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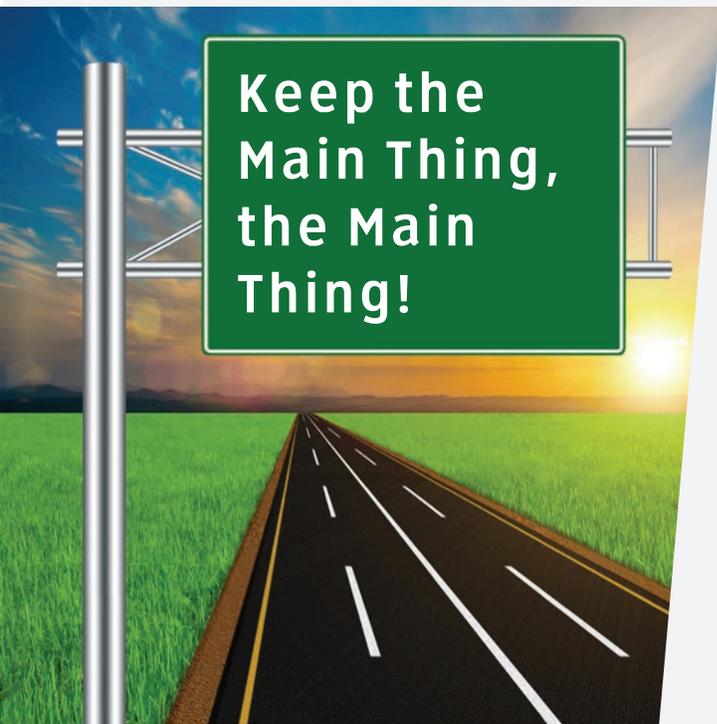
## 5 THINGS EVERY TEENAGER NEEDS TO KNOW



ROBERT BOOTH

Last year in the Teen Topics issue of the *Standard*, I wrote a brief list of things that I believe every teen needs to know. For this Teen Topics issue, I thought that it would be a great idea to expand on some of those thoughts. This issue is the 6th annual summer edition of Teen Topics. The editorial staff of the *Standard* believes in investing in young people. So for this issue we have five pastors who wrote challenging and encouraging articles specifically for teenagers on things that every teenager needs to know.

1. Make God's will the center of your life. There will be many opportunities that will be appealing to you. But none of them will give you the satisfaction that following God's call will do.
  2. What you believe matters! Make God's Word central in your life. God's Word is the ultimate guide. When you know God and know His principles, you are safeguarding your steps.
  3. You matter. God doesn't make junk. Regardless of what has happened in your past or what lies you have been told, God created you and He has amazing plans for your life!
  4. Don't compare yourself to others. Let God help you become who He designed you to be. You are created in His Image!
  5. Waiting is hard, I know. But don't grow impatient. Don't rush what God is doing in your life right now. Let Him have His way in His time, and don't always wish you were three years down the road.
- Teenagers, live life God's way! While everything will try to drag you off track, I promise, you will never regret it! 📌



SHELDON HABECKER



## KEEPING GOD'S WILL THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE.

**T**he introspective question is: how purposeful are we about finding God's will for our life and pursuing after it? The reality is that everyone is pursuing something. I have seen those that had a definitive call on their life, but somehow they got sidetracked with other things. Some struggle, as I did, with knowing for sure what God wants for their life. As a sophomore at Penn View, I got desperate with God because I wanted to know what He wanted from me. I could take you to the exact place where God spoke so clearly it surprised me, "Just keep doing what you are doing." By walking through the open doors of ministry and striving to do what I could in God's work, I was doing what God wanted me to do at that time. No matter what your calling is, God wants you to make His will the center of your life.

How do we do that? I think the answer is contained in Mark 12:30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. If we are going to keep God's will the center of our life, we will have to do the following things.

First, love Him with all our heart. The heart is the seat of all our emotions and desires. It governs the decisions of our life. If we love God with all our heart it WILL make a difference in how we live our life. God wants us to serve Him with ALL the sincerity of

our heart. If the passion of doing God's will fills our heart, it will show in our actions and how we live our life. It will go a long way in making sure we are keeping God's will the center of our life.

Second, love Him with all our soul. The soul is the core of our being. Does the will of God include my whole self? This is why the concept of a "Sunday Christian" is so baffling. God does not ask for a slice of our time or a piece of the pie. He wants our entire being, all there is of you, and He wants it channeled in doing His will. What a wonderful place it is when we surrender our entire self to Him. If we will commit the very core of our being to finding and doing God's will, it will help keep us in the right direction through many life issues.

