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WATCH THE WORRY WARTS

by Rev. Gabriel Morley

The venerable John Wesley said, "I would as soon swear as worry." We as holiness folk maintain a strong Scriptural stand against cursing, blasphemy, and expletives, but we are woefully negligent in the area of worry, deeming it an innocent, inescapable habit. The fact remains, though, that worry, fretting, and anxiety are unhealthy and unscriptural.

Worry depletes us physically and emotionally. Modern medical research has proved that worry breaks down resistance to diseases of the nervous system, particularly that of the digestive organs and heart. Doctors agree that more people die from worry than work because more people worry than work! Some folk carry the weight of three kinds of problems—all they ever had, all they have now, and all they expect to have. Such weight-lifting profits nothing! One person says, "I always feel bad when I feel good, for I know that I'll feel bad after a while." Some people seem to thrive on hearing the worst, but actually they are harming the temple of the Holy Spirit. Medical Doctor Phil Marquart states, "Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night." A ninety-year old Negro lady shared the secret of her longevity: "When I works, I works hard, when I sits, I sits easy, and when I worries, I go to sleep." Mildred Jeffrey wrote the following poem:

Last night I started counting sheep
When I had gone to bed,
For I had worries large and small
Which drove sleep from my head.
The sheep had many little lambs,
And these I counted, too;
Thus through the flock I went until
The shepherd came in view.
And then I thought, "Why spend my time
In simply counting sheep
When I can walk with Him awhile, and then
He smiled and said to me,
"Look back; where are your worries now?"
But not one could I see!

Worry deprives us spiritually. Jesus told Martha, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things." She was hurting her

spiritual life by rejecting one thing that is needful, meditating on the Word of God. Can we worry when we are praying? Do we fret when we are rehearsing the 8,000 promises of the Bible? Jesus commanded, "Take no thought (don't worry) for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." Rev. Vance Havner stated that "worry, like a rocking chair, will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere." The reason worry is so spiritually constrictive is that, as Jesus demonstrated, worry is worldly—"For after all these things do the Gentiles seek." Jesus was "separate from sinners" and "as He is, so are we in this world." Would Jesus worry about the weather, His taxes, His President, His children, His safety, His finances, His enemies? Our wavering faith displeases God, keeps us from receiving anything from the Lord, and causes sinners to mock our testimony. A man of incredible faith, receiving much from God, and exalted by saint and sinner alike, the man George Muller said, "*The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith. The beginning of faith is the end of anxiety.*" We need to relegate worry into the category of "worldliness" and remember that "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit" (Rom. 8:5). Spiritually, we could do nothing more detrimental than become overcharged with the cares of this life.

A washer woman, who was both healthy and holy, shared, "Ah, ain't got no money to lose, so ah never worries about losin' none. Ah ain't got no furniture to lose, for ah gave it to the Lord, and if anythin' happens to it, the Lord did it to His own stuff, not mine. Ah has a fine, healthy body, but if ah gets sick and dies, ah'm goin' to Heaven, and you don't think ah'll worry about that, do you?" She had found the cure for worry warts and corroding cares of our bothered, burdened world, the cure offered by Doctor Peter, "Casting ALL your care upon Him, for He careth for YOU."

BENEFITS OF THE STORM

Evangelist Wilfrid E. Moutoux
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

"Master, the tempest is raging, the billows are tossing high". Our world is being buffeted by many kinds of storms. The storm of emotional upheaval is troubling millions. So much so that some become mentally deranged and in their desperation, commit suicide.

Interpersonal disturbances separate friends and loved ones. Domestic storms abuse wives and children and create havoc in family life. The storm of financial failure is troubling the World Monetary Fund and ruining the economy of some nations. Political intrigue weakens the stability of governments worldwide. The subtle sin of immorality is a severe and socially destructive storm. Its turbulent tide is destroying the breakwaters and foundations on which a stable society rests.

The storm of change is wrecking many churches on the shoals of untried programs and procedures.

Even the elements are disturbed by horrendous storms. Tornadoes, cyclones and just plain thunderstorms with torrential rain and smashing hail accompanied by high winds, have wiped out some communities.

The storm of emotional upheaval—of interpersonal disturbance—of financial failure—of immorality—of change in the Church, as well as storms in the elements are all part of our world experience. All these are negative and not to be desired.

