

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD



Taking Control Over Our Thinking

By April Coonfare

Some people are very unhappy, and they have been that way so long that they no longer realize there is another option. I have been there wishing people around me would change and my life would be a lot easier to live in, but let's come to the realization that there will always be something that we can find fault in to make us feel unhappy. That is a way the enemy likes us to be, to find fault in anything and be unhappy.

Satan deceives us into thinking that the cause of our misery or pain is other people or sometimes our situations. He tries not to let us face the fact that our own thoughts are the foundation of our unhappiness. It is impossible to be happy while maintaining negative, critical thoughts.

Paul in Philippians 4:8 gave us kind thoughts to ponder on, *"Finally Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there e any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

This text challenges us in the way we need to talk to ourselves, what we think about and how we interpret the things that are happening around us. In one of the children's films, Peter Pan, it gives a good example. It is the scene where the children are wanting to fly like Peter Pan and they are jumping off the beds and landing on the floor being defeated by gravity, so one of the young boys speaks up and asks Peter, "How do you do it? How do you fly?", and Pan replied "You just think lovely wonderful thoughts and they will lift you up in the air." This statement contains a measure of truth. The only way to defeat evil thoughts is to think differently. The only way you can think differently is by allowing God to help you to quit with the negative and look at the positive. If we concentrate our thoughts on good things, we will be built up. We will grow spiritually and become strong in the Lord.

Our thinking is something we must take charge over, if we don't it will control us. We need to be intentional about focusing our minds, and think consciously. My thoughts affect my attitude, and this is true for everyone. God tells us in His Word to do things that are for our good. He wants us to be happy and fulfilled. If we want happiness and fulfillment, we must find it God's way. If we are full of negative, wrong thoughts, we are miserable. This is spoken from my own experience; and I have learned that when we are miserable we usually end up making others around us miserable, too. We need to overcome Satan in this area of the battle for our thoughts, and God will help us if we ask Him to.

Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the trash, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life.

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PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY
10 AM
6 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY
PRAYER- 7 PM

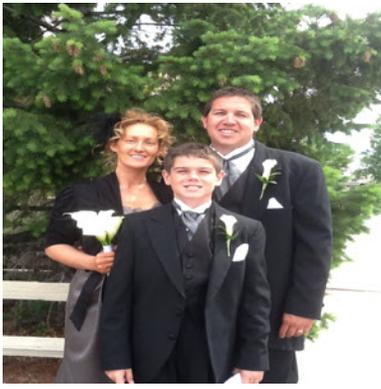
August 10-12~
Youth Concession Stand

August 24-26~
Men's camping trip

August 25~
Ladies Luau 11-1

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SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

April Coonfare

1. **Where are you originally from?** I was born and raised in the beautiful Kalispell, MT. I miss the mountains and lakes near by.
2. **How did you come to find God?** My parents started in the church when I was 4 years old.
3. **How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** I was baptized when I was 9 years old
4. **How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** I received the Holy Ghost when I was 11 years old at home while we were having a family prayer night.
5. **What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** It is hard for me to just specify a specific scripture as my favorite. Different scriptures speak to me as I open the Bible and read. I do love the book of Psalms. Psalms 23 is the first chapter I memorized as a child. I reminds me that God is with me and is my Shepherd that will guide me.
6. **What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you.** This past year there are so many things to thank God for. From a breath of air each morning to the hands of protection each day. I must say the main testimony I have is how God has opened doors for me to speak to people around me on His Word. People are so hungry for God! Take that opportunity of talking to those people around you, those doors are open for you to take!
7. **Do you have any hobbies?** My son and his activities take up any spare time I do have. I love being a mother and am cherishing it as much as I can.
8. **Favorite type of food?** Oh goodness, Italian and Mexican!!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next coming 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.”*



Warfare Praying with Angels:

WORDS OF INSIGHT

Exodus 33:2 “ And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.”

Psalms 34:7 “ The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”

Hebrews 1:14 “ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

Mighty Angels- These are heaven’s warriors

Bind Prince of my city

Post an angel on the corners of my city

Come against the evil and destroy it in my city

Guardian Angels- Guide people

Our children

New converts

Elders

Ministering Angels- Ministers to the needs of the saints

Missionaries

AIMS

Financial

Spiritual

BUILDING FUND: \$25,852.69



CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

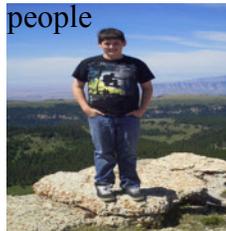
Tyler Sapp
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer
Michael Kruger
The Ehler family
Marty McFate
Carol Penrod
Galen Walter

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



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT GOING TO VARIETY?

