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One God for All Nations

“Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith” (Romans 3:29-30).

By David K. Bernard

The worship of the one true God unites us in fellowship.

We are saved as we believe on Him and obey His plan of salvation in Jesus Christ.

In ancient Palestine there was a strong distinction between Jew and Gentile, circumcised and uncircumcised. In the Gentile world there was likewise a strong distinction between those who followed Greek culture and everyone else, who were called barbarians. In every society there are distinctions between insiders and outsiders. All too often the result in human history has sadly been prejudice, discrimination, and segregation.

Racial or social prejudice was never God’s plan. In fact, it is sinful (James 2:9). While the Israelites were God’s chosen people, He planned to use them to bless all nations (Genesis 12:3). Through them He gave the Scriptures and the Messiah to the whole world (Romans 9:4-5). Thus the apostle Paul asked, Is God merely the God of the Jews? Of course not. Isn’t He also the God of everyone else too? Yes, He is! From this truth, Paul drew an important conclusion: If there is only one God for all nations, then there is only one plan of salvation, namely, through faith in Jesus Christ.

We are not saved by having the “right” background, citizenship, race, culture, language, or family. No matter our ancestral home, country of origin, skin color, native language, social standing, economic condition, education, or legal status, we are all created in God’s image and He cares equally for each of us. Jesus Christ died for all humanity, and all of us can be saved through His gospel. Each of us can be justified, or counted as righteous, through faith in Him. When preaching to the Athenians, Paul made note of their altar to an “unknown god” (Acts 17:23). He could have condemned them for polytheism and idolatry, but instead he started with common ground. He explained that the God whom they worshiped as unknown was actually the one true God who made everything and everyone. All nations are actually of one blood, and everyone should seek after Him, for He is not far from any one. Paul then quoted from pagan poets: “For we are all his offspring” (Acts 17:28). Moreover, since God created us we should not think He is like an idol that we make with our hands. Instead of worshiping idols, we must repent and believe on Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. In short, Paul appealed to all nations, and he employed whatever truth he found in their culture to lead them to the true God. How could he say to the worshipers of Zeus, Athena, and other pagan deities that God was not far from them? Because God is not looking for ways to send people to Hell; He is reaching out to everyone, no matter how far away they may seem to be.

Several years ago, a man from a predominantly Muslim country attended our church in Austin, Texas. He was impressed by our teachings about the oneness of God, submission to the will of God, and modesty of dress, which were similar to his own beliefs. He also felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services and knew we had something real.



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I explained that he should start with the most important teaching of his tradition, namely, the truth of one God. Second, he needed to realize that since we humans could not save ourselves, the true God came in flesh as the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin. We could not reach up to Heaven, so God reached down to us. Third, because Jesus died for us and rose again, we can now be born again and receive God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us power to submit to God and live a holy life. In a few weeks, the man repented, was baptized in Jesus' name, and received the Holy Spirit!

Whether our ancestors were always here, came to the New World on the Mayflower, or whether we immigrated to North America last week, we have the same God. He loves us, and He has a plan for our lives. People of every nation and ethnicity need to understand three simple yet beautiful truths. First, there is only one God, and He created all of us. Second, our Creator became our Savior, as the Lord Jesus Christ. Third, if we will believe on Jesus and obey His gospel, He will forgive our sins and come to dwell in us as the Holy Spirit.



**VBS
2011 GOLD RUSH
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JULY AND
AUGUST 10TH
6:30 PM-8:30 PM @ CHURCH**

***Helpers and donations are needed.
See Sis Joann Walsh or the donation and
sign up lists are in the foyer.**

CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

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





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



UpComing Events:

July 31st - All Nations Day

August 1st-4th- Family Camp- Hungry Horse

October 21-22 - Youth Convention



PENTECOSTAL OF BILLINGS AUDIO BIBLE

*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*



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
FAMILY CAMP - HUNGRY HORSE, MT						
			PRAYER MEETING 7 PM			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					YOUTH 7 PM	BUFFALO HUNT
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					YOUTH 7 PM	
28	29	30	31			
	LEADERSHIP TRAINING 7 PM					

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Bowtie Pasta Dinner

- 1 box bowtie pasta
- 1-can spaghetti sauce
- 1 lb hamburger
- 1 green pepper (chopped)
- 1 bag mozzarella cheese
- 1 bag of pepperoni
- 1 can mushrooms



Brown hamburger and drain grease. Boil bowtie pasta until fully cooked. Add spaghetti sauce, green peppers, mushrooms and pepperoni with hamburger and let simmer 10 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drain noodles. Mix noodles and hamburger mixture in cake pan. Bake covered with tinfoil for 10 minutes. Add cheese on top and bake an additional 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

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

Isaiah 26:3- “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.”

