Senior’s Retreat 2017
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September 29 to October 1, 2017

The Second Half Journal

Worship center

Dining & Event Center

Flower walk way

Lake front

Lakeview center

Lake & Dining & Event Center
2nd half Ministries Review

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“A Spirit-Empowered Church: An Acts 2 Ministry Model” for $8.49 on Amazon.
Global University has made it into a Burean on-line course you can get for credit.

Harold & Jean Siirila, Photographers

Thanks to Alton Garrison and Christiana Haeg for sharing their notes with us.
Friday, September 29, 2017

Afternoon Singing Time

Worship team

Bruce Talso welcomes us.

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ISN'T THE LOVE OF JESUS SOMETHING WONDERFUL
ISN'T THE LOVE OF JESUS SOMETHING WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL
ISN'T THE LOVE OF JESUS SOMETHING WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL HIS IS TO ME

I JUST FEEL LIKE SOMETHING GOOD IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN
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Everyday With Jesus

EVERYDAY WITH JESUS IS SWEETER THAN THE DAY BEFORE
EVERYDAY WITH JESUS
I LOVE HIM MORE AND MORE
JESUS SAVES AND KEEPS ME
AND HE'S THE ONE I'M WAITING FOR
EVERYDAY WITH JESUS
IS SWEETER THAN THE DAY BEFORE

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL JESUS IS TO ME
WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL JESUS IS TO ME
COUNSELLER, PRINCE OF PEACE
MIGHTY GOD IS HE
SAVING ME, KEEPING ME
FROM ALL SIN AND SHAME
WONDERFUL IS MY REDEEMER
PRAISE HIS NAME

The Lord Reigns

THE LORD REIGNS 3X's, LET THE EARTH REJOICE 3X's
LET THE PEOPLE BE GLAD, THAT OUR GOD REIGNS
(REPEAT)

Verse 1
A FIRE GOES BEFORE HIM AND BURNS UP ALL HIS ENEMIES
THE HILLS MELT LIKE WAX AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD
AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Verse 2
THE HEAVENS DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
THE PEOPLE SEE HIS GLORY
FOR YOU, OH LORD, ARE EXALTED
OVER ALL THE EARTH, OVER ALL THE EARTH
The Garms Family Concert
David & Kris Garms, Southern Gospel & Bluegrass music, From Braham, MN

Marlene & Dan Turner

Worship team

Harold Kamppi greets us.

Alton Garrison give us a greeting.

The Garms family practices before the service.
Jesus is source of light John 8:12
He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
He is unmoved, unchanged undefeated
and never undone.
He was bruised and brought healing.
He was pierced and eased pain.
He was persecuted and brought freedom.
He was dead and brought life.
He is risen and brings power.
He reigns and brings peace.
He world can’t understand Him.
The armies can’t defeat Him.
The schools can’t explain Him.
The leaders can’t ignore Him.
Herod couldn’t kill Him,
The Pharisees couldn’t confuse Him,
Nero couldn’t crush Him,
Hitler couldn’t silence Him,
The new age can’t replace Him,
You can’t impeach Him,
And He isn’t going to resign.
When I fall, He lifts me up.
When I fail, He forgives me.
When I am weak, He is strong.
When I am lost, He is the way,
When I am afraid, He is my courage,
When I stumble, He steadies me.
When I am hurt, He heals me.
When I am broken, He mends me,
When I am blind, he leads me,
When I am hungry, he feeds me,
When I face trials, He is with me,
When I face persecution, He shields me,
When I face problems, He comforts me,
When I face loss, He provides for me,
When I face death, He will carry me home.

We have 3 golf carts.
Wear your wristbands and name tags.
Checks out is at noon.
The Bridge Shop will be open until 5pm.
Don’t forget to turn in your room keys and name badges before you leave on Sunday.
These are the rules.
Saturday, September 30, 2017

Verse 1
Just A Little While
Soon this life will all be over and our pilgrimage will end,
And we'll take our heavenly journey, be at home with friends again,
Heaven's gates are standing open waiting for our entrance there.
Some sweet day we're going over, and all the beauties there to share.
Chorus
Just a little while to stay here, just a little while to wait.
Just a little while to labor, in the path that's always straight.
Just a little more of troubles, in this low and sinful state.
Then we'll enter heaven's portals, sweeping through the pearly gates.

Verse 2
Soon we'll see the light of morning, then the new day will begin.
Soon we'll hear the Father calling, come my children enter in.
Then we'll hear a choir of angels, singing out the victory song.
All our troubles will ended, and we'll live with Heaven's throng.