Also, love Him with all our mind. The mind is our rational capacity and intellect. Doing God's will needs to be on the forefront of our mind. God wants us to use our head for more than a hat rack. God wants us to use our mental abilities for Him. God's will is not a mindless, thoughtless path we walk down. How much do you think about God's will for your life? What do we spend most of our time thinking about? A song writer once penned, "Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose." Actively engage your mind in thinking about God's will and it will remain the center of your life.

Last, love Him with all your strength. This is all our energy and action. It is an outward revelation of continued on **page 7**



NATHAN WALTER

# What You Believe Matters

A little over ten years ago, Sherman Sizemore entered one of our local hospitals for exploratory surgery. He was suffering from abdominal pain, probably his gall bladder, and he needed to get it checked. The anesthesiologist and nurse anesthetist gave him paralyzing drugs to prevent his muscles from jerking and twitching during surgery, but they apparently forgot to administer the general anesthesia until sixteen minutes after the first cut into his abdomen. His family said he suffered excruciating pain, was driven virtually insane, and several weeks later, he took his own life.

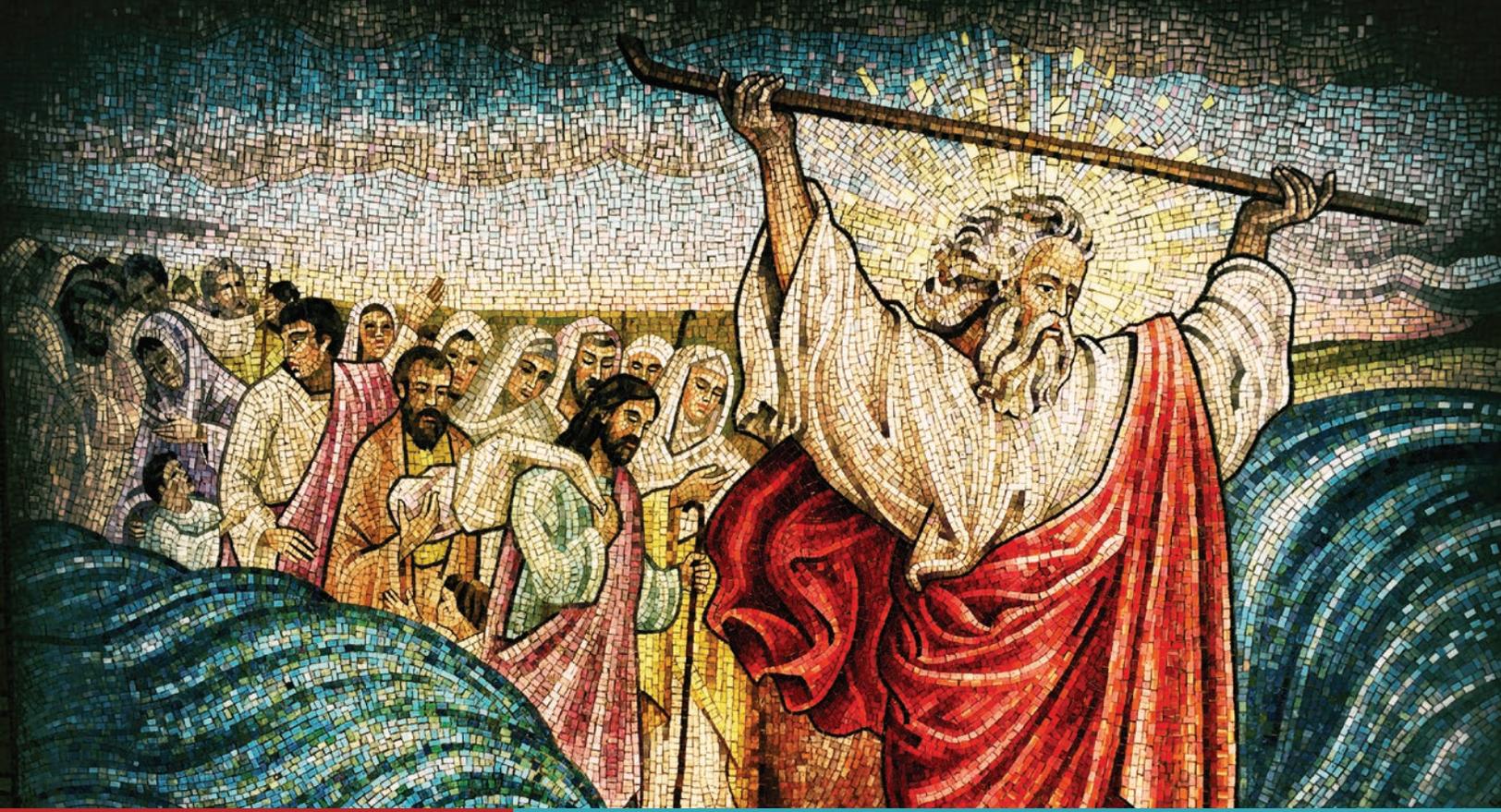
Many people today seem to think that sincerity is what matters, but reality was more important to Mr. Sizemore than sincerity. In daily life, sincerity often gives way to reality. For example, no one tries to flunk his driving exam. You don't mean to wreck when answering a text. A good grade does not rely on sincere answers. Even a job requires that you meet expectations; sincerity has little to do with whether you keep getting your paycheck.

