

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

April 2012

Hoarders, by April Coonfare

One day while visiting a relative in the hospital there was an episode on the television called Hoarders. It is appalling to see people live in such a mess of an environment that is unhealthy and nasty! To label it a little more plainly: they are people that have too much junk. Usually as a result of a tragedy or some deeply-rooted issue, but it's about to kill them in one form or another.



Their pattern overtakes their homes and causing disease and disaster, their habit of holding on to things excessively is a seemingly unbreakable one. A dangerous situation is unfolding. The mode of their minds is such that, in the beginning they are in denial, and they refuse to believe that things are as bad as they are. Then as the reality of their situation hits them, the bottom line is the same for each one: A change of mind and heart is imperative. The decision must be made to rip out the old and usher in the new, then trade the old habits for new ones.

I was thinking on this the other day, what about spiritual hoarding?

Many of us hold onto our old nasty habits that we just don't want to get rid of. Some hold onto their past and can't let go. Holding onto habits and past things can hinder us and hold us back from going forward in our walk with God. Maybe you have some emotional hoarding.

Has someone in your past hurt you, and even though it doesn't feel good, it feels very safe to hold on to that unforgiveness? What other emotions do you hold on to? Anger, resentment, or perhaps bitterness? A friend has betrayed your trust. A loved one has hurt you. Your spouse has said some very hurtful things, and you're still holding on to those. As long as you're hoarding the past and all its trash it will ultimately pile up a lot of negative emotions and stifle our walk with God.

We need to be able to declutter our lives of our past sins, negative feelings and emotions. We need to allow Jesus to clean deep within us. We need to repent of our past sins, put them in a black garbage bag and allow Jesus to throw them away.

Jesus died for our sins so we can let go of our "old things" and wipe our slate clean so we can start a new life with Him. Let go of your stinky past trash and take it to God. God didn't endure the pain on the cross for us to cling on to our sins and negative events that has happened in our previous life. He went through the pain and suffering for us to let go of our "old garbage" and renew ourselves in a new life experience with Him. Allow His spirit to cleanse you and free you from all the hindering "trash" you have been holding onto. It is time to do spiritual spring cleaning!!

Lord, we have all, at some point in our lives, held on to those things that You have asked us to let go of. baggage, junk, and garbage. Sometimes we don't even realize it until something comes up and we spew out ugly emotions or hold back from serving you, because we feel unworthy. Lord, would you show us what that thing is that we're hoarding? Help us bring it before you and allow you to take it away. Help us to live out the freedom of an uncluttered heart and a clean life. No more spiritual hoarding, Lord. I give it all to You. In your precious name we pray, amen!



PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY
10 AM
6 PM

WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY- 7 PM

SATURDAY
PRAYER- 7 PM

April 8th & 29th
One Service Only!
10 AM

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The Pentecostals of Billings – Bible Quizzing

It has been many years since the Rocky Mountain District UPCI has had Bible Quizzing, but they have hit the ground running this year! And what a great year it has been already! On March

3rd we had a tournament in Hardin, Mt. There were 10 teams that participated that were from Billings, Helena, Hardin, Glendive, and Great Falls.

The Billings Beginner team took 1st place. Billings Junior team took 2nd place. Both our Intermediate teams placed taking the 1st and 2nd place trophies. We also had many individual quizzers awards brought home as well. This included 1st and 2nd highest quizzers trophies, medals and ribbons.

District Finals are scheduled for June 8th & 9th. Friday the 8th will be a Children's/Youth service (ages 4-18) in which everyone is invited to attend. The 9th will be the tournament. This tournament will determine who is eligible to go to Nationals.

Junior/Beginner Nationals will be in Branson, MO: July 23rd – 27th.

Intermediate & Experienced Seniors Nationals will be held in St. Louis: July 30th – Aug 3rd.

Quizzers will learn the following amounts of Scriptures:

Beginners – 176 / Juniors – 281 / Intermediate – 427

Our quizzers alone have learned collectively word for word over 1,000 Scriptures so far. And we are only half way through the quizzing season. We are very proud of our quizzers and coaching staff!!

COULD YOU NOT TARRY ONE HOUR?

