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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

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.

IN THIS WE ARE CONTENT

We are going on a journey:
How long, how far we do not know.
The One we follow knows the way.
In that we are content.

To follow our Redeemer is
The high point of our walk with Him.
He gives us everything we need.
In this we are content.

To point the Way to others is
A satisfying way of life.
We keep rejoicing as we go.
In this we are content.

Our destination: Heaven above.
No earthly vision can compare,
We shall worship GOD forever there.
In this we are content.

Lynn H. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

MALE & FEMALE

From the very beginning, God created mankind in His own image. Gen. 1:27 says that He created them male and female. God created many kinds of creatures which could reproduce but only mankind was specifically documented as being created male and female.

Either in the womb via ultrasound or at birth, a baby is discovered to either be a boy or girl. Genitalia is the earliest visual indicator of gender. However, it does not define the gender of the child. Rather, it is an outcome of gender. Babies receive X and Y chromosomes at the time of conception. Therefore, at this earliest and most simple stage of miraculous human life, gender is already established, well before any developments

of the body begin, and months before curious parents and nurses will be able to discover the previously established gender of the baby.

The difference in male and female soon becomes even more obvious. If you have watched small children play, you know this to be so. Around age one, before the time of any gender-specific training, boys are often interested in playing with things like sticks, blocks and anything mechanical, whereas girls tend to be more interested in colors, dolls, apparel and pretending. As young boys and girls grow, the differences continue. Boys often tend to be more inclined toward physical activities while girls frequently tend more towards relationships. As we

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observe these transformations of boys and girls, it aligns with God's design for their roles as maturing men and women.

This is all rather obvious, don't you think? Apparently not to the world. While confusion about male and female gender has, on rare occasions, existed since ancient times, it has proliferated in recent years. In such a short time, what has always seemed crystal clear to most, has in recent years, been riddled with uncertainty in the public forum.

Whether a case of a man that identifies as a woman, someone that claims to be non-binary or a person that claims one of the multitudes of supposed genders, confusion abounds. Some even claim a fluid gender that changes moment by moment and is dependent on their current situation or who they are around. An online search of supposed gender types might provide some light entertainment. However, it is also sobering to realize that many believe and fall prey to this deception. Some that feel disparity from their imagined gender go so far as to take hormone treatments or undergo

cosmetic surgery in hopes of fully attaining their supposed true identity. However, again, our outward physical appearance does not define our gender; it is merely an outcome of it. No outward change in appearance can alter the God-given DNA in each of our 30 trillion cells.

In Genesis, we see that God created man in His own image and woman as a help meet for the man. God created man from the dust of the ground but made woman from a rib He took from man. Two different creations to serve two different but complimentary purposes.

The world may be confused about the topic of genders but the believer should not be. Perhaps you know someone that wrestles with this and you've wondered how to approach them and lovingly speak truth into their lives. One possible opening for such a conversation might be found in Matt. 19:4. Here, Jesus posits the question: *"Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female?"* As with many issues of God's word, some have not read and have not heard and are thereby confused about various issues

of life; the question of gender is but one of them. But you, friend, have read God's word and can introduce the world to its author;

the One who made them at the beginning.

K. Brock

HOLINESS AS ART- ART FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

(Part 2 of 3)

Continued from the February 2025 issue of the Bible Monitor.

Literary Art

The Bible itself is a great literary art. It is full of Hebrew poetry, letters, parables and revelations, figures of speech and more. Let's examine them in more detail.

The Psalms, written mostly by David and Asaph, is a large collection of beautiful poems and epic accounts. Praise to the Creator and the Deliverer of troubles is one of the main themes across the entire book. Hebrew poetry uses parallels, repetition, and contrasting phrases to make a greater impact with the wonderful verses.

"I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me." Ps. 30:1

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me,

and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God..." Ps. 40:1-3a

This repetition drills into our soul how God is a faithful Deliverer, and how we, as redeemed children of the King, have reason to continually praise him. *"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our king, sing praises."* Ps. 47:6

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the LORD with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise." Ps. 33:1-3

“O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.” Ps 47:1

Proverbs is an excellent place to find counsel and instruction in every area of life. *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...”* Prov. 1:7a. Proverbs is also a good example of parallel and contrasting verses.

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.” Prov. 3:13

“The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.” Prov. 10:29

“A wise son heareth his father’s instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.” Prov. 13:1
It is wise to love instruction and rebuke because *“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?”* Heb. 12:7

Proverbs 31:10-31 does a wonderful job at setting the example for a godly woman. She is a virtuous, kind lady who is loved and respected by all. She is industrious and a wise steward. She is generous

and hardworking. The most important attribute: *“Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.”* Prov. 31:30
What kind of a pattern of holiness are we leaving for others to follow? Is it one of beauty?

Two examples of Biblical literary art are the parables told by Jesus and letters from missionaries. Jesus’ parables were practically based, so that anyone could get a clear picture of what he was teaching. But he expected to be rejected, and he knew that some people wouldn’t try to understand the real meaning behind the story. One of His parables really shows the way people received them and why He told them.

