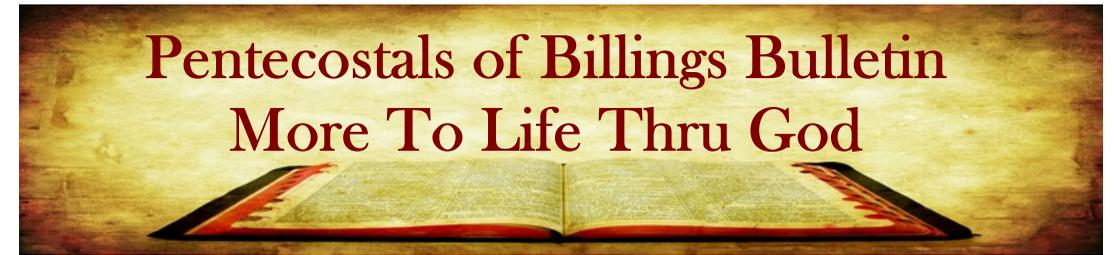




February 2015

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FEBRUARY 2015

PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAY
10 AM
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*A Personal Testimony,
By Eleanor McFate*



When I was three years old I was taken from my parents and put into an orphanage. I was too young to know the reason. This traumatic event in my life caused me to blot out everything from that time on. When I turned seven years old, I started to go to the chapel and kneel and pray to cry out to God. In my innocence, I believe God heard my prayers. He had a plan for my life. So I started my journey, and with the years came many trials and tests. At those times God never stopped loving me or directing my steps.

But one day my husband's grandmother invited me to a church function. At this service they were worshipping and speaking in a strange language. It frightened me so I went downstairs to the fellowship hall and stayed there until they came down. These people were so kind, and so happy. They made me feel so welcome. The next time I remember being invited to a ladies meeting and fellowship at my husband's aunt's house. They also made me feel so welcome. These events were all in God's plan, and I would then know where He was leading.

Many years later my mother got very sick and at that time she was going to that same church that I came in contact with years earlier. Some caring, kind people took my mother to church. Eventually she passed away. At that time, I went to the church. During that service, I felt the urging to kneel and pray and then it happened. I was filled with the Spirit and spoke in a strange language.

It scared me so I did not go back. But the plan did not stop there. God knew my heart and kept urging me to take another step in faith. These kind, caring people came back and showed me in the Bible what I had experienced in that service from Acts 2:38-39.

I had not yet been baptized in Jesus' name so within a month I obeyed God's Word and was baptized. Never was I happier any other time in my life because now I had the Spirit of God living inside me giving me the power to overcome anything that I would face in the trials and tests to come.

My God was always there, and never did forsake me all these 47 years since I answered His call. And I pray you too will hear His voice and obey His Word. And find the peace and joy you are searching for.



Giving and Tithing



Psalms 24:1 declares, *"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,"* and in 1 Corinthians 4:7, Paul asks, *"And what do you have that you did not receive?"* God owns everything and all blessings come from Him. We are to be good stewards – managers – of the many blessings for which we should be thankful. Money isn't our possession; it's God's possession, which we hold in trust.

Tithing

Giving is an external testimony of God's ownership of everything in our lives. And tithing is one of the first standards of giving found in the Bible – Abraham tithed 430 years before the Law was given to Moses.

- Under the law in the Old Testament, giving a tithe was required.
- The tithe is not a limit. God's people in the Old Testament were to give nearly one-fourth of their income each year.
- God doesn't own just 10 percent of our money; He owns the other 90 percent too.
- Tithe and give with the right attitude. Not out of necessity, but with thanksgiving to the Lord.
- Let your children witness your joyful giving and teach them the importance of commitment.

Beyond The Tithe

Giving beyond the tithe should be an outward material expression of the spiritual commitment of a willing and obedient heart. When giving beyond the tithe, give out of your abundance, according to the principle taught in 2 Corinthians 8:14.

