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Upcoming Events

Christmas Rally: Why, AZ
Why Wash BLM Land
December 19-26, 2009

Quartzite Rally, Quartzite, AZ
January 11-15, 2010

Jim Kortsen West Pinal County
Park Rally, Casa Grande, AZ
March 1-5, 2010

George Simmons' Church Easter
Gathering: Campo, CA
April 8-12, 2010

California Delta Gathering/Rally
May 23-27, 2010

Escapade: Goshen, IN
September 12-17, 2010

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It's the Reason

We're coming to the end of another year. What have we accomplished in our individual lives? Have we done what we set out to do back in January? Have we succeeded in putting Jesus Christ number one in our lives? Have we helped our neighbor in need? Or have we just been satisfied with the status quo?

Right now, across this great country of ours, volunteers are standing on the streets with a red bucket and ringing a bell; they are calling our attention to the needs of others. They are making us aware that there is a reason for living; there is something more important than ourselves.

Often we walk right by these bell ringers, kind of snubbing our noses, ignoring them or at the very least not letting them know that we know they are there. What are they there for? Why would they spend all their time just standing there ringing that little annoying bell?

Well, if it wasn't for those volunteers standing there day in and day out at this time of year, many indigent people would go without; they would go without food, clothing and/or shelter. Those volunteers are just that—volunteers. They receive no compensation. But they do receive satisfaction—satisfaction in knowing they have done their very best to bring some happiness to someone who wouldn't otherwise have happiness at this time of year.

But why does this only happen once each year, in the coldest part of the year? Why doesn't it go on at other times of the year? Well, think about it—would there be a better time? It's at this time of year that our attention is drawn to the birth of a baby boy in a stable in Bethlehem. This baby boy and his parents weren't indigent—they weren't poor by the standards of that day. They went to pay their taxes just like the other citizens. They tried to rent a room but all the rooms were taken so they ended up in a stable.

Much is made of the fact that this baby boy was born in a stable—that there was “no room at the inn.” But there is a lesson here that most people miss. This family went to do their civic duty by registering and paying their taxes in obedience to “render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's.” Sure it's important for us to remember that the little baby boy was born in a stable so that we realize his meager beginnings. But it's more important to understand that we have to obey the laws of the land also.

In obeying the laws of the land, we get to bask in the love of that baby boy who grew into manhood and ministered to those who were in need, healing them and helping them to overcome all kinds of poverty that the people were encountering.

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What is the reason? Jesus Christ is the reason. He's that baby boy—He's the one with meager beginnings. He's the one we look to, especially at this time of year. But it's time for us to realize that He's the reason for our living. He gives us life and He gives it to us in abundance. Without Him, we would be floundering around like a fish out of water—nowhere to go and no way to get there.

Please remember Him not only at this time of year but all through the year. Try to follow His example by helping others less fortunate than yourself. Go give a bag of groceries to that neighbor down the street who would otherwise go without.

Merry Christmas

From the President

As we travel around this great country where Father God has privileged us to go, we keep getting the feeling that God is “up to something”. Do you sense it too? It seems to be something of a fleeting sense that we can’t quite seem to grasp. The scripture

Malachi 4:5-6 says “ *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Jehovah come. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*”

We know a couple who are full time RVers that we met three or four years ago with whom became friends. We meet up a couple of times a year and have fun together. During this time we have shared joys and sorrows and prayed for each other. One instance our friend related was that their son was an alcoholic and estranged from them and they had not spoken to them for several years. We prayed together about this situation.

We talked with them after Thanksgiving and they told us that their son called them on Thanksgiving day; told them that he loved them; that he wasn’t drinking any more and that he had gotten his life straightened out. Previous to this they lived in the same town, would see him in a store and he would avoid them and not speak to them. God is good and faithful. A broken relationship healed and restored.

Are we entering a season where Father not only wants to restore natural families but spiritual ones as well? Do you have relationships that have been battered and bruised? **Proverbs 29:18** tells us that “*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.*” **John 13:34** “*A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another*” **Proverbs 10:12** “*Hatred stirs up strife: but love covers all sins.*” Missy and I are sure, as we are in this time of preparation for the New Year, that if we ask Father for a new vision for loving, healing and restoring relationships, He will give it to us for that is the desire of His heart. We invite you to join us. May the Peace and Joy of the Lord Jesus Christ be in you all and surround you all.