Jesus spread the seeds of the kingdom through His teaching. Those who just hear a good story are like the seeds that fall by the wayside, and the birds eat it up. The people who know that there is a deeper meaning but don’t try to learn it, are the like seeds that fall among stony ground and can’t take root in the hard soil. People who try to find the deeper meaning but are soon distracted by the fluff of the

world and give up, are like the seeds that fall in the thorns and are choked out. Those who hear and believe and study to learn more, are like the seeds that fall on good ground, and they will be blessed in God's sight. That is beauty to the Father!

Jesus told the parables because He wanted the ones who really did care to be richly blessed for their faith, and the ones who didn't want to hear could go on with life and miss out. *"That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them."* Mark 4:12

The letters that were written to churches across Asia Minor are yet another literary example. Paul, Peter, James, John,

and others were inspired by God to spread the kingdom and plant churches. Meant to encourage and strengthen their newfound family in Christ, they would write to them after the church was established. These letters contain instructions and correction to practices. We find insight on doctrinal issues, practical life lessons, pastoral duties, history, and ways to shed Christ's light to a dying world. The commands given in Scripture were not just for the early Christians, but also for us today! What kind of beauty are we living in?

To be continued and concluded in Part 3 in next month's issue of the Bible Monitor.

Shiloh Bowman
Westphalia, KS

THIS HAS LED TO THIS

I grew up in public school. From seventh grade on we had physical education and took showers at the end of class. Before this I had never appeared naked in front of anyone but my parents. I was shocked by it at first, BUT I GOT USED TO IT.

When I was in ninth grade, we never saw boys with hair down on their shoulders. By twelfth grade, the faculty had gotten more lenient, especially with honor students. Long hair was strange on boys at first, BUT WE GOT USED TO IT.

It began with just a few outward things. But in just a few years it was full-scale outward and inward rebellion against authority of any kind.

The hippie era came and went. There was a "Jesus Movement" amongst young people that had a big effect, and it still exists today, but not with the newsworthiness that it once had. Yet its leaders have shown many the Way, and people continue to be revived, though some forget what they promised.

So, it is easy to see that one thing leads to another. In the late 1920's, Al Smith ran for president. He did not win, largely because he was catholic. In 1960, John Kennedy won. He also was catholic. It just took a little while to get used to the idea. In 1960, Nelson Rockefeller ran for president. He was divorced and remarried. He lost. Twenty years later, Ronald Regan, who was also divorced and remarried, ran for president and won. Again, time is the great "healer".

But one thing is important that we must mention. Not all

healing is good. I had a friend who fought in Vietnam. He was in the infantry and was wounded in the leg. The wound healed over but the bullet was never removed. Years after the war, he developed a bad infection and nearly died.

Things that happen to us, or things we do have consequences that we often miss. Phil. 1:12-13 states *"But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places."* Whether we live, or whether we live in bonds (as Paul and John) or whether we die, as Stephen, our existence must further the Gospel.

Culture changes. Today, people talk in riddles. They "just want to speak 'their' truth". There is only one truth, and that is God's truth. Everything else may change, but Jesus, the way, the truth and the life, will NEVER change.

Lynn H. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

SPEAKING TRUTH WITH COMPASSION

If I am going to follow God's way, I will come into conflict with somebody along the way to be sure. God's way is never man's way and that is where the difficulty comes.

Committing myself to God's way is a very serious matter for me to consider. It means that God's way and God's word will always take the preeminence. Everything else I say and do has to come in line with the Word of God.

I can understand how this works out in the world when I am confronted with obvious falsehood. What disturbs me is when I find this within the church. When I find heresy in the church, do I have an obligation to speak against that heresy? Of course, my first response is that I have an obligation. However, it is not that simple. What if the heresy is coming from some church leader within my church? Then it is not so easy.

I know I can get involved in debating opinions and that happens all the time. Or it can be an interpretation of some Scripture verse that could go one way or the other. I am not afraid of a healthy debate

about some doctrinal issues; in fact, I think more of this is needed. I am not against debate against heresy but what do I do when I discover heresy in my fellowship? I am sure this has been the reason so many churches have become divided and eventually split. I do not think this does the work of the Lord any good.

The Old Testament is filled with such situations. Amos, for example, had to confront the Jewish leadership concerning heresies that were developing in Israel. Amos got into a lot of trouble because those who were immersed in the heresy would not listen to him. After all, wasn't he just some country preacher from the hills?

I believe we need to stand against heresy, and we need to do it from a biblical perspective. Too often, even in church situations, things get out of control. Hatred seems to boil up with the least provocation. Many churches are known for such a spirit. All this does is create hostility to the real truth of God's word. No matter if it is sexual orientation, race or sexuality, many are addressing these

problems with hate. Hatred is not the Jesus way to do anything and yet it is feeding many Christians. Too many are trying to cram the Bible down people's throats and yet they themselves are really not modeling the Bible lifestyle.

