

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

An Open Door

By, Pastor Hines

I came across the following article and it impressed upon me to share it.

Since it is that time of year where we celebrate our thankfulness for the past year of blessings, it reminds us of an important part that does get missed or neglected. Let us not forget to thank God for those open doors he provides for us.

The Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Because of the extreme conditions of the winter, they lost almost half of those who sailed. To celebrate the survival of their first winter and the blessings of a bountiful harvest, they started a tradition of Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621.

Although our Thanksgiving holiday has evolved and become somewhat different than the time of the Pilgrims, it still holds a core truth in that we ought to be thankful for what God has done for us.

These Pilgrims who were desperate for change and liberty to worship, decided to step through a door of the unknown, a door of possible tragedy, but more important, a door of new hope and freedom. An open door represents a passageway into another room, a means of access to something, a place of transition.

The Bible speaks many times about open doors and we can compile a short but not exhaustive list of the doors God has opened in the Bible as well as our lives.

I. THE DOOR OF SALVATION

Of all the doors God has opened for mankind, this is far more important than any other. The means of access to the New Birth experience (Acts 2:38, John 3:1-8) was created through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matthew 27:51 speaks of the veil in the temple being torn in two from the top to the bottom, signifying the door of grace and mercy being opened to all who seek Him.

Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom to Peter (Matthew 16:19) and Peter took those keys and unlocked the door on the Day of Pentecost as he preached under the inspiration of his newfound, Holy Ghost experience.

In John 10, Jesus said He was the door to the sheepfold and as a result, there was only one door.

II. THE DOOR OF DELIVERANCE

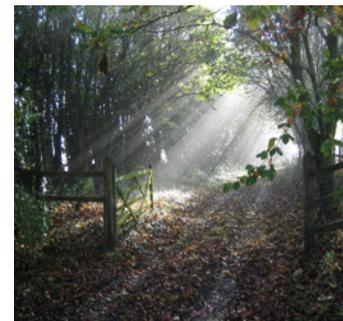
God opened the doors of the prison for Paul and Silas (Acts 16:26), the apostles preaching in Jerusalem (Acts 5:19) and also for Peter (Acts 12). Paul spoke of a "way of escape" in I Corinthians 10:1.

III. THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

God is in the business of giving to us this "abundant life" He spoke of in John 10:10. He always has our best interests in mind in every thing He does, in every door He opens and closes. Although Jesus, (in speaking of prayer) told us to "knock and it shall be opened," (Luke 11:9) be careful how hard and long you knock on a door because it might be opened!

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November 2011



**PENTECOSTALS
OF BILLINGS**

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY
10 AM
6 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY
PRAYER- 7 PM

2335 Lewis Ave
406-652-2443
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Tuesday, November 22
Thanksgiving
Service



We have all been guilty of setting our sights on a particular door when God had another ready to open if we would go back to the "asking" and "seeking" part.

I believe God is always looking to take us into spiritual places we have never been before, open doors of new vision, open doors to talk to new people about God and we need to be always aware and ready to step through those open doors.

If it has been a long time since God has opened doors in your life, perhaps you need to once again, open a door only you can open, the door of your heart.

Revelations 3:20: . . .Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

God has become, as it were, our "divine doorkeeper," opening doors in every one of our lives, providing a means of access, a place of transition into areas not accessible without Him.

