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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

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OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,  
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

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## WHEN MORNING GUILDS THE SKIES

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised!

When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day,  
When from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th' eternal song  
Through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

*From the German Translation by Edward Caswall*

Selected by Lynn H. Miller  
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## BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO

I suspect that you immediately identify the title of this article. Even if you don't recall the exact reference, you probably recognize that it's from scripture and who spoke it. Not simply because it includes the word "Ye" but because of its unique, memorable and powerful nature. This reference is from the last part of the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of chapter 14 of the Book of John.

The scene for this statement was the Last Supper in the upper room. Jesus had already washed the disciples' feet, dipped the sop and given it to Judas, His betrayer and was now answering several questions that the disciples were asking. Phillip had asked Jesus to show them the Father to satisfy them. From our

perspective, two thousand years later, Phillip's question might seem a bit haughty, untimely or short-sighted. Nevertheless, as He often did through lengthy response, Jesus not only lovingly corrected the reasoning behind the question but gave them much more insight than the inquiry sought. And inside Jesus' response, is the core of the Gospel: "because I live, ye shall live also."

If you will, let's imagine for a moment, being seated with the disciples and Jesus that night in the upper room. Considering the week we had just come through, we might say it had been a whirlwind. Just a few days earlier on Sunday, Jesus had entered Jerusalem riding a donkey and the masses had strewn their

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garments and branches before Him for a path. We can picture the obvious excitement, joy and expectation on the faces in the multitude as they cried out *"Hosanna to the son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."* What a glorious entry that truly was. But soon thereafter, things seemed to deteriorate as Jesus turned the tables of the moneychangers in the temple and then prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Why did Jesus do this? The week had started so well but it's souring as He's drawing the ire of powerful religious people. And now, tonight He seems solemn. It seems improper that a man of His significance has bowed and washed our feet. Also confusing, He gave us bread and wine as if it was His body and blood and He speaks of betrayal and offenses among us. What does this all mean?

While confusing, there was one thing in particular that He said that caught our attention. He said, *"because I live, ye shall live also."* What did He mean by that? What does His being alive have to do with us being alive? Wasn't He just telling us that He

was going to die? How then can we live because He lives if He's going to die?

I think those are excellent questions. And the disciples would all soon understand the awesome answer to those questions, as believers also do today.

Yes, the week in Jerusalem had started off wonderfully but then things turned worse and then bleak and near the end of the week, seemed hopeless. The Master that had entered Jerusalem on Sunday to great jubilation, had in such a short time, been falsely tried, sentenced to death and executed. But then...the tomb was empty! He was victorious over death! He AROSE and IS ALIVE! And not only that, but as we believe in Him, He grants us life also! Because He lives, we shall live also! Praise the Lord!

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."* John 3:16-17

## HOLINESS AS ART- ART FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

(Part 3 of 3)

*Continued from the February and March 2025 issues of the Bible Monitor.*

### Musical Art

The third form of art found in the Bible is music, performing the beauty we feel inside. Creation sings in praise to God. *"...the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy."* (Job 38:7) The heavens are not silent but resounding with the wondrous glory of innumerable stars and heavenly beings singing in worship to the Lord. The psalmist wrote: *"Praise ye the LORD from the heavens... Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise ye him all ye stars of light...Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created."* (Ps. 148:1,3,5)

*"All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name."* (Ps. 66:4) God created a resonating cosmos that will glorify Him even if we choose not to. *"And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."* (Luke

19:40) Can't we join creation in praise?

The Old Testament is full of song. The first record of people singing is at the Red Sea when God delivered Israel from the Egyptians. *"I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously."* (Exod. 15:1b) Music was important to Israel in victory, as well as dedication, call to battle, lament, wedding feasts, etc.

When the temple was completed, *"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD... that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD."* (II Chr. 5:13a)

When David brought the ark of God up to the tabernacle, the Bible says that *"David and all*

*Israel played before the Lord with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.” (1 Chr. 13:8)*

Praise to the King is central in the book of Psalms. *“Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD... sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.” (Ps. 135:1,3)*

*“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing... Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise...” (Ps. 100:1,2,4)*

*“The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice...” (Ps. 97:1)* The book of Psalms ends with a command: *“Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.” (Ps. 150:6)*

*“... and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.” (Rev. 4:8b)* In the eternal realm, where all is peace and joy, and Christ reigns forever, the inhabitants will worship and praise the King.