Some might say, 'Yes, we know about storms. What is the point to be made?' The point is, there is another storm much to be desired. We are in desperate need of a storm of spiritual revival. It is disturbing that we know so little of a God sent Holy Storm in our camps, conventions, and church meetings. So much of contemporary Christianity is anemic and shallow. It lacks the positive punch that awakens the conscience, moves the motives and creates an awesome awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence.

Many congregations are basking in a warm summer breeze of planned and pleasing programs. In place of a breeze, we need a storm of Pentecostal power that will pull us out of our comfortable pews to claim territory for God and Holiness.

It cannot be over-emphasized that revival is not an increase in numbers, or of a bulging budget. These things can increase with or without a revival, but

they are not revival in themselves; too many church people seem to think they are. True revival is a visible and emotional sense of God's presence in the experience of HIS people. A firestorm of revival will transform individuals, churches and communities.

A careful study will reveal that there are some striking similarities between a storm in the atmosphere and a genuine spiritual upheaval. Thunder is a part of most storms in the sky. Just so, we need to hear the thunder of Sinai from our pulpits. We need preachers who declare "Thus saith the Lord". Away with your carnal crowd-pleasing pious platitudes. Thunder arouses and disturbs. Our preaching should have the same effect. Strong preaching has always been a vital part of our holiness heritage.

It was John Knox, that mighty Scottish man of God, who said: "*When I preach I am not master of myself, but I must obey Him who has commanded me to speak plain and flatter no flesh on the face of the earth.*" Such preaching is not always easy, but it must be done. Without positive preaching, churches will die.

Lightning is another feature of a storm. It too, arouses attention and illuminates the surroundings. People need to be aroused from their sleep of ease and catch a true picture of their spiritual standing before God. It is truly remarkable how clearly God's Spirit can reveal the hidden secrets of the human heart.

Often the thunder and lightning is preceded by an awesome stillness that can be felt. Then, suddenly, the fury of the storm breaks upon the scene. The storm of real revival is often accompanied by an ethereal sense of Holy Power as God's presence surrounds His people. Wind is often the power of the storm. Wind is also a scriptural phenomenon. "And suddenly there came a sound of a mighty rushing wind, and filled the house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:2)

Strange things often happen during severe storms. In Jamaica a baby was found in the crotch of a tree, unharmed. The wind had carried her there. Trees have been lifted, roots and all, out of the ground by the pull of the storm. Awesome things happen during a dis-

turbance of the elements. Just so, awesome things will take place in a God-sent New Testament revival. We desperately need to experience such spiritual storms in our church assemblies.

One of the benefits of a storm is its affect on the atmosphere. Before the storm, the air is heavy and humid. One can feel its uncomfortable pressure. Then comes pouring rain and a cleansing of the atmosphere. Things become more pleasant as the rain cleanses, refreshes and renews the earth. Revival storms do just that. The air is cleared, and fellowship is restored. Confessions are made and restitutions are carried out. Heavy hearts are cheered as "Burdens are lifted". When the Church is cleansed, Heavenly showers will fall and souls will be genuinely "Born Again" and truly sanctified.

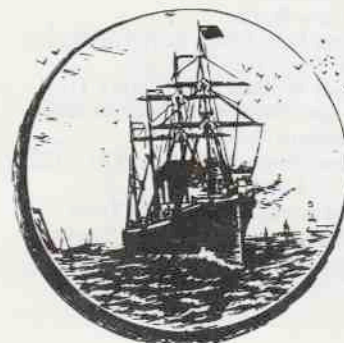
When revival comes, God is free to work in the Church. Without revival the Church, like Samson, will be weak and ineffective and just another world organization dependent upon human ingenuity.

Man cannot evoke either a storm in the sky or a revival in the church. He can, however, produce an environment in which the storm seed germinates and develops

God's people must not be satisfied with the status quo. They must SEEK God and implore Him to pour upon HIS church, a mighty storm of His Holy Presence. That will accomplish more in a moment than man, with all his schemes and programs, could do in a lifetime.

If the pulpit pours on the truth, Jesus will "Build His Church", and the "gates of Hell will not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18)

Let us join General Booth and cry, " 'Tis fire we want – for fire we plead. Send the fire. We surely need the fire".