We need to remember that as Christian believers, we are never retired but as a friend of ours says, we “are on vacation with benefits

Editor’s Note:

Members of the Christian Fellowship BOF should be thankful that we have officers who take their elected (volunteer) positions seriously. Without their due diligence to seeing that the BOF functions properly, we would be floundering. Without good leaders, we’d be like a chicken with its head cut off.



...and the Vice-President

2 Cor. 8:5 It was more than we could have hoped for! First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God’s will they gave themselves to us as well.

“First they gave themselves to the Lord.” Wow, stop for a moment and consider that phrase in your own life. It speaks of surrender, a word we don’t often hear much about today. I, as a Christian, as a follower of Jesus Christ, must hold so tightly to this surrender, confirm it and renew it. What a special life of faith to Jesus it shows when I say to Him each and every day, “I have given myself to You, Jesus, to follow You and to serve You.”

Andrew Murray in his old book, *The New Life*, puts it this way:

“Keep back no single power. Let your head with all its thinking, your mouth with all its speaking, your heart with all its feeling, your hand with all its working let your time, your name, your influence, your property—let it all be laid on the altar—this is the language of trustful dedication.”

End results of surrender and giving yourself first to the Lord? Others will see Jesus in you! As our wheels move along this winter season or we bloom where we have been planted, my prayer is that “First, we will give ourselves to the Lord” and next that in doing so our lives would be able to display the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In closing, let me share a few stanzas from a song by the Johnson Family music. Even though I have never heard the music, the words are challenging. The title is, “What is the Gospel According to You?”

*You’re writing a gospel chapter a day
By the deeds that you do and the words that you say
Men read what is written whether faithless or true
So tell me, what is the Gospel according to you?*

*Many are searching, so lost and confused
By the view of religion as seen in the news
Is it wealth or approval or how good you feel
Will you point them to Jesus by the thing that you do?*

*Do you speak of your Savior do you tell of His grace?
Are the fruits of His spirit clearly seen on your face?
Do you speak of His mercy and atonement for sin
And a heavenly home to all who come in?*

*You’re writing a gospel chapter a day
By the deeds that you do and the words that you say
Men read what is written whether faithless or true
So tell me what is the gospel according to you?*

First, they gave themselves to the Lord....and as you do this What will be the chapter you write? What is the Gospel according to you?



Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are listed in the order received and are provided so that God's Army of Intercessors can bombard Heaven with prayers.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

1. Pray for family members to come to the full knowledge of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for all Escapee members that have health issues.
3. Pray for our President, his cabinet, the Congress and all our national leaders and all in authority that they will be lead by the Holy Spirit in all their actions. We are at a time in our lives like no other time before. Our leaders need our prayers.
4. Pray for our Armed Forces everywhere and especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan.
5. Pray that our education system will again allow prayer in school. Since prayer has been removed from schools there has been a continual upswing in juvenile problems.

Rellene Ehmsen underwent a mastectomy in Scottsdale, AZ on November 24th. Prayer is requested for a rapid recovery from the surgery and that followup treatment will go well. Rellene lives in her RV and will go from Scottsdale to Yuma where she is expecting to undergo home health care while she goes through the preliminary healing stages. The BOF members should all unite and continue to pray for her. This is a trying time for her.

Nancy O'Bosky, SKP 70073

I talked to Rellene Ehmsen this evening (Thursday, November 26). She is at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix. She had her surgery Tuesday, a nine hour surgery, then they had to go back in to fix a drain tube that was bleeding. All in all, it went well, she is medicated pretty heavily and sounded very sleepy, so I only talked to her for a minute and assured her we were still praying for her. She will be in the hospital at least a week, and then a care facility if Medicare will pay for it (let's pray they will) until she is able to be on her own in her RV which is in Yuma.