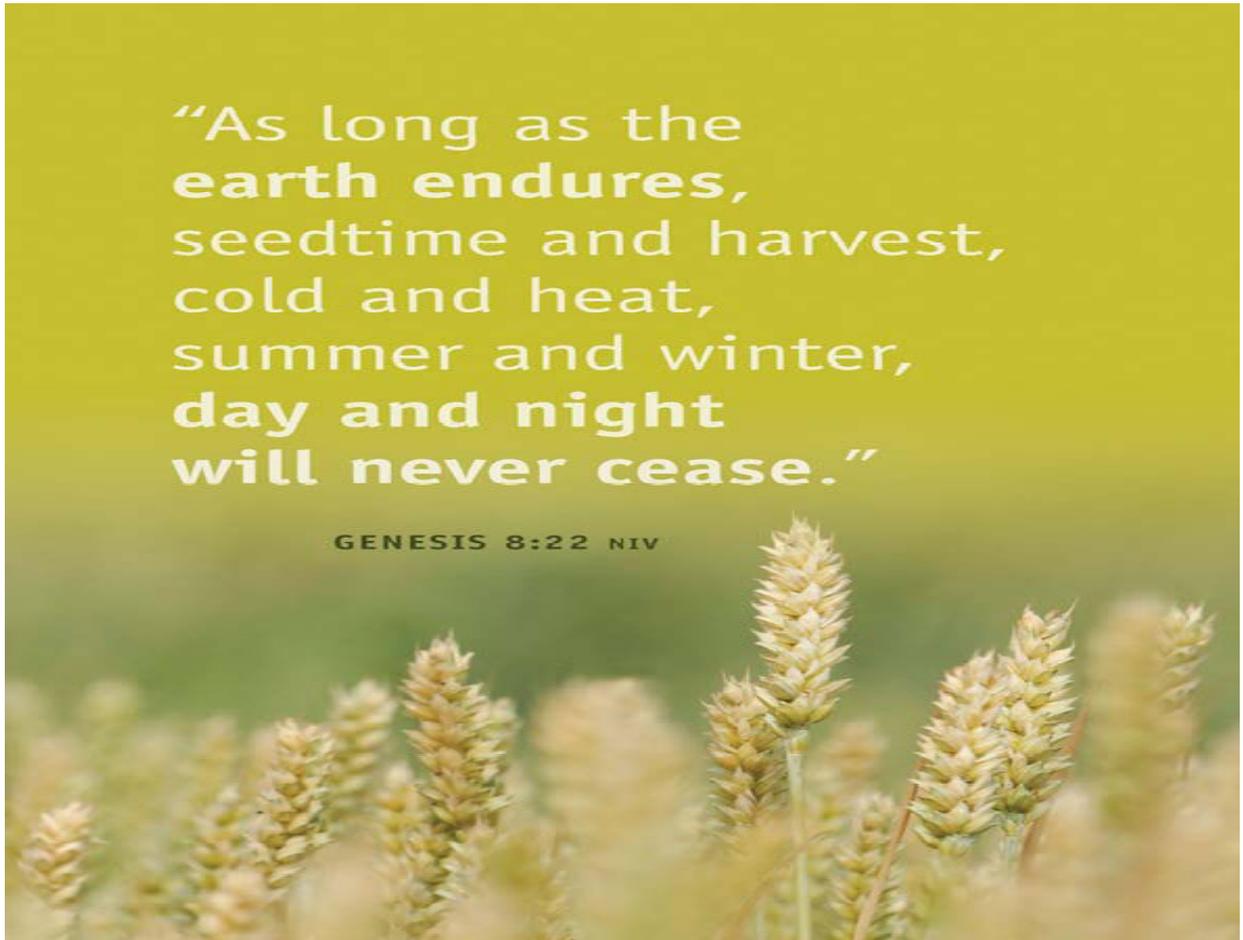
This Thanksgiving, have a spirit of gratitude for how far God has brought you, for all the doors he has opened when there wasn't even a door to open.

Psalms 100:4: Enter into his gates (doors) with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.



**"As long as the
earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease."**

GENESIS 8:22 NIV



Up Coming Events:

QUIZ MEET IN HARDIN- 11-12-2011
THANKSGIVING SERVICE- 11-22-2011
LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY- 12-2-2011



SOLD OUT -YOUTH GROUP

We are the young army of God and we are **sold out** to Christ!

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Ages 12 + is welcome to come.

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

CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

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

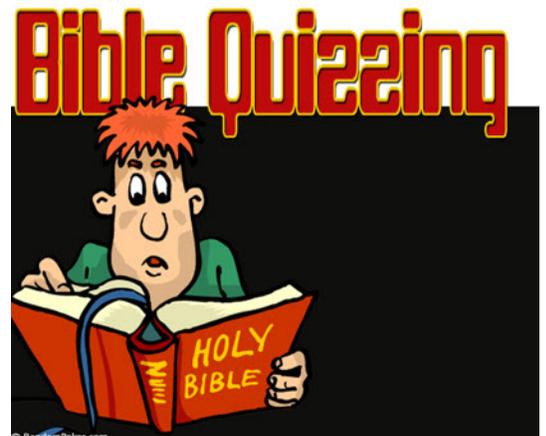


If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email:
coonfare03@yahoo.com

ATTENTION ALL BIBLE QUIZZERS :

Practice Tournament
Where: Hardin, MT
When: November 12
12:00 pm

Please see Brother or Sister Pohl if you have questions
They will send out an email to all parents with more info.





NOVEMBER 2011

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					YOUTH AT 7 PM	CHOIR 6 PM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				QUIZ MEETING 6:30 PM	YOUTH AT 7 PM	QUIZZING HARDIN 12 PM PRACTICE: MUSIC- 5 PM CHOIR- 6 PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						PRACTICE: MUSIC- 5 PM CHOIR- 6 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		THANKSGIVING SERVICE 7 PM	Thanksgiving Holiday-no Wed. Or Saturday Service			
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Ladies Christmas Party 7 pm Rennichs	PRACTICE: MUSIC- 5 PM CHOIR- 6 PM

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI



Ingredients:

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 lb. Spaghetti pasta
- 1 can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 lb. Mexican or regular Velveeta Cheese
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes (tomatoes with green chiles)
- ½ cup chopped white onion
- 1 tsp of Worcestershire sauce

Preparation:

Boil chicken breasts in large pan adding a pinch of salt to water. Remove chicken when completely done. Boil noodles in remaining broth, drain after done. Cut chicken into small, bite-sized pieces. Cut cheese into small chunks and melt in sauce pan. Sauté chopped onions in a pan with the Worcestershire sauce, till onions are soft. Combine in large pan: chicken, noodles, cheese, soups, and Rotel. Mix well and serve.

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 52:7 “ how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace...”

Luke 1:78 “ ...Whereby the dayspring form on high hath visited us...”

