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From the Heart of the Superintendent

Glenn R. Beaver



*Glenn & Betty Beaver
Superintendent
Be the Light*

We are approaching the time of the year when our children are facing some of the most challenging days of their young lives. School bells will begin to ring, and school buses will begin to make their daily runs thus marking the beginning of the school year. With back to school comes the all-important need to cover them with prayer. Some students will enter public schools while others will enter Christian schools and still others will be home-schooled. The pressures of the world will attempt to mold them into its fashion. This is where we can make a difference, by being the **Light of Jesus** for them and showing them how to be **His light** in the darkness of the secular world. There is an old saying which comes to mind which says, "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Although the modern use of the quote is attributed to Adlai Stevenson, who used it in a United Nations address about Eleanor Roosevelt in 1962, and is attributed to many other people as well, it appears to be an old Chinese proverb. Nonetheless, let us consider our need to **BE THE LIGHT** of Jesus in the world of darkness in which we find ourselves living.

My heart and prayers go out to the

many school teachers and administrators who are part of our West Texas Assemblies of God family. These friends faithfully serve in both small and large school districts. Join with me as we pray for them that the Lord's protection, wisdom and the grace of God will cover them each day as they shine the light of Jesus in their assigned areas of influence. Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14). These men and women are worthy of our prayers as they face the many responsibilities of their God called ministry. These friends are on the front lines of the battle for the very souls of our children. Pray for them that they will continue to hold to the Biblical values which our nation is founded on in the face of secular humanism. God's word is still our rule for faith and conduct and these friends are deserving of our continued prayers.

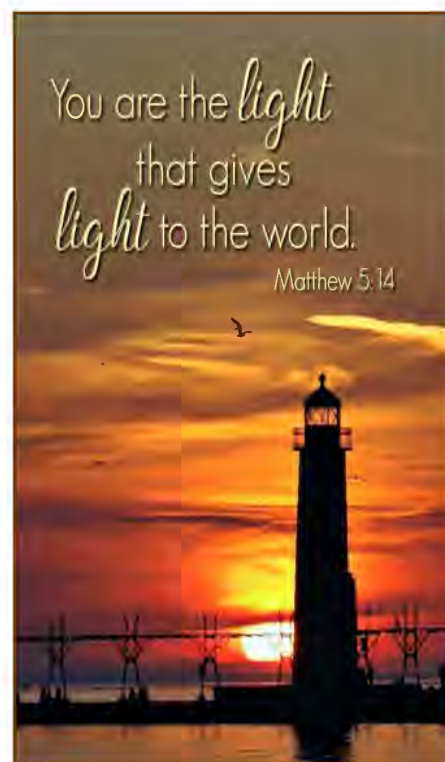
Part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount was, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Jesus tells us to show the good works which we do to a world that is intent on self-glorification so that people will give glory to our heavenly Father rather than to us. It is all about showing the light and love of Jesus to a world which wants to receive the glory to themselves.

The record of Paul's words is found in Romans 13:12, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." This armor of light is the manifest presence of Jesus working through our lives. Pray for our students to be covered by the blood of Jesus and the Word of God. Pray that their light will shine as they sit in the classroom and participate in the activities of the school year. Pray that

the grace and wisdom of the Lord will shine through their lives even as it did for Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Pray that like these four Hebrew young men our students will show themselves to be "far superior to all the other students, ten times better than all their classmates, and the light of Jesus will shine through them" (Daniel 1:20).

Rather than "cursing the darkness" of our educational system let us be part of the solution shining the **Light of Jesus** through prayer and influence as opportunities arise to make a difference. Pray for school administrators, teachers, cafeteria workers, bus drivers and custodians that our school campuses will be a place of safety. Our children are our legacy and their future is prepared on our knees. God has a plan and future for them and it is one filled with the hope of Jesus!

BE THE LIGHT!



