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And His name shall be called...



ROBERT BOOTH

In recent months, Arlene and I have been discussing what we should name our next baby. These have been times of great enjoyment as we run through dozens of names and peruse baby name books.

There is much meaning and importance attached to a name. A name identifies a person. And of course, associated with a particular name are all sorts of character and personality traits. When a name is mentioned, sometimes our first thoughts are negative or positive based on our knowledge of other people carrying that same name.

In our culture parents often give a particular name to a child either because they like the sound of the name, or because a favorite relative had the same name. But in the beginning names were given with certain meanings in mind. In the book of Genesis we find that God called the first man, "Adam," which means, "red earth." God named the first man, Adam, because he was made from the dust of the earth. Adam likewise named his wife, "Eve," "...for she is the mother of all living," Adam said. Names carried specific and powerful meaning in Biblical times.

This Christmas issue of the Standard is devoted to these four names that our Messiah is called. In Isaiah 9:6 we read these powerful words that are full of meaning and application to us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas in 2013.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

AND HE SHALL BE CALLED, WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

MATT ELLISON

According to Dictionary.com, a counselor is an advisor. Today, counselors are opening-up shops left and right. Whether for marriage, family issues, grief, addictions, abuse, emotional, financial, or mental stress, counseling is growing in demand. Christian counselors are desperately needed in our world today.

Observing the problems of people from all walks of life reveals that people carry more baggage today than ever before. As materialism grows by leaps and bounds, pride drives one to not settle for anything but the best, whatever the cost. Credit cards are maxed out, the bank refuses any more loans, and the creditors are knocking loudly at the door demanding payment.

Today the divorce rate is about 50%, with unfaithfulness, lack of communication, and abuse rounding-out the top three reasons for divorce. However, the numbers are much higher for couples who still live together, smiling in public as if all is well, but living as though they are actually divorced.

Addictions have always been a problem, but as the world continues its downward moral spiral, things are getting worse. Drugs are just as much a problem among the rich professionals as they are for the poor junkies. Alcoholism is a huge cancer in our nation. One of the largest issues is sexual addiction. Pornography is a growing problem that is ruining lives, families, and sadly, churches.

How sad it is to see physical abuse resulting in scarred faces, bodies, and lives. Verbal abuse has ruined the self-esteem of many. Sexual abuse has destroyed sacred marital relationships for countless men and women.

These are real issues which are becoming ever more frequent and complex. Because of sin in our world, the hardening of hearts, and the continual rejection of God, society continues a downward spiral of moral decay. The church has a huge responsibility. We must become better prepared to help meet these needs from a Christian perspective or the hurting will seek help from the world with its humanistic and secular philosophies.

What must be our mindset in order for us as the church or individual Christians to be that source of help in the time of need? First of all, we must realize that simply preaching that two trips to an altar (for salvation and sanctification) is not the entire solution. Salvation provides forgiveness for all our sins and sanctification cleanses us from the very nature of sin, but scars, warped views, and endless pain still remain.

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Obituaries

FLORENCE TROUTMAN YOUNG, 105, formerly of Millersburg, went home to be with her Lord and savior on August 6, 2013. Born in Lykens Township on June 18, 1908, she was the daughter of the late James M., and Katie M. (Beisel) Troutman.



She attended Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, Gratz. She had worked for the former Muskin Shoe Factory, Millersburg and made deliveries of milk for the former Troutman's Dairy Farm, Lykens. She also raised and sold produce. At the age of 94, she wrote a book "Growing up on a farm in Lykens Valley". She was a charter member of the Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band where she played the coronet, was an avid gardener, and quilter. She won many ribbons at the Port Royal fair for both gardening and quilting. She made over 100 quilts, most of which were given to family and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband Clarence S. Young, 3 brothers; Albert, Paul, and John Troutman, and 3 sisters; Cora Barry, Irene Koppenhaver, and Laura Reed, and 1 grandson Eric Young.

