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### Pastor's Corner

This month featuring *Associate Pastor Mike Stephens*

THE MARVELOUS NAME OF JESUS!

*There is no other name given under heaven among men*



*whereby we must be saved* (Acts 4:12). That is that precious and awesome name of JESUS. At His birth the angels announced that His name shall be called JESUS for HE will save His people from their sins. We know people by their names, and our beloved High Priest we know by His name. There certainly, to the Christian, is not a more precious name than JESUS - we hear a lot of names, but when His

name is mentioned it is wonderful beyond words.

In my heart there rings a melody with heaven's harmony.  
I have a song that JESUS gave me,  
It was sent from heaven above,  
There has never been a sweeter melody,  
It's a melody of love.

He indeed does grow sweeter as the days go by, and He does do all things well. The Lord has exalted HIS NAME above every other name, that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD to the glory of God the Father. Down through the ages men have tried to get rid of that name. Oh, you can pray in the name of God, but not that name, because it is a personal name of a personal God. It puts a face on God, not some mystic force, but a living, vibrant, Holy, awesome, personal God. "He who has seen Me has seen the Father", "I and my Father are one". And "whatsoever you ask in My Name I will do it". "Father, may they be one even as we are one" (John 17). "If any man love me and keep my commandments, my Father and I will come to him and make our abode with him".

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, *Let your conversation be without covetousness for He has promised I will never leave you, nor forsake you. Therefore I will boldly say the Lord is my helper, I will not fear what man should do to me.* Hebrews 13:8 - *JESUS CHRIST the same yesterday, today and forever.*

Our Rock JESUS is unlike any other Rock. He is our fortress, our Buckler and our Shield. He is our refuge amidst the storms of life. He is our good Shepherd that gave His life for us. He is our glory and the lifter of our head, the Lily of the valleys and the Bright and morning star. He is the fairest of ten thousand, the I AM THAT I AM, our resurrection and our life, our soon coming King, the One who keeps us in the midst of trials, our very life and our song, our Advocate with the Father, the One who is able to keep us from falling and to present us spotless before the Throne, our dwelling place in all generations (Ps 90:1), the One who was with the first generation, and He that will be with the last, a very present help in the time of trouble (Ps 46:1).

You might say His titles could be endless, but the precious name of JESUS; oh, what a name, oh, what a savior! And one

day we will see HIM face to face, for now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face! Even so, come quickly LORD JESUS! We love you; we long for YOUR return, but until then I will keep on singing; until then with joy I will carry on. Until that day when my eyes behold JESUS, until then I will carry on.

Oh, precious beloved people of God, you are His treasure. For the LORD's portion is HIS people.

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war

With the Cross of JESUS going on before.

Christ the royal Master leads against the foe

Forward into battle see HIS banners flow.

Keep that precious name of JESUS in your heart and on your lips. We shall behold HIM. God Bless You and Yours!

Pastor Mike and Linda Stephens

### God's Intervention

by *Jim Conrad*

My mother once told me about an incident that caused her a feeling of guilt followed by gratitude. As I was recalling her telling me about it, a sense of loss pierced my heart with a feeling of intense longing to see my mom. I don't know how to describe the indescribable, but I had a fleeting feeling that her presence was near me; even though she passed away almost 40 years ago.

When I was six months old my mother left me outside in a baby buggy so that she could go visit a neighbor. She stayed too long while I was left neglected and unguarded. When she finally came out, she found me choking and strangling on something. She did everything she knew how to do to dislodge it. Whatever I was choking on was stuck in my throat, and she felt helpless. I was turning blue and was apparently near death. There was no 911 in those days, so, with much despair and grief, she held me up before God and prayed the prayer of relinquishment. "Father, God, You gave me this baby but now if you are taking him, I give him up." Then, she said she was impressed to put her little finger down my throat, and when she did the roofing tack that was blocking my breathing adhered to her finger, and she was able to bring it out. As I was revived and started to breathe, gratitude overwhelmed her. She later found out that my six year old brother had given me the tack as a play thing. This was an example early in my life of God's intervention to preserve my life...and there were others to come.