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CHURCH NEWS

This years youth camp saw 76 young people, representing 26 churches, make their way to Hanover, PA. As young people, pastors, and youth leaders from across the conference were making their way to Hanover Youth Camp '99 on Monday, June 14th, many took notice to the American flags that were flying high and proud in observance of Flag Day. Seeing the many American flags, my heart cried for another flag to fly high, namely, the white flag of surrender in the lives of young people making their way to HYC '99.

I would like for you to know that God didn't disappoint us at Hanover. For on Tuesday night, the Lord began to draw young people to Himself. With the preaching of Bro. Harry Plank being laid aside, over 30 young people prayed their way to victory, some for the very first time. Praise the Lord! We did indeed see the white flag of surrender that I wanted to see. God's presence certainly was with us once again and we hope and pray that each one of our young people will keep the presence of the Lord with them in days to come.

The preaching responsibility rested upon the shoulders of our General Superintendent, Rev. Harry Plank. Bro. Plank reminded the young people that God has chosen each one of them to be on his team regardless of their abilities or talents. He shared how the devil is indeed a liar and that God will be there to see you through the difficult times of life. Bro. Plank's messages were anointed, his wit and humor amusing, and his athleticism, well, you would have had to been there to appreciate it. Thank you General for being a part of HYC '99!

The music responsibility rested upon none other than The Chapel Singer's Quartet from PVBI. Their singing ability was outstanding, and yet the spirit in which they sung was as outstanding. We certainly appreciated the involvement of this group in the lives of our young people. They prayed, and put the food away with our campers. Thank you Chapel Singers and Bro. Cooley for being a part of Hanover Youth Camp '99. Special thanks are in order to Ms. Kimberly Deaton for her interest in getting to know EVERYONE at camp.

In closing, let me say congratulations to Coach Tim Cooley Jr. and the Purple team members for coming in first place this year. Congratulations to our HYC '99 campers of the year, Jeremy Reese and Rebecca Snyder. Remember, Hanover Youth Camp is a camp where many young people have gotten their feet down spiritually and our prayer is that many more young people will get their feet grounded in the years to come.

—VP - Rev. Dan Durkee

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TO THE CONFERENCE FAMILY . . .

General Superintendent Reverend Harry F. Plank



Christian greetings as we report on summer activities:

Sunday, May 23: In the morning we attended a special Friends Day service at the New Columbia church. State Senator and Mrs. Roger Madigan were in attendance. Testimonies were given by recent new converts and a short message by Pastor John Manley.

Wednesday, May 26: Traveled to Lebanon to enjoy the special presentation by Penn View on the life of William and Catherine Booth.

Friday, May 28: Traveled to Pleasant Valley Brethren in Christ Church to speak at the school commencement service. Pastor Randy Tolley and school supervisor Richard Westover participated in the service. Congratulations to the graduates.

Saturday, May 29: Attended the PVBI Spring Concert in the G. I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle.

Sunday, May 30: Attended the Baccalaureate services at Penn View Bible Institute. Attended rally day services at Beavertown on this day.

Monday, May 31: This Memorial Day we thank the veterans who sacrificed to gain our freedom. Today is the graduation at Penn View. This year was special to us in that our youngest son, Andrew, graduated from the high school.

Friday, June 4: Attended the wedding ceremony of Stephen Geise to Gwen Susan at the Millmont church.

Sunday, June 6: Attended Lewistown revival with Evangelist Mark Hunter bringing the morning message. We were invited to the parsonage for Sunday dinner. In the evening we attended the Graduates Service at Beavertown with Special Speaker: Rev. Stephen Davis, our pastor at Milesburg. Today was special to us: Our 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Tuesday, June 8: A sad day as I traveled to Blue Knob to attend the viewing of Amy Helsel Knipmeyer and their young daughter and unborn son. We certainly extend our sympathy to Rev. Jay Knipmeyer at the loss of his family. Our prayers and support are

with the Helsel family at Blue Knob.

Wednesday, June 9: Conducted Home Missionary Department Board Meeting in the PVBI conference Room.

Friday, June 11: Took a belated one day anniversary trip to Niagara Falls, Canada.

Saturday, June 12: Traveled to Steamburg, NY. Spent the evening with Mike and Mary Kay Crouse.

Sunday, June 13: Spoke at the Steamburg church. Brother & Sister Crouse have been faithful to keep the church open. We enjoyed the fellowship and appreciated the fine accommodations. We were greatly encouraged with the burden the Crouse's have for the work at Steamburg. Traveled back home and attended the opening night of Berrysburg Camp Meeting. This opening service was made up of special singing from various churches.