She is survived by daughters Paula Nissley of Leesburg FL, and Ruth Kauffman of McAlisterville, PA, and sons James Young of Etters, PA, Robert Young and wife Pat of Eagleville, PA, and Richard Young and wife Judy of Elizabethtown, PA, as well as 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Florence Young was interviewed in the December 2010 issue of the Standard, available online at www.godsmissionarystandard.com/pdfs/201012.pdf

REV. RICHARD GLEN HUMBLE, 85, of Columbia Drive, Waverly, Ohio died 6:45 A.M. Wednesday August 14, 2013 at Traditions at Bristol Village, Waverly. He was born March 22, 1928 in West Liberty, Ohio the son of the late Frank Humble and Clara (Mossbarger) Humble. On September 8, 1948 he was



united in marriage to Virginia Lee (Geiger) Humble who preceded him in death on November 10, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen G. Humble and wife Patricia of Winchester, Kentucky and Wesley E. Humble and wife Lenore of Newark, Ohio, two daughters, Deborah S. Lucas and husband William of Waverly, and Marvene M. Ewing and husband John of Avon, Indiana, seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, two brothers, Tracy Humble of West Liberty, Ohio and Donald Humble and wife Miriam of Washington C. H. Ohio.

REV. GEORGE MCINTOSH, JR., 84, of Inman passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at his residence. He was the husband of Opal Virginia Withers McIntosh of the home.



Rev. McIntosh was a native of Irvin, KY and a son of the late George and Rebecca McIntosh, Sr. He was a retired tool and die/mold maker, and was a licensed, ordained minister with God's Missionary Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters and sons in law: Carol and Drake Hughes of Centerville, OH, Lynda and David Clark of South Carolina and Theresa and David Ray of South Carolina; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren along with his faithful dog, Katy.

SHIRLEY A. O'DONNELL, 61, Bensalem, PA died on July 20, 2013. She was the daughter of the late Bill and Katie Rodgers. On October 1, 1971 She married John O'Donnell Sr. who survives. She is also survived by her three sons: Rev. John O'Donnell Jr. and wife, Michele of Christiansburg; VA. Gregory and wife Anna of Canaan, IN; Kevin of Philadelphia.

She was a longtime member of the Coopersburg God's Missionary Church serving in numerous positions across the years. She gave her heart to the Lord on April 8, 1973 and loved the Lord more than life itself. She loved to witness of God's saving grace and lifter her voice in loud praise to her God. She had the "fire".

Her funeral was held on Wednesday evening on July 24, 2013 at the Faust Funeral Home on Hulmeville, a suburb of Philadelphia. She was laid to rest on the morning of July 25 in the St. Matthew Cemetery in Conshohocken PA to await the great Resurrection Day.

ROBERT D. "BOB" SMEREK, 72, of Chestnut Street, passed away at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, in RiverWoods, Lewisburg.

He was born Dec. 11, 1940, in Youngstown, Ohio, a son of the late Andrew and Helen (Kukal) Smerek. On Oct. 14, 1995, he married the former Lois Deetz, who survives.

Bob attended Allentown city schools. He retired in 1998 after 28 years of service with the J. Thomas Lipton Co., Flemington, N.J. He attended New Columbia God's Missionary Church.

Bob often could be seen in Mifflinburg walking and looking for coins and drinking coffee with his friends at McDonald's. He was a history buff, particularly the Civil War, and enjoyed collecting Civil War memorabilia. He also collected scale-model lighthouses, cars, historic buildings and churches. While at RiverWoods, he enjoyed playing trivia.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert II and Heidi Smerek, of Bangor, and Jonathan and Diane Smerek, of Hummelstown; one daughter and son-in-law, Lorena and Ken Dawes, of Dix Hills, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Kenny Dawes, Jonathan Smerek Jr., Zachary Smerek, Carolyn Dawes, Amanda Woods and husband Chris and Sarah Beth Dawes; two great-grandchildren, Kahli and Ashton Woods; one brother and sister-in-law, Andrew Jr. and Nancy Smerek, of Allentown; and one sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Tony Grazosi, of Wilmington, Delaware. ❏

