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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

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OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,  
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

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## O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

*John E. Bode*

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## BENT ARROW

Arrows have been used in all parts of the world for millennia. They are very effective tools in the hands of archers and sportsmen. When released from the bow, they can fly at speeds of over 200 mph and strike targets over a distance of 400 yards or more. Swift, silent and effective weapons for the skilled hunter.

But with use, some arrows become bent. Some may try to bend arrows back to being straight, but this is generally not advised as even slightly bent arrows can be unsafe, fly erratically, stray from targets and can even damage the bow or string. So...who wants to use a bent arrow? Well, in a way, it appears that God does.

In the back of my Bible, there

is a map with arrows showing the path of the Israelites after their deliverance from Egypt. In part of their subsequent journey, it shows them flying straight as an arrow from the wilderness and towards Canaan, the promised land. But then, the path of their arrow bends, and heads back into the wilderness. Why? Because after the Israelite spies went in to see the promised land and report on it, the people doubted the Lord. As the Lord stated in Num. 14:22-24, *"Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall*

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*any of them that provoked me see it: But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."*

The Israelites were on the path towards Canaan, like a straight arrow but then, in their unbelief, they were turned back. They missed the mark. Yet, as we can see in verse 24 above, the Lord did not cast the Israelites away, as a bent hunter's arrow. Rather, like the master fletcher, He spent 40 years straightening the arrow, until it was fashioned to fly straight. Unfortunately, as consequence of their unbelief, this work required that an entire generation nearly pass away. And then, with the Archer's release, the Israelites hit the mark.

At times in life, because of our choices or circumstances, we may be like the Israelites; like bent arrows. But we should not fear. God is not only God. He is also our Lord, if we allow Him to be. He is loving and merciful and demonstrated through ultimate sacrifice that restoring relationship with His creation

is very important to Him. Might we say, He's very interested in straightening bent arrows like you and me. So when you feel like a bent arrow, remember to lay your life in the hands of the Master fletcher and trust Him as He straightens you for use in the Kingdom.

*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."* Prov. 3:5-6

*"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."* Jas. 4:8

*"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."* Heb. 12:11-13

## HOLINESS AS ART- ART FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

(Part 1 of 3)

### Visual Art

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" Gen. 1:1... we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works... that we should walk in them."* (Eph. 2:10)

The creativity and beauty God designed is displayed in heaven, in earth, and in the masterpiece of it all: mankind. Genesis 1:27 indicates *"...in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* God created in us a capacity for beauty and creativity, and the choice to use our talents to glorify Him or not. If we do choose to glorify God, we bring the splendor of the spirit of heaven to fallen earth. As N.T. Wright said, "...But the present world is also designed for something which has not yet happened. It is like a violin waiting to be played: beautiful to look at, graceful to hold - and yet if you've never heard one in the hands of a musician you wouldn't believe the new dimensions of beauty yet to be revealed. Perhaps art can show something of that, can glimpse the future possibilities, pregnant within the present time."

You wonder what I'm talking about? Come and see.

The ultimate foundation for the creation and exploration of art is God. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last of everything. He alone is the Master Artist, Designer, Musician, Creator, and Author. *"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good..."* (Gen. 1:31) In His wonderful creation is the whole human race who are made in the image of God with the same passion for beauty, song, architecture, rhythm, and so on. Why did He make us that way? It's apparently quite simple. God said *"I have created him for my glory..."* (Isa. 43:7) Our purpose is to glorify God and so should the results of the creativity that He put in us.

A simple definition of art: "Something that is created with imagination and skill that is beautiful or that expresses important ideas or feelings." Any type of art; the swelling sounds of music, a stunning painting, the intricacy of nature, a lovely poem, can stir our emotions and touch our feelings. It may stimulate

us to think and imagine. It can even unveil a deep conviction, a wonderful mystery or a lively hope.