It is very easy to condemn somebody else and judge them, but when it comes to our own particular life, we give ourselves a pass. If I am really going to condemn somebody, it should be by my lifestyle and not my words. One great quote that goes around says, "We should preach the gospel every day and if necessary, use words." Of course, this is more or less an exaggeration. However, I think behind it all is that we should be an example in our lifestyle of what we preach. If we preach one way and live some other way in contradiction to what we preach, then we are hypocrites and are doing the gospel no good whatsoever. If I'm going to talk the talk, I need to also walk the walk.

As we live the life as set forth for us in the word of God, we are going to live a life in contradiction to the society and culture around us. It is so easy

for us to blend in or at least try to water down the gospel to such an extent that it no longer has the power to change lives. A great patriarch said, "Give me liberty, or give me death." We understand exactly what he was talking about. That is a political statement, but there is a spiritual statement that follows suit.

Our commitment to Jesus Christ is going to contradict the lifestyles of some of our friends. I think this is the hardest thing for us to grasp as we begin to live our Christian life. Those who we thought were our friends can become our enemies. Our great challenge is to give in to the culture around us and sort of blend in. Otherwise, we may be accused of hating people. This is where the Christian life stands tall. Despite the criticism that comes our way we do not back down from our spiritual principles. We would rather die than compromise our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I first became a Christian, I was just so excited, I told everybody assuming everybody would be just as excited as I was about my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I soon found out that I was very wrong.

Many people soon made fun of me and tried to harass me to get me to do the things I used to do when I was comfortable with my sin, like them. It took me quite a while to realize that although my salvation was absolutely

free, paid for by Jesus Christ when He died on the cross, the Christian life came with a great cost factor.

James L. Snyder
Ocala, FL

A CHARGE TO KEEP

Charles Wesley

A Charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill:
Oh, may all my powers engage to do my Master's Will!

Arm me with zealous care, as in Your sight to live;
And may Your servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, fully on You rely –
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Adapted by: Aaron Bowman
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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.

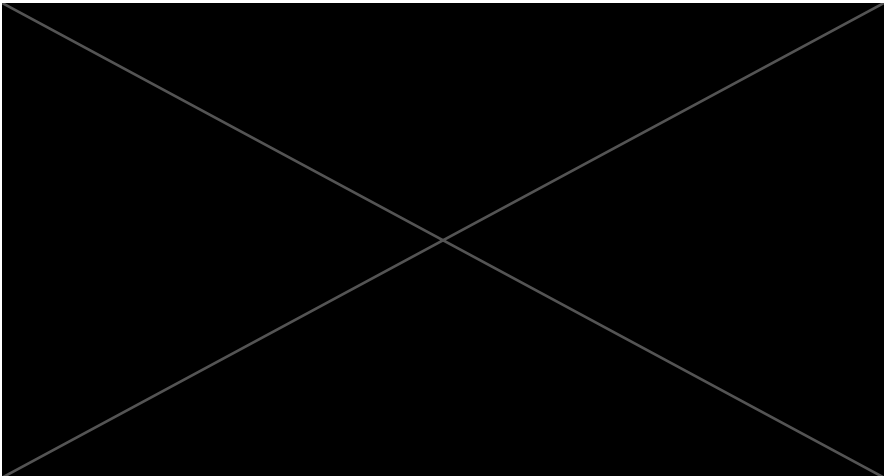
As we continue our study into the life of David, may our time be more than just reading history. All of God's word is applicable and has something to teach and instruct. May our study be to better understand God and the lessons he has for us through his servant David.

