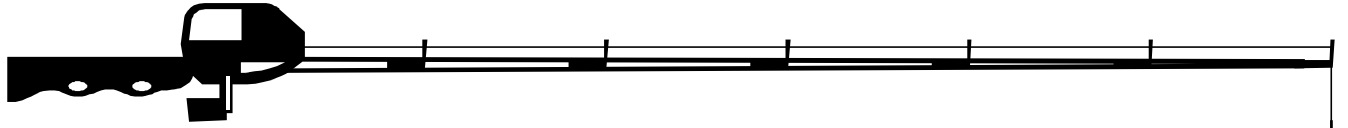


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From the MINISTER

Shelbe King sent me this in an e-mail this week. I thought it was great and wanted to share it with you.

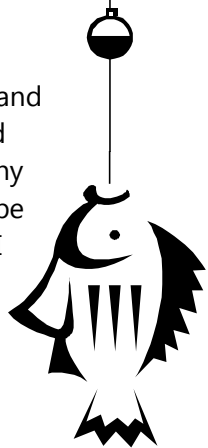
The Pastor & His Son

Every Sunday afternoon, after the morning service at the church, the pastor and his eleven year old son would go out into their town and hand out Gospel Tracts.

This particular Sunday afternoon as it came time for the Pastor and his son to go to the streets with their tracts, it was very cold outside, as well as pouring down rain. The boy bundled up in his warmest and driest clothes and said, OK dad, I'm ready. His pastor dad asked, 'Ready for what?' Dad, it's time we gather our tracts together and go out.' The father responded, 'Son it's very cold outside and it's pouring down rain.' The boy gave his father a surprised look, asking, 'But Dad aren't people still going to Hell, even though it's raining?' His dad answered, 'Son, I'm not going out in this weather.' Despondently the boy asked, 'Dad is it OK if I go? Please?' His father hesitated for just a moment and then said, 'Son, you can go. Here are the tracts, be careful Son.' The boy said 'thanks,' and with that he was off and out into the rain.

The eleven year old boy walked the streets of the town going door to door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel Tract. After two hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking, bone-chilled wet and down to has VERY LAST TRACT. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted. Then he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the door bell. No one answered. He rang it again and again, but still no answer. Finally this eleven year old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him. Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist. He waited, something holding him there on the front porch. He rang again and this time the door slowly opened. Standing in the doorway was a very sad-looking elderly lady. She softly asked, 'What can I do for you son?' With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, 'Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU, and I came to give you my very last Gospel Tract, which will tell you all about Jesus and His great love.' With that he handed her his last tract and turned to leave. She called to him as he departed and said, 'Thank you son, and God bless you!'

The following Sunday morning in church, Pastor Dad was in the pulpit. As the service began he asked, 'Does anybody have a testimony or want to say anything?' Slowly in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet. As she began to speak, a look of glorious radiance came from her face. 'No one in the church knows me. I've never been here before. You see before last Sunday I was not a Christian. My husband passed on some time ago, leaving me totally alone in the world. Last Sunday being a particularly cold and rainy day, it was even more so in my heart that I had come to the end of the line where I no longer had any hope or will to live. So I took a rope and a chair, and went up into the attic of my home. I fastened the rope securely to a rafter and then stood on the chair and fastened the other end of the rope around my neck. I was standing on that chair so lonely and broken hearted, about to step off, when suddenly my doorbell began to ring. I thought, 'I'll wait a minute and whoever it is will go away.' I waited and waited, but the ringing doorbell seemed to get louder and more insistent, and then the person ringing also started knocking...loudly. I thought to myself again again, 'Who on earth could this be? Nobody ever rings my bell or comes to see me.' (Continued on page 2)



From The Minister (from page 1)

'I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door, all the the while the bell rang louder and louder. When I opened the door and looked, I could hardly believe my eyes, for there on my porch was the most radiant and angelic little boy I had ever seen in my life. His SMILE, oh, I could never describe it to you! The words that came from his mouth caused my heart that had long been dead, TO LEAP TO LIFE as he exclaimed with a cherub-like voice, 'Ma'am I just came to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU.' Then he gave me this Gospel Tract that I now hold in my hand. As the little angel disappeared back out into the cold and rain, I closed my door and read slowly every word of this Gospel Tract. Then I went up to my attic to get my rope and chair, knowing I wouldn't be needing them anymore. You see---I am now a Happy Child of the KING. Since the address of your church was on the back of this Gospel Tract, I have come here to personally say THANK YOU to God's little angel who came just in the nick of time, and by doing so spared my soul from an eternity in Hell.'

