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From the Heart of the Superintendent

by Glenn R. Beaver

Keep Your Heart Fixed

In his book, *A Psalm In Your Heart*, General Superintendent George O. Wood uses an illustration about the Apollo 13 crew and the heroic efforts of Jim Lovell which helped save the crew and spacecraft. "On April 13, 1970, the flight of the Moon-bound Apollo 13 suffered an onboard explosion, crippling the spacecraft. The astronauts' survival depended on correcting a return trajectory that doomed them to skip Earth and perish in space. With insufficient battery power, Commander Jim Lovell could not rely on the sophisticated computerized navigational instruments to realign Apollo 13. He had to fly the ship for a fourteen-second manual burn while keeping the distant marble of Planet Earth in the crosshairs of his small spacecraft window. During the burn, Apollo 13 jumped and jittered while the crew finessed the engine thrusters so Lovell could keep Earth in view. The maneuver worked. The astronauts returned home because Lovell kept his eye on the fixed reference point."

Psalm 57:7 states, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." We must keep our hearts **fixed** on the Word of God. Psalm 119:11 is another verse which speaks of the importance of the Word being in our heart, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." This passage was given new meaning for me recently during the West of 50's Camp. My friend and fellow minister Reed Gipson shared three powerful truths about this verse.

THE RIGHT TREASURE: Thy Word is the treasure! The Word of God is the treasure which was there from before the beginning, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and The Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1-2). The Word of God is the treasure we must seek and cherish. It will endure forever, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:25). The Word of God is the treasure which grows sweeter with time, "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). The Word of God is the treasure which builds our faith, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). The Word of God is the treasure that sustains our lives, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). The Word of God is the treasure which sanctifies us to God, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The Word of God is the treasure which provides the answer to all our prayers, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). **The right treasure is the Word of God.**

THE RIGHT PLACE: The Heart is the right place! Out of the heart flows the issues of life, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the **issues of life**" (Psalm 4:23). The heart is the origin of our thought process, "For as he thinketh in his **heart**, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). When the treasure of the Word is in our hearts then our trust will be in the Lord, "Trust in the LORD with all thine **heart**; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). This treasure, in order to be in the right place, must be in the heart not in the head. For when the treasure of the Word is in the heart it will

keep us when all hope is gone, "And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, **all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.** But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, **sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God,** that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:20-25). This treasure is in **The Right Place** when it is in our heart. Whatever you do, friends, don't lose **heart!**

THE RIGHT REASON: What greater reason to have this treasure in the right place than to **not sin against God!** The right reason is to keep our heart right before God. God told Isaiah that our sins would be as white as snow, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). The right reason is to live pleasing before the Father. Enoch was a man who was in possession of the right treasure, in the right place, and for the right reason, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:5-6). It is said that David was a man after God's own heart. David knew the right treasure must be in the right place for the right reason. Keep hiding His Word in your heart that you might not sin against Him! It truly is the **right treasure, in the right place, for the right reason.**

Just as Jim Lovell had to keep the distant marble of Planet Earth in the crosshairs of his small spacecraft window, even so, we must be focused on keeping the Word of God **fixed** in our hearts!

2010 FALL CONVENTIONS

**Banquets 7:00 p.m.
For Ministers & Church Leadership**



**Rick DuBose – Speaker
North Texas
District Superintendent**

North Plains Section

**Monday, November 1
Amarillo, First AG, Banquet \$9.50**

East Plains Section

**Tuesday, November 2
Floydada, Trinity AG, Banquet \$8.50**

Pecos Section

**Thursday, November 4
Midland, Calvary, Banquet \$8.50**

El Paso Section

**Friday, November 5
El Paso, Sun City CC, Banquet \$9.50**

South Plains Section

**Monday, November 8
Lamesa, First AG, Banquet \$7.50**

West Plains Section

**Tuesday, November 9
Lubbock, Christian Life,
Banquet \$8.00**



Billy & Bettye Nickell
Secretary-Treasurer

Hearing and Heeding the Call

April 10, 1912 marks the launching of the *Titanic's* maiden voyage, sailing from Southampton with 2,200 passengers and crew. Four days later the *Titanic* collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and sank, taking 1500 people to a watery grave. I have read that when the call for help was made from the *Titanic*, a ship by the name of the Californian was only ten miles away. Unfortunately, the Californian had turned off its ship's radio. What a difference history would tell had those who were responsible on that ship been listening. In contrast, the *Carpathia* was a greater distance away, but it's radio was on. This ship heard the distress signal of the *Titanic* and responded as quickly as possible. Her captain, Arthur Rostron, rushed to the rescue demanding as much speed as possible from the engines of his ageing vessel. All off-duty firemen and trimmers were ordered to the boiler rooms to help keep the *Carpathia's* boilers at maximum pressure, providing the much needed steam to the overworked engines. Because of the seriousness of the situation the captain ordered the steam-heating which was used to heat the passenger's cabins to be shut off, providing extra steam for the engines, expediting their mission. That night hundreds of passengers were rescued because of the rapid response of the *Carpathia*.