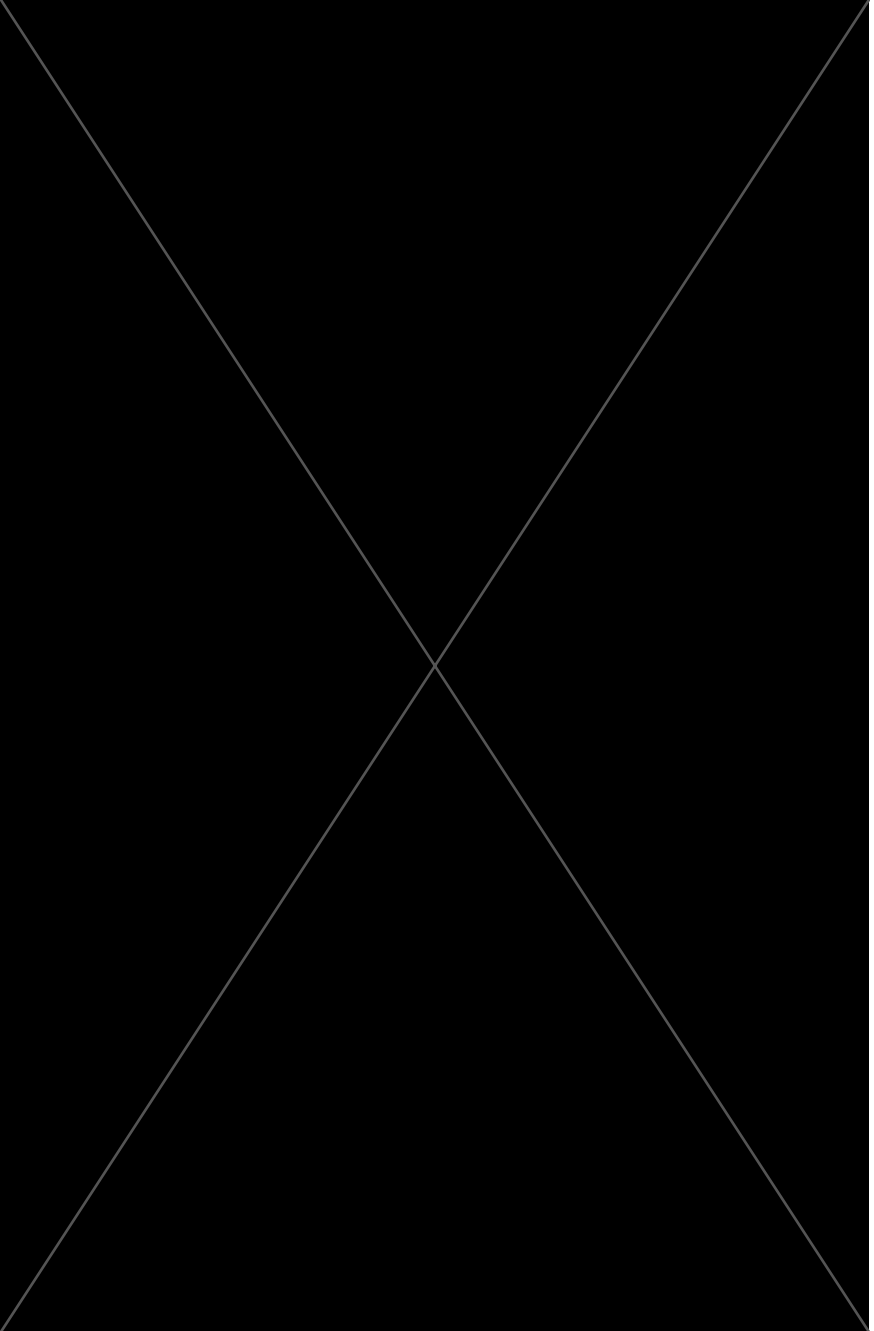
David has spent a great deal of his recent life hiding and running away from Saul and his soldiers. Suddenly that part of his life is over! Undoubtably there was a relief and gratitude that part of his life was over. His return to Jerusalem must

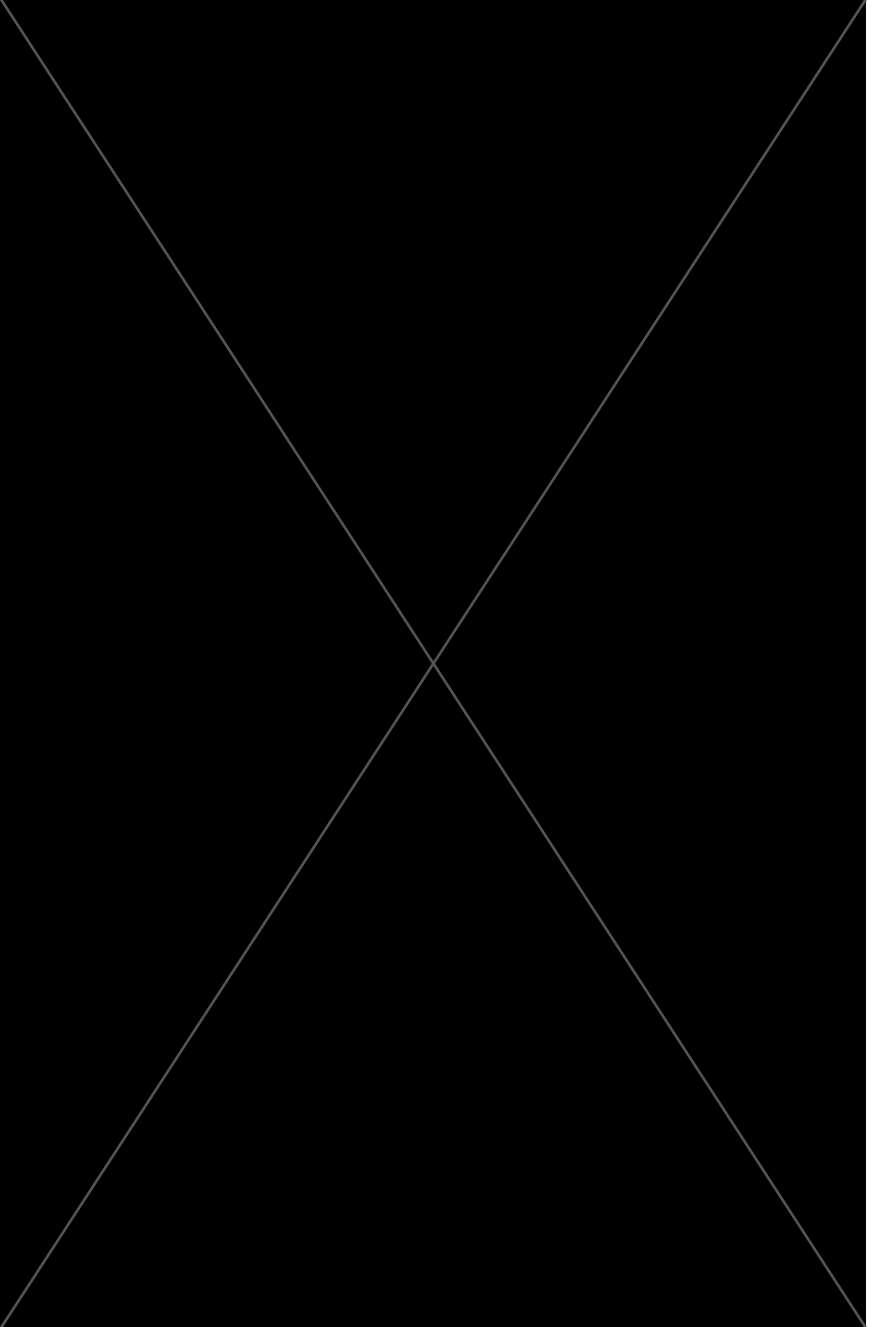
also have meant a great deal to David, as only a return home could.

