

# MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

## Determination, By April Coonfare

I heard this story a few years ago and it has always stuck in my mind. I felt that I needed to share it and remind those that have an obstacle in their way of achieving their goal in life, to not give up! Stay focused and keep your eyes on God.

The little country schoolhouse was heated by an old-fashioned, pot-bellied coal stove. A eight-year-old boy named Glenn Cunningham had the job of coming to school early each day so that he could use kerosene to start the fire and warm the room before his teacher and his classmates arrived. One cold morning someone mistakenly filled the kerosene container he used with gasoline, and disaster struck.

The class and teacher arrived to find the schoolhouse engulfed in flames. Terrified on realizing that Glenn was inside, they rushed in and managed to drag the unconscious little boy out of the flaming building more dead than alive. He had major burns over the lower half of his body and was taken to a nearby county hospital.

From his bed, the dreadfully burned, semi-conscious little boy faintly heard the doctor talking to his mother. The doctor told his mother that her son would surely die – which was for the best, really – for the terrible fire had devastated the lower half of his body.

But the brave boy didn't want to die. Glenn made up his mind that he would survive. And somehow, to the amazement of the physician, he did survive. Yet when the mortal danger was past, he again heard the doctor and his mother speaking quietly. The mother was told that since the fire had destroyed so much flesh in the lower part of his body, it would almost be better if he had died, since he was doomed to be a lifetime cripple with no use at all of his lower limbs. His mother refused to let the doctors amputate.

Once more this brave little boy made up his mind. He would not be a cripple. He would walk. But unfortunately from the waist down, Glenn had no motor ability. His thin, scarred legs just dangled there, all but lifeless.

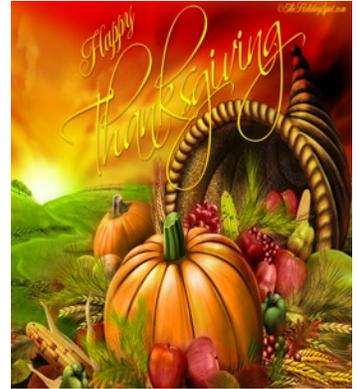
Ultimately Glenn was released from the hospital. Every day afterward his mother and father would massage his little legs, but there was no feeling, no control, nothing. Yet his determination that he would walk was as strong as ever.

When he wasn't in bed, he was confined to a wheelchair. One sunny day his mother wheeled him out into the yard to get some fresh air. This day, instead of sitting there, he threw himself from the chair. Glenn pulled himself across the grass, dragging his legs behind him.

He worked his way to the white picket fence bordering their lot. With great effort, he raised himself up on the fence. Then, stake by stake, he began dragging himself along the fence, resolved that he would walk. He started to do this every day until he wore a smooth path all around the yard beside the fence. There was nothing he wanted more than to develop life in those legs.

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### PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

#### SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

10 AM

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY  
PRAYER- 7 PM

Tuesday  
November 20-  
Thanksgiving Service

Friday  
November 30-  
Ladies Social  
7 pm @ church

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Staying Determined continued.....

Ultimately through his daily massages, Glenn's iron persistence and his resolute determination, he did develop the ability first to stand up, then to walk haltingly with help, then to walk by himself – and then miraculously – to run.

Glenn began to run to school. He ran for the sheer joy of running and being able to run. He ran everywhere that he could. The people in his town would often see him run by on his way to who knows where and smile. Later in college Glenn made the track team where his tremendous determination paid off. He eventually received the nickname the "Kansas Flyer."

In February 1934, in New York City's famed Madison Square Garden, this young man who was not expected to survive, who would surely never walk, who could never hope to run – this determined young man, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, ran the mile in four minutes and eight seconds, the world's fastest indoor mile! Later that same year in a prestigious outdoor track meet, he shaved another second off his record to run the world's fastest mile to that time.

If you have enough passion and determination God will use us to exceed obstacles in our lives that haunt us. The enemy would like to tell us that we can't overcome the dark journeys in life, but if we have the passion to do it, God will see you through it!