The central purpose for art is worship! God created us to praise Him, and we should do so in actions, words, thoughts, and with the artistic talents He gave us. "... *Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*" (Ps. 29:2) Holiness is a way of life for the Christian. When we obey God's commands out of undivided love for Him and give Him full credit for our talents, when we surrender ourselves and fleshly desires, we can worship with a pure, clean heart. That is the beauty in holiness.

The Bible is full of art in many forms. We'll begin with visual art. In the Old Testament, the tabernacle was designed and inspired by God and used for Him alone. "*And the LORD spake unto Moses... Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.*" (Exod. 25:1,8) Then God gave His Spirit to a few mortal human beings to make intricate components of the building.

He stirred people to give freely of their treasures for the glory of His tabernacle. He awaited the time when He could dwell among His chosen children. He directed Moses to fit people for the work

and gave him the blueprints for the wonderful place He had in mind. He called ordinary people to do extraordinary work!

*"...the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; and to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work."* (Exod. 35:30-33)

In the breastplate of the high priest's ephod were precious stones:

*"And he made the breastplate of cunning work... and they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle... and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were enclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings."* (Exod. 39:8, 10-13) These stones symbolized the twelve tribes of Israel and how the high priest was to keep them near his heart.

Also, the priest's headpiece:

*"And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses."* (Exod. 39:30-31)

This would have been a reminder for the priest of the importance of being holy and pure before God. The same applies to us, *"And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation."* (Exod. 19:6a) Holiness is the highest form of art in the sight of God! Holiness could be defined as such: Christ living in me, working out His plan through my surrendered obedient body and mind. May this be our prayer, that our talents would witness for Almighty God.

*"And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them...Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle."* (Exod. 39:43, 40:34) The Lord was pleased.

The tabernacle is not the

only form of visual art found in the Old Testament. In Neh. 1:1-3, Nehemiah is told about the devastation of Jerusalem. *"The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down and the gates thereof are burned with fire."* (Neh. 1:3b) But after working for fifty-two days through attacks, opposition, and ridicule, the walls were rebuilt and gates put in place. *"So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."* (Neh. 4:6) Do we have the same approach to building the kingdom, to working together in harmony? In God's eyes, it's beautiful.

What about Solomon's great temple? Solomon was handed the task from his father, David, who had a passion for God that he had instilled in his son. Solomon began to build on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign. Around one million people worked on the temple until its seventh year completion, in the eleventh year of his reign in the eighth month. During that time, logs were milled out of Lebanon and massive stones hewn and brought to the building site. Solomon had skilled workmen construct a magnificent house for God, 60 cubits long and 20 cubits wide. The porch in front

was 20 cubits square and 120 cubits high. All the furnishings were made with brass, pure gold, and cedar wood. Engravings of lilies, pomegranates, lions, cherubims, and palm trees were etched on the bowls, bases, baths, and accessories for use in the temple. Then *"...when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house."* (II Chr. 7:1) The Lord was again pleased with the willingness and desire of the workmen to use the gifts He gave them to create a spectacular place to worship Him in undefiled holiness.

Of all the splendor in the Old Testament, there is more to come that everyone can be a part of. Will you?

In Rev. 21, we read of a magnificent, glorious, beautiful-beyond-words city that God is preparing for the marriage supper of the Lamb. The twelve gates have the names of the twelve tribes written on them, the foundations of the city are the twelve apostles. Through

Jesus' covenant, the beauty of the Old Testament unites with the splendor of the New to create an eternal glorious home with Christ as the head of the corner, where the saints will live forever with the Lord!

And so where do Christians fit in this city? *"To whom, coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house... acceptable to God by Jesus Christ... But ye are... a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people... Which in times past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."* (I Pet. 2:4,5, 9-10)

You see, through Jesus we are a part of the bride of Christ, part of an eternal home where the chosen children of Israel and the apostles of the Lamb abide! *"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city...Even so, come, Lord Jesus."* (Rev. 22:14, 20b)

To be continued in Part 2 in next month's issue of the Bible Monitor.

Shiloh Bowman  
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## WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING FORWARD?