“My favorite part of Variety was being with my friends and meeting new people and the services were awesome”
~ Braeden Price



“Hearing the preaching and worship services.”
~ Kayla Coonfare



“”Being able to worship with all my friends around the district because when we get together things happen.”
~ Jenae Ziegler



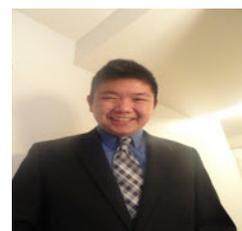
“Veggie Tales movie”
~ Acacia Rennich



“Making new friends.”
~ Drake Coonfare



“ I like the foods, the park and church services and I've met lots of good people.”
~ Gregg Holston





August 2012

S M T W T F S

		FAMILY CAMP	1 FAMILY CAMP	2 FAMILY CAMP	3	4 7 pm Prayer
5 Christian Life College Students	6	7	8	9	10 Youth Concession Stand	11 Youth Concession Stand 7 pm Prayer
12 Youth Concession Stand	13	14	15	16	17	18 7 pm Prayer
19	20	21	22 Public School /BCS Starts	23	24 Men's camping trip	25 11 am Ladies Luau Social
26 AM SERVICE ONLY	27	28	29	30	31	

UpComing Events:



- August 10-12~ Youth Concession Stand
- August 24-26~ Men & boys camping trip
- August 25~ Secret Sister Luau 11-1
- September 8~ Outreach with Brother O'Neal
- September 22~ Youth Service Havre, MT
- September 30~ All Nations Day



Did you know you can listen to the sermons online nOw?
Check it out here:
<http://www.pobmt.org/Sermons.as>

Did you know...

- Psalms 117, 118 and 119 are chapters with special significance in the Bible. Apparently, Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 118 is the central chapter of the Bible and Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.
- 2 John and 3 John have the same number of verses (13), however, John 3 wins the title of the shortest book due to its fewer number of words.
- Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet, except 'J' (In the New King James Version).
- The word 'God' appears 3,358 times in the Bible.
- The word "Christian" only appears thrice in the Bible.
- The sheep is the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible.
- Did you know the only domesticated animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat!
- The number of promises in the Bible are 1,260. How many have you found? 1,260 promises to claim!

CHEESY POTATO SALAD

Ingredients:

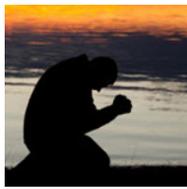
- 2 1/2 pounds red potatoes, cubed**
- 1 cup sour cream**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise**
- 1/4 cup white sugar**
- 1/2 bunch green onions, chopped**
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese**
- 1 tablespoon real bacon bits**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Place the potatoes into a pot, and fill with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook for about 10 minutes, or until easily pierced with a fork. Drain, and set aside to cool.

In a large bowl, mix together the sour cream, mayonnaise, sugar, half of the onions, and half of the cheese. Gently stir in the cooled potatoes. Top with remaining cheese and onions, and sprinkle bacon bits over the top.



LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

PART 2

By, Fran Lane

In Luke 11:1, Jesus' disciples had a request: "Lord, teach us to pray." They rightly suspected that the great strength He drew came through prayer. In May's Newsletter we covered the first two parts of the Lord's Prayer, Our Father and which art in heaven. This week we will cover the next three sections:

Hallowed be thy Name—Praise

Hallowed means holy or sacred. We are to begin our prayer with praise for God's holy name! We should especially praise Him for the fact that we have been given the privilege to actually KNOW GOD'S NAME!!! Yes, holy and sacred is the name to which "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that thou art Lord" (Rom. 14:11). We know that God's New Testament name is JESUS, which means "Jehovah our salvation." Let us also remember and consider holy and sacred the various names God used in the Old Testament: Jehovah-Jireh—God is our provider. Jehovah-Shalom tells us that God is our peace. There are many more. It would be good for all of us to look them up and place them in our minds and hearts. Indeed, hallowed is His name!

Thy Kingdom come—Expectation

We are to earnestly pray for Him to return and set up His kingdom here on earth in the Second Coming, but remember what Jesus said: ""Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" When we say something is at hand we mean it is right there, eminent. If that holds true, then Jesus was saying that with His first coming there was a certain essence of His kingdom on earth right then and there—Christians are members of God's kingdom immediately upon their re-birth into it. Sometimes we pray that part of the prayer without even knowing what are we are saying, or at the best half-heartedly because we have so many lost loved ones and friends who we know His return will spell the doom for. However, God's Word repeatedly tells us that we are to be sick so of sin and the ways of this world that we will cry out as did John the Revelator "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

2 Tim. 4:8 "And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his glorious return."

Rom. 8:22-23 "22. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us."

1 Corinthians 1:7 7. "Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 11:13-16 "13. All these faithful ones died without receiving what God had promised them, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed the promises of God. They agreed that they were no more than foreigners and nomads here on earth. 14. And obviously people who talk like that are looking forward to a country they can call their own. 15. If they had meant the country they came from, they would have found a way to go back. 16. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a heavenly city for them."

Even in the Old Testament this was the case:

Ezekiel 9:4 "4. He said to him, "Walk through the streets of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of all those who weep and sigh because of the sins they see around them."

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven—Surrender

Are we truly asking for God's will to be done, or are we praying more like this, "Lord, I want such and such and I want it brought about this way, and tomorrow will be just fine."