Through all of it, Glenn Cunningham had a positive attitude as well as a strong religious faith. His favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:31: *"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

The verse states " they shall run and not be weary," Glenn was not content on just to have lived through the tragic fire, and nor was he not satisfied to have just been able to stand up on his own. He was not set on only to walk, he wanted to run again! By that time, Glenn's strong will developed in the days and months after being declared "better off dead"- He didn't accept anything less than full use of his legs. Furthermore, his adamant spirit began in his own front yard, that made it possible for him to desire and have a passion that made it possible for him to persistently work to achieve his goal.

A few reflective questions to consider:

- What impossible dream has God placed in your heart?
- What obstacles stand in your way- making it seem impossible from man's point of view?
- Are you working toward that dream/ministry anyway? Or...
- Have you listened to the doctors/man/enemy and given up?
- What is "impossible" with God?
- What are obstacles to God?

*"God, please help me in staying focused on your will in my life. Don't allow the giants that speak negatively on my calling and passion defeat me into believing their lies. Provide me with strength, confidence, boldness and progressiveness in being your hands and feet to the lost souls of this world."*



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<http://www.pobmt.org/Sermons.aspx>

# SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## *Tanya LittleOwl*



**1. Where are you originally from?** Billings, MT

**2. How did you come to find God?** I had gone to church in Shepherd, MT when I was younger but didn't attend on a regular basis and didn't take it to heart. I then stopped attending once I got older and fell off the wagon and went on my own. But thru prayers from Mary and Danny Plain Feather and Tyann Left Hand. Nate and I started to come to this church in 2006 for my first time. However, Nate has been coming here periodically since he was young.

**3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** I was baptized by Bro. Russell when I was 22 years old after an evening service here at The Pentecostal Church of Billings

**4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** I got the Holy Ghost the same night I was baptized at the age of 22.

**5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** Since attending church I have come across a lot of scriptures that I love. But just recently since the trials and troubles that we have been going thru my favorite verse right now would be Psalm 59:16. *"But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."*

**6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you?** This past year has been a struggle dealing with knowing that we have issues bearing our own child. But thru our prayers God has answered them by putting a foster daughter by the name of Danielle into our care. We will still pray and believe that God will heal me completely and provide us with a child of our own. I am also blessed to be a part of such an awesome, loving, and caring church family!

**7. Do you have any hobbies?** Spending time with my husband, family, playing with Danielle and shopping!

**8. Favorite type of food?** Chinese



## CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Minnie Hampton  
Tyler Sapp  
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer  
Michael Kruger  
The Ehler family  
Marty McFate  
Carol Penrod  
Galen Walter  
Susan Sifuentes  
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: [coonfareo3@yahoo.com](mailto:coonfareo3@yahoo.com)



# November 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am @ Perkins Northside	3 Adult Christmas Choir Practice 6pm-7pm
4 Fall Daylight Savings	5	6	7 ACP Practice 6-6:45 pm Childrens Practice	8	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am @ Perkins Northside	10 Adult Christmas Choir Practice 6pm-7pm
11	12	13	14 ACP Practice 6-6:45 pm Childrens Practice	15	16 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am @ Perkins Northside	17
18	19	20 Thanksgiving Service 7 pm	21	22	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am @ Perkins Northside	24
25 AM SERVICE	26	27	28 ACP Practice 6-6:45 pm Childrens Practice	29	30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am <b>Ladies Social 7 PM</b>	

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Thanksgiving Leftover Wellington

#### Ingredients:

- 1 sheet frozen prepared puff pastry, defrosted
- 4 slices leftover turkey from the deli or from a fresh roasted breast (about 4 cups)
- 4 tablespoons cranberry sauce, leftover or whole berry cranberry sauce from a can
- 1 cup leftover stuffing
- 1 egg, beaten with a splash of water



#### DIRECTIONS:

Pre-heat the oven to 425°F.

Unfold the puff pastry sheet out onto a cutting board. Cut the dough into quarters with a sharp knife, then roll out each piece of dough into a 9-inch x 7-inch rectangle.