One of the favorite Bible passages for me lately has been in Job where Job says, *“though he slay me, yet will I trust in him...”* (Job 13:15) We all know the situation Job was in, what he lost and the problems he had to face. Even his wife who said, *“Curse God and die.”* (Job 2:9)

What I want to know is what kept Job going forward in the middle of all of that? Even his friends were beating him over the head and blaming him for everything that was going on. Why did Job not give up?

I think sometimes we look at failure in a different way. We need to understand that failure sometimes redirects me to the path of faith. I have nowhere else to go.

I am not sure what God was doing with Job and how he was redirecting him, but I am quite sure that the latter days of Job's life were much richer because of what he had to go through.

In the Christian life, quitting is not an option. Unfortunately, many people quit and usually too soon. They quit this side of victory and never really experience the grace of God in their life.

Often when something terrible happens, a failure, or whatever, it makes way for a door to open I did not know existed. Sometimes when I fail in one area, I look around and another door opens I never would have thought was there. As I go through this new door, I begin to see something new from God as well as His grace.

It is not what stops me, but rather what keeps me going in spite of the obstacles that is my testimony. Anybody can stop, quit and just go back, but it takes a real man or woman of faith, that in spite of the obstacles they are faced with, they keep going on in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

Opposition does not mean stop. We often get the idea that if I am opposed by someone, that means I need to stop. Sometimes we think the opposition is just right and we are wrong. But that may not be the case. Opposition does not necessarily mean I am going in the wrong direction. Opposition sometimes means I am going in the right direction, which is why I have that opposition.



There are three sources of obstacles.

The first obstacle would be bad choices that we make. Whenever we make a choice, there is a consequence to go with it. Although we can choose whatever we want to, we cannot choose the consequence. Often times that consequence affects other people around us much more than it affects us. So sometimes, an obstacle is of my own creation.

Sometimes that obstacle is Satan's attack against me. I am going in God's direction and Satan wants to hinder me from continuing in that direction. I need to understand the agenda of Satan and how he is coming against me to keep me from experiencing God's agenda.

Another thing we do not often think of is that an obstacle may be God's discipline in our life. Maybe God is trying to discipline us in an area to fine-tune us to be more effective in our walk with Him. God might give us a little opposition to refine us and develop us into men and women of faith.

Opposition opens up the way for our faith to develop. If I never had any opposition, my faith

would get weaker and weaker. It is that opposition in my life that strengthens my faith and brings my faith to the forefront of my life. God many times challenges me to discover what my faith in Him is all about.

One thing I really need in my Christian life is discernment. I need to be able to discern what is happening in my life and what the sources of the opposition I am facing are. An act of this discernment flows in a way to give me the answer to my problem. I cannot know the answer until I have completely defined the question. Many times, I need the discernment of the Holy Spirit to understand what is happening, but more than that, how I need to respond to a certain opposition in my life.

It is amazing to me as I think of Job in the Old Testament how that nothing around him, his circumstances, his friends, his family, particularly his wife, ever intimidated him in his walk with God. I am not sure I could have lasted through all that he lasted through. However, the interesting thing about Job is that it did not matter what was happening. It did not matter if he understood it or not, the thing that really mat-

tered was that he was going to keep his faith in God regardless of what would happen. That is a challenge to me today. No matter what is happening in my life, I need to allow my faith in God to have the priority that it deserves.

Many times I quit too soon and never experience the victory

that God had for me. The lesson of my life is to not quit, not allow the opposition to dominate my life or define who I am. Rather, let my faith in God determine who I am and where I am going and who I am going to be serving.

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## CONNECTIONS

*As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult Sunday School Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.*

As we see from the beginning of Chapter 3 of II Samuel, King David welcomes Abner to join him in battle. But not all of King David's men share the same enthusiasm to bring Abner along. Trouble starts in the camp; Joab decides to take matters into his own hands and kills Abner. As King David looks at the situation, his lament is that Abner died at the hands of wicked men. David not only battled against the House of Saul, but also against sin in his own army. Sin not only affects those who commit the sin, but also the leaders over them and others around them.

