

EDITORIAL



One Second After

ROBERT BOOTH



Thenever we think of recent disasters we usually think of the horrific events of September 11th when terrorists used airplanes as deadly weapons on that terrible day. We also think of natural disasters like hurricane Katrina that struck August 29th, 2005 or the Tsunami that hit Indonesia and killed over 200,000 people on December 26th, 2005. But what if a different type of disaster took place?

The other day in one of my classes, our prof told us about a novel that he had recently read titled *One Second After*¹. The author William Forstchen begins his story with terrorists attacking the United States with nuclear bombs containing electromagnetic pulse or EMP. EMP renders electronic equipment unusable. Three nuclear weapons containing EMP are detonated in the atmosphere above the United States frying everything that contains electrical components. In the aftermath, the United States is set back three to four hundred years. The fictional story tracks the residents of North Carolina. Once the power is out, the community must think in survival mode. No supplies will

come, no one knows what is going on, only a small handful of ancient cars work correctly. The residents begin to ration food and medical supplies as the population begins to die because of disease and lack of food. As they try to rebuild their town they are devastated by lawless gangs who are looting whatever they want, wherever they want. Imagine that type of a world.

After hearing my professor recap the story, it made me wonder what would I do in that situation. Can one prepare for that type of disaster? Their world was changed one second after. Imagine what would happen.

Even though it was a work of fiction, and the prof only shared a bit of the events in class, I couldn't sleep that night. As I lay awake in bed, the story Jesus told in Matthew 25 came to mind. The parable that Jesus told in that passage of Scripture was about the five wise and five foolish virgins. All of them were at the wedding waiting for the bridegroom to appear.

Here is the sad part of the story: "They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried,



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they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

I realize Jesus was only telling a story, but can you imagine how the foolish virgins felt one second after they found out they were too late? The sorrow and the anguish; all of the thoughts of "if only" and "what if."

We must make sure that we are ready to go. Know one knows when Jesus may come, and no one knows when it may be our time to leave this world. If there is sin in your life, it is time to give your life to Christ. Not tomorrow, it may be too late.

We need to be in the front lines doing our part to help individuals know what their destination is when it is their time to go. One second after is too late. We all have neighbors, friends and acquaintances that aren't walking with God. One day, it will be too late to try to lead them to Christ.

Every time I read this story in Matthew, I think of Barry. I met Barry in jail a few years ago. Barry had messed his life up and came to the chapel service in jail. Over a period of a few months I visited him several times in jail and had coffee with him when he got out of jail. Barry had a lot of problems to talk about and he spent hours sharing with me all of his hurts. But just a few weeks after he got out of jail, Barry was killed in a car accident. I had developed a friendship with Barry, but I had never asked him about his soul and if he was ready to meet Jesus. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't remember Barry. One second after, its too late.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Andrew and Kara Plank on the birth of Sadie Hazel.
Sadie was born on August 14, 2009.



Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Kenny Miles on the birth of Deborah Elise. Deborah was born on August 17, 2009.

Wedding



Congratulations to Anthony & Elicia Witmer of Beavertown. They were married on June 6, 2009.

Passing

Dorothy Sassaman, eighty-five, passed away on July 31, 2009. A faithful God's Missionary Church pastor's wife at Carroll, South Avis, Rebersburg and Pillow, she was known for her godly, humble spirit. She and her husband were long-time members of the Beavertown Church where her funeral was held by her pastors. Rev. Harry Plank represented the conference at the funeral.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2-8 Lehighton GMC

Revival Harry Plank

November 13

Penn View Bible Institute Christmas Auction

November 19

Sunbury GMC Prayer for Youth Crusaders

December 11-12

Penn View Bible Institute Christmas Musical

December 17

Sunbury GMC Prayer for Youth Crusaders

January 21-31

Sun City, Florida Camp Meeting Donald Myers, James Plank, The Victory Trio

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I have not read One Second After; because of that I do not recommend it.

OUR MISSIONARY GOD

Through all the ages, the God of the Bible has been and is a missionary God!

BY TIMOTHY COOLEY, SR.