Don't you want to be a part of it?

*“The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ‘Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.’” (Rev. 4:10-11)*

*“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation... And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing,*

*and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.”* (Rev. 5:9,11-14)

Does that send shivers down your back? Can you feel the swell of the thousands? Hear the perfect harmony in the grandeur of song? More importantly, will you be a part of that great multitude crying *“Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”?* (Rev. 7:10b)

*“Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”* (Rev. 15:3b) *“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.”* (Ps. 106:48)

Art in its purest form is Biblical! What are we as Christians living in a fallen world to do with it? *“Ye are the salt of the earth...Ye are the light of the world...”* (Matt. 5:13,14) *“And he gave to some, apostles, and some, prophets; and some,*

*evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”* (Eph. 4:11) And we might add: artists, musicians, writers, composers, photographers, etc. Every talent that we have is God-given. And we are to use them! *“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.”* (Ecc. 9:10) We can use our talents in our home community, to bless our church family, to witness to others, and to show a portion of God’s true nature through art. And to fulfill our highest calling: to bring the beauty of heaven to earth by living out our walk with Christ in the beauty of holiness.

But we have a choice. *“And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.”* (Exod. 32:2-4)

Oh, how sad! That they

would use their talents to completely forsake God and turn their worship to a golden calf. How about us? Do we create and turn to God in worship and praise, or do we take the credit and glory to ourselves? *“Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves.”* (Ps 100:3a)

Here we stand, in conclusion, with the choice of whom to glorify! Because we are created in God’s image with the same

desire for beauty and creativity. We can choose the highest form of art in God’s eyes and worship Him in the beauty of holiness and praise Him for creating us with the ability to do so. Or we can selfishly use our gifts to create beauty but take the credit to ourselves and miss the highest goal entirely. What kind of art will you choose?

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## A PICTURE OF COMMUNION

One lump, one loaf, one body: this was the first Lord’s Supper. The grain had to die and be crushed in order to unite in one loaf. The outer shell of a seed dies in order for new life to take root in the field and grow a strong stalk to withstand the storms of life. Only in this way can it bear fruit.

For the cause of Christ, each person must die to himself and be crushed together with the rest to become one bread. In this way we follow Christ. Our will must die for the sake of the Church. There are no individual grains visible in the loaf. There is no letter “I” in the word “team”.

One seed left by itself can easily be lost. Mingle them all together and a sizeable loaf is made.

Similarly, grapes are pressed together to make wine. Each grape gives all its juice to make the wine. No grape can stay whole or individual. No individual grape or kernel can be part of a whole. To remain single is to spoil. Jesus taught the disciples this vivid picture of community. Jesus became broken bread and poured-out wine for us. Likewise, our own will must be broken and we must be willing to suffer and die as Jesus did. The power of the Holy Ghost shows itself in love and

compassion, the self-sacrificing kind that Jesus had. God's truth is brought forth through His abundant love.

The members fitly framed together love one another as Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it. The Supper is indicative of our giving all, as Jesus did, to each other. We have become one loaf. No one can be a single child of God. We must commune with others who walk the same paths. The Lord's Prayer shows us: "*Our Father... Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our*

*debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*"  
Matt. 6:9-13 These are plural terms, not singular. When Christ broke bread, He gave to men, no matter how small the offering. He did not do this alone. In so doing, the small become great and the poor become rich.

Adapted from early Anabaptist  
writings by

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## A SUPPER TO REMEMBER

Family reunions are a great time to get together and celebrate memories of the past. It is a time of gathering together and thinking about the past and all the great blessings of the past. That is what comes to my mind when I think of the Lord's Table in the congregation.

I think, unfortunately with some, the Lord's Table has become just a routine. Something they go through because they have gone through it before and might have no idea what they are doing at that table.

There are many traditions, rites and rituals surrounding the Lord's Table in many churches today.

It would have been interesting to have been at the Last Supper with all the disciples, not really knowing what the future held for them. They did not know that this was really the "Last Supper." They were just having fellowship with one another and with Jesus. How would it have differed if the disciples knew what was going to happen within the



next few days? Would their conversation have changed? What would it have been like? I am sure in the years to come they thought much about that last time with the Lord Jesus before his crucifixion. I am sure as they gathered around the Lord's Table years later memories of that Last Supper arose in their mind.