When alarms go off in our

minds about an issue around us, maybe we should first question our heart's motive before jumping to action like Joab. Real change is an inside job. We might alter things on the outside for a day or two with money or systems, but the heart of the matter is, and will always be: a matter of the heart. Before responding, ask yourself:

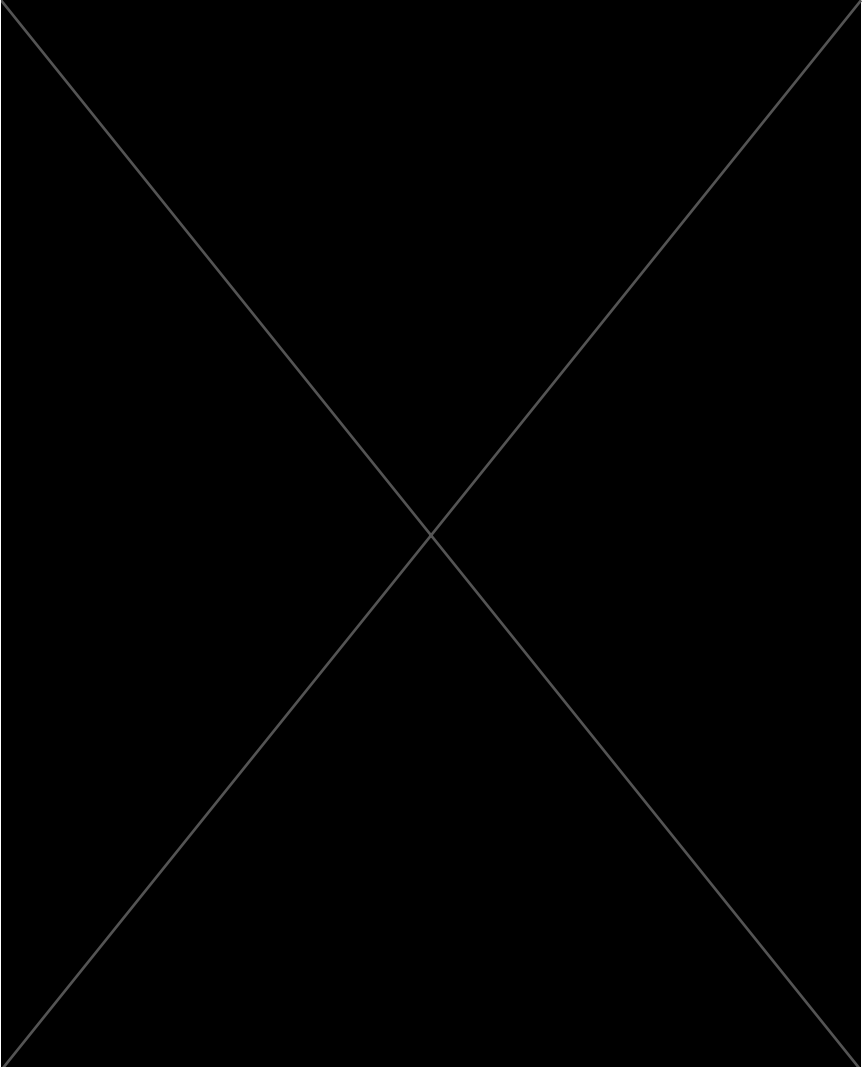
- Is there unconfessed sin in my life?
- Are there unresolved conflicts in my personal world?
- Are there unsundered worries in my heart?