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Secondly, we must understand that all wisdom and help comes from God. Isaiah 9:6 says "His name shall be called, Counselor." That means He is an advice giver. As a matter of fact, He is the ultimate advice giver. Often, the reason that people never rise above their baggage and their past is because they are looking in the wrong places for answers and relief. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

How do we actually help those in such need? First of all, we point them to God by following James 1:5a, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally." God never intended for us to walk through the painful and difficult places alone. His divine plan was that we would always seek Him first and above all others for wisdom and direction. He has promised in Jer. 29:13 that if we will search for Him with all our hearts, He will be found. Secondly, point them to God's Word. Ps. 119:160 states that His Word is true from the beginning and in it we find light to show us the way (v. 105). Ps. 37:23 promises direction for our every step.

God's Word is brimming with "advice." To the material-driven life He says, "Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have..." (Heb. 13:5); "He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity" (Ecc. 5:10). To those who face marital issues He says, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mark 10:9). "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church" (Eph.5:25). Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands..." (Col. 3:18). To the addict He says, "Make no provision for the flesh" (Rom. 13:14). "...in every temptation, He will provide a way of escape..." (I Cor. 10:13). "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Clearly, we see Isaiah 9:6 fulfilled – His name shall be called Counselor. He has given us complete access to Him through prayer and He has left us His thoughts on every matter in His Word. Seek Him and search His Word to obtain help from the greatest Counselor, and it won't cost you a dime! That is the best advice I can give. ❏



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AND HE SHALL BE CALLED, MIGHTY GOD

ROBERT BOOTH

This past spring, I was taking Kalena's bike outside that I had just finished putting together. She was impressed and said, "Wow Dad, you are really strong." I had to laugh to myself, but I must admit, it made my heart race a little quicker. Later, I overheard her tell her friend, "My dad is mighty strong, he can carry anything!" But I know my limitations, I know that I can't carry everything. Sometimes I think we realize our own limitations and mistakenly assume that is how God is. Sometimes we think that evil is winning and God is weakening. But that is faulty theology. May we be reminded again that Our God is mighty!

Theologians use the word omnipotent in an attempt to describe God's strength. The word omnipotent is derived from Latin and refers to the fact that God's power is infinite and unlimited. The word omnipotent is defined by the biblical word, "Almighty," which occurs 345 times in the Bible, and is never used of anyone but God. He alone is Almighty as Psalm 89:8 says, "O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you." An easier definition to remember is this, nothing is too difficult for God.

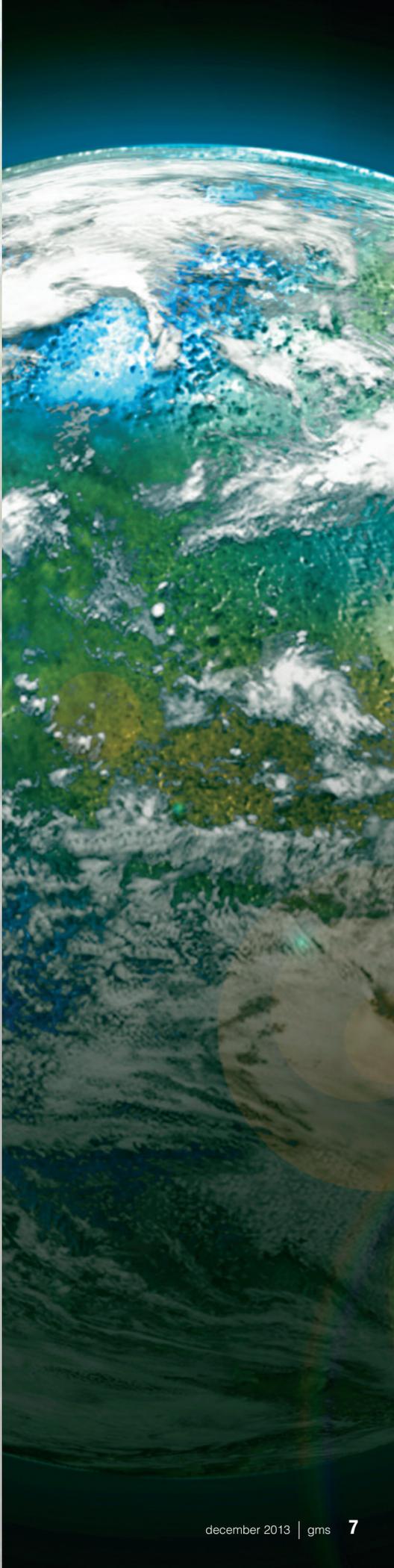
Years ago when I was a young boy, I was privileged to see Niagara Falls. As I walked up to the wall overlooking the falls, I heard a loud, thunderous noise that seemed to be coming from the sky and the earth at the same time. It was deafening and breathtaking.

