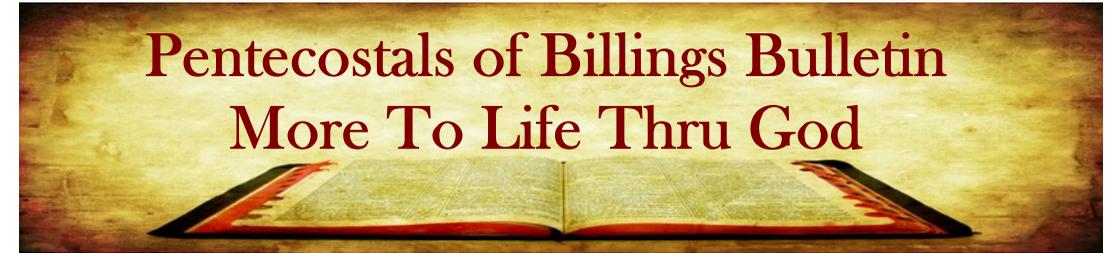




# August 2014

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		Family Camp~ Hungry Horse, MT				
10	11	12	13	14	15 Men's Bible Study 6 am YOUTH 7 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Men's Bible Study 6 am	23
					Men and Boys camp out	
24	25	26	27	28	29 Men's Bible Study 6 am	30
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The Wal-mart Church, By Bill Denton



*PENTECOSTALS  
OF BILLINGS*

*"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matt. 7:13-14, NASB).*

SERVICE TIMES  
SUNDAY  
10 AM  
5:30 PM

"Our assignment as churches is not to create a Wal-Mart Community Church, where the aisles are wide, the merchandising is slick, the message is comfortable, and the price of salvation is a little cheaper...." Marion D. Aldridge..

Does Marion Aldridge have a point about Wal-Mart Community Church, though? Very likely so. People are attracted by the idea of a sort of discount church, where for the same or less money, they can get all their spiritual needs fulfilled. It's a kind of consumer-driven religion. People actually shop for a church. They want certain things in place, demand certain facilities and services, expect a fair amount of catering, and insist that they get their money's worth

MONDAY  
PRAYER- 7 PM

Sounds good. The only problem is this mentality misses the real identity of the church, and its calling. Market-place Christianity isn't taught in the Bible. Instead, the church of the Bible is made up of one kind of person: those who have been saved from their sins. It's not a place where you go to pick your favorite fulfillments off the shelf. It's something to belong to. It's something to be a part of.

WEDNESDAY  
7 PM

Service at Rose  
Park  
August 31  
4 pm

Neither is the church of the Bible composed of a priestly class of super-talented saints who serve the needs of the lay-folk. The church of the Bible is made up of saved people who, over time, accept the job of ministering to one another. The properly functioning church is one in which everyone serves everyone else. One reason there are so many dissatisfied church members is sometimes the result of their lack of participation, or the misguided belief that by shopping hard enough they will find the church with just the right clergy-person to satisfy their desire to be served.

This consumer-oriented Christianity has produced a dissatisfied and impotent church.

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Wal-Mart is great because if I buy something that doesn't work, I just take it back and get a refund or a replacement product. But, when something in the church doesn't work right, there is nowhere to return it. Understood correctly, if something in the church doesn't work right, perhaps I ought to see that it gets fixed. The consumer-model, however, suggests that we launch a complaint, expect somebody else to solve our problem, and get relief of any difficulty present.

We need a better view of "church." We need to expose the fallacy of the consumer model of Christianity. We have totally overdone this "get-your-needs-met" thing. We seem to have forgotten that one of our greatest needs is learning how to be productive ourselves. Get out of the broad aisle of your Wal-Mart church and squeeze through the narrow gate leading to life. When you finally learn that God has called you to serve, not be served, you'll discover what the church is really about.





### Greetings from "The Pearl of Africa"

This month has been very busy as we have been working on three Church Buildngs, finishing two others in Ammolotar and Omogoro. Still working on Kasese as we are plastering the inside and outside of the Church House. (There is so much rain in that area that we need to protect the bricks and mortar). We have purchased the land for the church in Lira Town (we still need about \$4,000 to finish that project. ).

In total we saw 83 people receive the Holy Ghost in the three seminars we were teaching, also many committed to be baptized and many testified of their healing by the power of God!

A few facts that were reported this week:

- In Nateete, a new church, four baptized and received the Holy Ghost this month
- In Adjumani Town, 21 baptized last Sunday
- In Ogolo, after the Church was constructed, the church has been full each Sunday! Eight baptized this last Sunday.
- In Nabingoola, fifteen received Holy Ghost
- In Igunda, ten received Holy Ghost and baptized
- One Bible School Student who came from DRC was baptized in Jesus Name.
- New Church started in North Kyoga this month
- New Church in Agweng, 16 were baptized as the Church continues to grow!
- New Church started in Adjumani District in West Nile Region
- New Church started in Kiboga District with Pastor Fred
- Six new Churches started this month in the Lake Victoria Region and in the Islands of Lake Victoria
- Pastor Joseph Nyongesa started a church in the area of the border crossing with Kenya in Busia Town.
- Lwemamba Trading Center: a new church was started and 15 baptised as they dedicated the land they had purchased to build a church house.
- Kiganda a new church started, first service; eight received the Holy Ghost

---We know that there are many other victories, but were not reported.