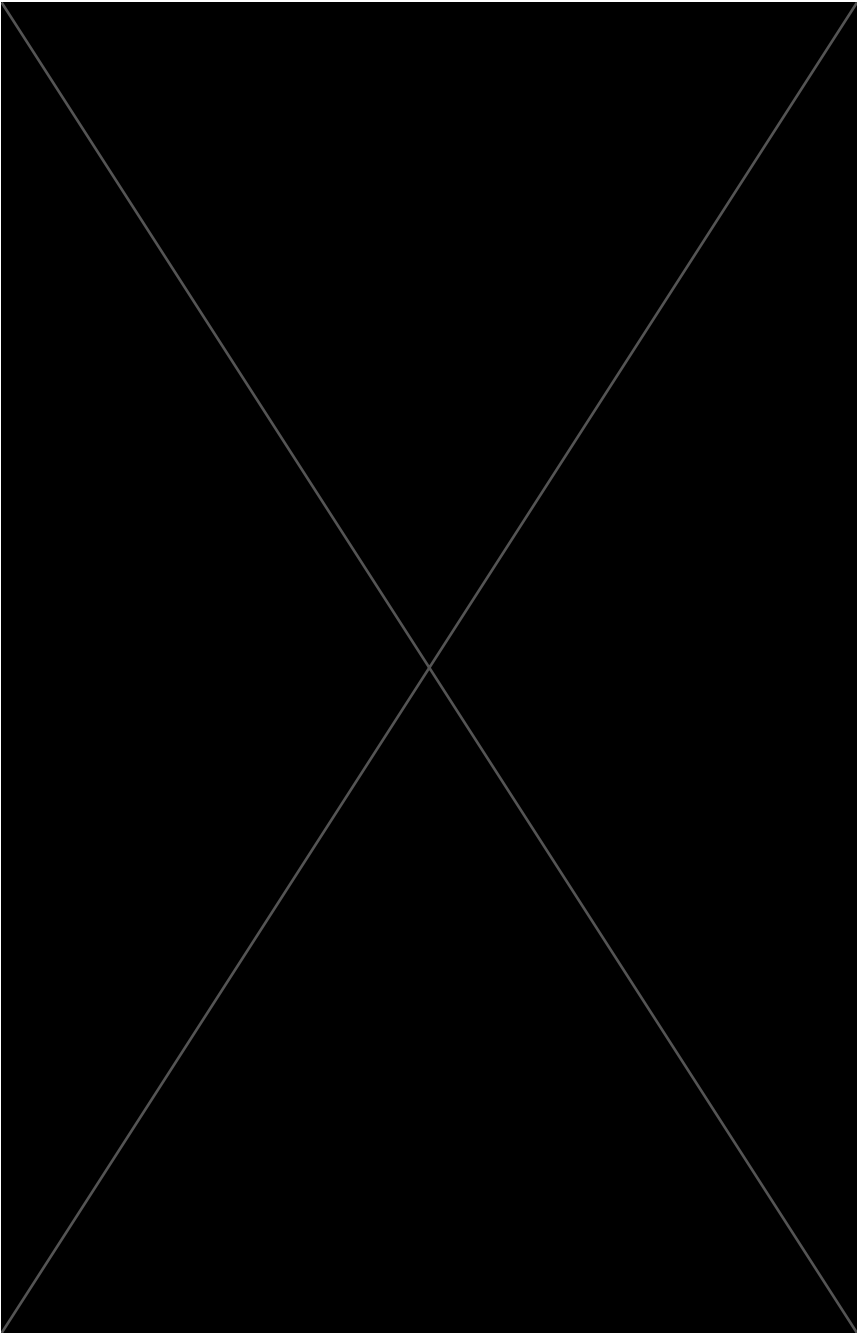
Sin is sin and the Bible teaches us to admonish each other to pursue righteousness.