Romans 8:6- “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Philippians 2:5- “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus;”

Whole Armour of God

Take it on

(Ephesians 6:13-17)

Helmet of Salvation

Protect My Mind

A helmet is also a protection for the eyes. Pray during this time,

“Keep my mind and eyes focused on you. Let me think right; let me view things through your eyes, Oh Lord.”

The Shadow of the Almighty

By Fran Lane



***“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
hall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”*** (Psalms 91:1)

The other day I was driving down 27th Street in the heat of the day. It was one of those almost 100° days we have been enduring lately. I have no air conditioning in my car, so I had to use God’s air conditioning—the air coming into the car as it moved (mostly hot but at least moving). I hated having to stop at the stoplights because it just seemed like the heat sucked the breath out of me as I sat there. Then, I noticed that there were times when I stopped that I was in the shade and the heat didn’t seem so bad. Instantly the above verse came into my mind. God is our shade tree as we pass through the scorching heat of life. If we abide in the secret place of the Most High, we shall be in the “shadow” (protection) of His wings (loving arms). He is our protection from the “fiery” darts of the enemy (Eph. 6:16).

Standing still in our spiritual life can suck the life out of us. We need to keep moving, and as we do, we will begin to notice that we are continuously shaded by God’s loving arms. The Word tells us that He “leads” us (Ps. 23:2-3; 125:5; Rom 2:4; Rev. 7:17). Lead is an action word. We are not to stand still, we are to move forward or as Paul put it, “press on” (Phil 3:14). As we do so, we will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**God knows your purpose.
Do you?**



*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a purpose.”
Jeremiah 29:11*



SOLD OUT

Youth Accountability Questions

YOU ARE ONLY
WHAT YOU ARE
WHEN NO ONE
IS LOOKING

"Not without eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

~Ephesians 6:6

Joe Smith was a loyal carpenter who worked almost two decades for a successful contractor. The contractor called him into his office one day and said, "Joe, I'm putting you in charge of the next house we build. I want you to order all the materials and oversee the job from the ground up."

Joe accepted the assignment with great enthusiasm. He studied the blueprints and checked every measurement and specification. Suddenly, he had a thought. If I'm really in charge, why couldn't I cut a few corners, use less expensive materials, and put the extra money in my pocket? Who will know? Once the house is painted, it will look great.

So Joe set about his scheme. He ordered second-grade lumber and inexpensive concrete, put in cheap wiring, and cut every corner he could. When the home was finished, the contractor came to see it.

"What a fine job you've done!" he said. "You've been such a faithful carpenter to me all these years that I've decided to show you my gratitude by giving you a gift-this house."

Build well today. You will have to live with the character and reputation you construct.

Check out **SOLD OUT** Youth Group Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!

Here are 7 accountability questions that we should ask ourselves.

1. Did you accomplish your spiritual goals for this month? Did you pray for others? Did you have a daily quiet time with God?
2. What did you do to enhance your relationship with your parents/friends?
3. In What ways has God blessed you this month? and/ or what disappointment consumed your thoughts this month?
4. Did you look at someone with jealousy this month?
5. Have you shared your faith? in what ways? How can you improve? Have you had an opportunity with a non-Christian?
6. What are your goals in saving money?
7. What do you see as the number one need for the month? What do you see as the other persons' in the group their number one need?



AND, AS ALWAYS, I WANT TO REMIND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FANNED OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK TO DO SO

Ponder This...

“Our sanctification does not depend as much on changing our activities as it does on doing them for God rather than for ourselves.”

—Brother Lawrence

“God has given us two hands: one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.”

—Billy Graham

“To see a world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wild flower, hold Infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour.”

—William Blake



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1-Mike Hanson/Rickey Kraft

5- Greg Price

13-Palmer Henrickson

15-Mike Jordan

17-Jenae Ziegler

23-Ruth Evig/Donna Huffmon

29-Kimberly Shields

31-Tiara Gopher

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.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5-Jason & Dusty Ruff

7-Mike & Sherry Hanson

26-David & Heather Rennich