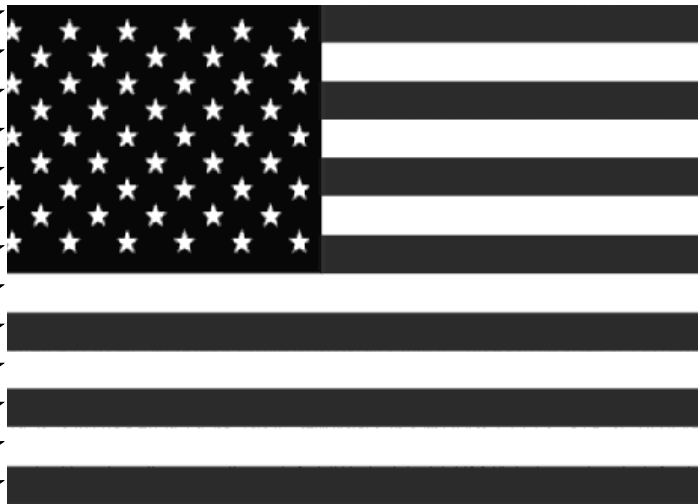
There was not a dry eye in the church. And as shouts of praise and honor to THE KING resounded off the very rafters of the building, Pastor Dad descended from the pulpit to the front pew where the little angel was seated. He took his son in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably.

Probably no church has had a more glorious moment, and probably this universe has never seen a Papa that was more filled with love and honor for his son...except for one.

Our Father also allowed His Son to go out into a cold and dark world. He received His Son back with joy unspeakable and as all of heaven shouted praises and honor to The King, the Father sat His beloved Son on a throne far above all principality and power and every name that is named.

If you love JESUS, please spread His word, and share His goodness and faithfulness.

Hope to see you Sunday with your Bible and a couple of friends.....Dave



"Awake America" Rally

Troy Christian Church
June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Evangelist Cecil Todd, founder of Revival Fires Ministry will be here to share a powerful message on the theme, *"The powers of Heaven are being shaken - wake up and look up America!"*

Our kids will be heading to camp in June. Please pray for them while they're at camp...it can be a life-changing experience. Remember to pray also for the deans and the helpers.

Flaming Spirit Christian Service Camp Dates

Sr. high camp: June 6-11

Jr. high camp: June 13-18

Junior camp: June 20-25

1st Chance camp: June 27-29

*This year's camp theme is "The Absolute Truth" II
Timothy 2:15*

If you haven't signed your kids up for camp yet, there are forms at the church on the back table. For more information, see Adam or call the church.

Our Services And Activities

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Prayer time; 9:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:00 a.m. Worship service

June 6: Awake America Rally 10:00 a.m.; Elders meeting
5:00 p.m.

June 21: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00

The youth will continue to give out pop to raise money for their mission trip. See Adam or one of the kids for more information.

Weekly Statistics

Our Giving	Attendance
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May 2: \$3781.00	164
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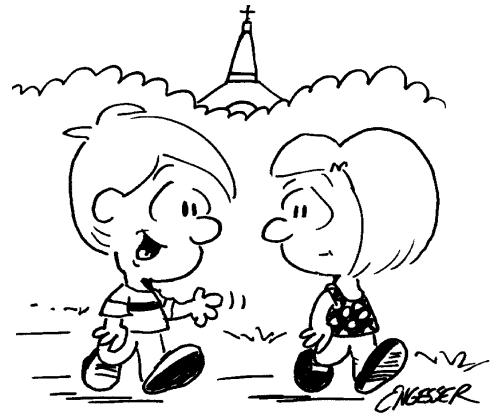
May 9: \$4055.50	163
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May 16: \$2537.50	170
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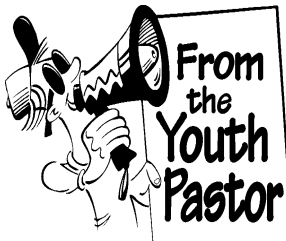
May 23: \$2960.50	143
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Church Budget: \$178,712.00

Needed per Sunday: \$3,436.76



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

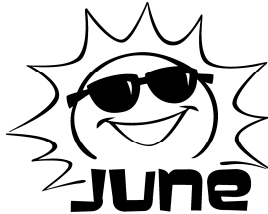


Do you care for the things God cares about? I believe God has continued to challenge me with that question over the past few months. I often find myself clinging to selfishness and my own comfort instead of focusing on the message God has entrusted me with. In other words, I care more about what Adam cares about than what God does. Needless to say, I was humbled by a prayer that Jesus prayed that is recorded in John 17:20-26. I think this gives us a glimpse of what God cares about:

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

We must be unified in love with one purpose: to make God famous to a world in bondage. If we care for the things God cares for, we must make God known and continue to make him known because God cares for those who receive his message and a world that still needs to hear it. They will know Christ by the way we handle that message and the way it plays out through our lives.

Adam



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| 1 Breanne Mendell | 12 Larry Handley, Braun Huss | 21 Candy Albers, Roger & Donna Caudle |
| 2 Shelbe King, Peg Euler | 13 Sarah Kretzinger | 22 Amber Wiedmer, Tyler Jenkins |
| 3 Brody Jeschke | 17 Heath Whetstine | 25 Kevin & Julie Dulin |
| 5 Kyle McConnaughey | 18 Pat Triplett, Jared Jeschke | 28 Les & Debbie Shelton |
| 6 Bill Masters, Jenise Higgins | 19 Dan King | 30 Jan Laipple |
| 7 Janie Simpson, Graycen Ferris | 20 Bethany Jenkins, Alyssa Burchett | |
| 10 Brenner Trant | -Burtis | |

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