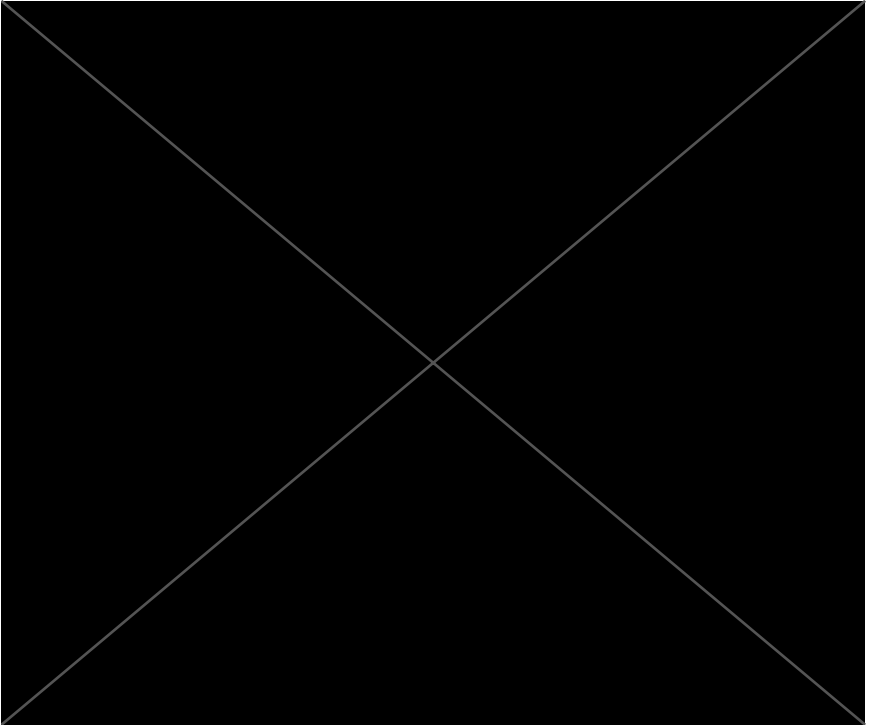
We must ask the Holy Spirit to examine our hearts to ensure that we are not acting out of selfish ambition when we confront sin. We must balance

truth and grace as we live together as the Bride of Christ.

*On behalf of the Bible Study Board*  
Brother Gerry Priest







## BIRTHS

Jordan & Jena Hawbaker of Bronson, Kansas welcomed Uriah Eugene Hawbaker on September 18, 2024.

Jacob & Rhoda Short of West Unity, Ohio welcomed Jessica Fae Short on October 8, 2024.

## OBITUARIES

### **Marion Brooks**

Marion Gene Brooks, son of Frank Hobart Brooks and Minnie Leola Kesler Brooks, was born on October 14, 1928, on the family's Gove County, Kansas farm in the new house his father was building. He passed away on September 22, 2024, at the age of 95.

He graduated from Sunshine Grade School in rural Gove County, where he would walk three miles home from school with neighboring children when the weather was warm. Afterward, he began learning about farming. Later, he met Joyce Julianna Hammond while roller skating in WaKeeney. While dating, he learned that her birthday was October 13, one day before his, so they agreed to be married on October 15, 1950, at the Methodist Church in WaKeeney.

This union was blessed with four children: Gale Eugene, Charles (Chuck) Leon, Mark Franklin, and Rita Joyce.

As a teenager, Marion gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized. As a member of the Dunkard Brethren Church, he served as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and treasurer.

Marion enjoyed farming, painting, and constructing houses. He also worked for Midwest Products, Flex King Industries, and Quin-star for 29 years, and subsequently at the Swift Bullet Co. In his later years, he kept busy in his home shop, making various wooden gifts for family and friends.

Marion enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball and volleyball. He and Joyce traveled the world, visiting 35 countries. They especially appreciated river cruises and trips to the Holy Land. During retirement, they became "Winter Texans" in McAllen, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Eunice; sister, Leona Reed; and brother, Merlin Brooks.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce, and their children: Gale (Sherry), Chuck (Denise), Mark, and Rita (Mark Avila). His 13 grandchildren are Neysa (Steve Hodes), Rochelle (Jared Comfort), Taylor Brooks (Bonnie), Tauni (Nate Seyer), Melissa Whitaker, Melinda (Daniel Shinault), Bryon (Jessica Brooks), Bradley Brooks, Kristal (Garrett Werth), Jessica (Eric Jacques), Morgan (Mike Lawson), Andrew (Aaron Avila), and Matthew Avila.