District Secretary/Treasurer

Revelation Insights From The Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-31)



*Billy & Betty
Nickell*

The miracle of the Red Sea is regarded in Jewish culture as the most remarkable miracle recorded in the Old Testament. Millenniums later when the prophets and the writers of Scripture spoke of the Lord's power and greatness reference was repeatedly made to what He did for His people at the Red Sea! Eight hundred years after this miracle the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 51:15, "For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea, causing its waves to roar. My name is the LORD of Heaven's Armies." When the Lord renewed His promise to Israel, Joshua reminded them of that great miracle in Joshua 24:6-7, "But when your ancestors arrived at the Red Sea, the Egyptians chased after you with chariots and charioteers. When your ancestors cried out to the LORD, I put darkness between you and the Egyptians. I brought the sea crashing down on the Egyptians, drowning them. With your very own eyes you saw what I did. Then you lived in the wilderness for many years." The great builder and restorer of the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah, reminded the people in Nehemiah 9:9-11, "You saw the misery of our ancestors in Egypt, and you heard their cries from beside the Red Sea. You displayed miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, his officials, and all his people, for you knew how arrogantly they were treating our ancestors. You have a glorious reputation that has never been forgotten. You divided the sea for your people so they could walk through on dry land! And then you hurled their enemies into the depths of the sea. They sank like stones beneath the mighty waters." Some believe the parting of the Red Sea is the ultimate manifestation of God's power in the Old Testament as the resurrection is in the New Testament. Exodus 14 opens by announcing, "AND THE Lord said to Moses, Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the [Red] Sea, before Baal-zephon. You shall encamp opposite it by the sea" (Exodus 14:1-2 Amplified). After their miraculous exodus with Pharaoh expelling them from Egypt, Moses was in route to the wilderness and then on to Canaan until God rerouted them to a specific location, a place where they would be entrapped with no possible escape outside of divine intervention! It was never the thinking of Moses to deviate from his original plan until God interrupted and commanded, "turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the [Red] Sea, before Baal-zephon." God led them to a place where there was no human way possible to escape!

Three places are mentioned in the directive of the Lord to Moses and each of them have significance. The name of the first is **Pi-hahiroth**. One commentator says it means **place of liberty**. Though they had left Egypt they had not been liberated from Pharaoh's sadistic reach. Unbeknown to them, God had led them to the exact place that would be remembered in generations to come as their **place of liberty**. **Migdol**, the second location mentioned, signifies a **tower or fortress**. It would be in this God-ordained place where Israel would discover the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as their tower and fortress. The third, **Baal-zephon**, means **lord of the north**. In Scripture, **north** is frequently associated with judgment. Isaiah 14:31 says, "Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times." Jeremiah 1:14 reports, "Then the LORD said unto me, out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land." In Exodus 14 we see God revealing Himself as the God of judgment. Again, it was not the devil who led them into what appeared to be a death trap it was God and He did so to give them a **place of liberty** and to show Himself as their **tower and fortress of protection**, and to reveal Himself to them again as the God of judgment! The record of the Red Sea miracle is familiar to most Chris-

tians, however few are aware of the revelation insights that can be gleaned from these verses. Here is a few to consider.

If you are a God-follower you are where you are by divine orchestration. Yes, we have all gotten ourselves in messes by taking matters into our own hands. Some have the trophy and the t-shirt to prove they are well versed in that field. That wasn't true for Moses and the Israelites. They ended up in a perilous place by virtue of divine orchestration! Christians often say, "If God is in it everything will go just fine," yet Scripture shows otherwise. Acts 16 is a classic example. There we read, "And Paul and Silas passed through the territory of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit** to proclaim the Word in [the province of] Asia. And when they had come opposite Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them**" (Acts 16:6-7 KJV). Twice the Holy Spirit kept them from going where they had planned! Like Moses and the people of Israel, Paul and Silas were rerouted by means of divine intervention. "So passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. [There] a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man from Macedonia stood pleading with him and saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us! And when he had seen the vision, we [including Luke] at once endeavored to go on into Macedonia, confidently inferring that God had called us to proclaim the glad tidings (Gospel) to them" (Acts 16:8-10 Amplified). Three very clear directives from God! The first two were, "Don't go there!" The third word was, "Do go there!" Did all go well because they followed God? While in Philippi, Paul cast a demon out of female fortuneteller who brought great financial gain to her employers, resulting in he and Silas being stripped of their clothing, beaten with rods, and thrown into the inner prison (the dungeon) with their feet fastened in the stocks. While human reasoning shouted, "throw in the towel," Paul and Silas understood, "**we are where we are by divine orchestration.**" A. W. Tozer writes in **We Travel an Appointed Way**, "To the child of God, there is no such thing as an accident. He travels an appointed way . . . Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evils only because we cannot read the secret script of God's hidden providence."