Because of this and other incidents, I might have good reason to think that I can claim a favorite child status with God, but how many others are there that can show evidence of God's life-preserving intervention in their lives? Too many to count, I imagine! So I make that disclaimer even as I review my own life's evidence.



"Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving." Authur Unknown

"As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled." - Victor Hugo

## Postal Love

Submitted by *Joyce Pace*

It is not known who replied, but there is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter office of the US Postal Service.

Our 14 year old dog, Abbey, died last month. The day after she died my 4 year old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey.. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could, so she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog, even though she got sick.

I hope you will play with her.. She likes to play with balls and to swim. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith, and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand.. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, When a Pet Dies. Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey and Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help. I recognized Abbey right away.

Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in, so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter, and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I'm easy to find; I am wherever there is love.

Love, God

## Children Are Quick

**TEACHER:** Maria, go to the map and find North America.

**MARIA:** Here it is.

**TEACHER:** Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

**CLASS:** Maria.

**TEACHER:** John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

**JOHN:** You told me to do it without using tables.

**TEACHER:** Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

**GLENN:** 'K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

**TEACHER:** No, that's wrong.

**GLENN:** Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it. (I Love this child.)

**TEACHER:** Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

**DONALD:** H I J K L M N O.

**TEACHER:** What are you talking about?

**DONALD:** Yesterday you said it's H to O.

**TEACHER:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

**WINNIE:** Me!

**TEACHER:** Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

**GLEN:** Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

**TEACHER:** Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'.

**MILLIE:** I is.

**TEACHER:** No, Millie...Always say, "I am."

**MILLIE:** All right..."I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

**TEACHER:** George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

**LOUIS:** Because George still had the axe in his hand.

**TEACHER:** Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

**SIMON:** No sir, I don't have to; my Mom is a good cook.

**TEACHER:** Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

**CLYDE:** No, sir. It's the same dog.  
(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

**TEACHER:** Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

**HAROLD:** A teacher.

## A THUMB\*SIZED\* Miracle

by *Sharon Johnson*

My computer crashed February 3rd, and I had not completed the newsletter for February, which comes out on February 6th. The computer repairman was scheduled to come out to my house on February 7th. I thought I was sunk and CCC would not be getting a February edition. Then - AHA - I remembered that for the first time ever I had saved an almost completed version of the newsletter on a thumb drive so that I could work on it before class at Tri Community Photo Center. My wonderful sister, Marty, and my great cousin, Celia, offered to help and we met at my sister's house, and used her computer to finish it.

God provided something that I did not even know I would need. I praise Him for his goodness and for the kind people he has put in my life. I hope you enjoy reading it.



## HANDY LITTLE CHART YOU SAY - GOD SAYS BIBLE VERSES

Submitted by *Carolyn Britton*  
God has a positive answer:

You say: It's impossible.  
God says: All things are possible.  
(Luke 18:27)

You say: I'm too tired.  
God says: I will give you rest.  
(Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: Nobody really loves me.  
God says: I love you.  
(John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: I can't go on.  
God says: My grace is sufficient.  
(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: I can't figure things out.  
God says: I will direct your steps.  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: I can't do it.  
God says: You can do all things.  
(Philippians 4:13)

You say: I'm not able.  
God says: I am able.  
(II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: It's not worth it.  
God says: It will be worth it.  
(Roman 8:28)

You say: I can't forgive myself.  
God says: I forgive you.  
(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: I can't manage.  
God says: I will supply all your needs.  
(Philippians 4:19)

You say: I'm afraid.  
God says: I have not given you a spirit  
of fear.  
(II Timothy 1:7)

You say: I'm always worried & frustrated.  
God says: Cast all your cares on ME.  
(I Peter 5:7)

You say: I'm not smart enough.  
God says: I give you wisdom.  
(I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: I feel all alone.  
God says: I will never leave you or  
forsake you.  
(Hebrews 13:5)