His 32 great-grandchildren, who lovingly called him “GGPa,” are Stevie, Peyton, Hudson, Kensington, Ocean, Indigo, Sapphire, Symphony, Midnight, Navy, Owen, Delaney, Avery, Makenna, Hannah, Caleb, Jaydon, Clara, Lexie, Kennedy, Sydney, Colt, Jordan, Bekah, Logan, Emery, Addilyn, Cooper, Colby, Evan, Cyrus, and Isla. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Paul (Terry Hammond) and Bill Reed, sister-in-law Janis Milwee, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held October 5, 2024, at Church of the Brethren, Quinter Kansas followed by interment at Baker Township Cemetery, Quinter.

### **Rhonda Wertz**

Ronda Sue (Hostetler) Wertz was born April 6, 1943, and followed her Savior, Jesus, home January 2, 2025.

Born to Vern and Dortha Hostetler in Wauseon, Ohio, she was the second of twins, which was a certain claim to fame for her. Her childhood stories were the joys of growing up with many cousins who lived close by, and tales of the most amazing aunts and uncles ever.

She finished high school and went on to earn an associate degree, working as a medical technician in a lab in Ann Arbor, Michigan. While at Torreon Navajo Mission she was swept off her feet by Leonard Wertz, and they were married in her parents' backyard on September 23, 1967. They traveled extensively across the USA and enjoyed multiple trips to Israel, Europe, and the UK. Together they raised two boys, Brad and Todd, who went on to marry and bring nine grandchildren into her life. She was a proud “Grammy”, known for praying for her grandchildren along with conversing about their adventures while watching them grow up to be productive young men and women. She also enjoyed four great-grandchildren, three of whom would often cross the street to watch wildlife movies and discuss her and Gramp's capers and memorabilia.

She was a steady helpmate, lifelong learner, wonderful cook, and was often found at her sewing machine. In 1975, she and Len started Youth retreat, a summer discipleship camp in the Rockies designed to teach



young people the joy of knowing Jesus through Biblical instruction and fellowship. She is remembered by many as being in the kitchen at Camp Colorado or White Pine planning and cooking delicious meals for crowds of hungry youth. As a minister's wife for 49 years, she found simple ways to serve her church community, one being two years spent at the Torreon Navajo Mission developing many lifelong friendships.

On this side of eternity, she has left sons, Brad (Kirsten) and Todd (Ricki). Grandsons Matthias (Cassie), Blaine (MacKenzie), Corey, Keegan (Kenslie), Aiden, and granddaughters Kimberly, Liberty, Autumn, and Jillian (Trey Edgecomb). Great grandchildren Liam, Lauren, Kayla, and Clara Wertz. Also, her two siblings: Don Hostetler (Lou) and Sandra Armstrong. She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard, parents, Lawrence Clayton (brother-in-law), Bill Armstrong (brother-in-law), Edna Wertz (sister-in-law) and granddaughter Elizabeth Wertz. Ronda Sue (Hostetler) Wertz was born April 6, 1943, and followed her Savior, Jesus, home January 2, 2025.

Funeral services were held at the Dunkard Brethren Church, Quinter, Kansas, on Saturday, January 11, with interment immediately following at Baker Township Cemetery, Quinter.

### **Louis Swanson**

Louis Arthur Swanson, 83 of Hart, Michigan passed away on January 6, 2025, at his home. He was born June 13, 1941, at Hudson, Michigan to Oscar and Ruby Swanson. On June 17, 1962, he married Carol Bishop.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; three children; Thomas (Tina) Swanson of Quaker City, Ohio, Ronald (Kerry) Swanson of Ludington, Michigan, Amy (Phil) Susdorf of Harrison, Michigan.