The reality problem we face is not new. Even the ancient Greeks created personalized gods that agreed with them. Fortunately, God knew all about our culture long before we got here, and He gave some important instruction in Deuteronomy 13:1-4. Even a prophet who could do signs and wonders must be avoided if he strayed from the Word of God. Notice verse 4: "Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him." The focus throughout this verse is on God rather than our individual preferences or opinions. Until we approach God with a humility that wholly agrees to His desires, we open ourselves to all sorts of mistaken beliefs.

So how do we navigate through all the questions, potential deception, and religious potions that are supposed to get us safely to Heaven? Here are a few waypoints on using Scripture to guide you Home.

## 1. Take it Seriously.

God's Word is not a buffet from which you may choose what you enjoy most and leave the things you dislike. In effect, that attitude makes us our own god, deciding our own version of truth. Instead, we need to recognize that God takes continued on **page 7**



## *You Have Incredible Talent*

PAUL RYAN



**Y**ou have an amazing talent from God to impact lives around you!

If you're the average person reading this, you're probably just that: average. In fact, that's exactly what average means. Ordinary. There's nothing extra—ordinary about you. No skill set, talent, or ability that makes you truly unique or sets you far enough above most other people for anyone to take particular notice.

Quick glance at the synonyms for average: “mediocre, second rate, undistinguished, middle-of-the-road, unexceptional, unexciting, unremarkable, unmemorable, indifferent, lackluster; OK, so-so, fair-to-middling, no great shakes.”

Maybe Moses would have used any or all of these words to describe himself.

But when God chose Moses to free the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, the first thing God asked Moses was not, “Hey, what are you good at?” (Ex 4:2) God was not concerned with what kind of clothes Moses was wearing, how many likes his FaceBook profile got, or his number of unbroken Snapchat streaks. God asked Moses what was in his hand. The answer?

A stick.

God was not primarily concerned with what Moses had but with what Moses had to offer. When we offer ourselves to God our potential is not limited by what our abilities make possible, but by a God who can do and accomplish the impossible (Matt 19:26). In other words, the possibilities are limitless, and so is your potential with God.

Moses only had what was in his hand. He didn't even have an iPhone. Yet God used that stick to part the Red Sea, freeing the Israelites from slavery by allowing them to cross on dry land and defeating the entire army of Pharaoh when the sea came crashing in. Imagine what God could do through you! even if you have one of those other phones.

Here's the point. Our lives have to be offered to God, along with our talents and abilities. That's the only standard by which we can truly measure our lives. Our potential, therefore, is not measured by what we can do but how much we are willing to trust God. God uses the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary (I Cor 1:27).

Having trouble identifying your talents?

Can't play guitar? Can't sing a lick?

An ordinary man and an ordinary stick. ▣



AARON MCCARTY



# Don't Compare



## *Yourselves* to Others

**W**e've all seen them: before and after pictures. The picture of the receding hairline of a middle-aged man. Oh sure there is hair on the sides and back of his head but on top, where there was once a fertile growth of hair, is now what resembles a helipad. All that is missing is a big "H." But next to that picture is a picture of the same man but with a full head of hair. The first picture is labeled "Before" and the second is labeled "After" with the name of the product this particular company is trying to sell.

You also might see a picture of an overweight and under-muscle man and next to that picture is the "After"

picture of the same man who has trimmed down the fat and beefed up the muscle. The purpose of the ads is to make the reader want to be like someone they are not. They want you to look at that second picture and desire to be like that person.