Because God created all things and all people, the message of the Bible includes every human being. From the beginning, Scripture presents the search of God, not only for Abraham or Israel, but for people from every nation to be brought into relationship with Him. The God of the Bible is the God Who Relates.

The earliest conversation we have on record is among the Persons of the Trinity. Having spoken into existence light, space, and energy; the heavens and the earth; the fish, the fowl and all the animals, God began to converse! Before there was another created person on record, God was a God of Relationship.

Love motivated God to create in order to share the blessings of His Goodness. God did not create persons to fill some vacuum in Himself. He was not lonely! He created persons so that He could bless them.

Genesis 2 introduces us to the man, Adam. Then Eve was provided to expand the relationships. God commanded the primal couple to "multiply and replenish the earth." The image of God is never more clearly reflected than when people live in loving relationships! Every human is created in the image of God—deserving of love and respect. God made each person capable of enjoying a loving relationship with Himself—not just an objective theological "salvation," not just a fire escape, but a real relationship.

Very early in human history, we learn that there is another dimension to relationship—release. Not only is He the God Who relates, but He is also the God who releases. Relationship that allows no release is imprisonment! God created man with freedom—the ability to choose. One tree or the other! Life or Death! Freedom is possible! A terrible rebellion is possible! All

that the man can achieve in goodness and greatness, he can equal in evil and terror! Where Freedom is possible, a monstrous fall is possible, even damnation! But in divine wisdom and love, God decided to grant His creatures freedom. The only way to enjoy the beauty of relationship with man was to risk the dangers of release.

When the man and the woman chose to disobey His command, amazingly the Almighty stooped to woo the wayward, but He did not coerce them to return. God decided it is better to have a man in hell than a robot in heaven. He refused to violate the freedom He had granted, but He promised to send a Redeemer (Gen.3:15).

The God who relates is the God who releases, but He is also the God who reveals. From the beginning, the Creator communicated with the man. He revealed the nature of the world in which man lived. He explained the responsibilities and the potentialities of the garden. Then He revealed the moral nature of life to Adam. He identified the boundaries of choice. Two trees. Two results. He explained things to Adam that the Man had never experienced, but the information was to enrich the relationship between God and Man.

This pattern continues through all history. The Creator reveals in order that He may relate more closely. God reveals through nature, through conscience, through the incarnation of His Son, and through His inspired word. Why does He reveal? That all the world may know Him (John 14:31; 17:23).

He reveals the moral parameters. He sets before us, "life and good, and death and evil" (De 30:15). He reveals the rightness and wrongness of actions and attitudes (Ex 20:3-17), sometimes through our conscience, other times through the remonstrance of those whom we have wronged. He reveals through anointed prophets what kind of God He is and how we are to live in relationship with Him and with others around us.

God reveals generally through the world around us. Everywhere He has

left His creative imprint upon our world, the evidences of intelligent design. He reveals specifically through the Bible, culminating in the incarnation, death and resurrection of His Son. Emphatically Jesus declared that those who know the revealed truth are entrusted with the responsibility to tell others.

The God who reveals is also the God who reaches. God demonstrated His initial reach in creation, but after the fall He reaches even farther to those who have fallen, who have "turned every one to his own way." He woos, invites to return, even pursues. II Pet.3:9 assures us that God is "not willing that any should perish." Yet He never overrides a human will.

Watch as the first two sons begin to grow. Their characters begin to manifest themselves and Cain chooses to reject God's instructions.

Will God stop him? No.

Will God pursue cantankerous Cain? Yes!

God pursues Cain, remonstrates with him, shows him how to return to acceptance, and tenderly warns him of the danger. Through all of history, God yearns to bring back the wanderer, the rebel, the stubborn. He even yearns to bring to Himself those who have never heard of Him. Only the dim glimmer of conscience alerts them that there is Someone above, that there is a right and a wrong, that there is more to life than flesh and bones.