## CCC BP IS HERE!!!



**Pastor/Dr. Jackson and Pastor Ponce**



**Pastor Ken, Pastors Dennis and Denise**



**Pastor Dennis before the congregation**



**Dennis and Denise Anointed as Pastors**



**Pastors Dennis and Denise Ponce**

Almost 34 years ago when Pastor Ken founded CCC Covina, he believes that God let him know that CCC would be a church-planting church. Several years ago CCC Hesperia was birthed with then Associate Pastor Lee Mansker to be the Pastor with his wife Joyce. So now we are pleased to announce that there is a brand new Community Christian Center in Baldwin Park with our own Dennis and Denise Ponce as co-pastors. Christ Extended Hand Church, which reaches out to the poor and needy in a very special way, will be sharing their church facilities with CCC BP – with meetings set for different times.

This all came about in a miraculous way. One day Pastor Ken was deep in prayer for Dr. Jackson, who pastors Christ Extended Hand. Pastor Ken believes God gave him the solution to the ongoing problems - that is, for Dr. Jackson to sublet his church facility to a new CCC with Associate Pastor Dennis and Denise Ponce as the pastors. He felt this was of God, but he told God to stop this plan if it was not of Him. Pastor Ken talked with Dr. Jackson and with Dennis and Denise. Everything worked together wonderfully.

Last month there was an open-house celebration for this brand new church. It was a great night and you could feel God's presence there. Dennis and Denise were anointed by Pastor Ken and several other pastors and elders.

Dennis and Denise want to tell you how grateful they are to the family of CCC. They never expected anything like this to happen, and they are so happy that it did. They have gone through many trials, but God has been so faithful. They thank you, CCC, for your loving support.

We ask God to bless CCC BP and the new pastors mightily. It will be awesome to watch our churches grow together. Look what the Lord has done!



## Happy Valentine's Day

## My Name is Pride I Am a Cheater

I cheat you of your God-given destiny...  
because you demand your own way.  
I cheat you of contentment...  
because you "deserve better than this."  
I cheat you of knowledge...  
because you already know it all.  
I cheat you of healing...  
because you're too full of me to forgive.  
I cheat you of holiness...  
because you refuse to admit when you're wrong.  
I cheat you of vision...  
because you'd rather look in the mirror than out a window.  
I cheat you of genuine friendship...  
because nobody's going to know the real you.  
I cheat you of love...  
because real romance demands sacrifice.  
I cheat you of greatness in heaven...  
because you refuse to wash another's feet on earth.  
I cheat you of God's glory...  
because I convince you to seek your own.  
My name is pride. I am a cheater. You like me because you think I'm always looking out for you. Untrue, I'm looking to make a fool of you.

God has so much for you, I admit, but don't worry...if you stick with me, you'll never know.

Adapted from Praying God's Word by Beth Moore, Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2000.

## Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:3 NKJV

To be poor in spirit is to have a humble opinion of ourselves; to be sensible that we are sinners, and have no righteousness of our own;

- ☉ to be willing to be saved only by the rich grace and mercy of God;
- ☉ to be willing to be where God places us,
- ☉ to be willing to bear what he lays on us,
- ☉ to be willing to go where he bids us,
- ☉ to be willing to die when he commands; (at our appointed time)
- ☉ to be willing to be in his hands, and to feel that we deserve no favor from him.

It is opposed to pride, and vanity, and ambition.

### SUCH PEOPLE ARE HAPPY:

1. Because there is more real enjoyment in thinking of ourselves as we are, than in being filled with pride and vanity.
2. Because such Jesus chooses to bless, and on them he confers his favors here.
3. Because theirs will be the kingdom of heaven hereafter.
4. Because a sense of peace and wholeness of spirit; and answered prayer is only available to those who have a relationship with God. (from Barnes' Notes, )

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## A HAPPY MANS WALK!

Billy Paver's representation of what it takes to achieve a happy man's walk with the Lord. Thank you, Billy; you are very talented!



Whosoever trusteth in the Lord happy is he. - Proverbs 16:20

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. - Psalm 84:11

I came that you may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance until it overflows. - John 10:10



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