Also, another WIN who was with us in Casa Grande, Sharon Henry, (I don't think she joined the BOF), she did go to church with us a couple times and joined in some of our activities...I heard yesterday that "her cancer has returned, it has gone into her bones and she is unable to take any more chemo" They passed a card around in the WIN gathering here in Borrego Springs, I tried calling Linda Williamson to confirm this, but couldn't get hold of her. Let's please pray for Sharon, she really needs a touch from the Lord, for healing, comfort and also for complete trust in Him. Thanks

Dodie Graham, SKP 31991

The following medical update was provided by Glen & Irela Rhodes, SKP 96226, concerning their daughter Tammy and her employer, Rosie. Tammy has been dealing with pain and Rosie is making a stalwart stand against ovarian cancer.

First, from Rosie:

I am thrilled to report that the first stage of the battle has been won. Hallelujah!! By your prayers, and the Lord's mercy and healing touch the cancer is 'in remission'. The CT scan showed no traces of cancer and the Ca125 was 27, normal is less than 35. What a mighty and gracious God we have.

I will see my gynecologist every 3 months for follow-up to look for any recurrence. Most people with this type of cancer will have a recurrence at some time, so we are praying and believing for the Lord to maintain complete healing in my body. The other issue is that the blood clot has not gone as we had hoped it would. This means I have to stay on the Heparin injections for now—uncomfortable, but really just a minor inconvenience.

This past 9 months has been a time for me of drawing closer to our Father and learning to trust Him completely. I have rejoiced and been humbled to see the body of Christ working together to support me and my family in prayer as well offering as practical help. A big 'thank you' to you all.

I will keep you posted as the saga continues!

Blessings, Rosie

Then, about Tammy:

Our daughter Tammy who works for Rosie is scheduled for a laparoscopy the morning of Nov 30. This is so the doctors can see inside and hopefully find the cause of the pain. Meanwhile she is on a very restricted diet to control the pain. Pray for the Lord to guide the doctors hands. Also for her husband Paul who has two large essays due that week and his brother-in-law is also having surgery the next day Dec 1. So a lot to distract him

Thanks for your prayers

Glen & Irela Rhodes, SKP 96226

Healing

Do we really believe God for healing in our bodies? Does He really heal? What does the Bible say?

Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. **(Isa. 58:8 NKJV)**

Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

(Jer. 33:6 NKJV)

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions. **(Psa. 107:20)**

Gatherings /Rallies

December 19–26, 2009: Why, AZ; Why Wash BLM Land, Christmas Rally. Hosts: Dale & Florence Archibald
Early Birds Gathering Saturday and Sunday, December 19–20.

No planned events (except the Community Hall Sunday After Service Potluck in Why)—just fellowship and enjoying the blessing of togetherness and an old-fashioned Christmas. Come early and get into the spirit of our “Keep Christ in Christmas Rally.”

Monday, December 21 to Saturday December 26.
Christmas Rally begins with a Welcome Meal (provided) at 3 PM Monday Dec 21.

Activities including Christmas Candlelight Service and Christmas Dinner at the Community Hall, will take place throughout the week. Wrap-up event: Hitch-up Breakfast on Saturday, December 26. Worship and Bible Study activities will be centered around the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Why BLM land is a 14-day dry camping area, so you can stay a full two weeks if you so desire.

January 11–15, Quartzsite rally : Plomosa Rd.–Quartzite; January 16–24 is the Quartzsite RV Show.

We are all getting excited about this rally. This is one of the best rallies of the year. Mark this date on your calendar right now!

This year we will be meeting north of Q on Plomosa Road about three miles east of Hwy 95. Many other Escapade rallies are held in this area during the same time. We will have bright pink signs: “SKPs CF BOF” with arrows pointing the way.

Some very special events are planned! A business meeting will be held and we need a quorum, so make sure you come. A quorum consists of 15 membership numbers, not 15 people; one of the members must be an elected officer. This gives a SOLO the same amount of voting strength as a couple. (Each membership number only gets one vote; a majority vote is required.) Bring your ideas, suggestions and your help.

With only one Escapade each year it is really necessary that we have participation at the business meetings by representatives from the eastern states as well as the western states. With participation from only one region, it results in “one-party rule.”

Bring your laptop computer. Our own Linda Williamson has graciously agreed to do a workshop on the wonderful E-sword program. reading plans and devotionals to choose from.