Monday, June 14: The opening night of Hanover Youth Camp. I served as youth evangelist for this week. I was encouraged by the participation of our people in this camp. It was good to try to be young again for a short while. The Lord helped us in the services and it was good to see many of the young people step out for prayer. The youth of our conference are interested in spiritual things!

Saturday, June 19: Attended the wedding of Matthew Ellison and Yvonne Hallenbeck at the New Columbia church. Best wishes to another fine young couple.

Sunday, June 20: Traveled to Penns Valley to preach for this Father's Day Sunday morning. We were entertained in the parsonage by Pastor Gabriel Morley, his mother, and his sister and her family. In the evening we were back to Beavertown to hear the life story of Rev. William Gale.

Monday, June 21: Had the privilege of taking Brother Gale to the Harrisburg airport for his trip home. We enjoyed reminiscing about the pastorate at Traverse City, Michigan where he and I had at one time pastored.

Wednesday, June 23: Traveled to

Salunga to conduct a pastoral election. A potential pastor was elected on the first ballot, but as of this writing the church has not been settled.

Sunday, June 27: Traveled to Marianville to fill in for pastor, Rev. James Richard in the morning service. The local congregation has consistently made improvements to the church including new carpet and new pulpit and pulpit furnishings that were donated by people in the community. I was entertained at Brother & Sister Whitton's for dinner and enjoyed the good fellowship. I then traveled to Mt. of Blessings Camp Meeting to hear Rev. Archie Atwell preach the evening camp message. We enjoyed the fellowship with the other camp workers: Rev. John Brewer and the Bell's. I was pleased with the number of churches participating with this camp service.

May God bless you as you labor for the kingdom,

Harry F. Plank
General Superintendent

*It is not the possession
of extraordinary gifts
that makes extraordinary
usefulness, but the
dedication of what we
have to the service of
God.*

-Frederick William Robertson

PROPHET'S PONDERINGS

PRAYER OF A MINOR PROPHET

by
A. W. Tozer



*Study to shew thyself approved unto God
2 Tim. 2:15*

This is the prayer of a man called to be a witness to the nations. This is what he said to his Lord on the day of his ordination. After the elders and ministers had prayed and laid their hands on him he withdrew to meet his Saviour in the secret place and in the silence, farther in, than his well-meaning brethren could take him. And he said,

"Oh Lord, I have heard Thy voice and was afraid. Thou has called me to an awesome task in a grave and perilous hour. Thou art about to shake all nations and the earth and also heaven, that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Oh Lord, our Lord, Thou hast stooped to honor me to be Thy servant. No man takes this honor upon himself save he that is called of God, as was Aaron. Thou has ordained me, Thy messenger, to them that are stubborn of heart and hard of hearing. They have rejected Thee, the Master, and it is not be expected that they will receive me, the servant.

My God, I shall not waste time deploring my weakness nor my unfittedness for the work. The responsibility is not mine, but Thine. Thou hast said, 'I knew thee - I ordained thee - I sanctified thee,' and Thou hast also said, 'Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.' Who am I to argue with Thee or to call into question Thy sovereign choice? The decision is not mine, but Thine. So be it, Lord, Thy will, not mine, be done.

Well, do I know, Thou God of the prophet and the apostles, that as long as I honor Thee, Thou wilt honor me. Help me therefore, to take this solemn vow to honor Thee in all my future life and labors, whether by gain or by loss, by life or by death, and then to keep that vow unbroken while I live.

It is time, oh God, for Thee to work, for the enemy has entered into Thy pastures and the sheep are torn and scattered.

And false shepherds abound who deny the danger and laugh at the perils which surround Thy flock. The sheep are deceived by these hirelings and follow them with touching loyalty while the wolf closes in to kill and destroy. I beseech Thee, give me sharp eyes to detect the presence of the enemy. Give me understanding to distinguish the false friend from the true. Give me vision to see and courage to report what I see faithfully. Make my voice so like Thine own that even the sick sheep will recognize it and follow Thee.