The lyrics from the hymn by George Bennard, *Speak My Lord*, describe the anguish of the world's perishing masses whose cries of distress can also be heard by those who are listening. "Millions now in sin and shame are dying; Listen to their sad and bitter cry; Hasten, brother, hasten to the rescue; Quickly answer Master, here am I." May we hear and heed Paul's words in Romans 10:14, "But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them?" (The Message)

MINISTER UPDATES

Transferred Out:

- William (Bill) Guenther, North Texas
- Wanda Guenther, North Texas
- Norman Owens, Arizona
- Ronnie Wareham, Mississippi

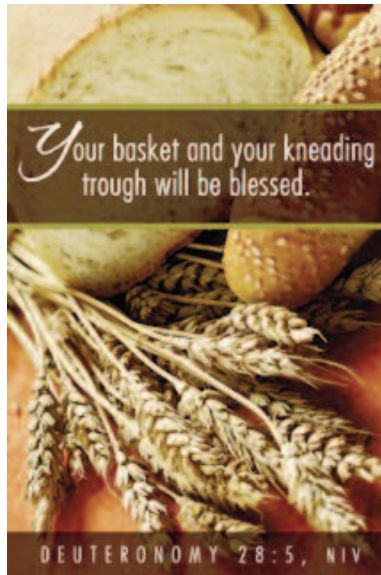
CHURCH UPDATES

New Pastors:

- Open Door AG, Odessa – Jerry Pollard
- First AG, Odessa – Dalton Froman

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF WEST TEXAS

Course for November 20, 2010
License Level
Intermediate Ministerial Internship
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STL & BGMC Reminder

All STL and BGMC money needs to be sent to the
General Council offices by **December 15, 2010.**
1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO, 65802



October was Pastor Appreciation month!

The points are being tallied. The results will be posted and
awards sent during the month of December.

Thanks to all who participated this year!



West of 50's Camp Update

The Fall West of 50's Camp was a success.

Over 70 people were able to attend.

Mark your calendars now for the next one, May 31-June 3!



Speed the Light Tour
January 10-18



Youth Convention & Fine Arts March 17-19





Becky Nenstiel
Women's Ministries Director



"My calling is not to be infallibly right, but to be heroically faithful to grace and truth"

This quote from Thomas Merton reminds me that while I am not always correct about things, I can and must remain faithful to God's grace. In recent days I have been reflecting on how His grace truly is more than sufficient for my every need. During the season when we are called to remember those things for which we are thankful, may we once again embrace that wonderful grace of Jesus, and allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with thanksgiving.

Praying you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thank you for a wonderful response to Christmas in October!



SAVE THE DATE

October 24 – 31, 2011
Missions Trip to Belize

Details to follow soon.



MEN'S MINISTRIES

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2011 Light for the Lost Banquet Tour **February 28 – March 8**

We are pleased to announce that West Texas own Missionary **Roger Kuykendall** will be our tour speaker. A schedule for the Banquet Tour will follow soon. Although we receive our faith promises for each year in March, if you desire credit for giving to LFTL for 2010 your offering will need to be in Springfield by mid December.



Mark Stripling
Men's Ministries
Director



Royal Ranger News – Thanks to all the Ranger leaders who attended the work days at the Roaring Springs Camp last month. We cut hundreds of 2x6's and began the assembly process for new solid wood bunk beds for the boys dorm. District RR Director Clois Burgess is a wood shop teacher in Amarillo and his expertise went a long way in making sure everything was done right.

Men of Missions – Follow up on the missions trip to Leon, Mexico: Missionary David Godwin has rented a building for the church plant and they are no longer having to meet under the tent. Also, the Assembly of God church in San Francisco del Rincon, a suburb of Leon, is in need of \$5,000 to add a second floor to the church facility. The Men's Department sent the money in 2002 for them to get the roof put on the church and now it is packed out on Sundays. If any church or men's group would like to help, please email the men's department at wtxmen@sbcglobal.net for details. We also plan to return to that area in June 2011, if Jesus tarries, and any of our West Texas folks are invited to go along.

High Altitude Retreat III – February 24-26, 2011 – We plan to return to the Cook Canyon Ranch in Ruidoso for the the third High Altitude Men's Retreat. Plan your arrival anytime Thursday evening, dismiss noon Saturday. Speakers will be District Secretary Treasurer Billy Nickel, and Pastor Eddie Lee. More details later.

. . . People to People . . .



Urgent Prayer Request for Jessica Coleman

District Superintendent Glenn Beaver calls for Wednesday, November 10, 2010 to be a day of prayer and fasting for the healing for Jessica Coleman.

Jessica Coleman (spouse of Justin Coleman, pastor Canadian, Abundant Life) underwent surgery in January for cancer. Following the surgery she went through a series of radiation treatments. Last week she was admitted to the hospital with severe kidney problems. Tests performed while she was hospitalized showed that the cancer has returned. The doctors say the cancer is inoperable and chemotherapy will do little to stop the disease. Radiation can not be given again to this area.

Now God will get all the glory for Jessica's healing! Please join us on Wednesday, November 10 as we combine our efforts in praying and fasting for a miracle for Jessica.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for Sondra Bocchieri as she recovers from gall bladder surgery. Also pray for Bethany Garcia as she recovers from major surgery to straighten her back.

With Christ: Patsy Hyatt, daughter of retired ministers BA and Carlene Hyatt (Lubbock), passed away suddenly on October 2. Ernest Hinson, father of L.D. Hinson (First AG, Seagraves), passed away on October 17. These families have lost the presence of a loved one. Please pray for them during this time of bereavement.

Birth: Josh and Laura Morris (Senior Pastors, First AG, Andrews) are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Baylie Ann born October 12 and weighed 5 lbs, 11 oz. Her big sister, Natalie, welcomed her into their family. Baylie is doing great even though she entered this world a month ahead of her due date.

20th Anniversary of Victory Temple AG, Odessa (Randall Mitchell, pastor): Victory Temple AG, Odessa, celebrated its 20th anniversary on Sunday, October 17, 2010 with Rev. Robert Slaton as the guest speaker. The morning service was followed by a church dinner with plenty of food and fellowship.

COWBOY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP Fall Conference & Boot Camp

November 5 – 7, 2010 Cleburne, Texas

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