What Job in the Old Testament experienced was so much greater than that. He writes of a similar incident in Job 26:12-14: "By His power He churned up the sea...by His breath the skies became fair; His hand pierced the gliding serpent. And these are but the outer fringe of His works; how faint the whisper we hear of Him! Who then can understand the thunder of His power?"

Practically, one of the things we learn from the doctrine of omnipotence is that nothing is too hard for God. In Jeremiah chapter 32, the prophet Jeremiah was commissioned by God to proclaim a very unpopular message that Judah was about to be destroyed by the powerful country of Babylon. That was his job. You can see why people didn't want to have him around.

Going back a few chapters in chapter 30, Jeremiah looks beyond the impending judgment to Judah's restoration and salvation. God's people will be conquered and then deported to Babylon but they will return 70 years later! In 31:10 we read, "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch his flock like a shepherd.'"

God will once again repopulate the united nation. By the way, the survival of the Hebrew people, long after their neighbors have perished, can only be explained on supernatural



grounds the Almighty, Omnipotent God continuously has demonstrated His power on behalf of His people.

When we come to Jeremiah 32, we read that the prophet has been imprisoned again. The king was upset because Jeremiah was advocating that they surrender to the Babylonian army. We see in verse 2 that Nebuchadnezzar and his army were right outside the walls of Jerusalem.

In the midst of all this chaos and uncertainty, God tells Jeremiah to buy some property from his cousin. This is strange when you think about it because the entire land was about to be subjected to years of desolation, filled with darkness and despair. And yet, Jeremiah is told that his cousin would come to visit him and try to sell him a chunk of land. God tells the prophet to buy it. This lot was already in the hands of the enemy and Judah's future was in jeopardy. Faith often seems foolish. Many times it just doesn't make sense. There's often a risk side to it. Throughout Scripture, we see Noah built an ark when there was no water; Abraham went on a journey without a map; Moses left the treasures of Egypt to wander in the desert.

So Jeremiah has his friend bring a deed for the land to be signed. God then makes it clear to Jeremiah that the land ultimately would be restored and the deed would once again be valid.

After making everything official and notarized, Jeremiah breaks out into prayer and praise in 32:17: "Ah, Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah knew that God was omnipotent that He could do anything He wanted. Since He created the heavens and the earth, He can literally do anything.

He then recounts some highlights from history that demonstrated God's omnipotence beginning in verse 18: "...O great and powerful God, whose name is the Lord Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds...you performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours." (32:18b-20)

Jeremiah reminds himself of the God of power who made the heavens and the earth nothing is too hard for the One who has done great wonders among mankind, and whose miracles stand embedded in history.

Not surprisingly, Jeremiah begins to have some doubts. He's probably thinking, "This is crazy! What did I just do? This makes no sense at all."

In verse 27, God answers his prayer and addresses his doubts rather dramatically: "Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 'I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?'"

With great kindness, God urges Jeremiah to greater faith by taking up the prophet's own statement in verse 17: "Nothing is too hard for you" and asks it of Jeremiah in the form of a question, "Jeremiah, do you really believe what you have just said? Is anything too hard for me?"