For us today, the Lord's Table is a great time to meditate on the amazing grace of God. I am not one for looking back all the time, but the Lord's Table is an opportunity for me to look back and review all of the promises of God and how he has been so faithful to me. This kind of looking back is not for regret, but for rejoicing. To think of what God has done in my life, how faithful he has been, and how amazing his grace has been in my own life. I believe the Lord's Table is a time to celebrate our victory in Jesus Christ. The journey in this world can make a person quite weary and tired. We need moments in time set aside to celebrate and the Lord's Table is a perfect time for that. There is a variety of things to remember as we gather around the Lord's Table.

For me, the first thing is to remember how much I have failed in the past. It is important for me to realize my weakness because it is in my weakness that I begin to experience the strength of God. If I had no failures in my past, I could not celebrate any victories of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whenever I get thinking too much about myself, it is good to think back on some of the stupid mistakes I have made. As I look back, the thing that stands out most to me is, none of my mistakes or failures in any way compromised the grace of God. In fact, through my failure I was able to experience the grace of God. Another thing that is important as I think of the Lord's Table and look back is God's faithfulness. I sometimes do not see how faithful God is until I am down the road, I can look back and then I can see God's faithfulness. When I am going step-by-step, I do not get a very good perspective of the path. However, down the road as I look back, I can begin to see all the way He led me. At the time, I did not know He was leading me, but looking back, I see in a wonderful way that He was leading me.

When I begin to see how God has guided me through the past, my heart warms with great joy knowing that God has been with me. The time that I thought I was struggling all by myself with no one to help me, looking back, I now can see God's fingerprint in that part of my life. When I am going through something, I do not always sense God's presence. That is what the walk of faith is all about.

Gathered around the Lord's Table and looking back, I also begin to see how God has used me. There are times in my life that I feel so useless and worthless. What good am I to anybody else? Looking back, I can begin to see that God was using me in this situation and with that person. At the time, I did not know it, but looking back, I can recognize it. When I begin to recognize how God has used

me, I can celebrate the fact that He will continue to use me in the days to come.

One more thing, as I look back sitting at the Lord's Table are the people God has brought into my life to encourage me. God is good and faithful in bringing the right person into my life at the right time. Of course, at that time I did not realize how significant that person was in my life. However, looking back, I rejoice at how God has brought into my life certain people that blessed and encouraged me in my walk with God.

Certainly, as we gather together with those of like faith around the Lord's Table we can begin to rejoice in God's faithfulness in our lives and the lives of those around us.

James L. Snyder  
Ocala, FL

### **Thought for the Day**

*God didn't remove the Red Sea, He opened it.  
Just because God hasn't removed your problem  
doesn't mean He won't provide a way through it.*

## CONNECTIONS

*As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult Sunday School Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.*

“Who am I?” King David asks God. Nathan had just relayed the message that came to him that night. “What is my house that you have brought me this far?” King David recognizes that it can only be by God’s grace that he has reached the pinnacle of his kingship. David the shepherd, called from the sheepfold to be anointed king, hunted like a wild animal by Saul and his wife taken and given to another. He now has all of these experiences to draw from as he rules God’s people, leading them like a shepherd leads the sheep. Not only am I here, David realizes, I have been guided very intentionally through every trying circumstance to reach this kingship so I can have the demeanor that God desires the king of his beloved nation to have. The type of the Lord Jesus is strikingly clear. Think of Isaiah the prophet’s words *“my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.”* God has shown in David, then ultimately in the antitype Jesus, that any

who will be His servant must experience suffering to prepare them to lead His people. Then the glorious power of God is given to provide for his people in a kind and gentle way; clear and firm when needed to protect them, like a shepherd.

David concludes that all this was yet a small thing. God has covenanted to build David’s house and establish his kingdom & throne forever. This has all been done according to the heart of God and for the sake of His word. David knows that as these words come true, the name of God will be magnified forever. David is also aware that God has revealed this plan to him so he can know it. He is spontaneously thankful and has the boldness to go directly into God’s presence and talk with God himself. God has spoken that he will bless his house, so with His blessing, David knows that he is eternally blessed.

