

DOLGEVILLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Beloved saints:

I like using the word saint, for that is the Scriptural term for the followers of Jesus Christ. In fact, grammatically in the New Testament, it is an adjective, not a noun. It is the word 'holy', so literally the New Testament reads "the holy *ones*." The word in italics indicates an added word to make sense in English. In this vein, I challenge us all to make Psalm 16:1-3 our confession;

"Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good besides You."

As for the saints that are in the earth;

They are the holy ones in whom is all my delight."

I love our "great God and Savior," and I love you, His HOLY ONES!

On Saturdays I enjoy listening to as many of the childrens programs on Christian radio as I can get in. Yesterday one of the songs on "Wee Kids" was "I am a koinonia kid." I sang along with the children, for I, too, am a koinonia kid. You recognize koinonia as the Greek word for fellowship. The Bible continuously challenges us to fellowship. John says that's the reason that he wrote about Jesus, so that "we might have fellowship with one another, and our fellowship is with the Father and His Son. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete." (I John 1:3-4) Yes, our joy is complete when we share our lives in fellowship with one another. Hey! So we are all koinonia kids! (By the way, there is children's programming on WJIV 101.9 from 7 to 9 am every Saturday.)

August is called the month without a holiday. I would argue that point. In our fellowship alone we celebrate nine birthdays. We celebrate five wedding anniversaries with a combined total of about 175 years of marriage. Wowsers! That is something to celebrate! These are normal first and only marriages. That is our day is celebratory. In addition a wedding is coming up. There may be no worldly holidays this month, but we have much reason to celebrate. By the way, remember and prepare for the church picnic August 21st at Pine Lake.

I shall be traveling with one of our grandsons to our family reunion in Cambridge Minnesota over the weekend of the 13th August. I appreciate DCF allowing me to participate in various family events. By this time you no doubt know of the passing of Sharon Titian, the missionary with whom I had worked in Ghana these last eight years. Be in prayer for a smooth transition of the ministry in Adidome and Anloga.

Love and blessings to you all.

Martin Beck

THE UNCREATED CREATOR

BY Debra Hess



Some time ago as I listened to a teacher talking about the infiniteness and unmeasurableness of our God, he spoke of our Lord God Jehovah as the "Uncreated Creator." I have continued to think about that.

Genesis 1:1 *"In the beginning God, created the heaven and the earth."* In the beginning there was God. Before him there was nothing, just God. If we don't believe that He alone was in the beginning and was the creator of all things, then who was before Him? Who created Him? Somewhere there had to be a creator that had no creator. So why not the God of the Bible, who is proclaimed to be the creator? Has any other ever come forward and proclaimed themselves to be the creator of all things? Has any other proven themselves to be true and faithful down through thousands of years? Has any document, other than the Bible, stood for centuries in spite of many attempts to destroy it? Now I am getting into another subject...the Bible as the infallible Word of God. I think I will stop here and let God speak for Himself.

Isaiah 40:12-14 *Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?*

Psalms 33:6-9 *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

Jeremiah 51:15-16 *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.*

Hebrews 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

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Letter from Mindy.....



July 15, 2011

Dear DCF and Friends,

Greetings with love from Ghana. I thank God for you and for all that He is doing in our lives to draw us closer to Him in relationship. We don't need money or people to make us important. We are important to God. There has been a time of waiting on God, getting strength and pruned. John 15:2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit (that stops bearing) He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

Fruitfulness is being successful. My prayer is that my life will be significant and His purpose to be accomplished, that He might get the glory John 17:4 "I have glorified You down here on the earth by completing the work that You gave Me to do." My prayer is to be a witness of Jesus Christ...Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 20:24 "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God." My prayer is for a hunger for souls....Revive us Lord, set our hearts on fire.

Some Details

The Lord has planted me at Calvary Charismatic Church now. Pastor Roger is a revivalist, very disciplined and sets a high standard. He is a great help to my growth in the Lord.

Finally all things have been resolved with my work permit with Assemblies of God. The big delay was a simple error. The letter sent to immigration from my last work permit stated I was with them until Dec. 31, 2011, it should have stated Dec. 31, 2010 I just found this out last week, so a big weight has been lifted from me. I will continue to work with Assemblies of God contributing to the Deprived Area Pastors sending donations to AG Headquarters for help to whatever region they choose.

