

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

JUNE 2011

Believing, by Mike Hanson

On my birthday last year, my son Brandon gave me an iPod. Having taken great pride as one who doesn't resist change, I abandoned my 8-track tape player (Google it) and delved into the world of mp3 players and iTunes.

I have always been a fan of Dr James Dobson. I was doing an internet search on him not long after I received the ipod and discovered he had started a new program called FamilyTalk. None of the Christian stations in Billings carried this program but lo and behold his program was available via podcasting. So I searched through iTunes and was able to begin downloading his program which I thoroughly enjoy. And I can listen to it at my convenience which is also very nice.

On one program, his son Ryan (who co-hosts the show) was very emotionally telling of how he had a tendency to try some crazy things which consequently has led him to success on some ventures he had gone into. He became choked up as he told of a major reason he was able to try these things. It was because his wife believed in him. Even when he failed, she was there to encourage him to move on to the next "crazy" attempt. As I pondered this, it occurred to me how much any one of us could accomplish if we just had someone who believed in us. It is reported that before inventing the light bulb, Thomas Edison failed over 100 times. Did he have someone behind him saying "Keep trying Thomas. I've seen what you can do. Don't give up." On the other hand, I've got to wonder how after being part of such a richly blessed existence, Job's wife could look at him and say why don't you just curse God and die.

In reality, all we need is God to succeed. There are so many Scriptures that support his belief in us. But He also created us to need each other. The belief in each other in some relationships is so much more vital than in others (husband-wife; parent-child; siblings; fellow Christians). But it is still a vital cog in any successful relationship. David asked the Lord to examine his heart and see if there be any wicked way in him. Lets examine our hearts. When someone crashes and burns, how do we react? Do we extend a hand-up, offer an encouraging word, give any support that we are able? Or do we "kick em when they're down"? As humans, believing in each other is so important. As Christians, it is as necessary as eating and breathing. And who knows. Your next word or deed of encouragement may be the very thing that helps your recipient to the next level.

Eph 4:29 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.



PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY- 10 AM
6 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY PRAYER-
7 PM

July 3rd- 10 AM
One Service Only

2335 Lewis Ave
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I am thankful for my Dad because...



““He makes me smile”
- Acacia



“ He makes time for me”
-Andrew

Like Father, Like Child

As we celebrate Father’s Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant’s song “Father’s Eyes” tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. “When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, ‘She’s got her father’s eyes.’”

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate? May others see our heavenly Father in us!

““Of his determination and strength and love for all of my family”
-Jenae Z.

“ He makes me laugh”
- Matthew R.



OUTREACH

Come take our church out of the church, and into the community to reach the lost souls of Billings
Saturday, June 11
10 am

DARE TO CARE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please bring the following items in a freezer bag or empty shoe box

- *soap
- *deodorant
- *comb/ brush
- *shampoo/conditioner
- *toothpaste
- *toothbrush
- * hand sanitizer
- * washcloth



If you are only able to bring a few of the supplies, that is okay. Through the month of June I will be collecting these kits and at the end of the month will take them to the Women's Shelter. I will be adding a King James Bible, and church tract to the packages. If you have any questions please see April Coonfare

Up Coming Events:

June 23-25 - Youth Camp, Helena
July 3- Church Picnic - Behind Senior High @ Pioneer Park
July 7th-9th- VARIETY- Rawlins, WY
July 21-23- Wyola Camp Meeting
August 1st-4th- Family Camp- Hungry Horse



SOLD OUT -YOUTH GROUP

We are the young army of God and we are **sold out** to Christ!
Come join the fellowship and fun nights on Friday nights at 7 pm and
our Youth Service every Sunday morning at 10 am
Ages 12 + is welcome to come.

If you have questions please contact Alan or April Coonfare @ 855-6256

RECIPE BOOKS FOR SALE:

Support our youth and buy a copy of our very own
United Pentecostals of Billings Cook book.
Thank you to all that submitted your recipe to help
make this happen.
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CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Dayn Leonardson
Tyler Sapp
John Bailey
Louie Dauenhauer
Michael Kruger
Medicine Crow Family
Marty McFate
Carol Penrod



June 2011

S M T W T F S

1 2 3 4

SOFTBALL
6:15

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Softball
6:15

Out Reach
10 AM

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Pentecost
Sunday

Softball
6:15

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Youth Camp
Helena

Youth Camp
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Youth Camp
Helena

26 27 28 29 30

Softball
6:15

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken Paprika

2lbs. chicken breasts (salt and pepper and brown in olive oil in a skillet)

Take chicken out and in same skillet :

2 bell peppers

1 large onion

2 cloves garlic

2T. paprika

½ tsp. all spice

Chicken stock/Sour cream



Put chicken back in skillet. Serve with egg noodles.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next couple of months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

Mark 1:35

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

WORDS OF INSIGHT

EX.12:13-”And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are; when I see the blood I will pass over you and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you.”



Lev. 8:30-” And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the alter, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments...and sanctified Aaron.”

Rev. 12:11-”And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb.”

**Plead the Blood
Over This Day
Over My Family
Over My Church Family
Over My City, State, and Nation**

“ The blood of Jesus is our only counter agent. When there is no blood covering, sin is free to corrupt and destroy.”

“ Lord, I plead the Blood over this day, over my time with You and keep this conversation private from the enemy.”

*** Make a list of names of those you will plead the blood over daily.**

WHO IS YOUR GUIDE?



Psalm 48:14 “For that is what God is like. He is our God forever and ever, and he will be our guide until we die.”