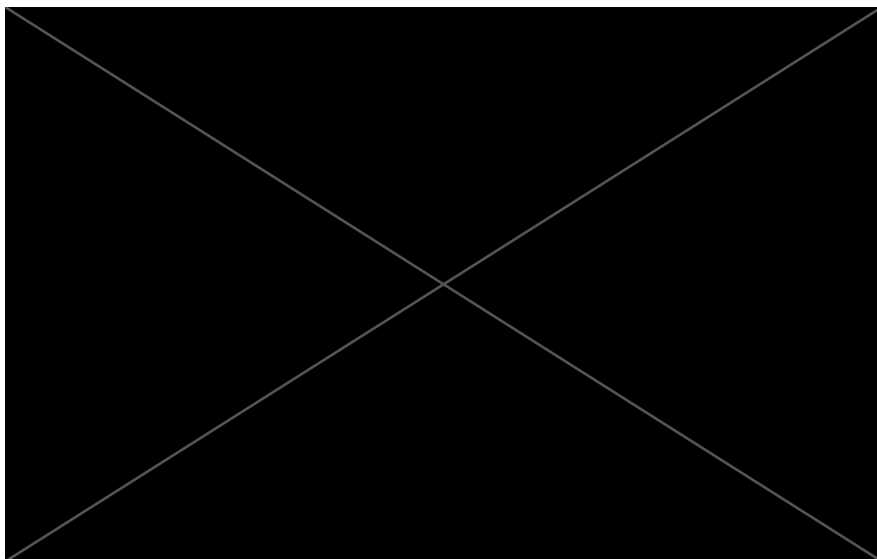
King David reigns with the awareness of God’s guidance and continues to conquer Israel’s enemies. Other nations

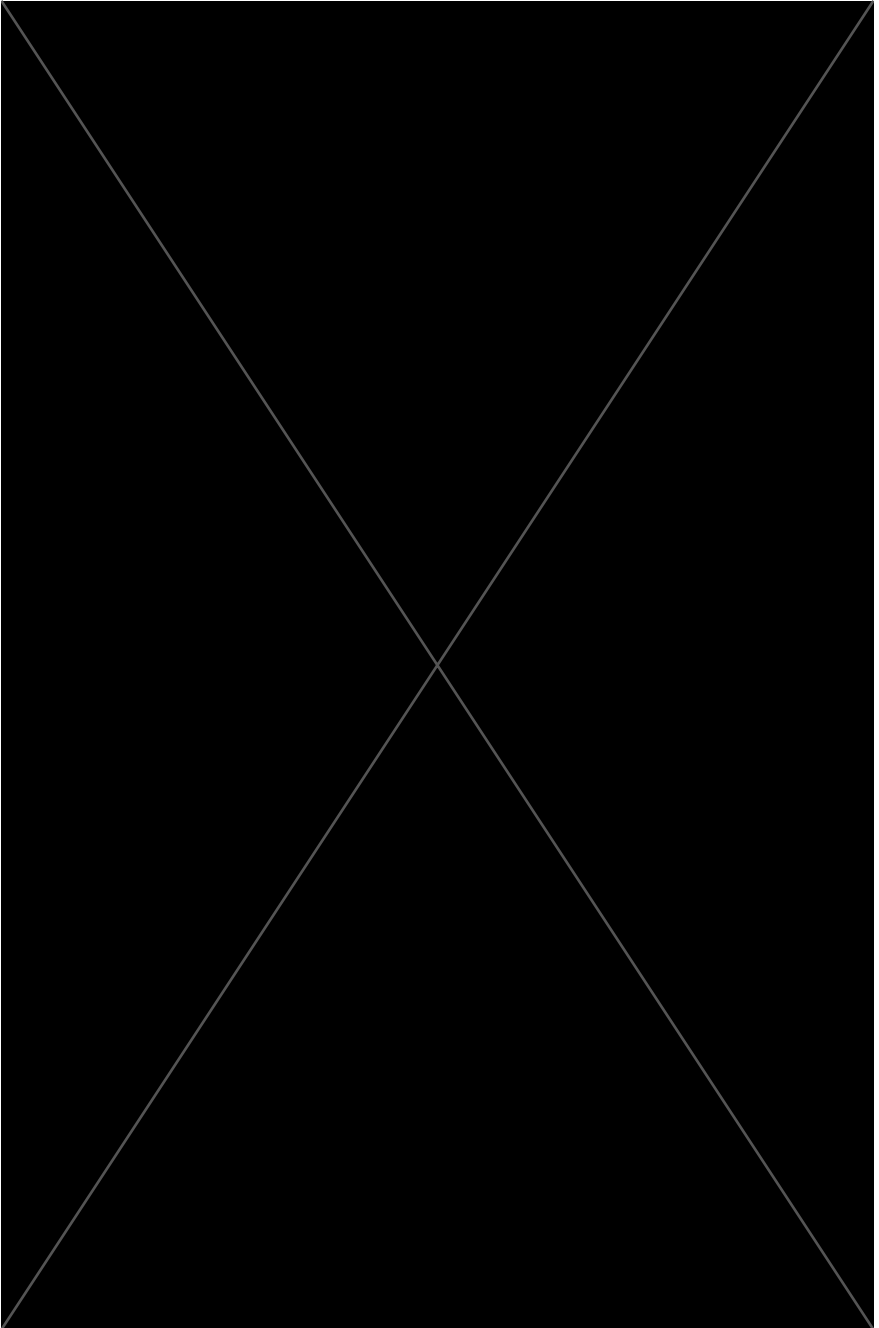
see this and give up without a fight or are glad when David subdues an enemy that they have in common. King David gets himself quite a reputation. Yet he still dedicates the spoils to the Lord.