Verse 1
I've a home prepared where the saints abide.
And I long to be by my Savior's side.
Just over in the glory land.
Chorus
Just over in the glory land, I'll join the happy angel band.
Just over in the glory land, there with the mighty host I'll stand.
What a joyful thought that my Lord I'll see.
Just over in the glory land.
And with kindred saved, there forever be.

Verse 2
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and by, I'll fly away.
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.

Christina Haeg, shares about her workshop on Brain health.

Shirley Hubenette & Charlotte Thompson

Kevin Gunion gives us a greeting.

Rev Howard Googins

Dan Parotti sings for us.

My Savior's Love
Verse 1
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus
The Nazarene, and wonder how He could
Love me, a sinner condemned unclean.
Chorus
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be.
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me.
Verse 4
He took my sins and my sorrows, He made
Them His very own, He bore the burden to
Calvary and suffered and died alone.

Such Love
Chorus
Such love, such wondrous love, such love; such
Wondrous Love, That God should love a sinner
Such as I, how wonderful is Love like this.
Verse 1
That God should love a sinner such as I, should yearn
To change my sorrow into bliss, nor rest till He had
Planned to bring me nigh, How wonderful is Love like this.
Verse 2
That for a willing outcast such as I, the Father planned, the
Savior bled and died, Redemption for a worthless slave to
Buy, who long had law and grace defiled.
The Name of Jesus
Jesus! oh, how sweet the name
Jesus! every day the same
Jesus! let all saints proclaim
Its worthy praise forever

I Will Praise Him
Chorus
I will praise Him! I will praise Him!
Praise the Lamb for sinners slain;
Give Him glory, all ye people, for
His blood can wash away each stain.
Verse 1
When I saw the cleansing fountain
Open wide for all my sin, I obeyed
The Spirit's wooing, When He said,
Wilt thou be clean?

God I Look To You
And I will love You Lord my strength
And I will love You Lord my shield
And I will love You Lord my rock
Forever all my days I will love you God
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Forever all my days Hallelujah

We Shall See The King
Verse 1
There's a blessed time that's coming coming soon
It may be evening, morning, or at noon
The wedding of the bride, united with the Groom
We shall see the King when He comes
Chorus
We shall see the King, we shall see the King
We shall see the King when He comes
He is coming in power, we'll hail the blessed hour
We shall see the King when He comes
Verse 2
Oh, my brother, are you ready for the call
To crown your Savior king and Lord of all
The kingdoms of this world shall soon before Him fall
We shall see the King when He comes

Trinity Bible College report.

REMARKABLE!
IS THAT OUR GOD LOVES
A LOST WORLD ENOUGH
TO USE
Trinity Bible College & Graduate School
TO PREPARE STUDENTS
TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS AND
DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE EVERYWHERE.

REMARKABLE!
Prayer & Teaching Center

Worship team

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Dear Lord,
We bring President Trump before your throne in the name of Jesus. We pray that you will answer him when he calls to you in the day of trouble.
May your name as the God of Jacob protect him. Please send him help from your sanctuary and give him support from your unseen temple in the heavens. We pray that you will save him and answer him from you Holy heaven with the saving might of your right hand.
We pray that he will not trust in chariots or horses but instead learn to trust in your name as the Lord our God. Cause him to stand fit in as lie trusts in you. Grant him every desire and petition of his heart that is pleasing to you and cause every plan of his that is in accordance with your will to succeed. We ask you to grant our request on his behalf, that we may shout for joy and lift up banners in your name when your will is done.
We acknowledge that as you set the crown on King David’s head, so you have elevated President Trump to the highest office in our land. We pray that he will rejoice in your strength and not in his own. We pray that you will draw him near to you so that you may make him glad with the joy of your presence. As he trusts in you, we pray that because of your steadfast love, the love the Most High, he will not be moved or shaken. Grant him life and length of days and eternal blessings.
We know that the president has enemies who are seen and unseen, enemies who hate him and will do much mischief against him. We pray in Jesus* name that every evil plan devised against him and against your purposes through h.im will be thwarted. May his enemies, seen and unseen, be put to flight, and may their plans not succeed.
Together we pray that you will save him so that together with him we may exalt you in your strength and sing and praise your might as the Most High God. Amen.
Based on Psalm 20-21

Cory Olmscheid, our sound guy.
Alton Garrison
Sat AM
Hope

If God really
loved you, why did
He let that happen?
I can’t trust Him.