When I was twelve years old my family took a vacation into Kentucky and Tennessee. Somewhere in one of those states, on a back road we ran across a not very well known set of caves. It wasn't one of the famous, on the map, caves, but it was there, and we were there and we were on vacation so we all agreed that we should take the tour. I remember not really wanting to go deep into the caves until I saw the guide. As a young girl beginning to recognize the benefits of the opposite sex I thought he was about the best looking man I had ever seen in my whole (long?) life! I was willing to follow him anywhere. So, we started into the cave.

The guide told us that we must always stay with him. He said that there were side caverns and tunnels that might look appealing, but that we must never stray down them because there were dangers in many of them, and it was not impossible to get totally lost. If we stayed with him, said the guide, we could enjoy the journey through the caves without danger, because even though there were very dark places in the cave, places where we could not even see the guide, but if we listened to his voice we would come out on the other side—which we eventually did. After the darkness of the caves, the brilliant June sunshine temporarily blinded us, but when our eyes once again adjusted to the lights the scene before us was beautiful. A garden setting, with flowers—especially my favorite roses—complete with picnic tables set with sandwiches and cold lemonade.

Many years have passed since that day when I was twelve, but I can look upon it now and parallel it with my Christian walk. If we follow the Guide, listen for His voice, no matter how dark the journey gets, no matter what dangers might be positioned in our way, we will come out on the other side. If we do not allow ourselves to be led off the path our Guide is taking us down we will not risk being lost. And, the Guide we are following is beautiful. He is the bright and Morning Star, the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor and the Almighty God. Our Guide for this journey is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I welcome you to join the journey for at the end of the journey we will find the brightness of the Eternal Light and a garden far more beautiful than that garden of many years ago. Won't you come with me and enjoy the tour?



For those who have decided they would like to be a part of the POB audio Bible, I have established an email exclusively for this project. You can email me to let me know you are interested at the following email address: pobaudiobible@gmail.com All correspondence will be handled through this email address. Depending on the interest, we should be able to start within a month. I will forward instructions via this email as soon as I have a list of interested people.

Thank you- Mike Hanson

SOLD OUT



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER A 3 month plan to live out your faith

July

- Sit down close to the water on a sandy beach and read [Matthew 7:24-27](#) several times. Then write verse 26 in the sand and try to memorize it before the waves wash it away. Keep writing the verse until you've memorized it. Ask yourself: What can I do to make sure I am building my life on solid rock?
- While riding in the car, on your summer mission trip or during mecaptionimes at home, play 20 Questions—using characters taken from the Bible. (Consider limiting your 20 Questions to Bible characters found in the past three or four issues of *Ignite Your Faith*.)
- Read the parable of the Good Samaritan in [Luke 10:25-37](#). Ask yourself: How can I be a Good Samaritan to someone in need—and someone I wouldn't normally help? Before the month ends, do something to show God's love to this person.
- Ask your youth pastor, pastor or church secretary for a list of missionaries in your church. Spend time online reading about the places where these missionaries serve. If available, read the web pages or current blogs written by these missionaries. Say a prayer for each missionary, focusing on a specific need.
- With friends or your family, brainstorm a group volunteer project you could do together before school starts.
- Dig deeply into Philippians by using a study Bible with background material and commentary notes. (Some study Bibles to check out: The Student Bible, NLT Student Life Application Study Bible, NKJV Study Bible.)

BAD COMPANY

"Do not be misled. Bad company corrupts good character." (1 Corinthians 15:33)

They influence your speech, dress, and mannerisms. They are your constant mirrors. They are in your address book and in your phone's speed dial. They have a firm grip on your heartstrings, and often-times they are the difference between success and failure in the Christian life. Good ones can nudge you to victory. Bad ones can drag you to defeat. What are they? You guessed it...friends!

The bottom line is that the type of friends who form your inner circle will most likely determine how faithfully you serve Christ, and whether or not you make a spiritual difference on your campus. When Paul wrote today's verse: "Do not be misled. Bad company corrupts good character" - he was addressing a friendship situation.

The Christians at Corinth had friends who basically denied the resurrection. In other words, their main goal in life was to try and find happiness through partying, because there would be no judgment day. So these believers had friends who were pulling them in the wrong direction. My guess is that those Christians thought that they were strong enough in their faith to resist the bad influences of their friends.

Paul says- I don't think so...

So what about it? Are you being misled? Do you have as your best friends those who have Jesus as their best friend? If not, it's just a matter of time before your character is corrupted with the virus of spiritual compromise.

In the words of one pastor: "If you drop a white glove in the mud...the mud doesn't become 'glovey'...the glove becomes muddy." This is especially true in relationships. Christian teens that continue with godless friendships will themselves become godless.

Maybe you need to make some decisions right now about your inner circle of friends. Don't put it off! The whole direction of your spiritual life hangs in the balance...

Ponder This...

“Untilled ground, however rich, will bring forth thistles and thorns; so also the mind of man.”

-St. Teresa of Avila

“A father’s words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house.”

-Paul Lewis

“Whatever you think, be sure it is what you think; whatever you want, be sure it is what you want; whatever you feel, be sure that it is what you feel.”

—T.S. Eliot



June

1 - Trenton Gursky

4 - Drake Coonfare

5 - Theresa Bailey

14 - Laney Richey

17 - Jason Ruff

21 - Becky Wittman

29 - George Walks

If you would like a private Bible study simply give us a call.

In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.



Quiet Space

“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.” Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

Father’s Day — more than a day

Father’s Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.