Lord Jesus, I come to Thee for spiritual preparation. Lay Thy hand upon me, Anoint me with the oil of the New Testament prophet. Forbid that I should become a religious scribe and thus lose my prophetic calling. Save me from the curse that lies dark across the face of the modern clergy, the curse of compromise, of imitation, of professionalism. Save me from the error of judging a church by its size, its popularity, or the amount of its yearly offerings. Help me to remember that I am a prophet; not a promoter, not a religious manager - but a prophet. Let me never become a slave to crowds. Heal my soul of carnal ambitions and deliver me from the itch for publicity. Save me from bondage to things. Let me not waste my days puttering around the house. Lay Thy terror upon me, oh God, and deliver me to the place of prayer where I may wrestle with principalities and powers and rulers of the darkness of this world. Deliver me from over-eating and late sleeping. Teach me self-discipline that I may be a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

I accept hard work and small rewards in this life. I ask for no easy place. I shall try to be blind to the little ways that could make my life easier. If others seek the smoother path I shall try to take the hard way without judging them too harshly. I shall expect opposition and try to take it quietly when it comes. Or

if, as sometimes it falleth out to Thy servants, I should have grateful gifts pressed upon me by Thy kindly people, stand by me then and save me from the blight that often follows. Teach me to use whatever I receive in such a manner that it will not injure my soul nor diminish my spiritual power. And if in Thy permissive providence honor should come to me from Thy church, let me not forget in that hour that I am unworthy of the least of Thy mercies, and that if men knew me as intimately as I know myself they would withhold their honors or bestow them upon others more worthy to receive them. And now, oh Lord of Heaven and earth, I consecrate my remaining days to Thee; let them be many or few, as Thou wilt. Let me stand before the great or minister to the poor and lowly; that choice is not mine, and I would not influence it if I could. I am Thy servant to do Thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame and I choose it above all things on earth or in heaven.

Though I am chosen of Thee and honored by a high and holy calling let me never forget that I am but a man of dust and ashes, a man with all the natural faults and passions that plague the race of men. I pray Thee therefore, my Lord and my redeemer, save me from myself and from all the injuries I may do myself while trying to be a blessing to others. Fill me with Thy power by the Holy Spirit, and I will go in Thy strength and tell of Thy righteousness, even Thine own, I will spread abroad the message of redeeming love while my normal powers endure.

Then, dear Lord, when I am old and weary and too tired to go on, have a place ready for me above, and make me to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Amen."

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THIS IS OUR DAY!

by Rev. A. L. Kratz

During the 50's there was a move of the Spirit and salvation's tide was high. Many living today can point back to that decade when revival fires burned.

The 60's brought a sifting to the churches. Many had to choose between following the principle's of God's Word or church organizations. A new movement was collated.

The 70's and 80's were times of the Christian School movement. Thousands of youth were salvaged for God and heaven. Conservative Bible Colleges had an inrush of enrollments and many found solid Scriptural training.

The decade of the 90's has seen an increase in Missionary service. The fall of Communism has opened tremendous doors in old Europe. Central and South America has been ripe for revival. Far off corners of this world have received God-called missionaries. We live in paradoxical days. It is dark and sin abounds yet in the midst of the darkness the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ marches on!

Many of us never dreamed we would see this decade close. I often wondered what it would be like in the year 2000. Now we are just about there! We have tremendous tools of communication, travel, numerous means of spreading the Gospel. As we face the new Millennium, whatever time remains; let us give it our best. Let us enter with our faces toward the Light, going forth as a mighty army spreading the message of full deliverance from sin. This is our day!!

—ALK

TRANSITION AND TRIBUTE

On August 1, 1999 at midnight the new Conference officials took their responsibilities. We want to recognize the faithful years of service Rev. Jacob Miller gave to the office of Superintendent of Foreign Missions of God's Missionary Church. He served 1995 - 1999. During these years relationships were formed, the work in Cuba revived and revisited and the Annual Ministerial Conventions in Haiti were started. We trust God will continue to give Bro. Miller more fruitful years in the work of the Kingdom.

—ALK

The spirit of Christ
is the spirit of mis-
sions, and the nearer
we get to Him the
more intensely mis-
sionary we must be-
come.

—Henry Martyn

YOUTH CRUSADERS

God's Missionary Church



Youth Crusaders Spotlight

Kara Forney

Kara Forney is one of the young people from the New Columbia God's Missionary Church. Kara is the daughter of Keith and Connie Forney of Watsontown, PA. She has two younger brothers. Kara maintains a good testimony for the Lord and is actively involved in her church youth group. Kara attends Penn View Christian Academy where she is a member of the School Band. She has a heart for ministry and presently feels God leading her towards missions. Please keep Kara in your prayers that God would lead her and use her for his glory.