If you are a God-follower you are where you are by divine preservation. The dictionary defines **preserve** as, **keep safe from harm or injury, keep alive**. Evidence of this is shown in the lives of Joseph, David, Esther and many others. Each of them were given clear and concise direction and promotion, only to face hardship, opposition and even the threat of death. Writers report Joseph spent thirteen years in prison before his **Red Sea** parted! David ran from Saul for close to ten years, while Esther and her people received word of imminent extermination shortly after she became queen. The songwriter of decades past wrote, "Be not dismayed whater' betide, God will take care of you, beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you." Isaiah wrote of the Lord's oversight, "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11).

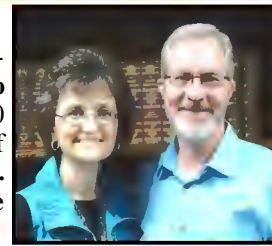
If you are a God-follower you are where you are by divine maturation. One of the most important revelation insights God wants us to learn from our Red Sea experiences is this: His **orchestration and preservation** is intended for our **maturation**! The great missionary of years past, J. Hudson Taylor, said, "I know He tries me only to increase my faith, and that is all in love. Well, if He is glorified, I am content." The onslaught of the Egyptian army was never intended to spawn worry, fear, or false accusations against Moses! God's plan was for them to use the hardship as a stepping stone for greater things. Charles Spurgeon said, "God will make a way for you where no foot has been before. That which, like a sea, threatens to drown you, shall be a highway for your escape." **Divine Orchestration, Preservation, and Maturation.**

Director of Church Ministries



When Lefty Stuck It To Fatty

Reading the book of Judges is like riding a spiritual roller coaster. It records the spiritual highs and lows of the nation of Israel. **Judges 21:25** sums up the spiritual plight of Israel with these words, **“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”** The Book of Judges covers approximately 400 years, and it was a dark time for the people of God. Yet amid spiritual darkness, we discover some sparkling gems of God’s grace. **Judges 3:12** records these words, **“And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord.”** Once again, Israel sinned against God. It really is a sad commentary on the human heart’s propensity towards sin. God used Eglon, a pagan king from Moab, as His instrument of judgment. Eglon invaded Israel, with the help of the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and together they oppressed Israel for 18 years. When Israel repented, God raised up man named Ehud to be their deliverer. This story teaches us a few lessons: **1) God often chooses unlikely people.** Verse 15 states that Ehud was from the tribe of Benjamin and was a left-handed man. There seems to have been a great number of men from the tribe of Benjamin who were left-handed and some of them were ambidextrous. However, when the Bible states that Ehud was a left-handed man, it does not simply mean that he used his left hand. It literally means that he was bound in the right hand. If the people had been voting for a deliverer, Ehud could not have even made the nominating ballot. **2) God often chooses unlikely people so that He will receive all the glory.** Israel sent Ehud to pay tribute (taxes) to Eglon. Ehud had made a dagger and strapped it to his right thigh. Because Ehud was crippled on the right side, the guards probably didn’t even search him because they didn’t see him as a threat. God was able



Tracy & Cara Lynn McWilliams

to take an apparent handicap and use it for His glory. After paying Israel’s taxes, Ehud told the king that he had a secret and the king made everyone leave the room. When the king leaned in to hear the secret, Ehud unsheathed the dagger and stabbed him. The Bible states that the king was extremely fat and the Bible graphically describes what happened, **“The dagger went so deep that the handle disappeared beneath the king’s fat. So Ehud did not pull out the dagger, and the king’s bowels emptied”** (Verse 22). This was the day that lefty stuck it to fatty. God used a left-handed deliverer, but it was God’s right hand that brought the victory. **3) When God uses unlikely people, it inspires others.** Ehud was able to rally the troops to fight against the enemy. **“And at that time they killed about ten thousand men of Moab, all stout men of valor; not a man escaped”** (Judges 3:29). Because of one man the nation of Israel enjoyed peace for 80 years. The next time you feel underqualified for the task God has called you to do, just remember that God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