How do you
preach faith and
that God loves you,
when your Dad lies
there dying.

Why keep
praying when he
doesn’t get any
better?

When you need God the most He leaves you...some joke.
Don’t pray in my presence again.

Satan wants to drive a wedge between you and God.
I thought she had lost her faith, but really have come to
believe she lost her hope. What is the difference?
Faith deals with details. Hope deals with Deity.
Faith find its foundation in God’s Word. Hope is a
mental attitude.

In Mark 5 it was the lady’s faith that got her the
miracle when she touched the hem of His garment. It was hope
that put her on that roadside.

Faith is related to miracles.
Hope is related to morale.
Hope is based on emotions, not facts.
A confident expectation of something good that’s about to
happen.

Satan is a big “Hope Sucker.”
DEFINITION OF HOPE

According to Webster, hope is an expectation that a desire,
dream, or goal will be achieved. It is a feeling of excitement
about something that is about to transpire. Hope is a favorable,
confident, happy anticipation. Confident expectation some-
thing good will happen.

Let me once again compare faith and hope. Faith is the
dynamite that explodes truth and brings us from doubt to
belief. From defeat to victory. From the unseen to the seen.

Faith is the dynamite, but hope is the fuse. Without a fuse
the dynamite is worthless.

Hope is a confident anticipation of good things to come
with a corresponding effort to reach and attain them.

Hopeful Christians are happy, complimentary, optimistic,
generous, helpful, and confident.

You can tell who they are when they walk into your pres-
ence. They have a smile on their face. They have a song in their
heart, and a tune on their lips. They are believing for the best.
Hopeful Christians think the choir sang great, the temperature
was just right, the sound wasn’t too loud, there weren’t enough
offerings received and your message was the best you have ever
preached. We feel it’s hopeless; I’m too old, etc.

On the other hand, hopeless Christians can just as readily
be identified.

They enter with a downcast countenance. When they enter
the room, the lights dim by 30%. My dad said you could tell
when Bessie called the parsonage by the way the phone whined
on the wall.

Hopeless Christians are critical, pessimistic, ineffective
and stingy. They thought you used to preach better. The offering
took too long, etc. You get the picture.

Satan’s attack is not so much against our faith as it is
against our hope.

It’s easier for the devil to discourage us mentally than it
is to defeat us scripturally. It is easier for him to manipulate a
circumstance in our lives than it is for him to alter the word of
God.

The opposite of hope is hopelessness—to have no expecta-
tion. To reach a place of despair that results in despondency and
ends with giving up.

You take away a man’s wealth and you hinder him. You take
away his health and you handicap him. But take away his hope
and you will stop him dead in his tracks. You will paralyze him.
You will make him ineffective.

There are a lot of people that have given up but they had
enough faith to turn the situation around. They have lost hope.
They have given up on their health, home, finances, marriage,
ministry, even on the Lord.

Between the time God gives a promise and the time it is
fulfilled, there is normally a lapse of time. It is during this
time that faith is tested. But it is also during this time our attitude is
tested. Our morale is shattered. We become discouraged. We

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began to feel hopeless.

What you see is not what is going on. There was nothing to hope for. After the promise was given, they were still too old. Nothing in the natural on which to base hope.

You may look at your marriage, your family, your finances, your ministry and say there is no hope. Hopelessness may be exactly what you are feeling.

Don’t you know that every day when Abraham’s feet hit the floor Satan screamed in his ears—“It’s hopeless.”

Today God can resurrect that lost hope. Prov 13:12

Three things destroy hope:

1. When you start reacting to only what you see.

   Read 4:19. When the devil gets you to consider just what you see, you will lose hope. He starts playing the “what if game”. What if it doesn’t work? What if God doesn’t hear your prayer? What if your marriage fails? What if you lose your anointing? What if the church splits? What if people stop giving? What if you pay your tithe and then you can’t pay your bills.

   I am not asking you to deny reality, but I am asking you to focus on God’s promises. Abraham was still almost 100. Sarah was almost 90. Romans 4:18.

2. The second thing that will destroy hope is when you start questioning God’s promise. Impatient

   There was a period of time from God’s promise and the birth of Isaac of about 25 years. We are an impatient group. We tap our foot in front of the microwave. We are looking for a passing lane in the car wash. We are a microwave people with a crock-pot God. We begin to think that maybe God didn’t promise. God had a promise for Abraham. God has a promise for you. Phil. 4:19 “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” The dynamic of the promise was linked to the unlimited power of God and is backed by his limitless resources. “My God shall supply...”