And so, as God said to Jeremiah, He also says to us today: "Is anything too hard for me?" If we were honest, we would admit that God is all-powerful. Our problem is more like Jeremiah's, do we really believe it? Do we live in light of His power? Do we experience His power on a daily basis?

Nothing is too difficult for God. The question is: do we believe it? I love these words by Meredith Andrews, "There is none higher, no there is none greater, no there is none stronger than our God!"

This Christmas season as we encounter the mixed bag of emotions that oftentimes comes our way, may we be reminded that we serve a mighty God—a God who can handle anything! 📌



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AND HE SHALL BE CALLED,

Everlasting FATHER

DANIEL DURKEE

“Congratulations! It’s a boy!” I can still remember as the doctor blurted-out those words that have forever changed my life. God has blessed Michelle and me with three wonderful sons, but I soon realized that being a successful father would mean a whole lot more than simply producing children.

I grew up in an unchristian home where the Godly example of fatherhood was not handed down to me. However, I had determined long before marriage that I would raise my children to the best of my ability. I would read many practical books on fathering. I would watch other fathers, good or bad, to see what I could learn from them. I would often ask a lot of questions to fathers about how they handled certain situations and circumstances. I would seek God for wisdom and guidance and spend much time considering what His Word had to say about fathers. As I think of the passage where Isaiah said, “...and his name shall be called The everlasting Father”, I’m reminded that in order for Him to be my Father I must be His child. If I am His child, that affords me the benefits of Him being called The everlasting Father. Jesus came to earth to establish an eternal, permanent relationship with us. I have learned that being a father means several things.

A father is someone whose presence is there. I remember after my first son, Darren, was born that I didn’t even want to go back to work. I wanted to hold him, talk to him and be there with him every moment of every day. I didn’t want to miss anything. When I did go back to work, I couldn’t wait to get home. He was my son and I didn’t want him to know a day when his father wasn’t there. My father and mother divorced when I was young boy and I grew up without my real father. It wasn’t until I was thirty-five years old that I had the privilege of my father’s presence for two weeks in my life. There’s nothing like the presence of your father when you are in this life. Jesus said in Matthew 28:20, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” As our everlasting Father, His presence brings a reassuring calm, a resting comfort and a ready counsel. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. The everlasting Father means His presence will always be with us.

A father is also a protector. One of the things I felt after our sons were born was this awesome responsibility of protecting them. I knew that I could not protect them properly if I wasn’t around and so, we made it a practice that whatever we did, we did as a fam-

ily. However, on one occasion I was asked to speak for a Leadership Conference in Florida and we felt it best to leave the boys at their Grandparents home for this quick three day trip. After arriving in Florida we quickly learned that Dereck, our two year old son, had fallen-off a horse with wheels that was placed on top of a wagon and a metal wheel barrel handle had punctured his face. In that moment with miles between us, God showed me that even though I couldn't be there to fully protect him, He could. In that difficult hour, God was there for our two year old boy, protecting him and bringing him through surgery successfully. What a relief to know that The everlasting Father is there to bring protection from those things that would harm us.

Finally, a father is a provider. Because Darren, Dustin and Dereck have my last name, I have the responsibility and rejoice to provide for each of their needs. As Christians, we bare the name of Jesus, and therefore He has the responsibility and rejoices to provide for those in need who have His name. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." That is exactly what Jesus does for His children. He is an everlasting Father who provides for His own.

This Christmas season when you think of Jesus, remember Him as The everlasting Father whose presence is always with us to protect and provide. The key is taking on His name and when you do, He becomes The everlasting Father! ❏

continued from **page 10** view of peace is not merely two enemies laying down their weapons, or countries agreeing to a shaky cease-fire. It is not a husband and wife leaving their constant arguing to withdraw to a stony silence. It is rather a coming together, a Godlike oneness. We see this beautiful picture of peace in a husband and wife who have truly been made one—souls blended, walking hand-in-hand through the battles of life to accomplish God's perfect will.