Central Zone Rally

Theme: "The Prodigal Returned"

Friday, September 3, 1999 - Beavertown GMC, 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Joe Smith, Shelbyville, IN

PVBI Welcome Night

Friday, August 27, 1999, 6:30 pm

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After many long hours of practice and preparation, Crystal Emelett, a sixteen year old from the Berwick God's Missionary Church, finally made her way to the ACE Regional Competition in Stroudsburg, PA. This region consisted of all the ACE students in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Crystal chose to compete in 12 different categories which seemed like such a difficult task, but after the dust settled and the competition was completed, Crystal found herself placing in 8 out of the 12 events she entered. Congratulations Crystal for a job well done. We are proud of you!

- 1st place – Sewing "Formal Dress"
- 2nd place – Cross Stitching
- 2nd place – Bow & Arrow
- 2nd place – Acrylic Painting
- 2nd place – Expressive Reading
- 2nd place – Dramatic Dialog
- 3rd place – Pastel Painting
- 3rd place – Radio Program "John & Betty Stam"

—Pastor Dan Durkee

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Dear Home Missionary Family,

Another month has quickly come and gone. God has proved His faithfulness to us over and over again. Your Home Missionary Department has been very busy since we last visited with you. First, let us thank you for the largest Easter offering ever received. We are just short of six thousand dollars for the Camp Hill project. The Home Missionary committee working on this project is now contacting the proper contractors making plans for the erection of a place for the Camp Hill pastor to live. This amount is still far from what we will need, but it is a start. If you are interested in helping us out; anything you can give would be a great help. Send your gift for this project to: Rev. Alan Walter, P. O. Box 69, Penns Creek, PA 17862 and mark it for the Camp Hill project. We were pleased to receive offerings for this project from our other Home Missionary churches. This shows a concern for each other in our department. This type of UNITY will help us move forward as one.

We also have enough money added from the department treasury to take care of the roofing at the Butler, PA church. This completes our Easter project from a year ago. It has taken time to get things taken care of, but thank God it is now going to be finished shortly.

We are still praying that our own church building can be purchased at Jackson, PA. Because of illness in the family of one of the board members of the church, things have been held up. Bro. Major, the pastor at Jackson, is keeping in touch with the proper authorities and we hope soon to be able to report to you with a positive report.

We are still looking for a pastor for the Fairborn, Ohio church. We, at this time, have several inquiries but nothing definite. We are working on this need, and ask your prayer concerning it. Bro. and Sis. James Davis are doing a fine work filling in for us at the

church there.

God is helping us at the Camp Hill, PA church. I just had a visitation service there and we had a fine congregation to preach to. Bro. and Sis. Bennett are doing a fine work there.

At this time, I am booking up some of my visitation services for Home Missions. We are looking forward to a busy fall and winter this year in church visitation. If your church is interested in a meeting, contact us right away.

The church at Marianville, PA is enjoying the blessings of the Lord. They have seen some new ones come into the meetings.

The church at Felton, DE continues to carry on. They just had a good tent meeting there.

The Fishersville, VA church had a good revival with some results.

All our pastors are doing a wonderful work. Thank you for your monthly support to the pastors salary project. Since the first year is almost up on this project, it is necessary, if we are to continue on with it, that all of you who signed up for this project sign up again.

Summer is a slow time for giving, so please make sure you send in your monthly offerings for Home Missions. God bless each one of you. We are looking forward to meeting you this summer somewhere along the trail. Until then, God be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. John F. White

Very few of us would be Christians today if there had not been missionaries yesterday.

- Roy L. Smith

THE BEST NEWS OF THE DAY

by Rev. Howard Watson, Pastor Rebersburg GMC

1 Tim. 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS; of whom I am chief.

A teacher one day asked her students, "What is the best news that you have heard? One little boy said, "My daddy has been out to sea for a long time. But today, I was told that, he is coming home." Another spoke up and said, "I have never been to the big city: but momma said that we are going soon." Another said, "I am going to get a new Bible." Then one little boy in the back of the room, meekly said, "The best news that I have heard is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

The best news that I ever heard was spoken to me a little over twenty-five years ago, on a November, Sunday night, in a little dark bedroom, in Newport News, Virginia. There I lay; a no good, thirty three year old drunkard who had rejected God when a teenager and went out into a life of wickedness and sin. A man who for eighteen years, had lived the life of a drunkard, and a gambler. For I had learned to drink in my early teens and was a confirmed drunkard by the time I was sixteen years of age. This is no exaggeration. And there was times when I would come home in a drunken stupor; never knowing how I got there. There were times when I had to borrow money to buy a few groceries to feed my family, because I had spent my paycheck drinking and gambling.