3. Hope is destroyed when you think it’s up to you to bring forth the promise.

Abraham and Sarah decided to help God out. It is in the waiting time between seed time and harvest that we sometimes create our Ishmaels.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOPE

Read Romans 15:13

1. The source of hope is God. Hope is only as good as it’s source. God is immutable. Abraham staggered not.

   God is in control. He is a God of abundance. Look at the children of Israel. Went across Red Sea in one night. If they would have crossed two at a time, the trail of people would have been 800 miles long and it would have taken 35 days and nights. They went across in one night. 5000 at a time must have crossed.

   When they needed food he gave them manna. 1500 tons a day. It would take two trains a mile long to carry the manna and the cost would be about $6 million a day. If they had that much to eat, they would need 11 million gallons of water every day. God didn’t supply just for one day, but 14,600 days—forty years. 22,900,000 tons of manna. 150 gallons of water at the amount of $6 million a day. You will never waltz into the throne room with your tea cup faith and exhaust the supply of heaven.

2. The substance of hope is faith. V. 13 “in believing”.

   Faith comes by hearing the word of God. Jer. 32:27 “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?”

3. The supply of hope is the Holy Spirit. Wouldn’t you have loved to have been a fly on the wall when Sarah visited the doctor. Not by talent, ability, looks, or the favor of men. But by the power of the Holy Spirit.

   He can take nobodies and make somebodies out of them. You may not think you have any gifts or talents. You may think you need a Hagar and an Ishmael. But, with God all things are possible. It’s not hopeless.

   Remember God can take nothing and make something. He can use you. You may think you are not qualified. God used many people who didn’t seem to be qualified.
Moses stuttered. David’s armor didn’t fit. John Mark was rejected by Paul. Hosea’s wife was a prostitute. Amos’ only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning. Jacob was a liar. David had an affair. Solomon was too rich. Abraham was too old. David was too young. Timothy had ulcers. Peter was afraid of death. Lazarus was dead. John was self-righteous. Naomi was a widow. Paul was a murderer. So was Moses. Jonah ran from God. Miriam was a gossip. Gideon and Thomas both doubted. Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal. Elijah was burned out. John the Baptist was a loudmouth. Martha was a worrywart. Mary was lazy. Samson had long hair. Noah got drunk. Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse? So did Peter, Paul, and lots of folks. He can use you... by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God’s past performance can predict His future actions.
God overflows with grace.
Grace...God’s riches at Christ’s expense
Need to get in the Word to grow your faith.
Why do bad things happen to good people?
Satan is a liar and wants to steal your joy and hope.
Providence...Supernatural scheduling
Sometimes God makes exceptions
God can qualify you
There is no expiration date on your gifts
Jesus quoted Scriptures to Satan.
It’s time for lunch

Darwin Lay explains about the golf carts provided for your use.

The SAM booth.
The Booths

Friends catch up on the news.

Checking out the booths.

Becky & Ed Tedeschi & Alton Garrison during lunch.

Ed Tedeschi watches as I take Duane & Sally Russell’s picture.

Harold & Jean Siirila with Alton Garrison

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Some things that make us go over the edge are:
Stress can see us trying to open the house with the car keys.
Illness and medications can disorientate us.
Dehydration can cause lots of problems.
Check with your doctor to sort these problems out.

What can we do?
1) Learn a new skill to improve your memory. New paths and new information can still be learned even if brain damage has occurred. Your brain is like a muscle and can get stronger
   Exercise 3 times a week for 45 minutes at a time.
   Learning a new game
   “399 Games, Puzzles and Trivia” is a good book found on Amazon.
   Challenge yourself to remember names, do word finds & crossword puzzles, memorize Scripture.
2) Sleep enough. Our brains need oxygen which it gets when we are asleep.
3) Socialization is huge. Get out there and talk to friends, meet for coffee, belong to groups such a knitting group, book club, and “pass it forward” when someone does something good for you.
   Be an advocate.
4) Good food is needed for heart and brain health.
   Mediterranean diet, fish & poultry vs red meat, blueberries and dark chocolate, red grapes instead of white ones,
5) Rehydration. Get 8 cups of water a day. Medications can dry you out. Put lemon in water to make it more palatable.

Dementia is an umbrella term for memory loss.
Alzheimer’s is one area of that.