While there is nothing wrong in wanting to better yourself, there is, however, danger in trying to be someone you are not. Theodore Roosevelt so aptly said, "Comparison is the thief of joy." Meaning, when you are constantly comparing yourself to others, you will likely lose the joy of what you have.

It is a natural human tendency for us to compare ourselves to others. We

somehow judge our worth by how we measure up to others. But a life lived like this will be void of real joy. With carefulness I say there is nothing wrong with admiring the abilities or blessings of others. We should be happy for others when we see how God has blessed them. However, their happiness and their blessings should not be our goal.

This is not an issue that is unique to young people alone. There are grown-ups who measure their self-worth by how well they match up to their peers. There are pastors who measure their success by how they compare to other pastors or by how their church compares to other churches. There are adults who compare

their house, vehicles and income to those of their friends and neighbors.

Once you start down this pathway there is no end in sight. There will always be someone who is more talented. There will always be someone with more money, nicer things, better looking and more popular. This, however does not diminish your value in the economy of heaven. The widow's mite was considered to be worth more than the rich man's millions. God will not make you responsible for how you measure up to your neighbor, but He is concerned by what you do with what He has given you.

Perhaps the biggest key to overcoming the battle of comparison and envy would be contentment. The words of 1 Timothy 6:6 ring true, "But godliness with contentment is great gain."

There are two quick lessons by which you can be content with who you are:

1. Recognize the blessings God has given to you.

Gratitude for what God has done for you will make you less likely to envy the blessings of others.

It could easily be said that our problem is not that God has not or does not bless us. Our problem is that we often fail to recognize those blessings.

2. Accept who you are in Christ. Have you discovered who you are in Christ? I'm talking about your spiritual identity. Discover who He wants you to be. Not because of who your parents are, where you go to church or school or because of who your friends are. Discover who you are in Christ and accept that. God knew what He was doing when He thought of you and when He made you. He knew what He was doing when He saved you and He knows what He is doing now. He is making you into the person He desires you to be.

In scriptures we are never told to strive to be like someone else. However, we are told to strive to be more like Christ.

So if you're going to compare yourself to someone, compare yourself to the One who wants to make you perfect and holy. Then strive to be more like Him. 📌

continued from **page 4** His Word seriously, and we must value it, too. Carelessness with truth will lead to condemnation, and our eternal destiny is at stake.

## 2. Take it Sensibly.

Wikipedia and YouTube may be nearly all you use for research, but even Bible study has been made easier. E-Sword, MySword, Olive Tree Bible, Logos, and others offer Bible versions, commentaries, and dictionaries right on your phone, tablet, or computer. There is very little excuse for not knowing what the Bible says or means. But keep it simple. While at Penn View, I often heard Dean McIntire emphasize interpreting the Bible literally when possible. Instead of twisting passages to apply in a different way to a different day, simply study them in their context and apply them to yourself. One more thing: ask the Holy Spirit to guide your study. He is the Author and can guide you into all truth (John 16:13).

## 3. Take it Slowly.

Sorting through your worldview takes time. Your beliefs have been impacted by countless experiences and influences, some good and some bad, and it is important to carefully evaluate them. Take individual issues and search God's Word for answers on things like repentance, restitution, sanctification and holy living, or temptation. Look for how the Bible addresses music, technology, appearance, sports, and entertainment.

Choose three of the most godly people you know and ask for their input on important verses. Then study and patiently let God lead you through an honest "virus scan" of your beliefs.

Sincerity matters little unless we are sincerely right! As David expressed in Psalm 51:6, God desires truth in the inward parts, so your beliefs must be biblical. When I made excuses for my mistakes as a young person, my parents assured me that it was not enough to "not mean to do it." Instead, they said, "You have to mean not to do it." In a culture that emphasizes sincerity and individual truth, God requires careful attention to the details. One day, we will stand before Him, and we will be without excuse. Our only hope is to embrace His truth at any cost. 📌

continued from **page 3** a heart, soul and mind that is devoted to serving God. Without the others, we will probably not devote all our energies to God's will. However, without this element, not much is accomplished. We put into practice the gifts, talents and abilities that God has given us to see His Kingdom go forward.