BY FRAN LANE



Matthew 26: 38 Then saith he unto them, 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.' 39And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, 'O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.' 40And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, 'What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' 42He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, 'O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.' 43And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, 'Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.'"

Since Pastor Sermon has started a series on prayer, I thought this would be appropriate. What caused the three men who loved Jesus so much to sleep instead of praying as He requested? One hour is all He asked for. I have heard many views on this, but my own personal opinion is that the devil caused their eyes to be heavy. The wicked one wanted Jesus to be alone during this time of agonizing. Jesus told them that His soul was exceeding sorrowful (v. 38). Have you ever been at that point where you were exceedingly sorrowful over something, and you feel all alone because those around you, family and friends alike are so laden down with cares of this world (which we all know is one of satan's wiles) that they could not be there for you; They could not tarry one hour? Prayer is one of the greatest weapons God has given us! In Ephesians 6 when we are told that we are fighting a battle against satan, we are told of armor that we are to put on ourselves daily, and Paul ends it with these words: *18Praying always with all prayer and supplication [pleas] in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*"

Yes, we are to pray always with prayer and supplication for all of the saints, and especially for our pastor that "utterance may be given unto me,[Pastor Sermon] that I [he] may open my [his] mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel," (v.19). We have a daily prayer that was recently given to us for supplication in behalf of our city, our county, or state and our nation. Have we been faithfully praying this prayer? God hears and God answers, but He cannot answer what He does not hear. Be willing brothers and sisters to tarry one hour with our Lord.

UpComing Events:

- April 1 - Creationism Focus with Rev. David Kraft
- April 8 - EASTER - 1 10 am service followed by Easter Egg hunt
- April 13- Fellowship meeting - 7 pm
- April 15 - pm - Rev. Nathan Thompson
- April 21- Quiz Tournament Helena
- April 26-28- Impartation Great Falls
- April 29th- 5th Sunday AM Service
- May 12th- Quiz Tournament- Great Falls
- May 13th- Mothers Day- Meal to be offered



John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him."



Altar For Your Home

"The altar itself, we recognize, is just a piece of furniture. If we've got a place for our car, if we've got a place for clothes, if we've got a place for food — we don't really have a place in our homes that is set aside exclusively for prayer. If we will see the altar in our home, we will be prompted to prayer. Everything we believe in starts with prayer."

Price for the altar is \$35.00 please see Greg Price for signup or questions.



CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Tyler Sapp
Louie & Dale 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

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6 Youth Skit Practice 7 pm	7 Out Reach 10 AM 6 pm Music
8 EASTER AM SERVICE	9	10	11	12	13 Fellowship Meeting 7 PM	14 Out Reach 10 AM 5:30 Musicians 6 Choir
15 PM Service Scotia Leonardson Nathan Thompson	16	17	18	19	20	21 Quiz Tournament -Helena-
22	23	24	25	26 Impartation Great Falls	27 Impartation Great Falls	28 Impartation Great Falls
29 5th Sunday AM Service	30					

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Rotini with Sausage and Asparagus



Ingredients

1/2 lb Italian sausage, sweet or hot, casing removed
2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 lb asparagus, fresh
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 lb rotini pasta, cooked according to package directions
2 Tbsp butter
Parmesan cheese, grated
Salt and pepper to taste

Procedures

HEAT oil in non-stick sauté pan. Add sausage. While sausage is cooking, break up with spoon. When sausage is completely cooked, drain fat.

CUT bottom 2” off asparagus stems (the inedible part), then cut remaining stem into 1” pieces. Boil asparagus until tender in a separate pan. Drain and allow to cool. Remove tips from asparagus and set tips aside.

COMBINE asparagus and heavy cream. Simmer 10-12 minutes over medium heat.

ADD hot, drained pasta to asparagus cream sauce. Add parmesan and butter. Add cooked sausage and sauté until simmering. Salt and pepper to taste.

TRANSFER to large platter. Garnish with asparagus tips 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



Psalms 91:4 “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”

Isaiah 21:5 “Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink; arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield”

1 Corinthians 2:5 “ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

SHIELD OF FAITH

Quench all fiery darts of the enemy and help me when I do not understand

“Lord you are the author and the finisher of my faith, Let my faith come from You, for You are faithful.”

SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dusty Ruff



- 1. Where are you originally from?** Bloomington, MN
- 2. How did you come to find God?** My mom was in a Home Bible study with a lady from her work when I was 10 years old.
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** 11 years old
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** 11 years old
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** Galatians 6:9
- 6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you.**
I am so grateful that in the past year, the Lord has blessed our family with a healthy baby girl.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** I enjoy scrap booking, crafts, reading, playing games and most of all spending time with my friends and family.
- 8. Favorite type of food?** Mexican and Asian



EXCEPT YE REPENT...

Repentance is, first of all, a turning away from all sin. And, so far as this first aspect is concerned, it closely resembles reformation. But repentance further involves turning to God, in believing prayer, for forgiveness and cleansing from all sin. Such prayer is not necessarily vocal, but it usually is. The repentant person confesses to God that he is a sinner and asks for forgiveness. If he obeys the gospel, he can rest assured that God will forgive, for His Word promises, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9).

The Basis of Repentance

How is genuine repentance brought about? Paul explained, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Before a person can repent, he must feel sorrow for his sins. And this must be godly sorrow. For someone to be sorry merely because they have brought trouble upon him, is not enough. He must be sorry because he has broken the commandments of God, spurned His gospel, and thereby grieved Him days without number. Such godly sorrow is the only motivating force for real repentance.

Repentance and the Holy Ghost Baptism

A person cannot receive the Holy Ghost before repentance. Jesus said that the "world" could not receive this experience (John 14:17). He meant that those who were unwilling to give up the carnal things of the world, through repentance, could not receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Peter made this plain in Acts 2:38 - "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". It was no accident that he mentioned repentance first. In God's divine order, repentance must precede water baptism and receiving the Holy Ghost.

The requirements for receiving the Holy Spirit are repentance and faith. In many cases, those who tarry for this spiritual experience without receiving it simply have not repented. If and when this is true, it is useless for such a one to praise God with the expectation of receiving the Holy Ghost. He should first repent and claim God's promise of forgiveness. As his burdens lift because of confession of sin and as he feels God's love and mercy, he will naturally begin to worship God. And God will pour out His Spirit upon this repentant, believing, worshipping soul!

S.O.L.D. OUT



Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. -1 Timothy 4:12

Some of you out there who are young think that you're too young to help further God's Kingdom. Well, I'm here to tell you that that's not true.

There are no age requirements for being His effective witness. Paul realized this when he chose Timothy. He recognized Timothy's true faith- the real deal. Timothy was willing to stand up for God in spite of his age and his shyness. He had twice the energy and enthusiasm of the older believers. Paul tells Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." Our lives are the most effective tools we have in sharing the message of Christ: our actions, our words, our love for others, our active trust in God, and integrity of heart. The great commission isn't what we say, it's how we live. We are to be an example of who Christ is. What example are we setting?

If you are younger, you are not only part of the church of tomorrow, you are also God's servant today. Serve him mightily and be an example to those who are older! If you are older, don't look down on the enthusiasm of youth, but encourage it and be inspired to emulate it! Let's remember, some of our best examples are those who are younger who serve our Lord with a vibrant faith!

Father, thank you for this beautiful day you have given me. Thank you so much for other energetic, enthusiastic, and passionate Christians who are in the younger years of their adulthood. Empower our witness, bless our service, and keep our hearts pure as we grow and mature in your service. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.
By, Unknown

FROM THE YOUTH PASTORS WIFE:

“You guys are **AWESOME**!! I love how sensitive you all are towards God.
Allow your light to shine everyday and allow Him to use you!
Thanks for being such a great group of kids.
Love you all!”

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

Happy Anniversary

30-Ron & Vikki Hoerner

He is
RISEN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2-Gregory Knoble
3-Amanda Hanson
4-Ambrose Big Lake
9-Kathleen Welch
13-Nate Little Owl
22-Louie Dauenhauer
24-Charlotte Wilson
26-John Bailey

Romans 5:6-8
(NIV)

“6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

GIVING UPDATE

Uganda Church Fund: \$1,320
Building Fund: \$25,019

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...

“Faith does not struggle; faith lets God do it all.”
—Corrie ten Boom

“Doubt your doubts and believe your beliefs.”
—Rick Warren