Signs to watch out for:
1) Outburst of anger
2) Depression
3) Hearing Loss can signal problems...High tones go first. “Say it again,” “Speak slower” or go to a quieter place.
4) Be aware of filling in the blanks or finishing sentences for someone else, having to do so could be a sign of not normal aging.
Marlene Turner is at the piano.

Harold Kamppi & Harold Siirila
(Harold & Harold)
Harold Siirila was named after Harold (Hal) Kamppi. Hal was 15 years old at the time his parents met at Harold’s mother's family farm for meetings. Pentecost was introduced to their family and friend during these meetings. Then they started meeting at the Greenbush Church in Ironwood, Michigan. They moved to the Ironwood Assembly building after that.

Wes Wold and Hal Kamppi chat for a while.

These newly weds have been married for three months.

Ironwood Sunday school in 1954.
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:
“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

(Should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart).

The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is an expression of allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the republic of the United States of America, originally composed by Rear Admiral George Balch in 1887, later revised by Francis Bellamy in 1892 and formally adopted by Congress as the pledge in 1942. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945. The last change in language came on Flag Day 1954 when the words “under God” were added.
Sat PM Alton Garrison

Revelation 20:10 ESV “And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

While we know this is the ultimate destiny or our adversary, we all have our battles and some days it seems he is winning. We suffer with doubt, discouragement, and depression and sometimes defeat.

Let’s discuss the strategy Satan uses so we can build a defense against his offense.

Let’s look at the targets Satan aims at in your life, the weapons he uses to attack you, the purposes that he wants to achieve, and the defenses God has provided for you

Conquering Satan.

We know how it’s going to end.

He is a Deceiver; there is no truth in him. He attacks your mind because your mind is the part of the image of God where God communicates with you and reveals his will to you.

His strategy: He targets your mind, to make you ignorant of God’s will. Lies are is weapons.

John 8:44 “He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in Him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for He is a liar, and father of lies.” His purpose is to make you ignorant of God’s will.
Satan attacks God’s Word because God’s Word reveals God’s will.

If Satan can get you to believe a lie, then he can begin to work in your life to lead you into sin.

He is the Destroyer. “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prows about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” 1 Pet. 5:8

He targets your body. His weapon is suffering, illness and disease. He wants you to be impatient with God’s will. We feel we can’t know the answer.

He dominates as a Ruler. “Now is judgment upon the world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.” John 12:31

As a ruler, he targets your will. He wants to dominate your will. He targets your will. His weapon is pride. We operate independent of God’s will. David with the census was acting in pride, stubbornness, jealousy and competition.

We are quick to judge the sins of the flesh, but not so quick to deal with sins of the spirit: pride, stubbornness, gossip, exaggeration of the facts, jealousy, and competition.

We have big egos, want our own rights and say it’s my body; I’ll do what I want with it.

We have privileges, not rights.

If serving is beneath you, then leading is above you.

Don’t take God’s glory. Beware when you feel you have arrived. When you think you have built “your” church. When you think God can’t get along without you. When you start to rob God of the glory.

He is the accuser of the brethren. He wants us to go to hell. He tells you can get away with something, but afterwards he tells you, “How did you ever think you would get away with that?”

His target is your heart and conscience. The weapon is accusation. He makes you feel regret & remorse, but not repentance.

His purpose is to bring an indictment. Satan wants you to feel guilty. He wants you to think you have gone too far—that the Lord would never take you back. He wants you to experience regret and remorse, but not repentance. He wants you to focus on yourself and your sins.

Defense:

For lies—God’s Word.

For suffering—God’s grace.

For Pride—indwelling of the Spirit of God.

For accusation—Jesus is our advocate with the Father.

He is after your mind, your body, your will, and your heart and conscience.

His weapons are lies, suffering, pride and accusation.

But we are not defeated. Here’s your defense. Your defense against lies is the inspired Word of God. Your defense
against suffering is the imparted grace of God.
You are salt and light in this world.
When Satan attacks you in suffering, submit yourself to God, thank God in the trial, spend time in the word, and look for ways to glorify Christ.
Your defense against pride is the In-dwelling Spirit of God. Only God the Holy Spirit, working in you, can control your will and enable you to please God.
Your defense against the accusation of Satan is the interceding Son of God. 1 John 2:1 “My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”
ACTIVATED BY POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.. OVERCOMER GREATER IS HE......
CONCLUSION: John 12:35. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you...”Darkness always chasing you.
Use God’s Word against demon activity. God is stronger than Satan; you aren’t unless you have Jesus living in you and are acting according to His will. Remember the story in Jude about rebuking Satan.

