

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

PASTOR APPRECIATION By Matthew Cott

During this month many churches will have some sort of Pastor Appreciation emphasis. The pastor will get a few cards, a few hugs, a few “thanks for being our pastor”—but at the end of the day, for most pastors, they will not be honored. Why? Some think it is their job to keep him humble, it’s not in the church budget, maybe you don’t like the way he does some things, or he rubs you the wrong way. Here’s a thought, turn around. I could continue, but you get the point. What should change?

First of all, the minister of the gospel is worthy of double honor. Period. End of discussion. The Bible teaches it, and that settles it. God didn’t ask your opinion or mine about that. It’s always right to do the right thing. Secondly, his family needs it. They are on the listening end of all the critics and cynics who undermine, gossip, attack, and pick at their husband and dad. Thirdly, a church will never have the favor of God if they don’t show the man of God respect and love.

Here’s the rub. I see it on multiple levels. We honor Mom on Mothers’ Day and then sit on our rear ends and never help her or honor her the other 364 days out of the year, as if that’s going to make her feel better. Get the picture? A wayward son who never calls sends his mom a cheap card on Mothers’ Day and thinks that covers it all. For kids like that, moms should have a “My Child is a Jerk” day.

We’ve set aside days and months to emphasize certain people or causes in hopes of raising awareness. It does, to some extent. But in reality, honor and respect for those who love us and lead us should be in our daily spiritual DNA. We shouldn’t have to be reminded to love someone or appreciate someone. It should be a part of anyone who has experienced the new birth. For years, a few couples in our church had a staff appreciation dinner for the entire ordained staff. They can no longer do it because of health reasons. It was a great meal, with great fellowship and prayer. But the reason it worked was because they were appreciative 365 days out of the year. It wasn’t an event on their calendar as much as it was a part of their lifestyle. They continue to honor us and pray for us on a weekly, if not daily basis. That, my friends, is better than any event.

Let me give you some ways to honor your pastor on an ongoing basis.

- 1) Pray for him daily. He needs the prayer; you need the practice. Pray for his family, his health, his sermon preparation, and his study time.
- 2) Pray before you come to church that God will give you ears to hear and feet to obey.
- 3) Stop gossip, criticism, and backbiting on any level. As Barney Fife would say, “Nip it in the bud.”
- 4) Do things anonymously for him during the year. Leave a card with a gift certificate to a nice dining establishment on his pew. Send flowers to his wife. Buy his kids an iTunes gift card.
- 5) Help him with the resources he needs. Get him a good Bible study software program. These resources are a worthy investment.
- 6) Sit toward the front. One of the things that frustrates every pastor I know is the crowd that gets to church early to sit as far back as they can. What is so foolish about that is we never do that at our kids’ games. When we are at a sporting event, we want to be close to the action. When we are at the church, where eternal action takes place at the altar, we want to be as far away as possible.
- 7) Make sure the deacons and personnel give him a paid study week every year, preferably two study weeks. This is a time where he can get away in a hotel or a cabin to pray, study, and seek the Lord. Pay for it—all of it—room, meals, travel.
- 8) Send him to a conference like ReFRESH®. I’m not saying this because it’s “my” conference. I just know that through the years we’ve been able to love on pastors who have felt neglected and beaten up. It’s a time to encourage them to stay with the stuff and not quit. They need it, and your church will benefit from it.
- 9) PAY THE MAN. Quit nickel-and-diming the pastor and staff. He is called on to serve 24/7. He keeps the same hours as a doctor for 20% of the pay. You owe him retirement, health benefits, and a salary he can live on. God loves a cheerful giver. I would say that God doesn’t love churches that are cheap when it comes to compensation.
- 10) Be the kind of church member that makes him want to stay at the church. Be an encourager, supporter, prayer warrior, and friend. Most pastors have no one they can confide in. Earn the right to be that person.

OCTOBER 2012



PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

10 AM

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY
PRAYER- 7 PM

18th & 19th
Youth Convention

28th
10 AM service only
Chili Cook-off

31st
Fall Festival

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SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jason Ruff



- 1. Where are you originally from?** Billings, MT
- 2. How did you come to find God?** In 1987 we were going to a catholic church at the time and one of my Mom's co-workers started witnessing to my Mom and by God's grace we started coming to The United Pentecostal Church.
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** I was also baptized by Bro. Russell right after Family Camp when I got the Holy Ghost!
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** I got the Holy Ghost when I was 10 yrs old during Family Camp.
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** One favorite verse just doesn't just come to my mind, but there have been so many chapters of my life when different scriptures did. Gods word is Alive and True!! If you are going through anything, open up the Bible and you will find what you are looking for... everytime!!
- 6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you?** God has supplied me and my family with many Blessings and I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the Mercy, Love ,and Grace of God! I am also so Blessed to part of such an Awesome church too!
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** Spending time with my wife, playing with my kids, camping, hiking, and exploring Montana! Cheering for the VIKES!
- 8. Favorite type of food?** I am a Vegan.

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.*”



WORDS OF INSIGHT

Elect Angels

Acts 12:11 “ And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.”

ArchAngels

Zech.1:13 “ And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me good words and comfortable words.

Cherubims

Gen.3:24 “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

Seraphims

Revelation 22:16 “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches...”

Warfare Praying with Angels:

Elect Angels- Ministers to the needs of the church

- ~ Souls
- ~ Finances
- ~ Influences

Arch Angels- End-time Prophecy

- ~ To remind me of the coming of the Lord
- ~ That our time is short

Cherubims- Protectors of God's Holiness

Psalm 99:1 “The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble; he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.”