Other special times include daily devotionals. Please bring a reading or scripture or thought that you would like to share and we will have a sign-up sheet upon arrival to share these at our devotional time. In the evenings, weather permitting, once again we will be viewing some of the great videos of

Ray Vanderlaan and the Faith Lessons of “That the World Might Know.” We hope to have small group discussions in several rigs after. Would you consider making your place available to have a group meet and share?

We might take a day trip to see the ghost town south on Hwy 95 and also possibly a desert golf tournament at the park there in Q. Any other suggestions for group activities—we are all ears, so give us a holler!

We have a CARE Auction planned! Get out your brown bags or your wrapping paper and find some “interesting, useful or not, used or not, good or not, funny or not, silly or not, white elephant or not” items for our CARE auction. Bring lots of money to purchase these great items that will help CARE. We’ll have great fun bidding on all the items.

There will be a potato bake (bring topping or something to share, one potluck supper, a pancake breakfast (bring meat or fruit to share) and a potluck breakfast. There will be a donation bucket for rally fees to cover rally expenses. All donations more than the rally expenses will be added to the amount for CARE raised at the CARE Auction. Parking is free and it is dry camping. Come with full water tanks and empty gray/black tanks.

Plan on staying after the rally and carpooling into Q for fun and fellowship at the RV show and all the other gala events during the week of January 16–23, 2010.

For more information or to let us know you are coming, please call or text Nancy O’ Bosky 559 250-2305. You can also e-mail christianBOF@gmail.com. Don’t miss Q4! Steve and I plan on arriving on January 10th so know you are welcome to pull in a settle in with us! We’ll see you there!

Steve & Nancy O’ Bosky, SKP 70073, Rally Hosts

March 1–5, 2010: Jim Kortsen West Pinal County Park, Casa Grande, AZ. Hosts: Dale & Florence Archibald.

May 23–27, 2010: California Delta Gathering/Rally. Hosts Glenn & Melva Dugan and James & Angie Archie.

Death Valley Rally Recap

The Death Valley Rally, October 31-Nov. 4 saw five rigs gather together and quite a number of visitors join us: the Pierce’s, O’ Bosky’s, Starkey’s, Henderson’s and the Hines’. We had an incredibly super time of fellowship and watching videos in the warm evenings from the Faith Lesson series, “That the World May Know.” We had day trips to China Date Ranch and Scotty’s Castle. Sunday church found us in lawn chairs sharing with a backdrop of Artist’s Palette! A picnic lunch followed. It was wonderful!

The rally ended as the Death Valley 49er festivities started. What a great time, don’t miss out next year!

Steve & Nancy O’ Bosky, SKP 70073

Where Has the Year Gone?

We've come to the end of another exciting year of life and living in a Recreational Vehicle. Who would have thought that 12 months could go by so fast. RV living is so exciting and fun. Mother used to say, "Time flies when you're having fun" and another one: "It's a tough life but someone has to do it." Boy, how right she was! This year there have been many exciting things to see and many more that are still awaiting someone to visit.

Speaking of visits (great segue, huh?), with only one Escapade each year right now, we need to plan on "visiting" all the Gatherings/Rallies that have been planned for us by our great Wagonmaster, Nancy O'Bosky. See page 4 for all the particulars on upcoming rallies.

As we travel in our RVs, we have many opportunities to witness—witness of the joy it is to know Jesus Christ. We start with our fellow Escapees by living our lives before them in a manner that would make Jesus very happy. We don't have to go knocking on doors, wear a big wooden cross around our neck, carry a Bible wherever we go, or wear long dresses and no makeup (ladies, please) or just generally run around with a long sad-looking face. Be natural, be loving and above all, helpful and caring.

Orv Schinke, SKP 65543

Message From the Directors

We know for many of the northern chapters the rally season is over until the spring, but for the southern Chapters/C-BOFs the season is just beginning.