But ultimately, this promise of peace must be realized individually. And to experience personal peace, we must be united with the Prince of Peace at the heart level. We are given a free will, and individually we choose whether or not to be at one with God. And though we may have friends and family who are at peace with God, our own hearts will remain in turmoil until we have made God's will our will, His desires our desires and His purpose our purpose.

Months after I accidentally nicked the garden hose, I couldn't pray without seeing a taped-up hose in front of me. What began as a minor accident had become a spiritual crossroads. I realized that I would not experience peace and victory in my life until I made things right. That week, I fearfully knocked on the door and explained what had happened. Truthfully, I don't think the lady really understood why I was making such a "big deal" out of

something so minor. But I understood—and I walked away that day in total peace and victory. I had learned an important lesson: until every aspect of my life is in harmony with God, I am not one with Him and cannot experience His peace.

Peace on earth begins at a personal level. From there, it spreads to our relationships and spills over into the world around us.

This Christmas season is the perfect time to consider—is the Prince of Peace on the throne of my heart? ❏



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AND HE SHALL BE CALLED, PRINCE OF PEACE

JEFFREY STRATTON

As I pushed the mower around the corner of the house, I saw the garden hose too late. The mower blade had already nicked it.

I knew instantly what I needed to do... but the old spinster lady that I was mowing for was a bit grumpy... so I didn't do what I knew I should.

I forgot about the hose until the next time I mowed and saw a strip of tape "repairing" it. Once again, I brushed off the voice of conscience.

I began to struggle spiritually. I sought help from God—and the first thing He brought to my attention was that hose. I would resolve to care for it, but the next time I would mow her lawn, I would see the hose... feel dumb about bringing up the subject... and lose courage. Once again, I would sense the conflict in my soul, knowing that God and I were at odds. I sought peace, but was filled with turmoil—about a little accident with a garden hose.

Often, when we read Isaiah's prophecy about a coming Prince of Peace, our minds go to the daily reports of roadside bombings, school shootings, violence in the streets, and domestic disputes.

Nothing much has changed in the last few thousand years. Jesus was born into an unstable Middle East, with wars raging, people selfishly fighting for their own interests, and oppressing others less powerful. Today, we see the same violence, oppression, and hatred—just carried out in modern ways.

But before we conclude that the Prince of Peace has failed in His mission, let's take another look.

Ephesians 2:14-15 reads, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us... to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace."

The first key to recognizing Jesus as the Prince of Peace is to realize that He was not merely promising to bring peace—He is our peace. Our lives are full of unrest and conflict. Christ does not promise to change all that is around us, but He does promise to change us. He may not cry, "Peace, be still!" to the wind and waves that rage around us, but when the Prince of Peace is enthroned in our hearts, He will whisper, "Peace, be still!" to the depths of our souls. He is our peace.

In this passage, we see the method by which Jesus makes peace—"who hath made both one... to make in himself of twain one new man." We realize that God's *continued on* **page 9**



president

July 20: We started the day early at Penns Creek Camp clean up day. We so appreciate the good number of people who came, and they were excellent workers. Thank you to Lois Rine for the good meal. In the evening we went to Country Cupboard Restaurant in Lewisburg for the celebration of Sis Anita Brechbill's 90th birthday.

July 21: I spoke in the morning service at the Gratz Emanuel Wesleyan church for the installation service of the new associate pastor, Sheldon Habecker. We enjoyed a lovely Sunday dinner with the pastors in the home of Senior Pastor and Mrs. Dan Durkee. In the evening we attended the closing service at the Evangelical Methodist camp meeting at Oakland Mills. We appreciated the good message by Randy Neville and the singing of the Daltons. Congratulations to Newly elected General Superintendent, Rev. Brent Lenhart.

July 25: The 78th annual conference of God's Missionary Church convened at 9:00 am and dismissed at 8:15pm. An interesting day, and a good spirit among the brethren throughout the long day of voting.