But on that November night in nineteen seventy three, the Holy Ghost slipped into that bedroom, where I was laying, alone, so miserable, and dejected. He began to deal with me about my awful condition. And the more He dealt with me, the more miserable I became. Then He told me that Jesus still loved me, and wanted to save me. After all of those years: Jesus still loved me, and had sent the sweet Holy Ghost to ask me if I would like to be saved. I lay there with the tears streaming down my face, as the Holy Ghost dealt with me about my sinful life. And then He told me, if I wanted to be saved, that I should get out of bed, and ask God for

forgiveness. I put up both hands and cried, "Lord, I want to be saved more than anything in the world." Then I started getting out of bed to seek God; with the tears of sorrow flowing. My knees never even touched the floor, before something struck my soul, and there came such a peace and joy, that I had never known before. And a sweet voice spoke to me, and said, "The work is done: all is forgiven." That night I received the best news that I had ever heard. First, I was told that Jesus still loved me: and then, I was told that he had forgiven me of all of my sins. I have heard from heaven many times since that night. But I do believe that was the best news that I have ever heard. Would you like to know what was the second best news I have ever heard? It was the afternoon nearly two years later, when the Holy Ghost witnessed to my heart that I had been sanctified wholly. Since then, it seems that Heaven has had a good news express running continually.

The best news that fallen humanity has ever heard has been told, and retold, over and over for the past two thousand years: and even today, it is still music to the sinners ear. And that good news is this, "That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." For the Scriptures tell us that, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" think of that! No sinner need give up in despair over his sins. For "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin;" and this cleansing is offered to all men.

God made His plan of redemption available for all men. For all have sinned; every man, woman, boy, and girl. Yet none have to remain lost: for the instructions of Jesus to His disciples, and to us is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," telling them this wonderful news: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)

Jesus not only came to save sinners, but He came to "SEEK AND TO SAVE that which was lost." He never waited

for sinners to come to Him; but He sought, and still seeks sinners so that He might save them from their sins. Every sinner on the top side of the earth can, and should be thankful for the hope that they can find in these words found in God's word, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." And Jesus has promised them that, "Whosoever cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." O sinner, rejoice, take hope, for there is still offered unto you Eternal life. Look at these promises that God, Himself, has sent unto you.

Jer. 50:6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.

Ez. 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon the face of the earth, and none did seek after them.

Verse 11: For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

Verse 12: As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Verse 16: I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and I will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick....

Even in this day of wickedness and sin; He still seeks sinners, wherever they are to be found: and it makes no difference what condition they are in. He never turns away any one who will hear His voice and open the door to their heart. He touched the lepers, and healed them: even though others ran away in fear. He went among the tombstones for the demoniac. He cast out the devils, dressed him up, and sent him home to tell his people what the Lord had done for him. He called the despised tax collector out of the sycamore tree: saved him, and then went home with him for supper. He touched the eyes of the

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Pres. Rev. John Zechman



Greetings from the Hilltop!

"The blessing of the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow." Truly God's blessing exceeds anything this world attempts to offer. It is wonderful serving the Lord.

Penn View Bible Institute has been blessed by having good staff. Staff that are dedicated to the cause of preparing young people to enter the work of the Lord and doing the work effectively. Two of these staff persons has been Dean and Virginia McIntire, or better known around Penn View as "Uncle Dean" and "Aunt Virginia"...

For twenty-five years Bro. McIntire has stood before hundreds of young people and expounded to them the word of God. From Old Testament Survey to Prison Epistles to Homiletics, and many other classes, he shared the burden of his heart, and that was to rightly divide the Word of God. He possessed a quality that very few possess and that is to outline by alliteration and that naturally. It was not work for him to do it. It was his natural way of thinking.

I have had the privilege to sit in his classes and study under him. I have said that he was a "Preacher's Teacher". He was continually giving sermon outlines to his students. Any student that was in need of new material could receive it in Bro. McIntire's classes.