Seraphims- Angels in charge of salvation, restoring, reviving, and revival.



Speaker, Jason Gallion
Registration Fee: \$30 at the door;
includes Thursday night and Friday night meal

The Preferred Coupon Blue Books
are still for sale!

The Deadline is October 28
Please be sure to bring your extra books you haven't
sold back to Fran Lane so they can be accounted for.



CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

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



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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| | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>7 pm Live Video from General Conference</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 Prayer 7 pm |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Prayer 7 pm |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Rev. Jason Gallion 7 pm Service | 18 Youth Convention 7 pm | 19 Youth Convention 11 am and 7 pm | 20 Prayer 7 pm |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Prayer 7 pm |
| 28 AM Service Chili Cook-off | 29 | 30 | 31 Fall Festival Youth Scavenger Hunt 7 pm | | | |

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

WHITE BEAN CHICKEN CHILI

Ingredients:

- 3/4 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) white kidney or cannellini beans, rinsed and drained, divided
- 3 cups chicken broth, divided
- 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream and minced fresh cilantro, optional



DIRECTIONS:

- Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the chicken, onion, jalapeno, oregano and cumin in oil for 3-4 minutes or until chicken is browned and vegetables are crisp-tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.
 - Transfer to a 3-qt. slow cooker. In a small bowl, mash 1 cup of beans; add 1/2 cup broth and stir until blended. Add to the slow cooker with the remaining beans and broth. Cover and cook on low for 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until heated through.
 - Stir before serving. Sprinkle with cheese. Garnish with sour cream and cilantro if desired.
- Yield: 6 servings.

UpComing Events:



- Oct 17- Rev. Jason Gallion, guest speaker
- Oct 18-19- Youth Convention
- Oct 28- Chili cook-off
- Oct 31- Fall Festival- Youth Scavenger Hunt



Did you know you can listen to the services online now?
Check it out here:
<http://www.pobmt.org/Sermons.aspx>

WE APPRECIATE THE BOTH OF YOU

TO OUR PASTOR'S WIFE

When we thank God for our pastor
We must give Him thanks for two,
For when your husband came to us,
God also sent us you.

A pastor's wife must be many things,
You have many hats to wear;
And we say thanks for all you do
And lift you up in prayer.

You adjust your life to meet the needs
Of your husband's congregation,
And it seems that you can always cope
With most any situation.

Your presence blesses all of us
Who know you from day to day.
As our pastor's wife, you are serving God
In a fine and worthy way.

Author Unknown



*Thank you Brother and
Sister Sermon for the
sacrifices you have made to
serve our church!
We love and appreciate all
that you do!
May God bless You
As you continue to guide us
into a deeper relationship
with Him!*



TO OUR PASTOR

Our God has sent you to this place
To lead us in the way
That He would have us work and think
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whatever the need,
You go the extra mile -
Always ready and willing to share
A comforting thought and a smile.

We're grateful that you're here with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
In service of our Lord.

We thank you for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.
His greatest blessings for your life
Is our most humble prayer.

Author Unknown

Clean Windows

By Joel Osteen



There was this couple that moved into a new neighborhood. Early one morning while they were eating, the lady looked out the window and saw the neighbor hanging her wash out on the line to dry. She noticed that the wash was so dirty and so dingy. She said to her husband, "That neighbor doesn't know how to wash. Her clothes aren't clean. I wonder if she even uses detergent." Day after day, she made these same comments. "I can't believe she lets her family wear those dirty, dingy clothes."

Several weeks later, she looked out that window, and the clothes were just as bright and clean and beautiful as could be. She was so surprised. She called her husband and said, "Honey, look. The lady finally learned how to wash. I wonder what happened." The husband smiled and said, "Honey, I got up early this morning and cleaned our window."

The problem was not that the neighbor had dirty laundry. The problem was the window she was looking through was not clean. She was seeing everything through a tainted filter. It's the same way in our lives. How dirty our neighbor's laundry is depends greatly on how clean our own window is.



How Much am I Worth? Anonymous



*"Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows".
(Matthew 10:29-31)*

How many times are we 'down in the dumps' and feeling pretty worthless because of circumstances beyond our control? Life can sometimes be unbeatable, but other times it gives us a 'beat down'.

Perhaps this week you know exactly what I mean. Good thing our worth isn't based on our circumstances or behavior, if it were I would have zero hope. Check out this story and see if speaks to your heart.

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first let me do this."

He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him. Psalm 17:8 states that God will keep us *'as the apple of His eye.'*"

The worth of our lives come not in what we do or who we are, but by WHOSE WE ARE!

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.



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



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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Tyrell Ziegler
3-Aubrey Wittman
5-Tyann Left Hand
10-Jelena Campbell/David Sifuentes
11-Tonya Allen
13-Destynee Trevino
14-Fran Lane/
21-Shelby Allen
27-Mary PlainFeather
30-Danny PlainFeather



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5- Ron & Barbara Lafontaine
14- John & Theresa Bailey



JOIN US OCTOBER 31st @ 7 PM

Fall Festival

- GAMES
- FOOD
- CANDY
- FUN

Youth Events:

October 12- Youth at 7 pm
Boys Lock in

September 18-19th- Youth Convention
7 pm Services
11 am - Friday 19th



Ponder This...

“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.”

—Martin Luther

“Almost everything that matters is difficult.”

—Rainer Maria Rilke

“Foolishness always results when the tongue outraces the brain.”

—Unknown