There are many things we don't have to ask what God's will is concerning them, because His Word has already revealed His will. For instance, He took 39 stripes upon His back so that we might be healed, so it is certain that He wants us healed and healthy.

Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Notice by the way that it says "we are healed." We are already healed by His will; we but have to ask for it in faith believing that it will be done. (Matthew 21:22)

Also, the Bible tells us that it is not His will that any should perish but that all will come to have everlasting life. So, we don't have to add "if it be thy will" to our plea for the salvation of our loved ones.

The most important thing to remember concerning God's will being done is that we are to strive to be like Jesus and Jesus said that He came to do the will of His Father. "Jesus saith unto them, 'My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work'" (see also: Matthew 26:39, 42).



Bad Apples in the Barrel

By Josh McDowell

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3:2-5

Bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Corinthians 15:33, NASB

“MY PARENTS are always ripping into my friends,” Hailey burned. “They say I shouldn’t hang out with ‘those kind of people.’ I know my friends aren’t perfect. But plenty of my parents’ friends are a mess—and they still get together. It’s like my dad and mom think I’m a four-year-old.”

Ever had your parents clamp on you because of people you chum with?

Here’s what is likely happening. Parents don’t just look at what your friends are like right now. They try hard to peer into your future. And sometimes they see that someone you’re close to is steering into a ditch and may cause you to crash and burn (see 1 Corinthians 15:33).

Being smart in how you choose your friends goes a long way toward keeping your parents happy. It also helps make you the person God wants you to be because close friends have incredible influence on you.

How can you tell a good friend from one who might run you off God’s road? One sure way: Notice how friends alter your behavior. Let’s assume you are a sweet, kind, obedient, thoughtful, responsible, even angelic person. Suppose you find a new friend, and after a few weeks or months of hanging out with that person you’re blowing off school or mouthing off at home. What happened? You might feel your new friend is just helping you lighten up. But “friends” who negatively affect your behavior are not good for you no matter how much fun you have together.

You can befriend people who get into trouble, as long as you are a positive influence on them. Jesus was known as a friend to sinners (see Matthew 11:19).

But he never let their attitudes or actions pull him in the wrong direction.

When someone starts steering you away from God, it’s time to back off from that friendship. That’s tough—but not as tough in the long run as continuing in a relationship that hurts you. You can explain: “You know, my commitment to Jesus Christ is really important to me, and I don’t want to disappoint him anymore by doing the things I’ve been doing. If you want to do those things without me, that’s up to you. But I can’t join you anymore. I would like you to get closer to God with me. If you would like to get closer to God with me, that would be great. What do you think?”

GIRLS NIGHT-BIBLE STUDY

Jenae Ziegler has a burden to give our youth girls a Bible Study that will help them be guided and directed in making the right choices living in today’s world.

These classes will start at 7 pm on Friday nights at the church, except on youth nights they will start at 6 pm.

If you have questions feel free to ask Jenae; also, if your daughter needs a ride to the church on these nights please contact her.



Youth Events:

**Youth Concession
Stand Fundraiser
August 10-12
Youth & other
volunteers are needed**



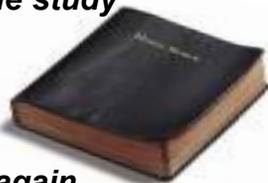
Check out **SOLD OUT Youth Group
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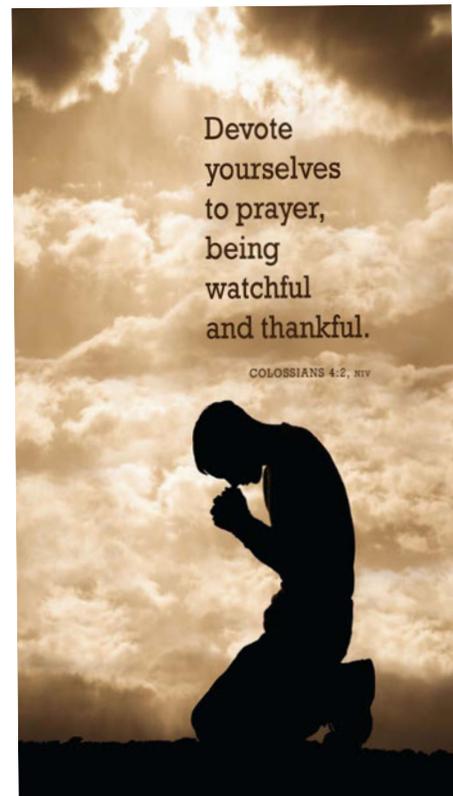
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Mike Hanson
5- Greg Price
13-Palmer Henrickson
15-Mike Jordan
17-Jenae Ziegler
21- McKenna Price
23-Ruth Evig/Donna Huffmon
29-Kimberly Shields

***If you would like a 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.***



5-Jason & Dusty Ruff
7-Mike & Sherry Hanson
26-David & Heather Rennich



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