The owner of the guest house where I stay is thinking of making it a hostel for the college students. I spoke with him to make it Christian and he agreed. He is now considering if it would be financially beneficial to him. My thoughts on this are divided. It would be fulfilling to be able to mentor them. But as a regular guesthouse the Lord has used me to witness to the unsaved. I gave a Bible to a prostitute and another time knocked on a man's door and witnessed being led by the Holy Spirit. There are some people that come and are so messed up and desire to talk to me. So I pray for God's will to be done where I live as a guesthouse or as a Christian hostel, He will choose. My main ministry is intercession, so either way I am satisfied with my living conditions. The owner has had much favor on me.

My prayer is that we all draw closer to Him.

Love, *Mindy*



Pine Lake

Church Picnic, Sunday, August 21, at Pine Lake, immediately after the morning worship service. Each family or individual should bring a covered dish and/or dessert and something to drink. The church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, and condiments. Also plates, cups, napkins, and plastic ware will be provided.



The Flood

by Amy Haas

You emptied your righteousness in torrents of judgment
that buried the earth in deep water swells,
immersed it in holy so thick
that our lungs could not breathe
and we gasped,
thrashed our arms,
nearly drowned.
Then you stripped off your divinity
and jumped in.
With the sting of saltwater in your eyes
and the weight of tired air in your chest,
you drank long and deep,
took the cup
and swallowed hard.
You drank to your death,
and the waters receded way back to Golgotha.
When we ran to your side, blood-washed water poured out,
and splashed on our faces,
opened our lungs,
washed us clean.

"Do you really believe that
what you believe is really real?"™

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S
The Truth
project

We are continuing to meeting on **Tuesday night, at 7:00pm, at the church** to participate in The Truth Project. Please make room in your schedule for this important series of teachings. Even if you have missed sessions or have gone through this series of teachings you are encouraged to come.

Remaining

Truth Project Lessons

August 2-Lesson 6 - History: Whose Story? Does the past have an objective actuality and significance? Or does it, as postmodernist philosophy asserts, exist primarily inside our heads? This tour considers the meaning of history as God's story and shows us why remembering is so important.

August 9-Lesson 7 - Sociology: The Divine Imprint The order we observe in the natural realm is even more apparent in the social systems God has established: family, church, community, state, labor, and the union between God and man. Life is a series of relationships that flow out of and reflect the Trinitarian nature of the Creator.

August 16-Lesson 8 - Unio Mystica: Am I Alone? Is it possible for the infinite, eternal Creator to dwell within the heart of an individual? The implications of this great mystery, which represents the very core of the Christian faith, are explored at length in this examination of the most intimate of the social spheres.

August 23-Lesson 9 - The State: Whose Law? Of all the social spheres, the state, to which God grants the power of the sword for the punishment of evil and the preservation of the good, has the greatest potential to go awry if it oversteps its authority. The civil magistrate must always remember his place under the sovereignty of God – otherwise, havoc will ensue.

August 30-Lesson 10 - The American Experiment: Stepping Stones America is unique in the history of the world. On these shores a people holding to a biblical worldview have had an opportunity to set up a system of government designed to keep the state within its divinely ordained boundaries. Tour #10 follows the history of this experiment and explores what happens to freedom when God is forgotten.

September 6-Lesson 11 - Labor: Created to Create Contrary to a great deal of contemporary popular opinion, work is not a "curse." God Himself is active and creative, and He calls man to share in the joy of His activity and creativity. Labor, economics, media, and the creative arts all have a role to play in magnifying the glory of the Creator.

September 13-Lesson 12 - Community and Involvement: God Cares, do I? The ethical law and the meaning of the Christian life are summed up in the commandment to love God and one's neighbor. This command is the source of the believer's motivation for self-sacrificial service to the needy and their personal involvement in our culture. For more information go to www.thetruthproject.org

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus!
- Church sign: Jesus Saves! Safeway sign across the street: Safeway saves you more!



Thanks to all that helped out on the work day. A lot got accomplished in a very short period of time.



Zeal

*I am the poor man's bird –
His sacrifice for debt.
I feel his sin transferred
To see God's justice met.*

*Poor sinners crowd this place
And browse the merchandise.
They long to purchase grace,
But cannot pay the price.*

*Indignantly, a Man
Whips oxen, thieves, and sheep.
As I, He understands;
His grace is never cheap.*

– Amy Haas



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WALK IN THE LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. - 1 JOHN 1:7 NIV

August Memory Verse

Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." NIV