For those traveling south, the season just continues as you wander for the winter. We know you'll have fun wherever you go. Do take time to stop at other group events—both rallies and luncheons. You'll be surprised who you meet along the way. It is always terrific to see familiar faces—friends from long ago—a familiar face from not sure where—and to receive lots of SKP Hugs as you reminisce good times. But also look for that NEW FACE—someone you may not have met yet—someone who doesn't appear warm and welcoming, but is new to the group. This person may just be a bit shy in the new group and just waiting for a warm invitation to join the fun. This person may really need a SKP Hugs and Escapee friendship more than you know. So at any rally or luncheon, do take time to make a new friend. Include that new person in your circle; invite them to share their story. And this new person may just be your next best friend. Many SKP Friends and Many Hugs to each of you — Susie & Denny Orr, Chapters/C-BOFs Directors

*Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year from the staff of the
High Flyer Newsletter*

What Gossip Will Get You

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extracurricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told George and several others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny.

He said nothing. Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house ...walked home....and left it there all night.

Don't you just love old George?.



Court Order

You have been accused of accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior and bombarding God with prayers!

You are hereby sentenced to Everlasting Life ,

No bail, No Appeal. You have been labeled Blessed and hereby detained in God's custody forever, Amen.

You have been destined to make it and you shall surely achieve all your goals.

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, But FAITH looks up. Lord, grant me patience to endure my blessing.

When the devil comes knocking at your door, simply say. "Jesus, could you get that for me please"?

That Glorious Night

As the angels gathered round
At the time of Jesus birth
It must have been a glorious night
As peace fell on the earth.

It might have lasted just a moment
But as God looked down from above
The Father's heart was overflowing
With compassion and His love.

His thoughts were for each one of us
On that beautiful starry night
I wish I could have been there
To see that awesome sight.

Mary had never given birth
So there had to be some fear
Who would tend to all her needs?
There would be no one near.

But thank God for husband, Joseph
God picked this special man
So quiet yet so wise
To fit nicely in God's plan

He has such a love for Mary
But discouragement sets in
There was no room in town that night
It seems that he can't win.

He's gone to every door and knocked
When the last man at the inn
Replied, "We're full" but finally said
His stable he will lend.

Yes, it is a stable
With the animals standing round
But they will keep their distance
And dare not make a sound.

Joseph takes Mary in his arms
With the utmost of care
And lays her on a bed of straw
And gently strokes her hair.

All heaven is aflutter
For the time is close at hand
Now Joseph thinks back on the words
When the angel told him of God's plan.

Joseph, of the house of David
Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife
She will bear you a son
Who will change your very life.

He will save His people from their sins
Just as the prophets did foretell
Behold a virgin shall bear a son

And call his name Immanuel.

Now Joseph had nine months
To think about this very night
His mind simply could not comprehend
That things would turn out right.

The time was coming quickly now
For Mary to give birth
The angels held their breath
As they looked upon the earth.

The Lion of the tribe of Judah
And the precious Lamb of God
All wrapped up in swaddling clothes
In a stable where animals trod.

Mary now holds him tightly
As she looks upon his face
This little baby boy of hers
So filled with love and grace.

The baby Jesus snuggled warmly
Against His mother's breast
All the world was at peace
And the angels were their guests.

Joseph now relieves his wife
So she can take a rest
And places baby Jesus
To sleep upon his chest.

Jesus comes to this humble place
Where he's peacefully at sleep
To show us his humanity
This Shepherd of the Sheep.

The star above Bethlehem shines brightly
To announce the savior's birth
The angel of the Lord came down
From heaven to the earth.

The glory of the Lord shone round
As each shepherd gazed above
The angel of the Lord said,
Don't fear we're here because of love.

There's good news to tell you
A savior's been born today
But he's reigning now in glory
Not lying on the hay.

The shepherds went to find him
On that first Christmas Day
Have you ever found him?
Ask him into your heart today.

Peace on earth, good will to men.

Missy Adcock Pierce, SKP 8508

The Good Pastor

To be a good pastor, one has to be able to preach, teach, counsel and provide leadership. In addition, a good pastor is always available to help his congregants; he is not a hireling, but rather an employee of Jesus Christ. The good pastor is just that—good. He isn't necessarily handsome, but is good-looking on the inside.

A pastor cannot be a good pastor if he is a hireling. Hirelings are only doing it for the compensation they might receive from the “Deacon Board” that hired him. Hirelings cannot fulfill the call of the Lord if they don't have their heart tied into Jesus' teachings.