All through the Bible God reaches for people—sometimes through blessing, sometimes through severity (Rom.2:4; 11:22). Paul testifies that throughout history God "left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). To this day, seven truths known before Abraham's time are still included in primitive religions worldwide: 'God's existence, ²creation, ³fall, need for ⁴sacrifices, ⁵great flood, sudden appearance of many 6languages and the consequent dispersion, and man's need for further ⁷revelation (D Richardson, Eternity in Their Hearts). God has ordained that all the peoples of the earth shall know the truth about Him, but He also declares that saving grace is only available through the revelation of His Son (Acts 4:12).

God reaches through revelation—revealing Himself, the true nature of life, the options available to us, and the destiny of our souls. He reaches through the incarnation of His Son. He sent Jesus to identify with us, to feel our pain, and to speak our language in a more intimate way than had ever been possible. He reaches through His Holy Spirit—enlightening, rebuking, drawing, encouraging, and building us up. He reaches through the great commission (by proxy)—urging His people to join the great project of giving everyone "a chance to choose."

From the lowly Galileans with a crucified Messiah, the Christian movement expanded until it encompassed every level of people, in three continents. The book of Acts begins with a Jewish church, widens to include Samaritans, and then spreads to Gentiles and people of many languages. In I Tim.4:10 Paul writes, "We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe." Too often the church has narrowed the prospects, but God wants to reach all people!

The good news gets even better. The God who reaches is also the God who reconciles. He does not leave us estranged. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us" (Eph.2:13-14).

God brings us back from the estrangement that Adam's fall introduced. God reconciles us to Himself through His Son. He also reconciles us to each other, and He reconciles us with our inner selves. Then He sends us to invite others to be reconciled. We are to go into the highways and hedges urging people to come (Lk.14:13). No one is to be left out!

The same day that Jesus was resurrected, He appeared suddenly in the room where the (continued on page 8)





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(from page 5) disciples were shivering, shuddering, and shutting themselves away from people. He showed them His scars, the proofs of His death and resurrection, then urged them, "as my Father hath sent me, even so send I vou." At least four times before He ascended, He urged them with His great commission (John 20:19-23; Mt.28:16-20; Mk.16:14-18; Lk.24:44-49). These were four separate occasions and four distinct emphases. As He prepared to return to His Father, the great matter that was on His mind was the spread of His message to all people so that all could be reconciled to God.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor 5:20). Christians are agents of reconciliation. The epistles of the New Testament are missionary documents, instructing missionary churches how to live and how to reach others. Romans, often thought to be primarily doctrinal, throbs with missionary zeal and surges with strategy.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom.10:13)

Jesus' whole life and all His teaching were devoted to extending the invitation to the unloved and the unlikely. He went after sinners. He

healed Samaritans and outsiders. He predicted, "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God" (Lk.13:9). He envisioned a worldwide kingdom with grand diversity.

But will He succeed? Will the Messiah "see of the travail of his soul, and ... be satisfied"? (Isa 53:11) In the book of Revelation, God gives us a preview of the final wrap-up. Excitedly, John recorded, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." They were singing a new song, "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" (Rev.7:9; 5:9).

Heaven will be the ultimate in reconciliation. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Rev.21:3). God is preparing for Himself a diverse family of all colors, cultures, languages, and levels.

No wonder Kenneth Mulholland summarized,

The God of the Old Testament is a Missionary God

Pension Board Report

At our organization meeting of the Pension Board after conference, we changed treasurer and secretary assignments.

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The Christ of the Gospels is a Missionary Christ

The Holy Spirit of the Book of Acts is a Missionary Spirit

The Church of the Epistles is a Missionary Church

The Consummation of Revelation is a Missionary Consummation

God is a Missionary God.

The Bible is a Missionary Book.

Christ is a Missionary Christ.

And God's People, the Church, must be a Missionary People!

One may live as a conqueror, a king, or a magistrate, but he must die a man. —Daniel Webster

Wherever a man's life confirms his doctrine, God will confirm the word of His messenger. —John Wesley

You are in God's school and He will teach you one lesson after another until you have learned all his holy and acceptable will. —John Wesley

The faith which saves the soul is believing what God says and believing it because He says it.—S. A. Keen

As long as you feel your own weakness and helplessness you will find help from above. —John Wesley

Holiness is the architectural plan on which God buildeth up His living temple. —Charles Spurgeon

Let the wife make the husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry to see him leave. —Martin Luther

The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.