Yvonne and Bruce Talso celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.
Let’s all sing “You are my Sunshine” to our spouses.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey You’ll never know dear, how much I love you, please don’t take my sunshine away.
In The Sweet Bye And Bye

Chorus
In the sweet bye and bye
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet bye and bye
We shall meet on that beautiful shore

Oh I Want To See Him

Chorus
Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face
There to sing forever of His saving grace
On the streets of glory let me lift my voice
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice

In The Twinkling of An Eye

Verse 1
When the trump of the great archangel its mighty tones shall sound,
And, the end of the age proclaiming
Shall pierce the depths profound
When the Son of Man shall come in His glory
To take the saints on high, what a shouting
In the skies from the multitudes that rise
Changed in the twinkling of an eye

Chorus
Changed in the twinkling of an eye
Changed in the twinkling of an eye
The trumpet shall sound, the dead
Shall be raised
Changed in the twinkling of an eye

Oh I Want To See Him

Chorus
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Sherm Buschell’s daughters with Dan Turner lead worship.

Bob Ludwig plays the offeritory.
Sunday morning, Alton Garrison
THE BOOK, THE BLOOD AND THE BLESSING
THE PLAN, PRICE AND POWER

In the past 50 years the worldwide AG has grown from 26,193 churches to nearly 370,000 churches and from 3,113,982 adherents to 68 million.

• Dave Kinnaman, in UnChristian says, “In virtually every study we conduct born-again Christians fail to display much attitudinal or behavioral evidence of transformed lives.

• He also says young evangelical Christians 23-41 believe they have a right to do things their way: 59% believe it is morally acceptable to cohabitate; 44% believe in sex outside of marriage; 35% believe it is okay to get drunk; and 28% believe it is okay to have a sexual relationship with someone of the same sex.

• It’s hard to establish a true north, a moral compass.

• Fear of missional and theological drift. The answer is spiritual renewal-- a true convicting, transformative experience only possible by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

We are told in today's culture of Biblical illiteracy, agnosticism, individualism, and personal interpretation of truth, you can’t use the Bible to validate our belief of Christianity. But where else do we turn? Ignorance nor personal opinion will protect anyone from eternal punishment. Back to the basics.

It’s not just for super-saints, it’s for everyone. Everyone is gifted and wired differently. That’s a good thing.

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing.

When we are speaking in tongues, Satan can’t understand and we can’t add to it...and that’s a good thing.

1 THE BOOK The plan

The Old Testament closes with two words, “a curse”. Because of sin and disobedience a curse was placed on the entire human family. 400 years after the OT closed God speaks and the NT begins. “The Book”, the first two words of the N.T. have a direct bearing on the last two words of the O.T. The book of the generations of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham.

1) Great because of its author.

God breathed through 40 men over a period of 1600 years. 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” In Genesis 1, 9 times it records “and God said”.

• In Malachi, 23 times “and God said.”

• Isaiah claimed divine inspiration 40 times.

• In Jeremiah here are 100 instances where is says “thus saith the Lord.”

• In the Pentateuch alone 560 times it says, “and God spoke.”

2) Great because of the power it imparts.

Something happens in me and to me when I read this Book.

Your strength depends exclusively and entirely on how much of the Book you get into you.

• Jeremiah 5:14-Word is a devouring flame

• Jer 23:29-Word is like a crushing hammer

• Ez 37:7-Word is a life giving force

• Rom 1:16-Word is like a saving power

• Eph 6:17-Word is like a defensive weapon

• Heb. 4:12-Word is like a probing instrument. Quick and powerful

3) Great because of its subject. Hebrews 10:7 “Then said I, Lo, (I come: in the volume of the Book it is written of me.

II. THE BLOOD --THE PRICE

Fourteen times before they drove the nails into his hands and His feet, he told the disciples He was going to be crucified.