We want to thank all of you for your faithfulness in your prayers and giving as we work in Uganda! We could not do what we do without you!

Phil and Twyla Tolstad

United Apostolic Church / Uganda

### Let Go of Grudging

The bitter and grudging person begins to ignore and reject the truth and facts.

The roots of grudging begin to develop and the wheels of "revenge" and "get even" begin to turn.



Naturally, the grudger can Persuade himself that he is rightfully and legally justified in his feelings. Then only when the torrent of feelings breaks into rash action will the real problem be recognized.

The smoldering, simmering, underlying probem of an unforgiving spirit bursts forth in some demeaning action. Only God can help us out of this dilemma. Only God can work in us a true work of spiritual healing.

There are detailed procedures and principles on the basic step but none of them will work unless there is a change of heart.

The grace of God has to rule the heart. In the heart victory is possible. When the heart is warm and full of love toward God and man, we can be truly free from grudging.

### Up Coming Events:



**August 4th-7th~ Family Camp**

**August 22th-23rd~ Men and boys campout**

**August 31st~ Park Service**

**October 16th-19th Youth Convention**

**October 31st~ Fall Festival**



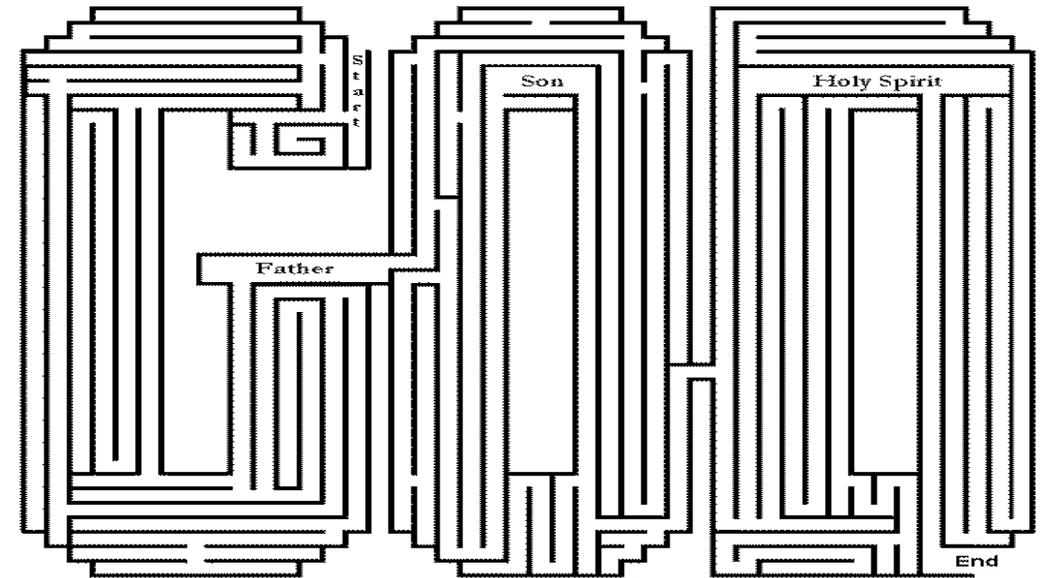
5th ~ Jason and Dusty Ruff

7th ~ Mike and Sherri Hanson

16th~ Greg and Debi Price

26th~ David and Heather Rennich

**Don't lose heart. There is hope! Because of God's grace, you can find forgiveness when you admit your faults to Him. And when you experience that grace and forgiveness, grace can teach and empower you to live life more responsibly and wholesomely.**



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## The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



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### 2014 CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Want to be blessed??

We are still in need of volunteers to clean the church for the following months:

October  
 November weeks 16th., 23rd and 30th  
 Decmeber



Contact Donna Huffman for details 406-696-4841

## Change

**Change keeps occurring throughout all of life.**

**Sometimes it brings joy, and sometimes it brings strife.**

**Change what you should; but you still have a voice –**

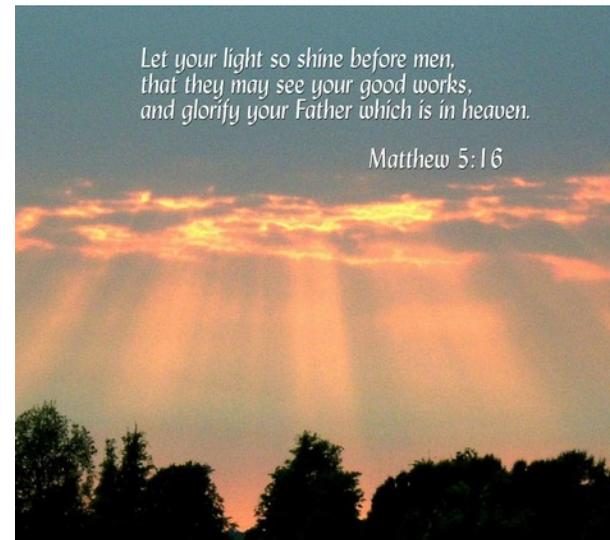
**How you accept every change is your choice.**

**–Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems**

"The more you know who you are, the less you care how others view you! I would rather be hated for who I am, than loved for who I am not" ~ Lee Stoneking

## Untapped Resources

**While** taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region's inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven't yet been tapped. Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can't reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, however, God promises that we "will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11, NKIV).