The good pastor is knowledgeable about the Bible, able to quickly find scriptures to forcefully back up his beliefs and the beliefs of those who sit under his preaching/teaching. He doesn't necessarily have the knack of memorizing scripture but rather knows how to recall scriptures when needed.

The good pastor does not run away when things get tough. He remains firm in his desire to serve the Lord as the Lord gives him guidance. He doesn't look for greener pastures except to lead his followers into the greener pastures provided by the Lord.

The good pastor is not into politics. He is only into the Bible. Politics have demanded that the good pastor adhere to the “Politically Correct” (PC) ideas put forth by particular facets of life that don't agree with Biblical principles. It is demanded that the good pastor not preach about certain aspects of life that the Bible calls abhorrent; these are lifestyles that are not natural. These things are called “an abomination” by our gracious God. He, God, says that we are to keep our lives pure, staying away from unnatural things.

The good pastor's hands are tied if he has to resort to holding his tongue in able to honor today's politically correctness which defines some pastoral speech as “hate crime.” Never, in my lifetime, have I ever heard that the Bible was known as “hate speech” contributing to “hate crime.” The hireling will accept this and the good pastor will go to jail for it.

Orv Schinke, SKP 65543

What is Christmas?

Every year at this time of the year, we spend time and money in an attempt to make people happy. We give and receive presents. What we miss is that Christmas is more than presents. Christmas is the “presence” of someone. He is more than just a baby in a nativity scene. He is the Savior of the world, having given his life at the age of 33 so that those of us who have asked him into our hearts may have eternal life in Heaven with Him, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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Editor's Note: The following article is very appropriate in this day when Christianity and God are taking a beating amongst the media and other unbelievers. It was taken from:

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Friend To Friend

The fourth-grader rose from his desk and walked slowly to the front of the classroom to deliver a report concerning the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday. With Thanksgiving just days away, the classroom was buzzing with excitement. The teacher shared the eagerness of her students and felt that she had done an adequate job of encouraging each child to focus on the true meaning of the holiday. Those hopes were soundly dashed against the words of the young speaker.

“The pilgrims came here seeking freedom of ... you know what. When they landed, they gave thanks to ... you know who. Because of these brave people, we can celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and our freedom to worship every Sunday ... you know where.”

We laugh at the thought of leaving God's name out of this childish writing but, in fact, many of us are just as guilty of leaving Him out of our daily walk—especially when it comes to giving thanks. While Thanksgiving does remind us to stop and give thanks, Thanksgiving is not just a national holiday to be celebrated for a few hours each November. Learning to live in the gear of perpetual thanksgiving is a life changing discipline. Giving thanks should be a natural characteristic and innate practice of every believer. It is thanking God for all that He has done as well as for all He is presently doing and going to do in the future. Thanksgiving heightens our awareness of His presence and thrives on an active, living faith—a faith that is not ashamed to boldly act or afraid to speak out even in the face of doubt.

The book of James tells us, “When you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the sin” (NLT).

Learning to be thankful—even when we cannot see, hear or understand what God is doing or how He is working—is authentic thanksgiving and the direct result of a living, active and personal faith in God. We often say that we need more faith in order to be more thankful. I don't think so! We operate in faith every single day. We flip a switch believing in faith that light will appear. We turn a key believing in faith that a car will start. We even go to a doctor we hardly know who scribbles an impossible-to-read prescription which we promptly take to a pharmacist we have never seen. This unknown druggist proceeds to fill the prescription, giving us

a medicine with a name we cannot even pronounce. And we take it—all in blind faith! Amazing!

I believe that instead of pleading for more faith, we need to exercise the faith we already possess. As we continually step out in faith, not only will that faith grow stronger, but we will begin to trust God more, naturally developing an attitude of thanks. Faith does not believe that God can or will act. Faith believes that God is answering as we pray. And that truth, my friend, will send us to our knees in praise and thanksgiving.

Don't leave God out of your Thanksgiving celebration. Instead, realize that He is the very reason you can experience abundant and eternal life. Do not let the day pass without finding a few moments to be alone, thanking Him for His magnificent bounty in our hearts and in our lives.