July 26-Aug 4: Thank the Lord for another good camp meeting! The evangelists were Leonard Sankey, Noel Scott and Dan Stetler. The Don Quailes family were singers, Brian Spangler was youth evangelist, and the Barry Masons worked with the children. We were blessed with interesting pre-services each evening hearing from a variety of both home and international missionaries. There are always many who work hard to help make camp meeting happen. The camp cook, Pamela Dorman and helpers; Room keeper, Valerie Hallenbeck; PV maintenance men; book store, Robert Booth; and snack shop, Matt Ellison and helpers; along with all who fulfilled their church's daily assigned camp meeting jobs.

August 6 & 7: We enjoyed a couple days of camping on the farm with the family, roasting marshmallows at the camp fire, sitting on the porch and enjoying the grandchildren.

August 9: I packed a sleeping bag and pillow and made the trip to Coopersburg to spend the night in the empty parsonage. It brought back memories of July 1970 when my wife and I slept on the floor in this same parsonage, my first week of being a God's Missionary pastor.

August 11: I preached the morning service to the Coopersburg congregation. There were 13 children in junior church. We are trusting God to send the right person to shepherd this little flock in this very important and needy area. I returned to Elim Grove camp meeting and preached in the afternoon service. I returned home in time to join my wife and attend the Beavertown church where Rev. & Mrs. David Light represented the Fort Myers Rescue Mission. August 12 - 13: Rachel and I traveled to Harkers Island, NC and spent a couple nights with Dad and Mom Will.

August 14-15: We were in the Thomasville, NC area. We attended the Pilgrim Holiness church at Archdale for prayer meeting with long time friends, Pastor and Mrs. Derald Hunt. The next day I attended a board meeting for Fort Myers Rescue Mission at the nearby Free Pilgrim church.

August 18: We were with the Mt. Road congregation at Penns Creek for the morning service. Rev. John White did an excellent job teaching the Sunday School lesson. We enjoyed dinner with the Hobelmans and Masons in the parsonage. In the evening I preached at the Millmont church. Thank you to Pastor and Mrs. Fred Bennett for the snack and fellowship in the parsonage.

August 19: I gave the morning devotional at the Penn View Faculty Orientation. In the afternoon we visited the Kaylor farm where Greg Hobelman gave me two of his Dominecker hens and some sweet corn for the freezer.

August 25: There were 28 people in attendance at the Home Missionary church in Chambersburg. The congregation is getting anxious to find a church building to worship in, but they are doing their best in the little rented room of the community center. We enjoyed a great Sunday dinner in the home of Pastor & Mrs. Nathanael Mowery and two year old Aden. In the evening, we were with Pastors Jacob Martin and Keith Bunch. After the service, we enjoyed a lovely lunch and fellowship with the Martins and Rhoda's parents, William and Ruth Caster. We look forward to them soon becoming Middleburg residents!

August 27: We attended the funeral of Carey Beachel in the afternoon and enjoyed the evening service with the Penn View Heritage Trio at Beavertown.

August 30: Dan Durkee gave me a special ride in a 1955 Chevy Bel Air to the Home Mission's board meeting.

August 31: Rachel and I, along with several others helped to move our local Christian Book store to their new location between Vinnies Restaurant and the IGA grocery store in Middleburg. Roger and Penny Shambach are dedicated to keeping Christian merchandise available in the area. In the evening, we were invited to the home of Philip and Amrie Geise and children. We enjoyed the great meal and learning how to eat South African style!

September 1: We enjoyed the Sunday morning service at the Beavertown church for this Labor Day weekend. Rex McDowel II interpreted the morning message for the 30+ Spanish speaking people in the congregation.

September 3: In the afternoon I attended a joint meeting with the General and World Mission boards. In the evening I rode along with our son Jim to the Pleasant Valley Brethren in Christ Church for the opening night of the Central Pennsylvania Inter-Church Holiness Convention. I enjoyed the preaching of Rev Chester Handfield and the singing of the Mike Mayhle family.