- *Faith promise* – A commitment to give a certain amount. It's understood that if God doesn't provide the funds, you're not obligated to give them.
- *Pledge* – An absolute commitment to pay something. This type of giving is presumptuous, but a faith promise is scriptural. *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1).
- *Non-cash* – This includes your time or services to an organization or gifts such as food, furniture, and clothing. You may also give gifts with appreciated values (an asset you bought at a low price that is now worth much more), such as stocks, bonds, real estate, or anything that grows in value.
- *Draw the line on borrowing* – It is not scriptural to borrow in order to give. It requires little trust to borrow money. In the Scriptures God never uses a loan to manifest His will in the lives of His people.
- *Balanced approach to sacrificial giving* – Sacrificing to give is a way to honor God, but this should be the result of a heart attitude and not a desire to impress others.

Remember that God is more concerned about the attitude of your heart in giving than the percentage or the amount given. Nevertheless, the minimum He asks His people to give is the tithe.

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Up Coming Events:



February 21st- Family sledding trip

March 7th~ Spring Forward

March 20th~ Bible Quizzing Tournament, Hardin, Mt

March 27th~ Youth Service

Ponder This...

- "Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone — we find it with another."

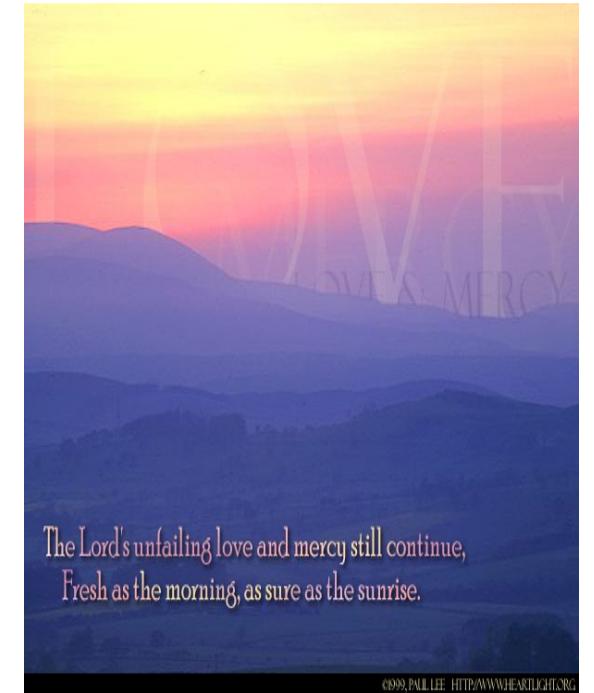
—Thomas Merton

- "Do something wonderful; people may imitate it."