He possessed a knowledge of the Word that was exceptional. It was his life to continue to study and to add to his wealth of notes. Many preachers would love to have that amount of resources at their fingertips. Yet, all of us could have it if we applied ourselves as did Bro. McIntire.

Sis. McIntire served in various capacities during the years at Penn View. Her most recent position and one held for many years was Registrar. She did her job faithfully and conscientiously, always admonishing the students to be on time for their classes and not to miss any more classes than necessary. That was the work ethic she practiced herself. She was very faithful to her responsibilities and loved Penn View Bible Institute.

After twenty-five years of faithful service to Penn View Bible Institute, "Uncle Dean" and "Aunt Virginia" felt it was time to retire and change pace for the latter years of their lives. On May 25, 1999, we the staff, faculty, and dormitory students gathered in the dining hall to honor them for their faithful labors. Several young ministers submitted kind remarks in ap-

preciation for what they received and remembered having been in his classes. Both of them were given special gifts from the School as tokens of appreciation. We pray that God will continue to use them in the work, only in a different capacity. We have encouraged Bro. McIntire to compile his notes into book form so that many others will be able to benefit from his wealth of material.

Thank you Bro. and Sis. Dean McIntire for the great job you did for us. We wish you the best of God's blessings to rest upon you.

Let me briefly bring you up to date of the progress in completing the new dormitory. As of the time of this writing the split block are being laid on the outside of the building. Leonard Brungart started this work approximately one week ago. It is progressing well and is looking very nice.

The heating/cooling system has already been started and is working well. What a privilege to have this type of a system in this new building. It is a system using some of the latest technology, and according to the analysis done it should be very economical to operate.

All the bedroom doors on the first floor have been hung as well as most of the bathroom doors. The painting should be completed this week. We are working hard to be able to occupy the first floor in time for Penns Creek

Camp. It seems very possible. We have received approval from Labor and Industry for an occupancy permit to be issued for a partial occupancy.

God has been so gracious. At present we have not had to borrow any money on this project. We are totally debt free. Praise the Lord! We must, however, raise money to cover the items I have ordered for us to occupy for Camp. If God should lay it upon your heart to give for this cause please mind Him. God will bless you greatly for your obedience and kindness. Remember, JESUS NEVER FAILS. Just as he has helped us to close the books in the black again this year, so he will help us to meet every obligation. I have found Him to be true to his promises. Glory be to God!!! May God Bless you.

—Rev. John Zechman
President



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tongue of the mute. The blind received their sight; the deaf could now hear; and the mute was able to give thanks. He sought out and blessed the little children; even though others were trying to send them away.

He wept, because the multitudes were lost and wandering about as sheep without a shepherd. He wept over a city that had rejected His offer of help. Listen, as He cries out in the anguish of His soul: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets' and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" He even sought out those who had slain His followers: and offered salvation unto them. Even Saul of Tarsus, that great persecutor of the church; learned to call him Lord: the one whom he had hated and sought to extinguish even His name from the earth. Paul himself, even declares, that at one time he was the chiefest of sinners. Yet, there was mercy, even for one such as he.

I say once again! Wherever Jesus Christ finds a lost soul who will accept His offer of redemption, He will never turn him away, without meeting the

longing of his soul: for He has said, "Whosoever cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." And He still declares to us of today, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." What more could a sinner hope for?

THEREFORE, LET US SOUND THE GOOD NEWS AROUND THE WORLD, TO EVERY LOST MAN, WOMAN, BOY, AND GIRL, THAT "CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS."

*"Holiness,
becometh thine
house, O, Lord,
forever."*

Psalms 93:5

BELIEVING AND RECEIVING!

—F. B. Meyer

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."—Mark 11:24

It is not enough to pray and ask; we must believe that we have received. We can only do this when we know that we have asked according to God's will. (I John 5: 14, 15) This can be determined by referring to His Word, which teems with great and precious promises, like so many banknotes or checks waiting to be cashed.

In prayer, it is well to be deliberate, to consider what we are about to ask to discover some promise under which we can make our request; and then, having asked, to wait while the soul, so to speak, takes or appropriates what it needs. It may be that the time is not ripe for it to be actually bestowed, but the request is granted, and the coveted gift is already set aside in God's storehouse, labelled with the name of the petitioner, just as we sometimes get our Christmas presents ready and put them aside, and at the right moment they shall be dispatched.