*Let your light so shine before men,  
 that they may see your good works,  
 and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

## Southwest Eggrolls



### Ingredients:

- 3 chicken breast, boiled and chopped
- 3/4 can black beans rinsed and drained
- 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 small box frozen spinach
- 1/2 red bell pepper chopped
- 1/2 onion chopped
- chopped jalapenos to taste
- 1 cup grated cheese
- salt, pepper, and chili powder to taste
- Egg beaten in separate bowl
- tortillas

Cook red bell pepper and onion in skillet until soft, add corn, spinach, and black beans. Cook about 15 minutes. Add chopped chicken, salt, pepper, and chili powder. Add jalapenos and cheese. Stir well to combine and cheese is melted. Place a spoon of chicken mixture on tortilla. Fold in ends and then roll, right before the end of the roll, brush the end with egg wash and finish rolling. Wrap each roll in wax paper and freeze 4 hours or overnight before frying.



## AUGUST

- 1st- Mike Hanson
- 5th~ Greg Price
- 15th~ Mike Jordan
- 17th~ Lucille Farris/Jenae Ziegler
- 21st~ McKenna Price
- 23rd~ Ruth Evig/Donna Huffmon
- 31st~ Tiara Gopher



"...and when Mommy's on the phone."



By Sarah Slosser



We have much to learn from icebergs and trees. Yes, you read that correctly—icebergs and trees. Researchers have concluded that only ten percent of the volume of an iceberg is seen at the surface of the water due to the density of pure ice and the density of seawater. It can be difficult to tell the shape of the underwater portion by only looking at the area above the surface. While icebergs can be immense, their greatness lies underneath, often unknown and unrecognized from the surface. The same is true with trees. These leafy giants stretch toward the clouds, finding themselves at the center of much attention, but the strength of the tree is not in its height, the length of its branches, or the color of its leaves; the beauty of the tree is completely dependent on the strength of what is hidden underground—the roots.

When evaluating our spiritual lives, we do well to evaluate icebergs and tree roots. They show us the importance of those things hidden beneath the surface. The height and grandeur of the tallest tree is only a product of what is hidden underground. Just the fraction of ice protruding from the face of the water is enough to evoke respect from a sailor. We want the same thing for our spiritual lives. We want what is seen in public to be respected and to stir up awe and wonder. We want the beauty of what is publicly seen to be explained only by the strength of what goes on in private between God and us. With this in consideration, we must first acknowledge some truths. Let's focus on roots. They have much to offer in this illustration. As mentioned, roots are unseen. Unfortunately, it is easy for us to think the part of our Christian walk that matters most is what is seen on a constant basis—the public part, the time spent with people. We seem to always be with people: people at work, people in the dorms, people on campus, people in Bible studies and fellowship groups. We are even constantly "with" people through social media. But it's not all about the time spent in public. This includes our presence in the social media world. With all the busyness this world has to offer—from social groups to social media—we rarely have any genuine downtime. Our prayer time, reflection time, and mediation time is so cram-packed into our schedule that we often even short-change that.

Did you know the roots of a tree may wither, suffocate, or die months or years before the damage is ever portrayed above ground? Everything may look perfectly fine on the outside, but the root of the creation has already withered. Unfortunately, this happens to too many of us on the spiritual level. When we stop faithfully nurturing the hidden areas of our lives with personal prayer time and meditating on God's Word, our roots become weak and begin to die without it ever being evident on the outside until our spiritual death is imminent.

Luke 12:2 reads, "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known." These are the words of Jesus as He warned His disciples of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. They looked great from the outside; following every rule and regulation down to a T, but they were also called whitewashed tombs that looked beautiful from the outside but held nothing but dead men's bones inside (Matthew 23:27). Who are you underneath it all? What is in your hidden parts? You may not be on your way toward spiritual death, but we all have room for improvement.

When the final breaths are taken, the only opinion that will hold any weight is God's opinion of each of us. It will not be all the people with whom we spent our time. It will not be the public opinion of who we are, but God's alone. Moreover, in reality, He already knows the inward parts before we stand there on that day. I pray each of us takes some extra time out of this busy life to evaluate our hearts daily. As a professor at Urshan College once said, "Truth be told, most of our hearts are twice as ugly as our faces." It is always the hidden things in life that must be evaluated and maintained as a first priority. Let God do the searching. Include these verses in your prayer time and sincerely ask God to evaluate your life.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24).