Christianity is a revolutionary faith, but it’s not a bloodless revolution. From cradle to cross, the blood of the covenant is the life source that ensures our resurrection hope.

a. The shedding of blood for sacrifice and covenant was established in the OT. In 1446 B.C. the Israelites left Egypt and every household offered a lamb, and that shed blood protected the first born from the death angel, but it was not enough.

b. At the door of the tabernacle, every morning and every evening there was a sacrifice made and sin’s penalty was pushed ahead; it was not enough.

c. When David was bringing the ark to Jerusalem he stopped every six paces and killed a ram to offer a sacrifice; it was still not sufficient to meet God’s standard.

d. After a plague had killed 70,000 Jews, a threshing floor became an altar and the plague was stayed, but even that was not enough.

e. When Solomon was made king, he sacrificed a thousand rams and a thousand bullocks and a thousand sheep. He spilled 12,565 gallons of blood, but the blood shed there was not enough.

f. When Israel was without a true God, a law, or a teaching priest, Asa offered 700 oxen and 7000 sheep. He spilled 13,640 gallons of blood on an altar, but it was still not sufficient to meet God’s standard.

g. At Gibeon, Solomon entreated God and emptied 10,835 gallons of blood, but it was still not enough.

h. At the dedicatory service of Solomon’s temple they killed 120,000 sheep and 22,000 oxen. That was 290,270 gallons of blood and the cloud of glory filled the temple and the priests could not minister. But it was still not enough.

Throughout the OT there were mountains of sacrifices and rivers of blood ....

(Heb 9:12 KJV) Neither by the blood of goats and calves,
but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

The blood of Jesus was what was needed. When Jesus died at Calvary and presented that blood at the high and holy altar of heaven every angel stood to attention and the voice of God thundered that it was enough. He is the Lamb, said Revelation, slain from the foundation of the world and hath redeemed us by his blood.

Whenever you open the Book, ask the Holy Spirit to show you Jesus—His person and His purpose. Through pictures, precepts, and prophecies you will see Him. It is written in the volume of the book.

What the hub is to the wheel, Christ is to the Bible. It revolves around Him. All its types point to Him; all its truths converge in Him; all its glories reflect Him; all its beauties are embodied by Him; all its demands are exemplified by Him; and all its predictions are accepted by Him.

He is the light of this world, the bread of life, the true vine, the good shepherd, the way the truth, the life, the door to heaven, the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, the prince of the kings of the earth, the alpha and omega, the first and the last.

Satan couldn’t kill him in the cradle; couldn’t tempt him in the wilderness; couldn’t hold him in the grave; couldn’t prevent Him from ascending into heaven; can’t stop Him from building His church; and won’t be able to prevent Him from coming again. As S.M. Lockridge said, “There is nothing you can use to defeat him or destroy him. You can’t impeach Him and he is not going to resign.”

III. THE BLESSING OF PENTECOST--THE POWER

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power to be witnesses...” We have been blessed to be a blessing. This is our mission. The Holy Spirit is God and He is our helper; teacher; the one who exalts Jesus and the one who empowers us for victory over sin and equips us for the task of evangelism. You must not separate Pentecost from harvest.

The blessing of Pentecost defines the Assemblies of God like nothing else can.

90 to 95% of Christianity resides outside the US. There are estimated to be 614 million Pentecostals and Charismatics in the world. The growth rate for this Renewal Movement between 1910 and 2010 was nearly four times the growth rate of both Christianity and the world’s population.

This generation seems preoccupied with the paranormal. From films such as The Avengers, The Twilight Saga and the Harry Potter series, to the books and comic books on which they are based, superheroes, vampires, and young wizards.

Young audiences are well aware of the mythical nature of such stories. Why? I believe they understand an underlying life truth — that there is a reality beyond the material world, and that a greater power is at work in this universe. Think how privileged is the Church. We can experience a very real presence and power beyond human capacity. We can be Spirit-empowered. The primary purpose of Spirit-empowerment is to carry out the transformative mission of God among the lost.

1. The anointing will help you do more than you can do.
2. The anointing will help you say more than you know.
3. The anointing will help you help others.

When you are anointed by the Holy Spirit what you say, is APOPHTHENGOMAI-spirit inspired speech.

Some of you feel inadequate, unworthy, guilty because of past failures, unprepared but when you witness to a friend, teach a class, or make a decision in the market place comes “Spirit inspired speech...APOPHTHENGOMAI”. You say what you haven’t studied, about things you haven’t learned, to people who know you don’t know. The anointing will help you speak more than you know.

1 John 2:20 “You have an anointing from the Holy One...” The anointing you received from Him remains in you...”.

How will you succeed? When you are anointed you can win battles against impossible odds.

Samson killed a 1000 with a jawbone; Shamgar killed 600 with an ox goad; Gideon overcame odd of 450 to 1 when 300 defeated 135,000 with trumpets, clay pots, and lamps. Is it possible to forget our problems, lay aside our preferences, forgive our enemies and focus on Jesus, His blood and the power of the Holy Spirit.