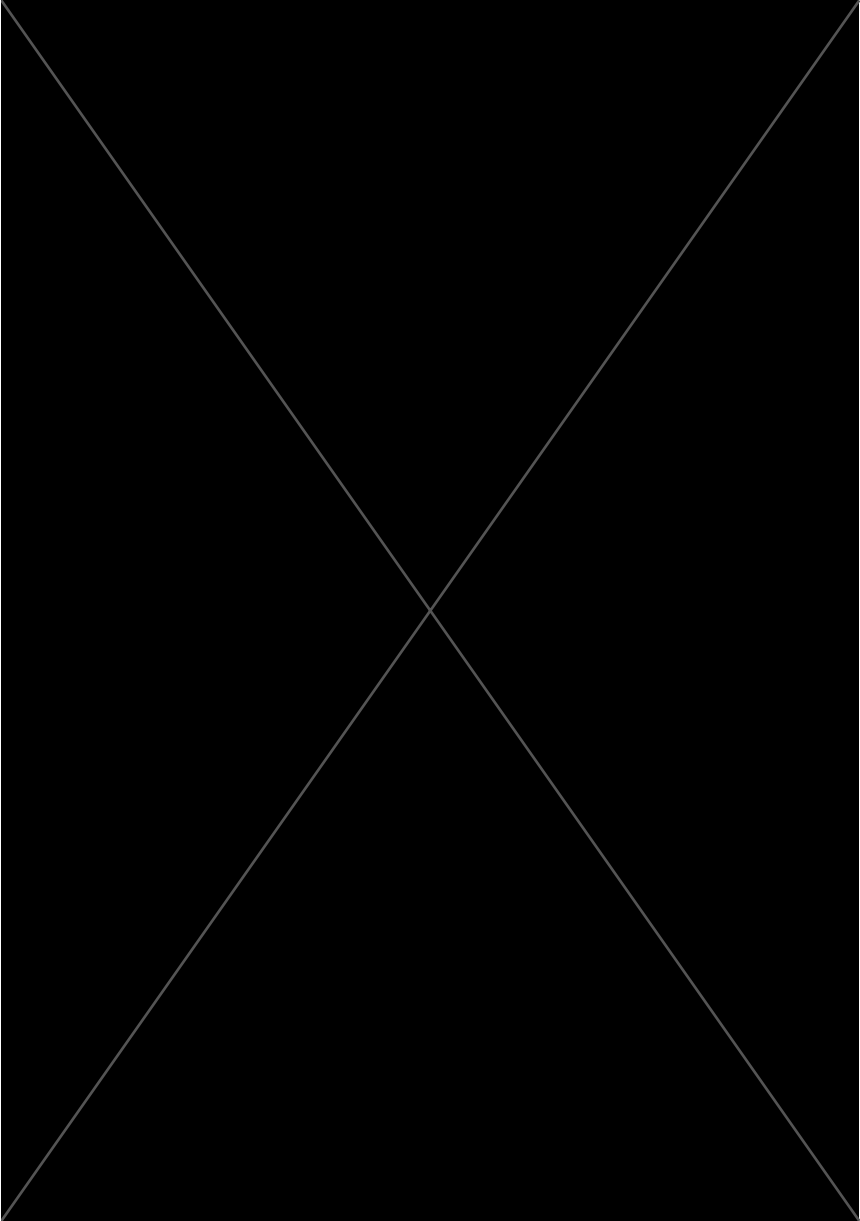
Throughout these passages we can get a glimpse as to why God referred to David as "a man after my own heart." Hopefully this will inspire us to ask the question how I can be a better man/woman after God's own heart. Afterall isn't that our goal? May our time studying the life of David be fruitful and thought provoking.