God wants us to have a laser like focus on not only finding His will for our life, but keeping it the center of our life. When we place this as our top priority, a lot of other things fall into place. Keep the main thing the main thing...God's will for your life! 📌



MATTHEW MALOYED

# Wait on the LORD

**W**e have all uttered the words, “I can’t wait...” In fact, it was probably one of the first phrases we ever learned to say. We can’t wait because we live in an instant age and have a microwave mentality. We have to have it and we have to have it now and it has saturated our society. We eat fast food, bank with our smart phones, service our cars at Jiffy Lube, make copies at Quick Print, pick up a gallon of milk at the Quick Stop Shop, ship packages overnight, send instant messages through txt messaging, dry clean our clothes at the One-Hour Cleaners, pay extra for high-speed Internet, pay for gas purchases with a quick wave of our SpeedPass, and speed through toll booths with E-ZPass.

And when it comes to God and our spiritual life it’s no different. We’ve come to view God as a gum-ball machine. When difficult situations arise we turn to the gum-ball machine, put in our quarter and expect God to instantly pop out exactly what we want. And if we pray to God and He answers wait, we stop praying and start taking things into our own hands. After all, why wait? Why wait on God when your prayers and worship doesn’t bring immediate benefits. Why wait?

In Isaiah 40:31a we find this phrase, “But they that wait upon the LORD...”

God sets forth a condition that we must wait on Him. Waiting is not easy. As you recall, waiting was not easy for King Saul in I Samuel 13. Saul had begun his reign over Israel with humility and honor, but all too soon he was faced with a situation that would test his character to its limits.

Saul’s son Jonathan had attacked a Philistine garrison, an act that King Saul expected would start an all-out war, so he sent out a call through the tribes of Israel to muster his armies. The Philistines as Saul had predicted also gathered their men: 3,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, and troops that the Bible describes as being as numerous as the sand on the seashore. The men of Israel saw that they were in serious trouble and began hiding in caves, thickets, among rocks, and in holes and cisterns. Some even deserted and fled to Gad and Gilead, but King Saul was at Gilgal, and his troops were scared to death.

But King Saul had a secret weapon—Samuel, the prophet of God who had anointed him. Samuel had promised that he would meet Saul at Gilgal in seven days and there he would offer sacrifices to God and then give Saul sure-fire, victory instructions from God. But the Philistines are coming. Lots of chariots and horsemen. Bajillions of soldiers. Saul’s troops start to feel queasy and begin to desert him.

But Samuel the man of God is coming, right? He’s even promised to tell Saul what to do. So Saul waits. And waits. And waits. Samuel said seven days. It’s been seven days. But Samuel still hasn’t shown up. So Saul takes matters into his own hands and says, “Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offering.” And Saul offered the burnt offering. Who can blame him? Sure, Samuel, the man of God, had said to wait. Sure, Samuel had said that he, not Saul, would offer the sacrifices. Sure, the seventh day

was not over yet. But King Saul's blood pressure was rising, and his troops were deserting him. So He went ahead instead of waiting.

And just as he finishes offering the sacrifices, guess who shows up? That's right Samuel, and He isn't happy and furthermore God isn't happy. Samuel tells Saul that because he had been foolish and because he had not listened to the command that God had given him, God had found a man loyal to Him, and the Lord had appointed him, not Saul, to rule over all His people. Saul made a choice to ignore God's condition to wait, and reaped the consequences.

Just as God set forth the condition for Saul to wait, He sets for the same condition for us.. We must wait on the Lord. Some may question: Can I wait for the Lord, even when He delays? Can I believe that God will provide for me, even when the bills pile up? Can I hope that he will send me a godly mate, even if I haven't had a date in months? Can I trust in His good plans for me, even when I've lost my job? Can I trust God for the saving of my lost family member, when it seems that they are going farther and

farther away from God? Can I wait on the Lord for that physical need that seems to only be getting worse? Can I believe that God has a plan for my life? Will I take control or trust? Will I doubt or hope? Will I hurry or wait? Why wait?

Just prior to verse 31 in Isaiah 40 we find the answers to these questions starting in verse 28: "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength...But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Praise God for His consolation! If we meet His condition and wait, He will renew our strength! We will mount up with wings as eagles! We will run and not grow weary! We will walk and not faint! Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." When we wait, God does something great! 📌

## CRUSADERS KID'S CAMP

Crusader's Kids Camp has become one of the highlights of the year for our family! It's hard to believe that 2017 will be Kid's Camp's fifth year, and we are excited about the future of this growing ministry.

