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Fulfill Your Purpose for His Glory

From the Pastor's Desk

Significance in Christ

Often I receive free stuff in the mail, a few years back I got a free calendar from a company called "Positive Promotions." It was one of those promo perks that a pastor is privy to every once and awhile. I often get pens, pins, books, or paper tablets with the church's name and address on it in which I promptly shove them in my desk and when I have the need to use them, they are at my disposal.

Well this particular calendar is nicely arranged with beautiful pictures for each month accompanied by a scripture reference of encouragement. One of the month's had a picture of a waterfall. Now it's nothing like that of the Victorian Falls or those found at Niagara Falls, but instead it was a small one in the middle of nowhere.

It wasn't as powerful as the aforementioned mega falls, but it flowed true nonetheless. Instead of being dreadfully scary in size it spanned just a simple twenty to thirty feet up. For all intent and purposes it was fairly unrecognizable and more than likely it will never receive the kind of fanfare that the bigwigs get. No, it was just simple and plain.

Often we as Christians try to find our mark in time and history. Nobody wishes to pass into all eternity and not be remembered, so we hope and pray that our impact will be greater than it probably will be. The reality is, as Christians, we will probably never be known for more than just being regular people.

In the Bible we know of Paul, Peter, James, John, and the rest of the Apostles, but there are several important characters who followed them after they were gone and we hardly know who they were. We know that eldership was established in all the churches, but we are only told a few by name, like that of Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

In today's world not every one of us can be like Billy Graham, Dr. Stanley, John MacArthur, R. Albert Mohler, Mark Dever, or Alistair Begg. Just like that little waterfall on my promo calendar, we will probably be relatively unknown in our existence, as far as the world and history is concerned, but to Jesus we matter greatly.

We must remember that we are to work for God and his glory and under that umbrella he determines who receives certain talents and gifts, but he also arranges those who obtain certain status and popularity. The best illustration of

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Apr. 1 – Resurrection Sunday and Lord's Supper



Apr. 7, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then engage in a Bible discussion of the Book of Romans..

Apr. 28, 8 a.m. till done – Spring Cleanup Day

Time to get the church and grounds ready for Summertime.

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

Weds. at 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

this is found in Matthew 25:14-30.

Jesus tells of a master who was leaving the country and he called three servants in particular. To one he gave five talents (money), to another he gave two, and to the last he gave only one and then he went on his journey. The parable explains that the one with five talents began to work immediately at producing five more, while the one with two did the same, producing two more. These two feared their master and wanted him to be pleased with their work so they in turn took what he gave them and diligently worked to produce more. But the last one only received one talent and, instead of using it to produce more, he allowed fear to overtake him and thus he buried it and there it sat till his master returned.

Later, the master returned and the one with five talents presented five more and he was well received by the master. The one with two also duplicated his, and in turn presented two more to his master. Each one was congratulated in their accomplishments and promised to be rulers over more because of their faithfulness.

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Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

The last servant who hid his one talent was there to present the talent untainted and unproductive. The master was angry with the servant because he was not productive and useful with what little he was given. He took the lazy way out and did not serve the interest of his master. The talent was taken from him and given to the one with ten and the servant was cast out and called "wicked."

Like the little pictured waterfall on my calendar that runs true, we to must also run true with what God has given us to do. We can't worry about what we will accomplish or how popular we might become or allow fear to overtake us; we just need to be productive. Those who have been given much, much more will be required of them. Those who have been given little still are expected to produce.

With this story, I hope you noticed that the master determined how much money was given to each servant. So too for us, we are told in Scripture that we are endowed with the gifts and talents that the Lord has determined for us to have. The key is that we must use them and be diligent in serving Him.

May you not be caught up with how important you are in the eyes of others or of the world, but instead be concerned about how the Master sees you. Whether mighty or small, you still matter to Him and He wants you to produce good works for His glory.

My hope and prayer is that you will accept the gifts that God has given you with a glad heart and use them to the fullest for His glory. Just like the little waterfall that stands alone and quiet in the middle of nowhere fulfilling its purpose, so too should we stand in the background praising our Savior through diligent service, fulfilling our purpose for His good pleasure, and finding our significance in Him.

✠ Pastor Jim

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast is late this month, on April 7th, as far as the first Saturday can get from the first Sunday. But that gives you more time to talk yourself into attending, right?

Everyone chips in a little something and we have an enjoyable breakfast with good fellowship.