New Members

Since the September newsletter, the following became new members to the Christian Fellowship BOF:

Name	SKP No.
Gary & Sharon Park	101405

Welcome to these new members. We hope you will join in with us at some of the upcoming Gatherings/Rallies.

To keep in touch with other members of the BOF, note the paragraph entitled BOF Chat Group at the top of page 8. We encourage all members to take advantage of this group. If some have joined the BOF and their name has been omitted, please notify the editor.

Ministry Opportunity

The Christian Fellowship BOF has received a request from Rose Jaimes, the Braille Administrator for Lutheran Braille Workers. LBW is a ministry made of over 5,000 volunteers who produce and ship Braille and Large Print Bibles to blind and vision impaired people free of charge worldwide.

She is looking for volunteers who like to travel in their RV and who are willing to visit their nearly 190 Braille centers to do maintenance on the centers Braille Presses. LBW would provide the training and the tools.

Feel free to contact her if you are interested. Sounds like a great ministry opportunity!

Her information is as follows:

Rose Jaimes
Lutheran Braille Workers
PO Box 5000
Yucaipa, CA 92399
800-925-6092

BOF Chat Group

Do you want to stay in daily touch with the Christian Fellowship BOF? You now can, via e-mail. All you have to do is send an e-mail to Christianbof-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

When you receive a reply you will be able to send messages to christianbof@yahogroups.com that everyone who subscribes to it will receive.

This will allow you to send messages to one address instead of having to try to remember the addresses of many people. If you have a pressing prayer need, a praise report, or just want to share something that's going on in your family, you can send it and everyone will be made aware right away instead of having to wait for a newsletter to be published.

Don't forget to check out our Christian Fellowship BOF website at <http://www.escapees.com/christianfellowship> then click on the link at the bottom which takes you to our main website at <http://www.christianbof.com> or you can go directly to the main website, if you so desire.

CARE

One of the main aims of the Christian BOF Fellowship is to be a giving group of individuals. Many of us have realized the importance of being charitable. It comes back many times over. We need to remember that we can't outgive God. We try to be a major contributor to CARE because CARE is there for us when we need them.

Every member who has donated to CARE through the Christian BOF Fellowship, is to be thanked for their Every member who has donated to CARE through the Christian BOF Fellowship, is to be thanked for their participation. Total contributions to CARE as of June 30, 2009 were \$9,124.60!!

Editor's note: No update has been received by the editor since June 30, 2009.

Words to Live By

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

Quit griping about your church; If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If a church wants a better pastor, It only needs to pray for the one it has.

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or Judges.

The Editor's Corner

Sometimes, when material is submitted for publication in the newsletter, I have to change the material to fit the available space. Please note that this is not done to affect the submission but merely to make it fit. Occasionally, I will change the report provided for publication, much to the chagrin of the one who submitted it. Sometimes, though trying to be objective, I will omit something that the person submitting the material felt was very important. If this occurs to any item you submit, please understand that I try to publish everything that is submitted, only limited by available column space and what may be thought to be not in the best interests of the member readers.

Membership Expiration

To help you remember when your dues expire, those members who receive their newsletter via snail mail, look at your mailing label. On the top line is a year: 2009, 2010, 2011, etc. That indicates that your dues are paid through December 31 of that year.

For those members who receive their newsletter via e-mail or download it from the website, there is no way of indicating when your dues are expiring other than receiving an e-mail reminder from the Membership Chairman that your dues are about to expire.

Address Updates

I continue to have newsletters returned to me because of faulty addresses. This costs me postage (my mail is sent from Livingston) as well as extra postage for the BOF. I don't want anyone to miss out on the information provided through the newsletter so it is important that all members keep me apprised of changes in membership profiles. It's one of your benefits.

Stay Up-to-Date

Did you know you can keep up to date with the BOF happenings/evernts? All you have to do is call 888-757-7701, Ext 8084.

This is the last issue of the High Flyer for the year 2009. While it has been frustrating sometimes trying to sit in front of my computer and hack out the information that will tickle the ears of you, the reader. The best compensation that I can possibly receive for my efforts is in knowing that I did my very best and the Lord God was pleased with those efforts. We look forward to an even greater 2010. Ed.

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