There are a lot of great reasons to love Kid's Camp! If we asked the Kid's why they like it so much, they may say it's toasting marshmallows around the camp fire, the fun-filled sports activities, or possibly the sometimes goofy AfterGlow activities such as the annual "Great American Pie Relay." Others will point back to our larger-than-life sized mascots which "help" in the services: Scamper the Scripture Squirrel, Parable Parrot, and Buzz the Bible Bee. We know that many of them love the ticket store, the bounce house, the fresh cotton candy, and the epic water battles. Kid's love Kid's Camp, and that's exactly what we want—we've designed it to be a place where Kids can have good wholesome fun.

But the truth is that the fun is only the icing on the cake, it's not the central reason Kid's Camp exists. The core reason we have Kid's Camp is simply to help Kids Discover God! While we thoroughly enjoy the water battles, the cotton candy, the fun, these are only trimmings to what Kid's Camp is really all about. For the Staff at Kid's Camp, the important things are the sound of 60 plus children's voices lifted in songs of praise, precious times around the altar as boys and girls seek to give their lives to Christ, and helping them see that Jesus loves all the people of the world. We take the services 100% seriously, and we fully intend for children to give their lives to Christ, answer a call to the ministry, or grow in grace. We have had children testify in service that they got saved at Camp last year and they are still serving Him! That's why we have camp!

We are excited about taking Kid's Camp to the next level! We encourage you and your church to be a part of Kid's Camp 2017! To find out more, visit [www.godsmissionarychurch.org/crusaders](http://www.godsmissionarychurch.org/crusaders) or check us out on Facebook under "Crusaders Kid's Camp." 📌



## Ministerial

Rev. & Mrs. Solomon Shaffer were honored at the 2017 God's Missionary Church Ministerial. Rev. Solomon Shaffer received the Ministry Appreciation Award and Mrs. Joanne Shaffer received the Lady of Fine Example award. Congratulations to this couple!



## 90th Birthday



Rev. Paul Miller will celebrate his 90th birthday on June 19th. He received his conference license in 1950 and pastored churches in Binghamton NY,

Chandler OK, Bellfonte PA, Mahaffey PA, Penns Valley PA, Rebersburg PA and Milroy PA. In addition to pastoring, he was Assistant Superintendent and General Superintendent of God's Missionary Church. —Submitted by Janet Miller

## Births

**Congratulations to Jonathan and Tina Martzall on the birth of Andrew David! Andrew was born on December 18, 2016.**

**Congratulations to Dustin and Alyssa Habecker on the birth of Charleston John! Charleston was born on January 10, 2017.**



**Congratulations to Solomon and Joanne Shaffer on the birth of Liberty Noelle! Liberty was born on March 27, 2017.**

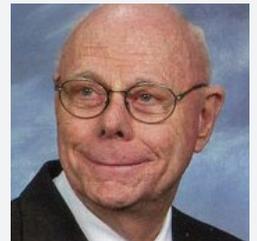
## Passings

JACKSON MILLER, 78 of Mahaffey, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 6, 1938 in Mahaffey, a son of the late Dallas Miller and Zoe (Baker) Miller.

He was a member of Otterbein Gods Missionary Church in Mahaffey. Jackson was a self-employed truck driver for lumber and coal companies for many years before retiring. In his past time he enjoyed hunting and farming.

Jackson is survived by his loving wife Marjorie E. (Lord) Miller of Mahaffey, whom he married Aug. 26, 1961, two sons, Jeffrey T. Miller, Douglas G. Miller and wife April all of Mahaffey; two daughters, Cathy L. Battle and husband Dossey of Florida, Patty A. Bills and husband Garry of Mahaffey; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and one sister.

REV. MELVIN C. EVANS, 89, of Myerstown, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016, at the Reading Hospital. He was the husband of the late Helen M. Neuffer Evans.



Born in Lehman, PA on August 20, 1927, he was the son of the late Corey and Emaline Sutton Evans. For 23 years he worked as a part's manager for a Ford dealership in Bloomsburg. During his time at the dealership, he pioneered the Berwick Friendly Holiness Church, which later became the God's Missionary Church. He then went on to pastor churches in Lebanon, Kissimmee, FL, Lakeland FL and he retired after pastoring the God's Missionary Church in Sunbury. He also served in the US Army during WW II.

He is survived by his son Nelson B. Evans of Myerstown and his sister Elsie Evans of Bloomsburg.

He was preceded in death by his son Melvin C. Evans, II; brothers Arden Evans and James Evans and a sister Vella Archer.