We would like to invite you to the wedding of our son
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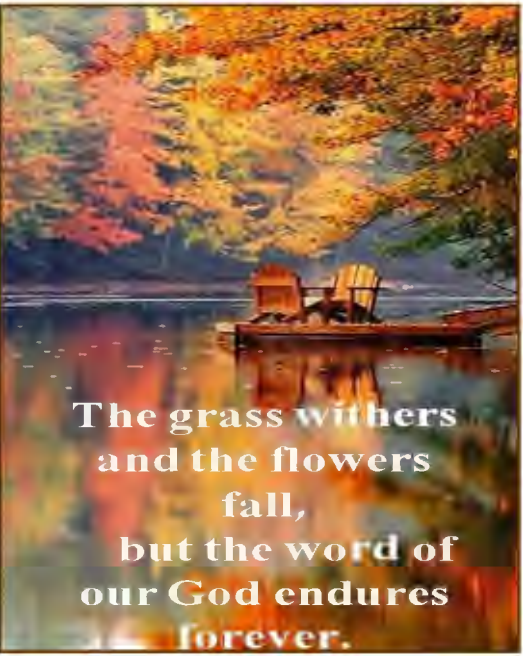
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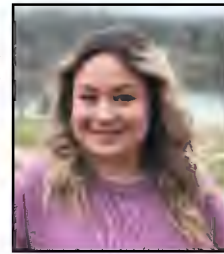
AUGUST 23-27



ERIC HOFFMAN

On behalf of STL and BGMC, the West Texas NEXTGEN Director, Nick Rogers, & the DVD team are inviting all of our West Texas NEXTGEN Pastors (Youth & Kids Pastors and Leaders) and Senior Pastors to join us for an encouraging word from the National STL Director, Eric Hoffman. Be on the lookout for the tour coming to a city near you!

Christina Sattesahn
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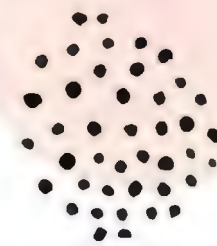
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We express our sympathy to the family of **Doris Mann**. **Doris Mann**, the mother of **Brenda Sattesahn**, (wife of Ed Sattesahn, Lead Pastors, First AG, Pampa), and the grandmother of **Jason Sattesahn**, (Creative Pastor, First AG, Plainview), stepped into the presence of the Lord on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Please remember this family in prayer during this time of loss.

Pleasant Hills Children's Home (PHCH) of Fairfield, TX, is seeking a happily married, Christian couple to serve as House Parents to a little girls cottage. **Requirements:** High School Diploma or higher; Good Driving Record for last 3 years; At least 23 years of age; Must be physically able to be trained in First Aid, CPR and Behavioral Intervention. Must be able to pass, drug and TB tests and a fingerprint background check.

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Prayer Requests: **Kari Brown**, health concerns; **Nick Rogers**, recovery from surgery on shoulder. **Becky Nenstiel**, cancer that is in her brain, bones, and with lesions on her spine and ribs; **Thomas Buxton**, cancer and chemotherapy; **Harry Thomassen**, blood clots behind replacement knee; **Larry Boyd**, (Lubbock), recovery from knee replacement surgery; **Jean Eads**, heart problems; **Sharlotte Boyd**, Early onset Alzheimers; **George Mullins**, recently suffered a stroke; **Regina Gonzalez**, Ankylosing Spondylitis (an autoimmune disease); **Cliff Houghton**, autoimmune disease, asthma; **Karen Houghton**, lymphedema; **Patsy Anderson**, heart issues; **Brenda Van Hoose**, Ankylosing Spondylitis (an autoimmune disease); **Rey Rodriquez**, Muscular Dystrophy; **Perry (Red) Shuffield**, healing & strength; **Rey Rodriquez**, Muscular Dystrophy; **Doris Barnard McCutchen**, health issues; **Myllinda Wood**, ALS.

