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“A FORETASTE OF GLORY DIVINE”

We have just come through the Easter celebration and what a great time to think about real worship. We sing that wonderful old Hymn, “Blessed Assurance” which says, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, oh what a foretaste of glory divine.” As we are still basking in the glow of Easter I want you to think about your past worship experiences. Have you ever had a worship experience that was beyond comprehension or description? And I’m not talking about something weird. Have you ever been in a worship service where the presence of God was so evident that it was beyond anything you have ever experienced before?

Just a little while before Jesus was crucified He took Peter, James and John up on a mountain-side and was transfigured right before their eyes. He changed. Listen to how Mark described the scene. “Mark 9:3, “And His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.”

Peter was so moved by the scene that He wanted to build some tabernacles and then he didn’t know what to say or do. It appears that even Peter became speechless. Now that’s real worship. There are two things I want us to think about as we contemplate “a foretaste of glory divine.”

First of all; a true worship experience should cause us to focus on the Lord alone. As Jesus changed before their eyes, the Father spoke from heaven and said, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him.” That is very good advice for real worship. We should be able to hear from God; (Through His Word) and we should be totally focused on Jesus.

A second thing to remember is that a real worship experience should change us! If you know the whole story here, you know that before this event when Jesus talked about dying Peter rebuked Him. That’s when Jesus told him, “Get thee behind me Satan.” But if you keep reading, after this “foretaste of glory divine,”

Peter heard Jesus talk again about dying but he didn’t rebuke Him again. Apparently the worship experience on the mountain changed Peter. So let me ask you again, have you had a worship experience that was beyond comprehension or description? Would you like to have one? You can every week that we get together. Every week we are celebrating the Risen Lord! That alone is worthy of our worship, and that event alone should cause us to focus on Jesus Christ exclusively. If we will do that, then we will be changed by our worship, and we will experience “A foretaste of glory divine!”

Because He Lives, The Best Is Yet To Come,
Bro. Dave

New Members

Dave Brown
Michael Coil
Frankie Pease
Linda Seever
Helen Shackelford
Hayden Snyder
Virginia Walters
Gene & Jo Ann Zeigler

Balancing Life for the Glory of God

As I read Scripture I have to remind myself that there is a balance to it. When I say balance I mean that all Scripture has to work together. I think I understand how we have so many different denominations and beliefs, because people believe what they hear and not what Scripture says. Many so called preachers and many so called Christians say what people want to hear rather than what God’s Word actually says. That’s why the health and wealth gospel is one of the fastest growing religious movements in the world today. Who doesn’t want good health and lots of wealth? But that is never a promise from God at least here on earth. God has never promised that. Pastor Dave and I hear all the time that the church has to market itself.

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That's what man says but you can't read that in Scripture.

So let me share with you something I think the church today needs to look at when it comes to balance. I am reading a book called "Slave, The Hidden Truth about Your Identity in Christ".

Somewhere and somehow we (Christians) have either misunderstood or were never taught the true cost of salvation. The word "slave" has been replaced in most English translations with the word "servant". It's hard for my generation to understand the true meaning of the word "slave". But my generation can relate to the word "servant". To balance the two words it's going to require the church to think differently. The word "servant" gives an element of freedom in choosing whom the servant will work for and what they will do. I think many Christians today have this attitude; they choose when they will serve, when they will go to church, when they will talk about their Savior. The word "slave" gives the idea that the slave has no freedom or rights.

Now what Scripture says is that we are slaves, slaves to Christ. In Luke 9:23-26 it says ²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him the Son of man will be ashamed when he comes in his *own* glory, and in *his* Father's, and of the holy angels." And 1 Cor. 7:22 says, "For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called *while* free is Christ's slave." We read in Romans 6:22, "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life."

So in balancing out Scripture we come to an understanding that a Christian is a slave with no

freedom to do as they please. Jesus said "if you love me, then obey me."

So I had to ask myself, do I act like a servant or a slave? I believe every person who claims to be a Christian might need to do the same. Slave or servant? Bro. Kirk

Local Missions-

We will collect new laundry and dish soap bottles through May 15th. Look in the bulletin for further details on a delivery date for this project. The laundry and dish soap will be provided to local families. If you would like more information contact Terri Reeder. Monetary donations need to be labeled "Local Missions". Thank you for your help!

Youth News

The youth are getting ready for their mission trip to New York. They will have had their all day training class on the 30th of April and now they're getting ready for their 2 day work project of roofing a house on May 13 & 14. The final payment for World Changers is due on May 22. If you would like to help the youth they need water donations and money.

I would ask you to lift me up in prayer. I have been asked to be the speaker for the World Changers event in New York. What a great privilege it is to speak to 400 youth at one time for five nights. Our theme this year is "UNLESS". We're just hammering unless God's building, We're just roaming unless God's going, We're just attempting unless God's attracting, We're just hoping unless God's helping, We're just grasping unless God's giving, We're just draining unless God's sustaining. Also be in prayer for the people of Buffalo New York.

On June 11 there will be a youth rally here at Northside. The rally (called All Most Anything Goes) is being put on by the Greater Dayton Association. It's a day of fun and games (all messy) with spiritual training.