JOHN F. HABECKER, 79, of Lebanon, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at Manor Care in Lebanon, after a 10 month long battle with brain cancer.. He was the husband of Shirley D. Kready Habecker. On April 9th, they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.



Born in Stricklerstown on June 23, 1937, he was the son of the late James V. and Sallie Frantz Habecker. John retired in 2001 from the Palmyra Bologna Co. Following his retirement, he continued selling bologna to various markets and stores. He was a member of the Lebanon God's Missionary Church where he served as a deacon and usher for many years. For 57 years he was a member of the Lebanon Valley Gospel Band, travelling on the weekends ministering in various churches. He enjoyed hunting and was a member of the Sandbridge Hunting Camp.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons Steven E. (Brenda) Habecker of Lebanon, Kevin L. (Noreen) Habecker of Myerstown, Brian T. Habecker of Stouchsburg and Chad E. (Paula) Habecker of Lebanon; daughter Crystal J. (Michael) Behm of Myerstown; brothers Benjamin (Linda) Habecker of Newmanstown, David (Helen) Habecker of Newmanstown and Mark (Fern) Habecker of Manheim; sister Naomi Capwell of Newmanstown; sister-in-law Dolores Habecker of Jonestown; fourteen grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren;

John was preceded in death by a great grandson Cameron Habecker, daughter-in-law Julie Raub Habecker and his brothers James Habecker, Jr. and Luke Habecker. ❏

# president

**Jan. 01:** Mountain Road - filled in twice.

**Jan. 02:** Lebanon - Rev. Melvin Evans viewing.

**Jan.03:** Berwick - Rev. Melvin Evans Funeral. We thank God for Bro. Evans' faithfulness during his 50 years of being part of the God's Missionary Church.

**Jan. 03:** Visited one of our pastor's wives, Sis. Joanne Shaffer in Geisinger Hospital.

**Jan. 04:** Penn View Bible Institute Planning Meeting with Bro. Zechman and Bro. Tim Cooley Sr. Hanover - I spoke and had a meeting about the churches need for a pastor. Bro. Wilmer Paulus's name was mentioned. After prayer, he agreed to go to Hanover. He will continue to be the World Mission director also.

**Jan. 05:** Lebanon - Funeral for Bro. John Habecker who was the father of Rev. Sheldon Habecker. Bro. John was an excellent example of a layman who gave his all to the church.

**Jan. 07:** Gratz - We attended the funeral of Dorcas Gessner who demonstrated hospitality to everyone.

**Jan. 08:** Duncannon - Preached and saw many great improvements that have been made at the church. Thanks for caring about God's House.

**Jan. 09:** Mifflinburg - Penn View Bible Institute Strategic Board meeting. After the meeting ended, the board stayed and voted on the next President of Penn View Bible Institute. Bro. Dan Durkee was voted in as President Elect. Bro. John Zechman will remain President until May 31, 2018. We believe God's will has been done. Your prayers are appreciated and needed during this transition time.

**Jan. 10:** Rome, N.Y. with Home Missions Director Rev. Jeremy Fuller to check out properties that could be available. Pray about the need of pastors for the Harvest fields.

**Jan. 11- Feb. 06** (Florida Trip) Lots of work and worship. Bro. Wilmer Paulus led us in a children's chapel remodeling project before and after camp. The Holy Spirit used our song evangelists, the Mike Mayle Family, in a powerful way to encourage the saints to stay true. The messages from Rev. Harry Plank and Rev. James Plank were anointed by God. This was the first camp I was ever at where there wasn't a pledge night needed. Praise God!

We also want to say a big thank you to Bro. and Sis. Gandee for all of their work as campground caretakers. They are stepping down from this position. Keep them in your prayers.

We visited the Allegheny Church where Rev. Jacob Miller pastors. He preached a good message on Divine Guidance. For the evening service, we visited Calvary Community Church in Summerfield, FL. We are thankful that both of these churches attend our camp meeting.

We visited Camp Freedom. The Dereck McIntire family sang a song in which the evangelist, Rev. Nathan Purdy, asked them to sing another verse. Afterwards, he gave an exhortation and a few came to the alter to seek God.

We visited Hobe Sound Camp and was blessed by the good preaching of Rev. Jack Hooker and Rev. John Parker. It's always a privilege to see Sis. Cleaver. Rhoda and I also had a great visit

and meal with the Ellison Family. We pray that God will grant them wisdom as they lead Hobe Sound Bible Church.