—Albert Schweitzer

- "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

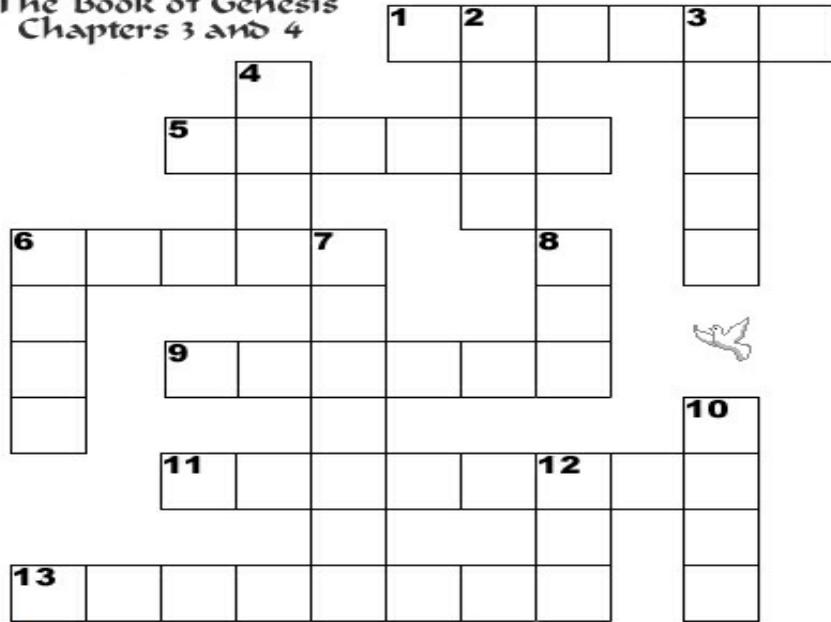
—J.R.R. Tolkien



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Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis
 Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The _____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

"There is no devil that can separate you from the love of God! There is no devil that make God stop loving you!"

~Jeff Arnold

Will You Fight to Defend Your Faith?
 What Are You Willing to Give Up?
 By, Leonard Woeppel

While on a temporary duty assignment in Thailand I found the following words on a bronze plaque on a wall at the base:
"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing he cares more about than his own personal safety; is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

I would simply ask all of us what we are willing to do to see that our faith in God is not destroyed by inaction on our part. What do we care about? What are we willing to give up? Is the color of our skin more important than our faith? Is our membership in a family, clan, tribe, or nation greater than our desire to serve Jesus? Is the basketball, football, baseball, or soccer team we follow more important to us than attending church services? Is the pursuit of the dollar more important to us than a personal relationship with our Savior and Redeemer. If we are willing to fight and die in defense of our freedom, what should we be willing to do for our faith?



14th - Fred and Maddie Harmon/
 Barry and Linda Ziegler

"A kind word and a friendly smile are the silken threads in the tapestry of life."
 ~Unknown



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 "God WILL answer all our prayers. But you never know if it's gonna be a 'yes' or a 'no.'"
 By Jeff KEANG

Loaded Baked Potato and Chicken



Ingredients:

3 - 4 medium russet potatoes, scrubbed and diced
(about 1.5 lbs. or 4 1/2 cups)
1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, diced
4 slices bacon, cooked crisp, cooled and crumbled
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
4 green onions, sliced (green parts only for low-FODMAP/low-fructose)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9" x 9" baking pan or casserole dish. Spread half of the diced potatoes in bottom of pan. Place the diced chicken breasts evenly on top. Season chicken with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Sprinkle with half the bacon crumbles, 1/2 cup of the cheese, and half the green onions. Spread the remaining diced potatoes on top, followed by the remaining bacon, another 1/2 cup cheese, remaining green onions and another 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Pour heavy cream over top of casserole and then dot with the butter. Cover with aluminum foil and bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Uncover and bake another 30 minutes. In the last few minutes of baking, sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup cheddar cheese and bake until melted. Serve.



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LOVE YOUR

It's easy to love our friends, but much harder to love those who hate us.



Jesus said some tough things from time-to-time, but one of the hardest commands he gave his followers is found in Matthew 5:43-44...

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

Of course, it's easy to say this to other people, but when we're asked to do it in our own lives, that's when things get tricky. What about that bully at school? What about that girl that says mean things about you? What about those so-called 'friends' who keep talking about you behind your back? Does Jesus say I have to love them too? Yes, he does.

God cares for the evil

Matthew 5: 44-45...

"...Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Do you see what these verses are saying? Even though people are evil and they hate God, he still cares for them! He sends them sunshine and rain, and provides food, shelter and lots of other good things. Do they/we deserve it? Of course not! But that's what God is like, and that's what he wants us to be like too.

How to love your enemies

Here's a few ways you can show love for those people in your life that you really don't get along with:

- Pray for them. Ask God to save them and to give them his Spirit.
- Ask God to help you forgive them when they hurt you.
- Don't provoke other people to anger.
- Don't retaliate. We become just like our enemies when we sink to their level. Jesus says we need to be the better person.
- Ask for help. If you are being bullied or teased and finding it hard, get some