After breakfast, we will continue our discussion of the Book of Romans. This month we will start with chapter 10.

Property and Space Patrol

Spring Workday last year was the last Saturday of April, and it did snow once that month, so let's do it the same time this year, April 28.

Outside, we will need to rake out the lawns and pick up limbs, brush, and rocks. Inside we can do general cleanup and install the air conditioners.

Plan to start at 8 a.m. and we can work till we are done. "Many hands make light work."

✠ Pastor Al

A Farmer's Breakfast Prayer

The following story was submitted by Pastor Al Page.

A visiting Pastor was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio Farm Country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say Grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began: "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The Pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going.

Then the farmer, loudly, proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the Pastor was overly worried.

However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."

Just as the Pastor was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued,

"But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you're sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and, probably, it will be somethin' even better than biscuits."

"Amen"

Spiritual Gardening Advice

The following spiritual gardening advice was sent in by Cynthia Ward. The original author is unknown.

Planting Your Spring Garden

For the garden of your daily living, plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

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Gardening (from p.2)

To conclude your garden, you must have thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

Movie Review: I Can Only Imagine

My daughter, Deborah and I went to see "I Can Only Imagine" It's a very good movie. Patricia Shier is in it. She is Pastor Tony Evans' daughter.

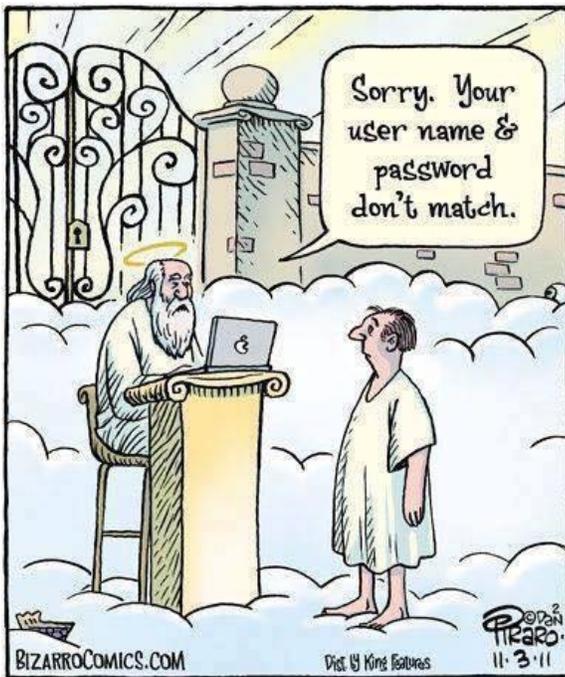
I recommend this movie.

✚ Virginia Smith, Texas

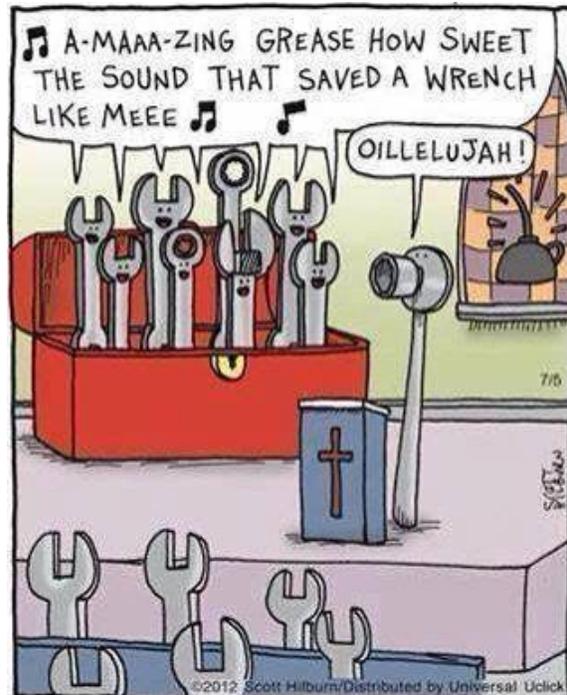
On the Funny Side

The following cartoons were sent in by Cynthia Ward.

Heaven Net: Access Denied



The Toolbox Tabernacle Choir



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 is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

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

Submissions for Next Issue

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

- 4/6 Ruth Bubacz
- 4/20 Jack Ward



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

- 4/28 Al & Rachel Page
- 4/28 Peter & Julie Jenkins

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