I also want to say a big thanks to Bro. Robert Booth for 10 years of faithful service as editor of the Standard.

On our way home from FL we stopped by the Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA to see Sis. Dorothy Donahey. She had taken a fall and had surgery. The surgery did not take the sense of humor from her.



JACOB MARTIN

**Feb. 08:** Mountain Road - I preached and then conducted a pastoral vote. Bro Rob Dicken was voted in as the new pastor.

**Feb. 12:** Mountain Road - God was at work all day. A great Sunday School lesson and a powerful true story about "turning the page". There was a good sense of anticipation about the future ministry of the Dicken Family.

**Feb.13:** I visited Rev. and Mrs. Russ Witmer in their home. They need our continued prayers.

**Feb. 20-22:** Our Annual Ministerial - Rev. Rodney Loper was used of God to make this event special.

**Feb. 24:** General Board meeting.

**Feb. 26:** New Columbia - I preached and then conducted a pastoral vote. Rev. Brian Spangler was voted in as the new pastor.

**Feb. 27:** Penn View Revival - I was privileged to speak the first morning to a fine student body.

**March 01:** Penn View Revival - Bro. Spivey preached a message on holiness using Old Testament types.

**March 03-05:** Blue Knob Youth Emphasis - the highlight was the Saturday afternoon session when God came in a special way.

**March 06:** We were honored to spend time with Bro. & Sis. George Maloyed.

**March 07-09:** Westfield, IN - Outreach and Bus Convention; God used this event to inspire and equip his people for His kingdom advancement.

**March 10-12:** Logansport, IN - The Rev. Paul Bigger Sr. family and church treated us great. We appreciate their effort to reach into the community.

**March 16:** World Missions Board meeting.

**March 18:** Lebanon - Visited Sis. Lois Arnold in the Good Samaritan Hospital.

**March 19:** Mountain Road - I filled in for the pastor who was not feeling well.

**March 20-22:** Cedar Springs, MI - I was one of the speakers of a local IHC.

**March 26:** Coopersburg - It was easy to sense Bro. & Sis. Dorman's love for their church people.

**March 27:** World Mission and Pension Board meetings today. We are thankful for the many laymen and pastors who take God's work seriously. 📌

# July 28–August 6, 2017

## EVANGELISTIC SERVICES:

10:30 AM, 2:30 PM, and 7:30 PM each day in the George I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle

## SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:15 AM (Sunday School), 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM

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# Penns Creek CAMP MEETING

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EVANGELIST



**Brian Spangler**  
East Rochester, Ohio  
EVANGELIST



**The Durkees**  
Gratz, Pennsylvania  
SPECIAL MUSIC



**Marc Sankey**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
YOUTH EVANGELIST



**Jacob Martin**  
Conference President  
PLATFORM DIRECTOR

**Directions:** Follow Route 104 to village of Penns Creek. Turn on Raspberry Street. Follow to George I. Straub Tabernacle on right (on the campus of Penn View Bible Institute). For GPS devices, use the following address: 405 Raspberry Street, Middleburg, PA

**82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference—God's Missionary Church:** Thursday and Friday, July 27 and 28

**Penn View Bible Institute School Service:** Sunday, July 30—2:30 PM

**GMC Ordination Service:** Sunday, August 6, 2:30 PM

**Missions:** 7:00 PM—weeknights

**Fort Myers Rescue Mission:** Saturday, July 29, 7:00 PM

**Lebanon Valley Gospel Band:** Sunday, August 6, 6:30 PM

**Vacation Bible School:** Held each day at the camp at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Sunday Schedule: 9:15 AM.

**Crusader's Youth Program:** A full schedule of youth activities is provided. Youth services are held July 31–August 5 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM in the Mountain Road Church under the direction of Youth President Aaron Dorman. Sunday services are at 9:15 AM. Minors staying without an adult chaperon must register in advance at [www.godsmissionarychurch.org/pccyouth](http://www.godsmissionarychurch.org/pccyouth)

**Accommodations:** We welcome you and your family to stay with us for all or part of the camp meeting. Meals, rooms and RV sites are available on a free-will offering basis. Limited rooms are available with air conditioning, all others are suitable for you to bring a small window air conditioning unit. For room reservations write: Penns Creek Camp Meeting, PO Box 970, Penns Creek, PA 17862 or call 570-765-1498. You may also email [holliness@icloud.com](mailto:holliness@icloud.com)

**RV Reservations:** Contact Phil Brenizer, 717-606-5807

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