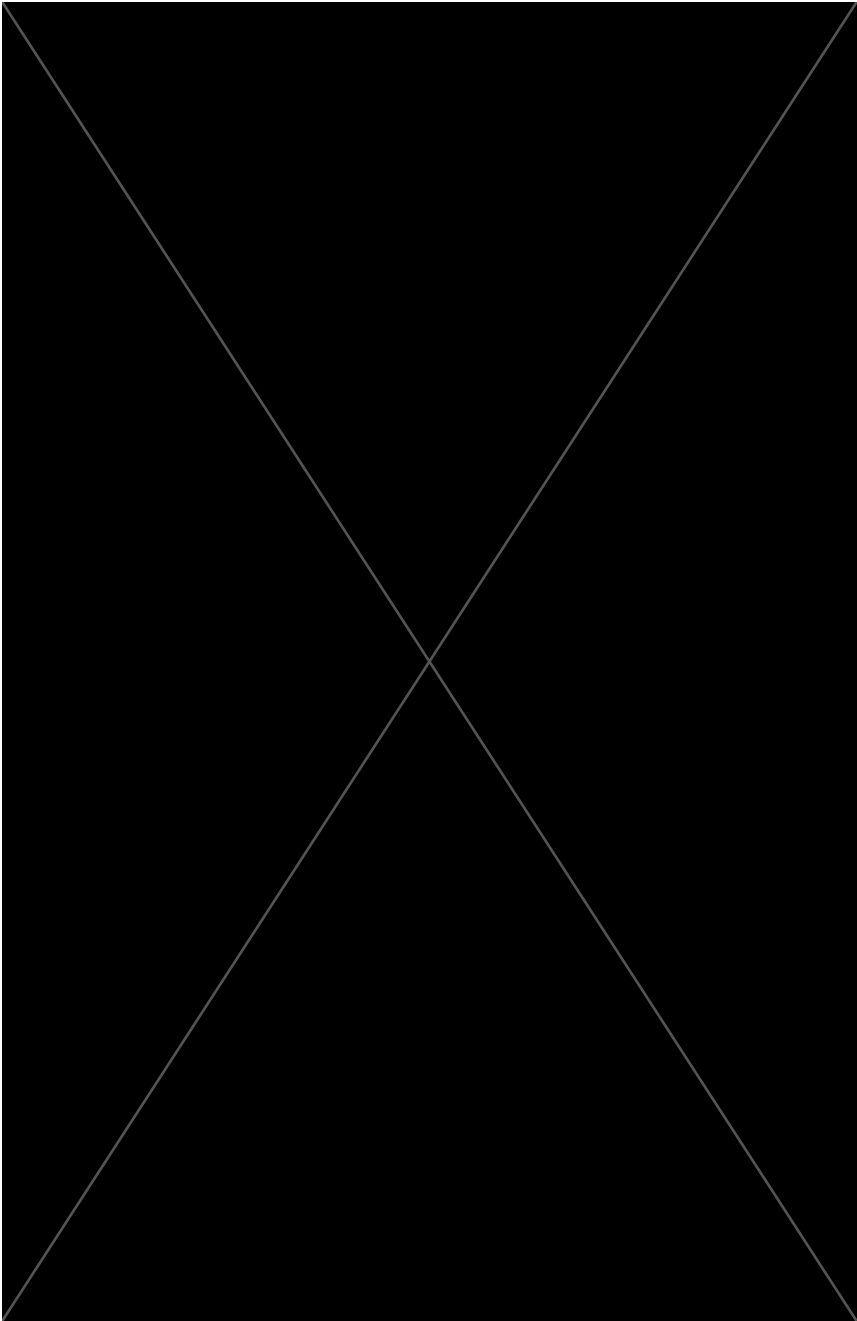
In all of this time of the greatness of the kingdom, the ingredients for the trouble lie hiding in wait. While David was able to reclaim his wife, Michal, he was not able to restore their relationship. Family trouble. The treacherous leader of the host, Joab, shows he is very capable in an impossible situation. He appeals to the honor of the men fighting and ignites passion in them to fight with valor against

