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Making a Mark for Christ

From the Pastor's Desk

What Will Be Your Mark on History?

Matthew 16:25 & Acts 10:4

This past week we celebrated Memorial Day in which we remembered those who died in the service of our country. Although the numbers are quite extensive, each and every sacrifice left a mark on history, either publicly or privately. We as Christians also use this day to celebrate those who gave of themselves for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Like our faithful soldiers who died on the battlefield and left a mark in this world, so did our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. These martyrs will never be forgotten for God will not let that happen. Those who have spilled their blood for the glory of Christ have proclaimed to the world that they loved Christ more than the life He gave them.

What will be your mark in history? What will you be remembered for? Each day that passes is one less day that you have to give in the service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Most men and women in today's world do not consider each and every act as something to be remembered for all time, but, in the sight of the Lord, it is. He does not forget such things.

When a divine appointment presents itself it is important to take the time to speak of what Christ has done for you. Each time you open your mouth and profess Christ as Lord and Savior to those who will listen, you make a mark on history.

In Acts 10:4 God sent an angel to Cornelius [a God-fearing centurion of the Italian battalion stationed in Caesarea--ed.] and said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God." Cornelius was told that all that he had done in faith was remembered by God. Cornelius showed a consistent faith and action that honored God and he was blessed by God for doing so. Now he has an enduring legacy in which we as believers in Christ know about him. His name is not only found in the book of life, but also found in the word of God and neither will pass away.

If there is one thing that we can learn from Scripture about an enduring legacy is that what God calls for is not perfection, but consistency. David, who was a man after God's own heart, was far from perfect, but he left an enduring

Upcoming Events and Meetings

June 6, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then engage in a Bible discussion.

June 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

June 21 – Father's Day

Celebrate your dad!

June 21, 10:45 a.m. – End Baby Bottle Fund Drive

Bring back your coin-filled baby bottles for the Carenet Pregnancy Center.

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

ing mark on history. Moses was a man who had murdered an Egyptian and yet, in Numbers 12, God said that he was faithful in his entire household. Isaiah was commissioned by God to be a prophet to the people, but even Isaiah acknowledged his sinfulness before God before he could be used by God. The Apostle Paul was a persecutor of the church and yet God was able to use him after his Damascus Road vision. We all have in us the opportunity to make such marks in history.

This past week I read an article about who may be the next Billy Graham. No question about it, Billy Graham has had a remarkable ministry and one that will stand the test of time, but we cannot be bogged down trying to compete with such a man. Even if you cannot be a Billy Graham, you can still be yourself. That is what God calls us to do. Each and every one of us needs to make our mark in history for the Lord. What will yours be?

I hope and pray that you are challenged in what you *are* and *are not* doing for the Lord. Let me encourage you that, after you complete your self-evaluation, you set your feet towards

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serving the Lord and making a mark in this world for His glory and for His name. For the name that should always supersede that of our own is that of Jesus Christ. He tells us in Matthew 16:25 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Let us lose our lives in Christ and thus make a mark in this world that will endure for all time.

✠ Pastor Jim

Men's Breakfast

On June 6 at 8 a.m., the guys get together for breakfast. This is also the 71st anniversary of D-Day, the massive Allied invasion of the beaches of Normandy, France in 1944 during World War II.

It is a day to somberly remember the 4,000 men who died out of 10,000 casualties that day fighting the Nazis in places like Omaha Beach, Point du Hoc, Utah Beach, and other memorable sites.

Let us pause to mourn their loss but thank God that they overcame and breached the Nazi stranglehold on Europe and eventually defeated the Third Reich.

Property and Space Patrol

I'm sorry that I've been away these recent weekends. I have been helping other NH churches in need of preaching on Sundays and am also leading a Weds. PM Bible Study this month at Christian Fellowship Church in Londonderry.

I've been mowing the church lawn once a week all during May, and also cleaned up a lot of broken limbs and brush around the church grounds.

Helpers are always welcome.

✠ Pastor Al Page

Biblical Security for Your Computer

Recently I have been prompted to renew a password on a few different web sites. Even though I had written them down, the web site said they were wrong. I came up with an idea that allows you to create passwords that are amazingly complicated and high strength but easy to recall.

Some sites suggest that you take a few simple words and break them up with uppercase characters or numbers, such as "JohN747smith." Some sites allow you to use punctuation like the characters above the numerals (!@#\$%^&*()_+) on most keyboards. Wow! That looks like a cartoon swear word!

The method I devised requires you to start with an easily remembered phrase, such as the lyrics from a song, or a part of a Bible verse. Find a verse that contains 6 to 10 words since web sites usually require a password that is at least 6 to 8 characters long. For example,

Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,"

If you take the last part of the verse, "do not let the sun go down on your anger," and write down the first letter of each

word, you have "dnltsgdoya," which is an acronym created from that phrase. To make it easier to read, let's make it all uppercase, "DNLTSGDOYA."

That acronym is total gibberish to anyone but you (and me of course, since I created it). Now that I look at it, it might actually be Russian for "how are you doing."

To make it even more difficult to crack, add one or two punctuation characters (refer to the swear word at the beginning of this article). Now, the password might look like this:

DNLTSGDOYA##

If instead you put a # sign at the beginning, it looks like a Twitter hash tag.

Now I hear you saying "That's too hard to remember." But in practice, you need to speak the words of the acronym as you type them. After doing that several times, it will become as simple as typing your name (I hope).

One word of caution: first try this technique for one online account, the one you use a lot, such as your e-mail account. Do not use the password above because this newsletter is published online and unfriendly eyes may see it.

The Bible is rich with memorable scripture verses, so have fun picking out your secret verse.

✠ Michael Frascinella

Resources for Current Life Issues

Focus on the Family® now provides helpful resources for those life situations that are in the news. Here is an introduction to their Thriving Values web site:

"It's probably happened to most of us at one point in time. The opportunity to speak to an issue we care about is before us, yet we fail to take advantage of the moment, because we're not sure what to say.

And, yet we stop cold, because we feel unprepared.

With the demands and fast pace of life, few people have time to research current social issues or to develop strategic talking points that address the secular worldview arguments that often undergird a counter view.

That's where Focus on the Family's Thriving Values team comes in.

Our staff of issue experts have dedicated decades to researching the hot social topics of the day. From giving interviews to major media outlets to crafting relevant talking points, this group of experts knows what to say.

If reading is your preferred learning style, our Social Issues web page (<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues>) houses easy-to-consume resources on many topics.

However, if you'd rather watch a video, our Thriving Values™ YouTube® channel

(https://www.youtube.com/user/ThrivingValues/videos?sort=dd&shelf_id=0&view=0&crmlink=content-thriving-values) features more than 65 topical videos, most less than three minutes long.

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Either way, an investment of 5 to 10 minutes a week will equip you to speak with accuracy, confidence, and love the next time opportunity knocks."

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating a birthday this month:

6/8 Gail Frascinella

6/10 Mary Anne Richards



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following people who celebrate wedding anniversaries this month:

6/6 Pastor Jim and Michelle Robertson

6/22 John and Tracey Bachand

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It will be our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillsidebaptistnh.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Submissions for Next Issue

Deadline is June 25. Send news items to News Wrangler Michael Frascinella, mfrascinella at comcast dot net.



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