David carrying the Ark of the Covenant from Obed-edom. It was 6 miles from Obed-edom’s house to the Tabernacle. Every 6 paces, 2 feet, 2 inches, he would stop, build an altar, slay an oxen and lamb put them on the altar and burn them. Send up incense. As soon as that was done he would take 6 more paces. Stop again, build another altar and offer another sacrifice for six miles.

2,437 stops in six miles. 406 stops per mile. 2,437 oxen slain 2,437 calves slain. If it took 30 minutes to prepare the altar and sacrifice. 1259 hours or 52 days to make a six mile journey. Add 8 hours of sleep and 3 hours to eat a day. That’s 630 more hours -- 26 more days.

Add all that up and it took David 78 days just to make the 6 mile journey

David was king, but he had nothing more important to do than entertain the presence of God.

With worship he soared; with worship he warred. When God arises enemies scattered.

If David could play away the evil spirits of Saul with one harp, what could happen if we began to worship

FREE REFILLS

Praying for Alton Garrison as he leaves.
Ed Hollen

Communion
Jesus took the full brunt of the sacrifice for our sin.
Covenant is a deep relationship word.
He took Satan’s vengeance without backing out.
Thank you Jesus!!!

Communion
The Price Has Been Paid!

is Still God of the Night
Faces of Senior’s Retreat

Carolyn Baker & LaVone Larson
Janet & Keith Beachem
Bess Dahl & Sue Werneke

Burnice & Jan Geroy
Vonnie & David Godding
Marlys Holmgren & Esther Molskness

Sally & Lloyd Hjelle
Linelle & Lil Johnson
Melanie Juelfs & MaryLou Lovegreen

Shirley Kennedy & Mary Nelson
Nelson & Tom Kennedy
Margie Kobow, Victoria Elwood, Donna Will
The God of the Day

Dennis Forst, Night watch

Alton Garrison

Cheryl Hiebert

Janet Hintz

Edwin Hollen

Darwin Lay, golf carts

Sharon Lund

Mary Moore

Cory Olmscheid

DanParotti

Sue Wernicke

Dennis Willmar

Shirley Hubenette & Charlotte Thompson

Harold & Jean Siirila

Name me
is Still God of the Night
Lakeview Center

Gazebo & clock

Lakeview center

Blowing leaves

Lakeview center

Maple tree

181539 Worship center

Maple tree leaves

Worship center

The new blacktop

Picnic table and swings
The zinnia was named after the German botanist, Johann Gottfried Zinn. In the language of flowers, zinnias represent friendship, specifically thoughts of an absent friend. From 1931 – 1957, the zinnia was the state flower of Indiana, USA. Zinnias were once called “youth and old age” because old blooms stay fresh as new blooms open.

Petunias are one of the most popular garden bedding flowers. Petunias are annual flowering plants, native to Argentina.

Tithonia is a native of Mexico and known as the Mexican sunflower.

Monarchs cannot survive without milkweed; their caterpillars only eat milkweed plants and monarch butterflies need milkweed to lay their eggs.
What does the black and orange bands mean?
- The longer the black bands, the longer, colder, snowier and more severe the winter will be.
- And the position of the bands indicates which parts of winter will be the coldest.
- If the head is dark, the winter starts out severe.
- If the tail is dark, the end will be cold.
- Since the Woolly Bear has 13 body segments, folklorists believe that each segment corresponds to one of the 13 weeks of winter. So reading each band could conceivably forecast each week of the winter.

“There’s evidence,” he says, “that the number of brown hairs has to do with the age of the caterpillar—in other words, how late it got going in the spring. The [band] does say something about a heavy winter or an early spring. The only thing is ... it’s telling you about the previous year.”

The Dr Curran’s Originalan Society of the Friedds of the Woolly bear have been counting since 1948.

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The Woolly bear caterpillar is the larval form of the Isabella tiger moth.

Coreopsis Solanna Golden Sphere Tickseed Supposed to be deer resistant, but the deer eat the leaves off of my plant every year.

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**To know God and be Ready for heaven,**

**Follow these steps:**

**A. Admit you are a sinner.**

"There is no one righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:10,23. (See Romans 5:8; 6:23.)

Ask God’s forgiveness.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

**B. Believe in Jesus**

(Put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (See John 14:6.)

Become a child of God by receiving Christ.

"To all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20.)

**C. Confess that Jesus is your Lord.**

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (See verse 10.)