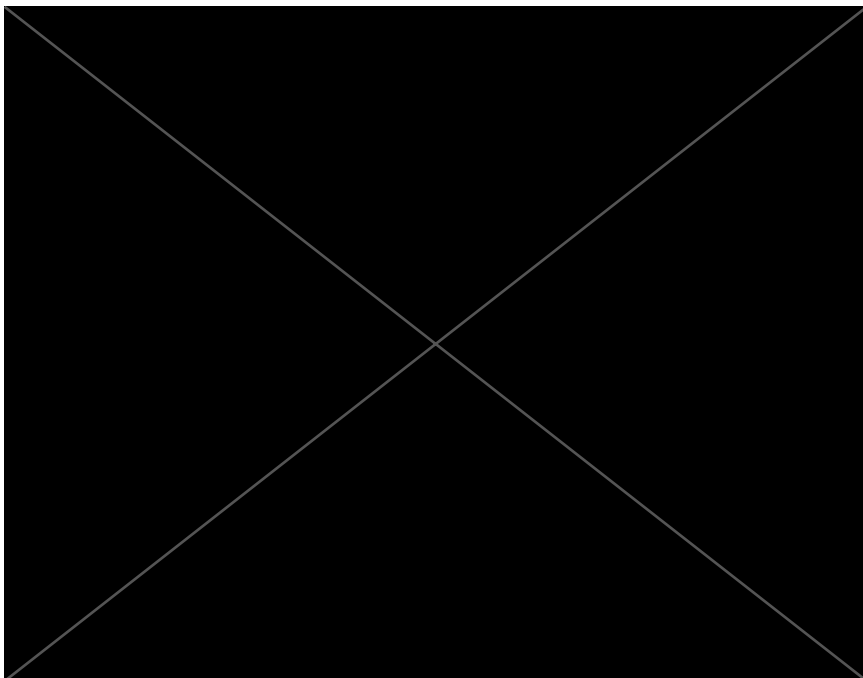
daunting odds. While this positions David perfectly to win the war and subdue the enemy, it also firmly seats Joab into a top position in David's kingdom soon to be heard from again because of his treachery. Political trouble. Finally, it will be David himself who sets the events of trouble in motion, when he decides not to go forth but sends Joab. When he made this decision to tarry in Jerusalem, had he started to forget the fact that it was God who made him who he was and brought him this far? Be careful David!

On behalf of the Bible Study Board  
Brother Kidron Crist









## OBITUARIES

### **Mark Eberly**

Mark B. Eberly, 85 of Myerstown, Pennsylvania passed away in the Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital on Friday, February 14, 2025. He was born in South Lebanon Township, Lebanon County on June 14, 1939, a son of the late Marvin and Elsie (Balsbaugh) Eberly.