—Thomas Hooker, English Puritan

Be charitable before wealth makes thee covetous

—Sir Thomas Browne

If we could bring all our preachers...to insist on those two points, Christ dying for us, and Christ reigning in us, we should shake the trembling gates of hell. —John Wesley

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Beavertown Youth Missions Trip

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It was Sunday evening, July 12, as twenty-two young people and five sponsors from Beavertown God's Missionary Church loaded up on a thirty-two passenger coach and embarked on an eight day mission's experience to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Mission, South Dakota. Once there, the young people set about repairing the mission facilities that had been closed for nearly seven years. Throughout the week, the youth were very industrious and were able to complete several projects such as: organizing/cleaning the church basement, insulating and sheeting two storage rooms, painting the interior and exterior of the church, building and installing an interior and exterior cross, landscaping, putting in a parking lot, constructing a church sign, installing new windows and a new

front doors, inviting new people to church, and helping conduct a children's service on Sunday morning. It was an exciting eight days packed full of hard work and treasured memories. God truly blessed! The missionaries, Keith and Tasbah Lavery, were very grateful for all that was accomplished, and presented the group with a star quilt which is the Lakota Indian way of honoring someone.

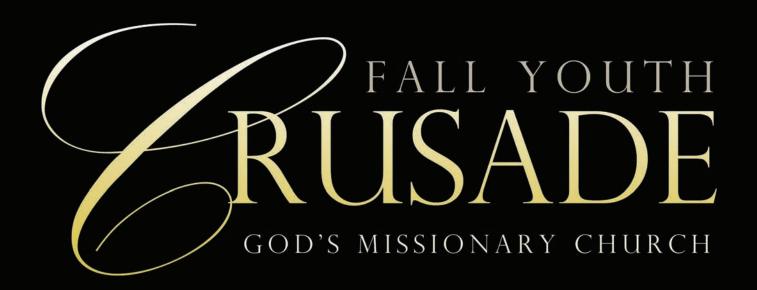






GUEST SPEAKER KEITH DANIEL of South Africa





KEITH DANIEL is the director of the African Evangelistic Band, which is a holiness missions organization that sends out and supports missionaries all across South Africa. He has travelled the globe for many years in evangelistic ministry. For many of those years he has come to America. His current itinerary inleudes an annual tour of 8 consecutive weeks preaching in 16 different cities/towns across America. He is a holy man and an annointed preacher.

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FROM THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT





Travel Notes

HARRY F. PLANK

June 5: I worked in the rain with a good crew of guys at the Penns Creek Camp Grounds. Thank you, to each one who helped on this project. A special thank you to Doug Rine who volunteered his time and spent many hours running a back hoe. He, along with the maintenance men from Penn View already had a long night of work removing large trees to make way for the heavy lines.

June 6: I worked again today at Penns Creek Camp. Steve Aurand is a very capable, hard-working and patient foreman of this project. I came home in the late afternoon to take my wife to a nice evening meal, since this was our 40th anniversary.

June 14: It was our privilege to hear Larry Brunk, of Salem, Ohio. What encouragement to hear of miracles as a result of Bibles placed by the Gideons.

June 15: I worked today with a few other guys at Penns Creek Camp and in the evening attended the first night of God's Missionary Youth Camp, where Rev. John Manley spoke to the 168 young people.

June 16: I enjoyed mixing and mingling with the young people and helpers today at Youth Camp.

June 17: We traveled to Columbus, Ohio where we stayed at the Broad Street Mission. Thank you to Sis. Esther Hershey for her kind hospitality.

June 18: Rachel attended a meeting with the IHC's Women of Worth Literature Committee. We then traveled back home arriving just before midnight.

June 19: I preached at the New Columbia Church for Father's Day Sunday. We enjoyed dinner with family at the invitation of our son Andrew & wife Kara.

June 23: I conducted the pastoral election for the Camp Hill Church. Rev. Steve Aurand was elected with 100% of the votes!

