesson was in progress and decided to ask some questions.

Calling on one small boy he asked, “Who broke down the walls of Jericho?” The boy answered, “Not me, sir.” The inspector turned to the teacher and asked, “Is this the usual standard in this class?” The teacher replied, “The boy is usually quite honest so I believe him.”

Leaving the room in disgust, the inspector sought out the headmaster

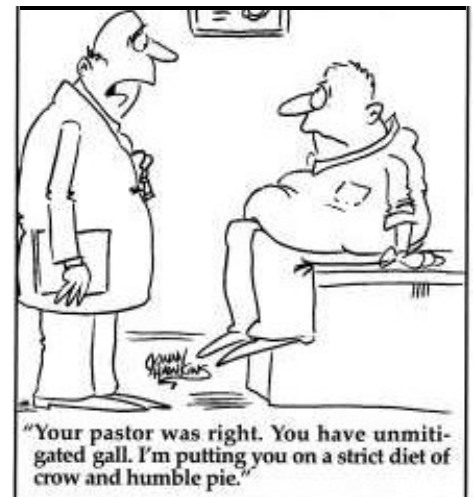
and explained what had transpired.

The headmaster said, “I’ve known both the teacher and boy concerned for several years and I’m sure that neither of them would do a thing like that.”

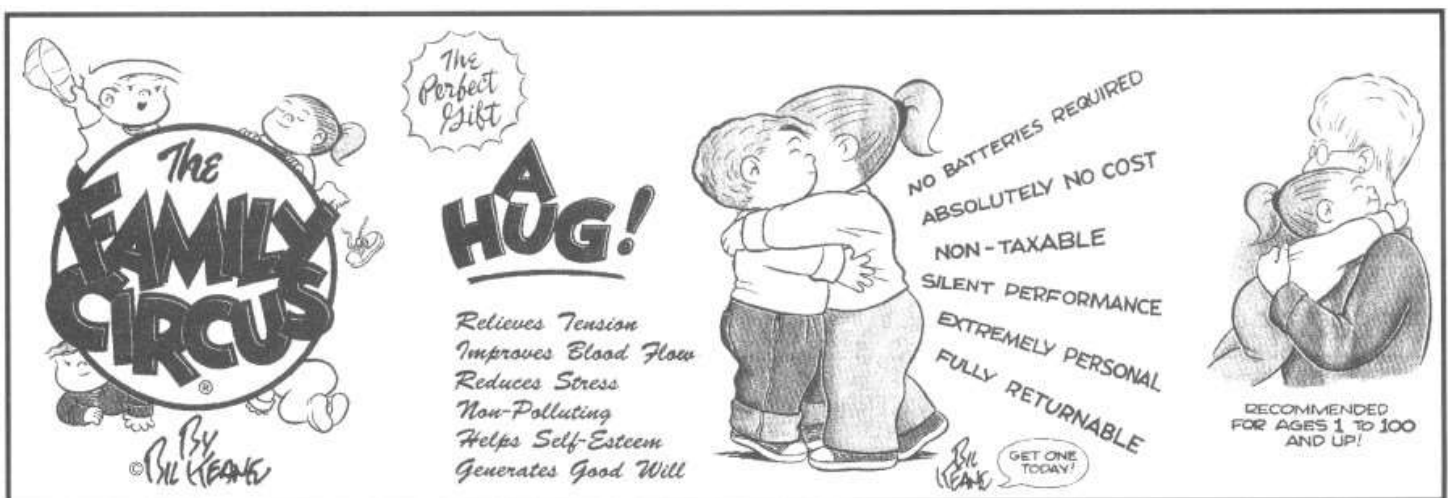
By this time the inspector was furious and reported the incident to the director of education.

The director said, “I feel, you know, we are making a mountain out of a molehill in this case. I suggest we pay the bill and write the sum off.”

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Congratulations!!!

November Birthdays

1 Louie Miller	10 Sam Holland	16 Linda Graham	24 Troy Ham
2 Janet Faulkner	10 Jim Oakes	16 Peggy Thompson	25 Susan Corley
2 Bruce Thompson	10 John Shealy	16 Kathy Shealy	26 Shayla Blake
3 Helen Shrell	11 Tom Boniol	17 Thelton Ginn	26 Karen Stamm
3 Pete Theodos	11 Patricia Day	18 Hubert Estes	27 Mark Rambin
4 Dave St. Andre	11 Donnie Owens	18 Nancy Whittenburg	29 Georgia Myers
5 John Ed Colvin	13 Betty Harris	19 Joe Dickson	29 Vivian Magee
6 Peggy Grau	13 Patsy Causey	20 Bill Brown	29 Ernestine Young
6 Brenda Smith	13 Lynda Mills	20 Eddie Grafton	30 Jaquatta Tubbs
7 Linda Reneau	13 Mary Wilkinson	22 Nelda Harris	
8 Sherry McConathy	14 Wayne Bunn	23 Tommy Sisemore	
9 Fred Benefield	14 Gray Hipp	24 Susie Doughty	

November Anniversaries

1 Maria and Donnie Owens (1958)	21 Sherry and James Jones (1970)
17 Louise and Leonard McAdams (2007)	22 Patsy and Rodney Plummer (1974)
18 Rachel and Cecil Sibley (1970)	24 Cindi and Bill Austin (1964)
19 Pat and Don Tippit (1961)	

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