Mark was the husband of the late Rachel Lena (Noecker) Eberly who passed away on October 24, 2014. Mark was a truck driver for Wengert's Dairy until he fell ill with Guillain-Barre disease and was confined to a wheelchair for the last 46 years of his life. He handled his illness with a great attitude and was an encouragement to many people throughout the years. He enjoyed antique tractor shows and especially Farmall tractors. He loved his family and enjoyed visits with them. Mark was a member of the Heidelberg Brethren Church.

Surviving are his sons: M. Dale Eberly and wife Ann L. of Bernville;

Steven N. Eberly and wife Marie E. of Richland; Donald A. Eberly and wife Ella F. of Myerstown; Thomas D. Eberly and wife Dana M. of Lebanon: fourteen grandchildren; thirty-one great grandchildren; brother Paul Eberly and wife Wilma of Hagerstown, MD; sister in law: Rita Garber of Chambersburg; numerous nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by brothers: Alan, Amos, and Luke Eberly.

A funeral service was held at the Heidelberg Brethren Church, Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania on Friday, February 21, 2025. Interment followed in the adjoining church cemetery.

### **Delores Lorenz**

Delores Lorenz, 91, was born January 1, 1934, to Harley and Lela (Clingenpeel) Lorenz. After angels having taken her spirit on March 11, 2025, she was laid to rest.

She was a member of the Dunkard Brethren Church in Plevna, Indiana. Pastor Robert Carpenter conducted a service at the grave in Kendall Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Kathleen Knights, stepbrother, E.M. Beam, a nephew, Steven Knights, and a niece Jennifer Camp. Surviving are nephews T. Ray, Jeffery, and a niece Diann DeCastro.

Delores was known for her care for the elderly and her many visits to nursing home patients. She appreciated the good home at Friendship Haven for several years.

## **NEWS ITEMS**

### **Notice**

Please be sure all queries, reports, and any other business for 2025 General Conference are in my hands by April 15, 2025.

Thank you,

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**New Elder**

Brother Jonathan Skiles of the Juniper Hills congregation in New Mexico was ordained as Elder on January 25. Please pray for Brother Jonathan and Sister Jill in this new responsibility.

**Lititz, Pennsylvania**

All are welcome to the Spring revival meetings at the Lititz, Pennsylvania congregation, March 30 - April 6, with Bro. Chad Meyers of Dallas Center, Iowa as the speaker. Sunday mornings we have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with preaching to follow. Sunday evening, March 30, the service is at 7 p.m. and services throughout the week are at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will conclude with the Sunday morning service and fellowship lunch April 6. We welcome your presence and prayers.

Arlene Birt, Correspondent

**Dallas Center, Iowa**

The Dallas Center Dunkard Brethren plan to host Spring revival meetings April 6 - 13. Bro. Jonathan Skiles from the Juniper Hills, New Mexico congregation will be sharing throughout the week. Services will begin on Sunday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck to follow. Sunday evening service will be held at 6 p.m. Each evening service throughout the week will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, an afternoon service will be held at 2 p.m. and Love Feast will begin at 6:30 p.m. The final service of the meetings will be at 9:30 on Sunday morning followed by lunch. Please hold Bro. Jonathan up in prayer as he prepares to share the Word. All are welcome to join us.

Julie Meyers, Correspondent

**Pine Grove, Pennsylvania**

Weekend meetings at Pine Grove will be held April 4 - 6. Bro. Davey Aungst of the Bethel congregation will be our minister. Friday and Saturday evenings, services starting at 7:30 p.m. Sunday Morning services at 9:30 a.m. with lunch provided.

Rachel Noll, Correspondent

**Swallow Falls, Maryland**

The Swallow Falls, Maryland congregation invites you to come and be a part of our Spring revival meetings with Bro. Dennis Klinedinst from Schuylkill Haven (Bethel), Pennsylvania. The dates for the meeting are April 13 - 20. Sunday morning services are at 10 a.m. and evening services at 7:30 p.m. There will be a lovefeast service Saturday evening the 19th (time to be decided). The last service will be Sunday morning, April 20 at 10 a.m. with a fellowship meal to follow. Please keep our congregation and Bro. Dennis in your prayers as we look forward to this revival. We hope you can come join us!