He is also survived by 9 grandchildren; Malachi (Brandi) Swanson of Cardington, Ohio, Micah (Kaylee) Swanson of Cardington, Ohio, Hannah (Justin) Jones of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Jacob Swanson of Alma, Michigan, Joel (Katy) Swanson of Berrien Center, Michigan, Alyssa Swanson of Madison, Michigan, Benjamin Swanson

of Ludington, Michigan, Luke (Miriah) Shaffer, Parowan, Utah, and Gabrielle Susdorf of Harrison Michigan, 4 great grandchildren; Bexley Swanson, Elisha Swanson, Piper Swanson and Logan Jones.

Louis is also survived by a brother, George Swanson of Durkee, Oregon and nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, a daughter-in-law, Anjanette Swanson, a sister-in-law, Evelyn Swanson and a sister-in-law, Marion Swanson.

## **NEWS ITEMS**

### **Men's Retreat**

Men's Retreat is February 21-22 at Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, Michigan. The topic for this year is "GO – Calling Men Seeking the Will of God" and the planned speaker is Peter Heck of Jerome Christian Church in Greentown, Indiana. Make sure to see the brochure for more information and to register for the retreat.

### **New Church House – Garnett, Kansas**

The Garnett Dunkard Brethren congregation began meeting in their new building on January 19. The new address is:  
430 North Grant St.  
Garnett, KS 66032

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR March 2025**

### **Mar. 2. - II Sam. 5:1-12 - David Anointed King of Israel**

1. How did the people of Israel feel about David as their new King?
2. What was the difference between David's leadership and the leadership that Saul displayed?
3. What does capturing Jerusalem mean for David and his kingship?

**Mar. 9. - II Sam. 5:13-25 - David Defeats the Philistines**

1. What is the significance of the stronghold of Zion?
2. How does the Bible show David sought the Lord consistently when it came to battle?
3. What does David's practice of seeking the Lord's plan teach us about seeking God's will in daily life today?

**Mar. 16 - II Sam. 6:1-11 - The Ark is Taken to Obededom's House**

1. Why did David want to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem?
2. How did David react to Uzzah's death, and what does this reveal about his character?
3. What are some practical ways to ensure that our worship and approach to God are done with the proper reverence and respect?

**Mar. 23. - II Sam. 6:12-23 - The Ark Arrives in the City of David**

1. Why did David dance and leap before the Lord?
2. How does Michal's criticism of David's dancing reflect her perspective on appropriate worship?
3. How does David's attire (linen ephod) contribute to the understanding of his worshipful posture?

**Mar. 30 - II Sam 7:1-17 - Nathan and David**

1. Why does David want to build a house for God, and what does this reveal about his character and understanding of God?
2. How does God's response to David's plan demonstrate His sovereignty and greater purpose beyond a physical temple?
3. What are the key elements of the covenant God makes with David, and how does it foreshadow the coming of Jesus Christ?

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### STANDING INFORMATION

#### Editorial Policy

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- Instructions for Applicants (1998), no charge. Also available digitally on website.
- Sunday School Lesson Plan (2025 – Adult and Youth). Available digitally on website.
- *They Counted the Cost* (Keith M. Bailey, 2009, 535 pages – a.k.a. Dunkard Brethren History Book), \$20 plus any postage. Also available on Amazon.
- *Rudy's Bible Stories* (Rudy Cover, Illustrated by Bethany Johnson, 2022, 353 pages). Available on Amazon - postage may apply. Paperback - \$11.99, Hardcover - \$19.99, Kindle - \$0.48
- *Bible Pictures Coloring Book* (Bethany Johnson, 2022, 45 pages). Available on Amazon – postage may apply. Paperback - \$4.99
- *Brethren Hymnal* (hard back, 1988 edition, 512 pages) \$9 ea., \$105 doz. plus postage

Tracts / Booklets (No Charge)

- Why Triune Baptism
- Plain Dressing
- Which Is the Right Church?
- The Service of Feet Washing as a Religious Rite
- What Shall I Do with The Commandments of Jesus?
- Daily Reminder
- The Lord's Supper
- The Doctrine of The Prayer Veil
- The Brethren's Card
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