On each rectangle of dough, place a quarter of the stuffing topped with 1 tablespoon cranberry sauce and one slice of turkey. Wrap the dough up and over the turkey, pinch and seal the dough with the egg wash and trim any excess. (You can use the leftover dough bits to make decorative garnishes for the tops.) Turn the wrapped Wellingtons over, seam-side down and brush all over with the egg wash. Use the egg wash as “glue” to affix the dough garnishes.

Bake the Turkey Wellingtons on a baking sheet for 30-35 minutes, until golden. Let stand for 5 minutes, then serve.

#### UpComing Events:

**Nov. 20- Special Thanksgiving Service**

**Nov. 22- Thanksgiving Day**

**Nov. 25- AM Service only**

**Nov. 30- Ladies Social @ 7 pm**

**AM December 9 - Children’s Christmas Program**

**PM December 16- Adult Christmas Program**



## PRAY AND VOTE NOVEMBER 6



Noah Webster once instructed his students:

“When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers just men who will rule discharge of this duty. If the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made not for the public good so much as for selfish or local purposes; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the law; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded.” (David Baron, Original Intent, ppp. 332-333)



## 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

*Loose: Love, Power, and Sound Mind*

*Matthew 18:18*

*“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

*11 Timothy 1:7*

*“For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*

### Warfare Prayer by Binding and Loosing

**Binding: Forbidding, to prohibit**

**Loosing: Permitting, to permit**

#### **Bind: Spirit of Fear**

Fears-Phobias: Isaiah 13:7,8/ 11 Timothy 1:7

Tormnet-Horror: Psalms 55:5/ 1 John 4:18

Fear of Death: Psalms 55:4/ Hebrews 2:14, 15

Untrusting, Doubt: Matthew 8:26/ Revelation 21:8

Nightmares, Terrors: Psalms 91:5

Fear of Man: Proverbs 29:25

Heart Attacks: Psalms 55:4/ Luke 21:26/ John 14:27; 14:1

Anxiety-Stress: 1 Peter 5:7



## Letter from God - A Devotion

By Rebecca Conner

2 Corinthians 3:3: You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Whether its the sight of the UPS truck pulling up to the door, the thick bundle of letters in the box, or the email alert that pops up on the screen, we like to get mail. Sure, theres sometimes some bad mixed with the good: the occasional bad news, bills, or useless junk mail or spam. But the mail we hope for is a note from a friend we havent heard from lately, a box with a birthday gift, a handwritten card, or an e-card with fun music and animation that says someone was thinking of you.

In the scripture passage above, the apostle Paul compares Christians to mail, describing them as a letter from Christ. What a neat comparison! As Christians, we're sent out like so many letters to the world. We are addressed to the people in our lives: to our next-door neighbors, our classmates, our co-workers, our families--to everyone that we encounter in the course of a day. And we are to be the kind of mail that everyone hopes for: not junk mail or bills, but a personal message bringing the gift of good news. In fact, the good news we carry brings the ultimate answer to the bad news we face in the world every day. This good news, of course, is not something that we made up: Paul reminds us that we don't write the letter ourselves; rather, we are written upon: written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. We are letters that God has written by calling us into faith in Him.

This description of Christians as letters reminds us of every Christians duty to share the Gospel. It's easy to slip into thinking that pastors and missionaries are the ones who function as mail carriers to bring Gods message to the world. While ministers do have important roles in sharing the Gospel, that's not the end of the story: God, working through the words of the pastor, writes His message on the hearts of the congregation members. Like letters going out from a central post office, members leave the service to be delivered to various addressesto everyone they interact with during the week, reaching far more people than the pastor alone ever could. Some churches have signs posted in their parking lots that proclaim, "You are now entering the mission field." This is a great reminder that were all missionaries. Even if we never leave the United States, the mission field is all around us if we only have eyes to see it: "As Jesus said, I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest" (John 4:35b).



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

## *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.



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.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

## Ponder This...

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.”

—Elizabeth Bibesco

“Look forward and be hopeful, look backward and be thankful, look down and be helpful, look up and be humble.”

—Unknown

“The more you pray, the less you’ll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry”

### *Youth Events:*

**November 9- Coonfare home  
Meet at church at 7 pm  
Pick up at 10 pm**