Abbey Yoder, Correspondent

**Berean, Indiana**

The Lord willing, the Berean congregation welcomes Bro. Brad Wertz from Quinter, Kansas for our Spring revival meetings, April 16 - 20. Weeknight services begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served on Sunday. We welcome all to come and be in prayer for Bro. Brad and Sis. Kirsten as they prepare to bring God's Word to us. May the King of Kings be honored in all we undertake.

Donna Wray, Correspondent

**Garnett, Kansas**

The Garnett, Kansas congregation invites you to join us for our Spring meetings with Bro. Tom Priest from Greencastle (Chambersburg), Pennsylvania, April 16 - 20. Meeting times are Wednesday – Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday Self-examination at 11 a.m., lunch, Communion at 3 p.m. with supper at 6-6:30 p.m. Sunday morning at 10 a.m. with lunch. Please be in prayer for our meetings.

If you are needing lodging, contact Jena Hawbaker or Karen Edgecomb.

Our new church address is:

430 N Grant St

Garnett, KS 66032

Jena Hawbaker, Correspondent

**West Fulton, Ohio**

The Lord willing, the West Fulton Congregation will be holding their Spring lovefeast meetings, April 18 – 20. Bro. Gerry Priest from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania will be our evangelist. Friday evening service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday examination service is at 2 p.m. followed by lovefeast at 7 p.m. Sunday services are at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please pray for Bro. Gerry as he prepares for these services.

Joy Reed, Correspondent

**Adult Sunday School Lesson Questions**

Since July 1985, questions for Sunday School lessons have been published in the Bible Monitor a month prior to the month of study. It is thought this was decided to give teachers ample time for lesson preparation. However, some have recently wondered why the questions are published this long in advance and if a change could be considered to publish the questions concurrently with the Connections article, Phil's Ponderings and the current Sunday School lessons. As the Bible Monitor generally arrives in mailboxes and email inboxes around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for the coming month, the Publication Board considered this as a reasonable request. So, beginning with the upcoming May 2025 issue, questions for Sunday School lessons will be published in the issue for the same month of study. Note that this change will cause the May 2025 Sunday School lesson questions to be duplicated in both this issue and the May 2025 issue.

Ken Brock, Editor

**General Conference**

General Conference will be held June 7-11, 2025, at Central College located at 812 University Street, Pella, Iowa 50219.

ALL BEDS are "extra-long" twin beds (39x80). Bunk beds may be unstacked and be placed side by side to make a King-sized bed. Linen packs are available for a one-time charge of \$25.00 for those who do not bring their own. Linen pack includes pillow, bed sheets, pillowcase, blanket, 2 bath towels, hand towel and 2 washcloths. Payment for linens must be made at check in.

- Washers and dryers are provided at no cost in every building. Laundry detergent not included.
- Refrigerators, microwaves and air conditioning in all buildings.
- The two RV parks nearest the campus are North Overlook and Howell Station.

Registration will begin Friday afternoon. Supper will be available for those arriving Friday.

Make your reservations at <http://dunkardbrethrenchurch.com/conference/registration/>

The 2025 Conference Lodging Committee

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR May 2025**

### **May 4 - II Sam. 11:1-13 – David's Adultery with Bathsheba**

1. Why did David stay in Jerusalem instead of going to battle?

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2. Look at the difference between Uriah's loyalty and David's actions.

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3. How did David's position of power influence his decision to pursue Bathsheba?

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### **May 11 - II Sam. 11:14-27 – Uriah's Death Arranged**

1. How did David's actions affect Bathsheba, Uriah, and their families?

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2. What were immediate consequences of David's sin, and how did they impact his life and reign?
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3. What does this story teach us about the dangers of unchecked desires and the importance of accountability?
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### **May 18 - II Sam. 12:1-17 – David's Confession**

1. What is the key message conveyed by Nathan's parable in II Sam. 12?
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2. How did David's reaction to Nathan's parable demonstrate his understanding of his sin?
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3. Why is the child born to David and Bathsheba significant, and what happens to him?
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### **May 25 - II Sam. 12:18-31 – The Death of Bathsheba's Son**

1. How does the story of David and Bathsheba illustrate God's forgiveness and grace?
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2. What can we learn from David's repentance and its impact on his life?
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3. How does the role of Nathan as a prophet relate to the concept of accountability in the Bible?
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