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It is amazing how quickly VBS is coming. For VBS to be as successful as ever, we need your assistance. Items you chose, in Sunday School, will be due May 8. You may deliver those to the Welcome Center. We appreciate your generous donations. Without your help, VBS would not be as wonderful as it is. Also, we are in need of pop and water for our workers for the week.

Those can be delivered to the Welcome Center as well. I know we can't wait to start our Big Apple Adventure on June 19. Hope to see you there!
Kim Ross, Bonnie Dantzer, and Melissa Volbert

Important Dates:

May 8: Donation of supplies due
May 15: VBS meeting at 4:30
June 18: Classroom set up 10:00am
June 19: Big Apple Adventure begins!

Faith Riders News

We had our first Faith Riders motorcycle ride April 9th. We had 6 riders and we had a good time. Some of us, however, were cold, and some of us got rained on (especially me!), but it was still a great time.

I recently started working on a series of devotional messages, prompted by the term WWJD. Most, if not all of you, know that this means: **What Would Jesus Do?**

Not to appear critical of this, I would like to develop this farther! I believe that it is very good thinking for us to contemplate what Jesus would have us to do in a given situation! Along with this, we should also acknowledge that Jesus has already told us in His Word what we are to do in our lives. He has given direction for our lives!

For example:

In Ephesians 4:2 He tells us to "forbear" one another.

In John 13:35 He commands us to "love" one another.

In Mark 11:25 & 26 He tells us to "forgive" one another.

In Is. 55:7 He tells us to "forsake wickedness".

In First John 1:17 He tells us to "walk in the light".

In Ez. 33:7 & 8 He tells us to "warn" the lost about their condition.

In First Cor. 10:31 He tells us to "do all to the glory of God". We are to use our life activities to glorify God. Our work, our play/recreation, our hobbies, all can be used for God's glory. We can befriend others with like interests as ours, and earn the opportunity to share the Good News with them!

This is what God expects of us. The end of this age is quickly approaching, so let all of us work in this harvest now.

Gary Conley
Chaplain/Director
NBC Faith Riders

From the Prayer Chain Chairman

I can't thank my prayer partners, co-chairman, group captains and many friends for all that you have done to make our prayer chain and prayer list on Wednesday night a success. You have blessed me, these many years.

I feel the time has come that I need to step down and someone else take over this position as prayer chairman.

Please everyone start praying now about filling this position and then sign up for it when the new church year ministry surveys come out. Younger people, younger minds need to pray and let the Lord lead each one how to serve in the new church year.

I love everyone, but after holding the position of being prayer chairman for 14 yrs. I will not sign up for the position for the upcoming church year.

I am truly sorry to give this position up. I can serve as a captain or etc. but I will retire being the prayer chairman at the age of 76, after 14 yrs. past $\frac{3}{4}$ of a century. Ha!

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I know there is new blood that God is leading to take this position. I have been very proud to serve for the 14 yrs. and treasure everyone who has served with me.

Love to Northside Church and the People.
Jo Ann Harman

Children's Summer Ministry

Our children's summer ministry will be starting the first Wednesday in June and running through the end of August. We have two groups, one group is ages 4 through completed 1st grade taught by Nikki Grim and helpers, and the second group is completed 2nd grade through 6th grade taught by Su Miesse and Ruth Peer.

FROM THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

We are coming to the end of another AWANA year and it sure has been an exciting & fast one. I want to recap some events that we had.

On MARCH 16th, we had our Northside's Battle of the Champions. Everyone had a good time watching our clubbers participate in various challenging Spark-a-Rama & Awana Games right here at Northside.

On APRIL 10th, Sunday Night, We had Awana Sunday. Everyone enjoyed watching and celebrating our Awana clubbers, directors, leaders, and of course our Cedarville students. We are so blessed to have them as helpers.

On APRIL 20th, we had our annual AWANA Grand Prix. Everyone enjoyed watching the Clubbers race their cars and of course they also enjoyed the food. It was a very exciting evening.

Our last AWANA meeting is May 11th; this is our Pizza & Awards night for the Clubbers and their families.

I wanted to thank everyone that helped or watched all of the events listed above. My job is really made easier with all of the help. So for now I hope everyone has a good & safe summer and please continue to pray for our Directors, Leaders, Secretaries and the Cedarville Students that are

involved in our Northside Awana Program as we teach our children about our GOD. Because Children Matter To God. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

God Bless You,
Commander John

Women on Mission.....

Spring is here! That means it is time for our **Ladies Spring Luncheon. The date is May 21.**

Registration will begin at 10 AM. The cost for your reservation is \$10 and **MUST** be paid at time of reservation. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and someone there to take your money. If you pay by check, please make the check out to the church and indicate on the check that it is for your reservation for the Luncheon. Our theme this year is "Seasons of a Woman's Life". This luncheon is open to all women of the church, their friends, family and neighbors. So invite them all and remember to pay for them at the time of your reservation.

Our June meeting is cancelled due to that being the week of VBS. We will have a cook-out in July at the home of JoAnn Harman. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Our group continues to go to the Edgewood Center each month to work on the 3rd Monday. It is a blessing to be able to go there and help them. If at any time you would like to go, just let Faye Rodgers know and she will work you in. A limited number can go each time. We don't want to run them over with too many helpers!

Remember to pray for all of our missionaries each day. They say it is the number one thing that we can do for them.

Faye