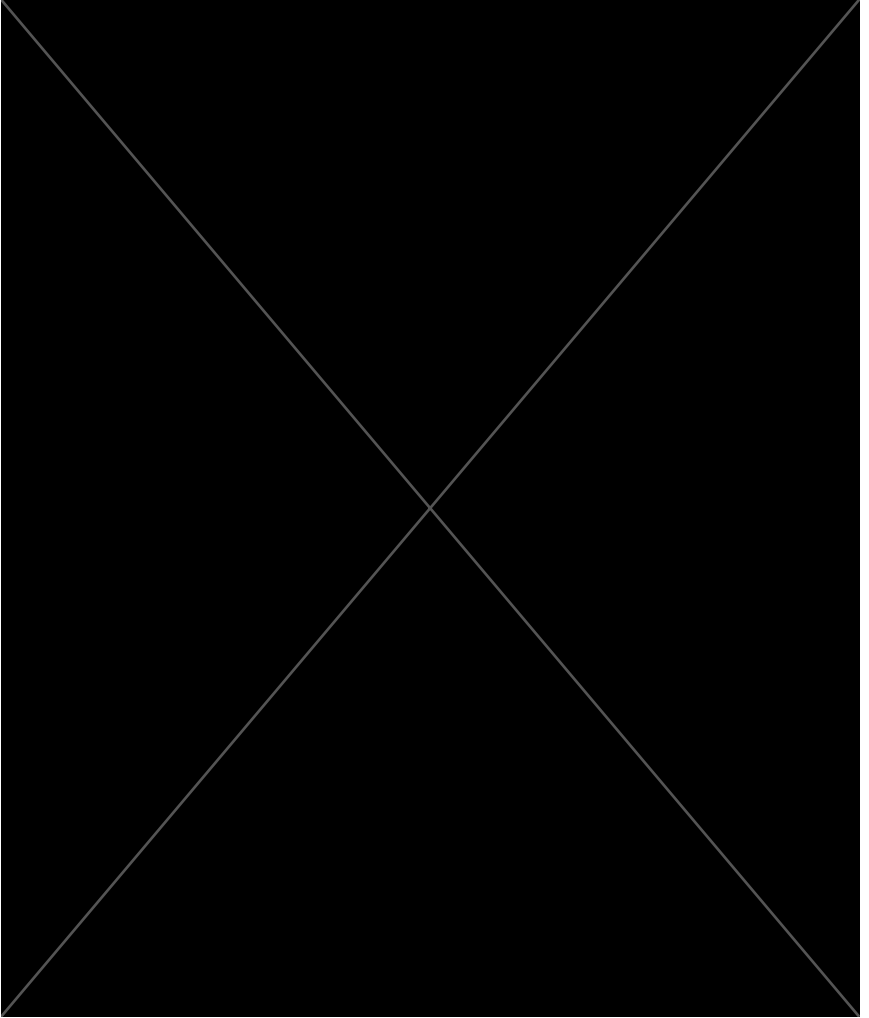
On behalf of the Bible Study Board
Brother Mark Cordrey Jr.











OBITUARIES

Sarah Musselman

Sarah L. Musselman, 79, of Littlestown, Pennsylvania, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at UPMC Memorial Hospital, York, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of Harold K. Musselman who passed away on September 17, 2021.

Born April 11, 1945, in Westminster, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Helen (Wantz) Sweitzer.

Sarah was a member of Shrewsbury Dunkard Brethren Church and was a hostess for many years at Ryan's Steakhouse and Hoss's, both in Hanover, Pennsylvania. She enjoyed spending time with family, gardening, especially flowers, making candy and baking. Sarah was affectionately known as the "Cake Lady".

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy "Kat" Linebaugh and husband Matthew, Littlestown and Lisa Unger, Bedford, PA; sister, Goldie Sweitzer; grandson, Trenton Unger; granddaughters, Ashlyn (Musselman) Potts, Cheyenne Unger, Bianca Linebaugh and Myka Linebaugh and great granddaughter, Scarlett Potts.

She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Stephen Unger and sister, Blanche Eberly.

A funeral service was held January 31, 2025, at Shrewsbury Dunkard Brethren Church, followed by burial in the church cemetery.

Ray Garber

Garber - Ray Meyers, son of Dennis and Nora (Meyers) Garber was born on Sept. 25, 1930, in Chambersburg Pennsylvania and peacefully passed away on January 15, 2025, making his pilgrimage on earth 94 years, 3 months, and 21 days. He patiently endured his declining years and found comfort in the anointing service in July 2024 and was privileged to experience a communion

service in October 2024. Ray spent his entire life in Franklin County, Pennsylvania making his livelihood as a farmer.