September 5 & 6: Rachel and I were scheduled to fly from the Harrisburg airport for our usual visits to the Florida District churches and conference, but instead, Rachel took the flight alone and Jim and I traveled to Boiling Springs, SC by car to attend the funeral of Rev. George McIntosh. Our thoughts and prayers are with the McIntosh family. The Beavertown congregation will be forever indebted to him for his dedication and untiring labors during the building of the new sanctuary, which has been named in his honor.



HARRY PLANK

September 7: We got settled in our camper at the Sun City camp grounds and enjoyed a good meal from the grill cooked by Kenny Buchanan, who is staying with the Gandeeds. Late in the night Kenny was taken by ambulance due to ongoing physical problems. Thankfully, he was released after spending two days in the South Bay Hospital.

September 8: We appreciated the very good service at the Seffner church in the morning. Bro David Thayer is an inspiration, with his testimonies of God's wonderful transformation. We enjoyed a great Sunday dinner along with friends and family in the home of Pastor and Mrs. Smalley. In the evening I preached at the Kissimmee church, it was good to be with Pastor Asbell and family and this good congregation.

September 11: Rachel and I shopped around and were able to find some nice little palm trees and other plants for a great price for the Sun City church. In the afternoon we traveled on to Fort Myers where we enjoyed Skyline Chili with Rev. & Mrs. MarJoe Wooten, Rev. Jerome McFarland, and the soon to be married Rev. Philip Ledger. I was honored to preach in the evening service at the Ft Myers Rescue Mission. We missed Rev. & Mrs. David Light who were still in the Northern states on deputation for the mission.

September 13: It was a joy to see parishioners from at least nine Florida churches arriving for the Florida District Rally. We were blessed with special singing by the Knabells and Sweitzers from the Summerfield Calvary Community Church. I did the preaching. The Seffner church, with the help of many others sponsored a going a way get together in honor of Mark and Diana Russell who will soon be moving along with Diana's mother, Sis. Dorothy Teidoff, to help their daughter and son in law, Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Snodgrass at their new pastorate in Texas. They will be greatly missed, but we trust that God will continue to make them a blessing at their new location.

September 14: This was the Thirty-Seventh Annual Conference for the Florida District God's Missionary Church Inc. A communion service open to everyone started at 10:00 am followed by a regular service. We appreciated the special singing by the Smalleys and Russells from the Seffner Church. Florida District's Vice President, Jose Cancio brought a very timely message. The entire congregation was invited to lunch at Brandon's Golden Corral. In the afternoon the ministers met for elections and board meeting while the ladies met in the parsonage trailer.

September 15: It was good to see Rev. John Higgins, Rev. Marshall Smart and son Tim at the Lakeland church in the morning. Pastor and Mrs. Chester Handfield work hard to minister to the people of this community. We enjoyed a lovely meal in the parsonage along with the Tom West family. We traveled on to the Summerfield Calvary Community church for the evening service. Thank you to Pastor Sweitzer's family and parishioners for the warm welcome. What lovely string music, thanks largely to Dale Heinzelman for teaching the youth of the church how to play multiple music instruments. We enjoyed the nice lunch prepared by Sis. Lavonda Knable as we traveled on back to our camper at the Sun City camp grounds.

September 18: We enjoyed a short visit with nephews and family. Later, we got news that our daughter in law, Kara, was hospitalized due to an infection causing concern for the little one who is due in December. In the evening, we enjoyed being with the Orlando church family. Thank you to Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Bickert for a pleasant night's stay and a memorable evening.

September 19: We took our flight from Sanford, FL, to Harrisburg, PA, and arrived home in the evening to grass that needed mowing and a large stack of mail to care for, but glad to be safely home. I unloaded the car and got ready quickly to make it in time for Beavertown's revival service to hear evangelist, Nathan Purdy and the Cassady family singers. ☑

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*They that walked in darkness
have seen a great light....
they that dwelt in the
shadow of death upon them
hath the light shined.*

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