Luke 1:79 “ To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Whole Armour of God Take it on (Ephesians 6:13-17)

**Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace
Everywhere I walk bring peace.**

Preparation is putting on the boots. It is a willingness to be peaceful and to bring peace.

“Lord, guide my feet and guard them. Set my feet in a large place safe from the pit. Send the angels to keep me from bruising my feet against a stone.:



I AM THANKFUL FOR...

“I am thankful for my family.”
Alyssa W.

“I am thankful that I have a mom and dad and people to take care of me.”
Trenton G.

“ I am thankful for a good church and pastor.”
Braedan P.

“I am thankful for a house and food.”
Mckenna P.

“ I am thankful for the front pew to sit on at church.”
Aubrey W.

“I am thankful for my home.”
Abigail P.

SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Heather Rennich



- 1. Where are you originally from?** Big Timber, MT
- 2. How did you come to find God?** Chris Trevino witnessed to me at work. I didn't want to hear it, but he planted a seed. David would go to church with Chris and it really bugged me but made me curious at the same time. I didn't really see my need for God until a tragedy happened that made me really want to believe that there is a God that can comfort and make sense of a horrible situation. Bro. Russell taught David and I a bible study and I saw my need to be baptized.
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** 23
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** 23
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** Jeremiah 29:11, and i love the book of Hosea.
- 6. Tell me something that God has done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you.** He has and is showing me what mercy is all about. That He loves me unconditionally and anything I do or don't do, won't change that. That I am more precious to Him than silver or gold.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** Not really any hobbies to speak of, just enjoy being with my family and friends, and new found love of running and being active.
- 8. Favorite type of food?** Probably would have to say Mexican! Or Italian.

SOLD OUT



Who Needs Prayer?

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole!"

So why does it take the most desperate situations to bring out our most desperate cries to our Father? It's almost as if we delight in handling life in our own strength, until life rears its ugly head and gives us a serious beat down...only then does the idea of running to Jesus cross our minds.

Just like those three preachers, I think we might have the wrong idea about what prayer is supposed to be all about. Do I know what prayer is all about? Absolutely not! It's probably one of the biggest mysteries in the universe. But don't let that stop you from challenging your perception of the most powerful force in the universe.

For some, prayer is like carrying around an 'emergency use' cell phone. It doesn't cost much, it's cool to have around, and if there's ever any trouble you can just dial for help.

For others, prayer is like dieting/exercise. You know you need to do it, you know it's incredibly good for you- but it's just too much work. So you talk about it, read about it, hear others chatter about it, even imagine what your life would be like if you did it...but you don't.

For most, prayer is like an incredibly expensive gift. You are so honored that you received it, and you'd love to use it- but you're just not sure how.

I think that's why God went out of His way to send the instruction manual in the pages of Scripture. Because I'm not the one who has the right to tell you how to pray, what I thought might be helpful is to list some key passages that have to do with proper use and care of the amazing privilege called prayer. Please take time to slowly read and meditate over these words, because you never know when you could be hanging from a telephone pole!

Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. (Ephesians 6:18)

Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be honored. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us our food day by day. And forgive us our sins--just as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And don't let us yield to temptation." (Luke 11:1-4)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. (Philippians 4:6)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for the next three and a half years! Then he prayed for rain, and down it poured. The grass turned green, and the crops began to grow again. (James 5:16-17)



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**“Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to him as a love gift. ... Offer the blessing back to him in a deliberate act of worship. If you hoard a thing for yourself, it will turn into a spiritual dry rot, as the manna did when it was hoarded. God will never let you hold a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to him that he may make it a blessing to others.”
—Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest**

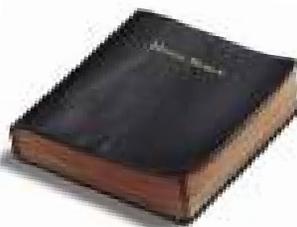
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6-Patrick McFate
- 10-Denise Justice
- 15-Destynee Trevino/Susan Sifuentes
- 19-Howard McClean
- 22-Aaliyah Gopher
- 28-Carl Kershner

“Greetings from Texas Bible College-
One thing God has given the opportunity for is a Missions tri, this will be my first Missions trip to attend. Every year over Spring Break, TBC takes a group of students on a Missions trip to allow them to experience a few days in the life of a Missions. TBC has given us the chance to go to Puerto Rico. I feel that God is moving me in this direction, whether for the experience or for something more, I would not want to let this opportunity pass me by.
In order for me to be involved in this trip I need to raise a total of \$1100, of which \$675 has to be in by the 1st for December for my airfare. I know that if it is God’s will, He will make the way, but I am taking a step of faith by asking if you would sponsor me financially, as well as with your prayers. If you could sponsor me for \$100? \$50?
Or whatever God lays on your heart to give I would GREATLY APPRECIATE!”
Thank you in advance for all your help!

Sincerely,
Nicole Griffith

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.



Ponder This...

- “A child of God should be a visible beatitude, for joy and happiness, and a living doxology, for gratitude and adoration.”
—Charles H. Spurgeon
- “When our perils are past, shall our gratitude sleep?”
—George Canning
- “There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart.”
—Celia Thaxter
- “Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”
-Albert Schweitzer