Ray was united in marriage to Alice L. Hess on Feb. 1, 1953. On March 14, 1994, this union was broken when his companion was called to her eternal reward. On June 11, 1995, he was united in marriage to Rita Y. (Longenecker) Eberly.

He was baptized in Dec. 1951 and remained a faithful and dedicated servant in the church until his passing. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Old German Baptist Church in the Back Creek district. On March 12, 1960, he was called to the deacon's office and later, on June 24, 1964, he was called to the ministry. He served faithfully as an elder for over fifty years. We are thankful for the example that he left us.

In addition to his companion, he is survived by two sons; Roger A. and Margaret (Metzger) Garber, Keith N. and Twilla (Beckner) Garber; two step-daughters Marcy Reed, Tricia and David Gipe; ten grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren; a brother, Fred and Martha (Hess) Garber; three brothers-in-law, Jerre (Judy) Longenecker, Tom (Joyce) Longenecker, Dale (Joanne) Longenecker; six sisters-in-law, Rhoda (David) Kegerreis, Darlene Longenecker, Wanda Hearn, Donna (Galen) Stauffer, Cinda Burkholder, Debra (Glenn) Burkholder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Virgil L. Garber on April 19, 2011; a stepson Timothy Eberly on April 4, 1965; a step son-in-law, Greg Reed in September of 2023; his parents-in-law, Paul and Emma (Landes) Hess and George and Fern Longenecker; Rita's first husband, Luke Eberly on Dec. 22 1991; a sister-in-law, Florence (Harold) Hawbaker; three brothers-in-law, George Longenecker, Robert Hearn and Raymond Burkholder.

Funeral services were held in the Back Creek meetinghouse on Jan. 20, 2025, by the local brethren. The text was taken from I John 3:14-18. His body was laid to rest in the Browns Mill Ceme-

tery, Kauffman, Pennsylvania to await the resurrection. *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”* 1 Cor. 15:58.

The family

Pat Johnson

Patricia S. Johnson, 84, of Bryan, Ohio, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2025, at Brookview Health Center, Defiance, Ohio. Pat was born on July 6, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of the late Herbert W. and Luluvene V. (Whitman) Yates. She worked at Sauders Manufacturing for 25 years, retiring in 1996. Pat was a member of Pleasant Ridge Dunkard Brethren Church, West Unity. Pat was a volunteer at Hillside County Living. She also liked reading, and birdwatching. Pat was known as an excellent cook and baker.

Pat is survived by two sons, Kirk (Mary) Johnson of Pioneer, and Kyle Johnson of Bryan; seven grandchildren, Samson Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Lynn (Anthony) Wright, Rachel Johnson, and Rebecca Johnson; five great-grandchildren, Sidney Taylor, Amara Wright, Athena Carroll, Hazel Taylor, and Lexa Wright, Hunter Wright and Lela Johnson; brother, Larry Yates. Pat was preceded in death by her parents; son, Kevin Johnson; one brother, Chester Yates.

A funeral service was held on February 21 at the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, West Unity, with Pastor Dennis St. John officiating. Internment followed in Floral Grove Cemetery, West Unity.

David Kegerreis

David H. Kegerreis, 85, passed away peacefully at his home on February 17, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 24, 1939, in Bethel, Pennsylvania and lived a life dedicated to his family, faith, and his work.

David had a distinguished career in construction, operating Kegerreis Bros. Construction for many years before continuing his journey with Kegerreis Stoves, where he worked alongside his sons.

His dedication to his profession was matched by his commitment to serving his community. David served as an Elder and a Minister at Millbach Conservative Brethren Church, where he shared his faith and offered guidance and support to many. In his free time, David enjoyed tending to his sheep, hunting, fishing, going to the cabin and most of all hosting family campfire nights.

He shared a rich and loving partnership of 63 years with his wife, Rhoda (Longenecker) Kegerreis. Together, they raised a family that includes their children: Yvonne M. Mallow, wife of Mike, of Clearville; Dean L. Kegerreis, husband of Mary, of Bethel; Brian N. Kegerreis, husband of Kim, of Bernville; Kathleen M. Baum, wife of Doyle, of Schuylkill Haven; and Kristy J. Alspaugh, wife of Marcus, of Schuylkill Haven. David took joy in being a grandfather to 17 grandchildren and a great-grandfather to 23 great-grandchildren.

David is also survived by several siblings, including Fern Wolfe, wife of Verling; Darlene Marks, wife of Marlin; Jean Keeney, wife of the late Lamar; and Maxine Wilkerson, wife of Kenneth. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Amy (Gibbel) Kegerreis, and two brothers, Marlin Kegerreis and Harold Kegerreis, husband of the late Fern Kegerreis.

A funeral service was held on February 22 at Frystown Church, Myerstown, Pennsylvania with burial following in Frystown Cemetery.

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 Deacon

In early February, at the Pleasant Home congregation, Bro. Chris Cordrey was elected to the Deacon's office. Please pray for Bro. Chris & Sis. Evelyn in their new responsibilities. The Cordrey's address is 2841 Fowler Rd., SP 89, Ceres, CA 95307.