June 24: We enjoyed a visit from Dad and Mom Will for a few days this week. In the afternoon, I made a trip to York to visit Nathan Shaffer who had been in the hospital. June 26: this was the first night of Mount of Blessings camp where I served as one of the evangelists. I appreciated the

opening message of my coworker Rev. David Fulton and the great singing of the Lucas Shrout family. Thank you, to our son Jon and his family for the use of their RV this week!

June 28: Mount of Blessings Camp president, Matt Ellison, gave me the day off to make my annual visit to the Hanover camp. We attended the morning service where Rev. Brock preached the entire message on divine healing. I preached in the afternoon service, then traveled back to Mount of Blessings camp.

June 29–July 5: The Mount of Blessings camp was especially blessed with multitudes of very healthy, energy filled children, along with a great group of youth. On Thursday night after the evening service, the Crouse family along with others, presented the camp meeting crowd with an elaborate fire works display. On Friday, the Lord honored us with an unforgettable service. The altar was lined before the singing was finished, four altar services had taken place, before the last dismissal.

July 7: We traveled to Warrior's Mark, PA to attend the funeral of Jessie Woods, the mother of Rev. Alvin Shaffer. What an honor for her to have her son, grandson and great-grandson each take part in preaching her funeral message.

July 11: Rachel & I attended Beulah Camp Meeting where the Henry Millers were doing the singing and preaching. We received tragic news that Randy Loper had died, due to a drowning accident. Our sympathy goes out to this family, including to his sister, Alexandria's pastor's wife, Joanne Shaffer.

July 12: We attended the camp meeting near Etters, PA for the morning service, enjoyed the Lebanon Valley Band at Ono, Camp Meeting in the afternoon and heard Mark Cravens preach at Oakland Mills camp in the evening! This made four different camp meetings that we attended with in twenty-four hours!

July 15: Rachel and I made our annual trip to Lake Tobias with our grandchildren and then attended the evening service at Oakland Mills Camp meeting.

July 18: This was the regular Penns Creek Camp Clean up day. We appreciated the approximately 50 people who came to help. We enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Lois & Patricia Rine, and mostly provided by Rev. & Mrs. Dwight Rine.

July 23: This was the God's Missionary Church 74th annual conference. It is always good to be with the pastor's and delegates of the conference. My sincere gratitude to each of you, for your vote of confidence to serve as your leader. Thanks to all who have served selflessly in the conference on the many boards. I appreciate Rev. Barry Arnold as my assistant, who has so faithfully stood by and has always been an encouragement to me.

July 24-Aug 2: Penns Creek Camp Meeting 2009 was highlighted by Sis. Rachel, Sis. Julie and Sis. Lois from the Cayman Islands; Rev. & Mrs. Martin Handfield from Turks & Cacus Islands; the Aderlys with their Grandson JJ from Nassau, Bahamas; and people from many states. The evangelists were Rev. Dan Stetler, Rev. Rick Maloyed and Rev. July Williams. The singers were the Lucas Shrout Family. Rev. John Whitaker served as youth evangelist and VBS for the children was done by the Victory Trio. Thank the Lord that many nights the altar was lined, people receiving help from God. It was a great blessing to worship in comfort, even with overflow crowds. The new air conditioning worked well and there was an increase of attendance in every service. Our faithful cooks, Linda Clough and Pam Dorman, did a great job serving wonderful meals to record crowds.

Aug. 3-7: This was time to rest and recover from camp responsibilities and to get caught up in the office etc.

Aug. 11: I met with the Penn View board to interview a prospective teacher, then traveled to Coopersburg to visit the Kincaids. Sis. Linda Kincaid had cancer surgery.

Aug. 14: We welcomed our sixth grandchild into the world, a beautiful little girl named Sadie Hazel, born to our son Andrew and wife Kara.

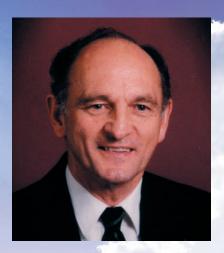


January 21-31, 2010

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Sunday Evening: 7:00 PM

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