Bethel, Pennsylvania

Lord willing, the Bethel Congregation will hold spring revival meetings March 16-23. Sunday the 16th, Bro. Ray Stuber will bring forth messages at the 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. services. Basket lunch at noon. No evening service. Mon. thru Wed. there will be 7:30 p.m. services, with ministers to be supplied. Thurs. thru Sat. there will be 7:30 p.m. services and Sun. morning 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. services with Bro. Lyndell Noecker bringing forth the messages. Basket lunch at noon. Pray for all the ministers as they prepare + revive + convict the body of Christ. All are welcome to join us in services or on the phone (717-933-3169).

Karen Gingrich, Cor.

Pleasant Ridge, Ohio

Our Revival Meetings will be March 23–30. Bro. Caleb Heckman from the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania congregation will be our speaker. Services begin Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with a pot-luck lunch afterwards and an evening service at 6 p.m. Weeknight services will be at 7:30 p.m. Lovefeast services will begin on Satur-

day at 3 p.m. with communion at 7 p.m. Sunday (30th) begins with morning worship at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast. The meetings will close with Sunday School and Preaching Service beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served after the service. Please pray for Bro. Caleb and come join us if you can.

Teresa St. John, Cor.

Thank You – Bible School

As the newest Dunkard Brethren Bible School board member, I have had the privilege for the last year and a half to cooperate with others who want to see our young people equipped to live faithful Christian lives. It may surprise you that I have some experience in Christian education; where I used to oversee a small Christian Academy at the church where I pastored. Even now, our family travels, and I speak to Churches and Bible schools about Anabaptist Theology. Biblical education has been a conviction and passion of mine for many years, and it has been great working with like-minded individuals who want to invest into future generations in this capacity.

As I walked the halls at this year's Bible school, I was refreshed watching the teachers and students interact. I know that many of these exchanges will be pillars in the spiritual lives of these students, even as I fondly remember turning points in my own faith when others invested in me. I remember my zeal as a young believer and the relationships that gave me the tools, resources, and wisdom through my Christian education, both in church and school, to channel that zeal in a healthy direction for the Kingdom of God. These means of God directly affected my faith because they helped answer the "why" of my faith and the "how" to think deeply about the things of God.

I could list many reasons why Christian education matters, such as education equips future leaders of the DBC, prepares young people to understand and defend their faith, and gives future parents tools to help disciple their children. However, perhaps the most

significant reason is the growing influence that is leading young people to abandon Biblical teachings and practices. Often, when we choose to act, it's too late, and many have already decided to leave behind Scriptural teaching. What can we do? How can we abet up-and-coming generations to live out their faith in a way that honors Christ and is faithful to Scripture?

The Bible school is diligently pursuing to answer that call and aid students in their faith. We aim to partner with Dunkard Brethren Churches to supplement local churches' investment into the next generation. We often speak of how we can better serve the students who attend and the Dunkard Brethren Churches from which they are part. We have considerable plans for the future of the Dunkard Brethren Bible School to grow and expand. It is a big task, but one we feel is entirely within reach when the church comes together.

Thank you for the support and trust you have placed in the Dunkard Brethren Bible School. Please pray for us as we plan for future years of service to the Dunkard Brethren Church.

Jonathan Kinner
Brookville, OH

General Conference

General Conference will be held at Central College in Pella, Iowa, June 7-11, 2025.

Address: Central College, 812 University Street, Pella, Iowa, 50219.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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.

More information regarding how to make reservations will follow in the next issue of the Bible Monitor.

The 2025 Conference Lodging Committee

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR April 2025

April 6 - II Sam. 7:18-29 - David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

1. What is meant when verse 18 says "sat before the Lord"?

2. What is the "small thing in thy sight" in verse 19?

3. What does David conclude is the reason the Lord God has done these great things?

4. What is the reason David says that he prayed this prayer?

5. Bless, blessing, and blessed: How does the conclusion of David's prayer show that he comprehends the magnitude of God's message to him?

April 13 - II Sam. 8:1-18 - David's Victories

1. How does David use his military acumen to achieve political gains?

2. By dedicating to God the spoils and tribute gifts, is David recognizing where his victories are coming from?

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3. What is meant in verse 13 when it says, "David gat him a name"?
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4. How would David have executed judgement and justice to all his people (verse 15)?
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April 20 - II Sam. 9:1-13 - David's Kindness to Mephibosheth

1. What does David mean when he says, "shew them kindness for Jonathan's sake"?
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2. What is the kindness of God (verse 3)?
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3. Could Ziba have suspected that David's effort at kindness was a ploy to find Saul's descendants and eliminate them?
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April 27 - II Sam. 10:1-19 - War with the Ammonites

1. Why did Hanun not believe David's motives were to show kindness?
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2. How does Joab appeal to the choice men of Israel?
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3. How did David use the "peace through strength" method with Ammon & Syria?
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