

Trumpet Article for March 13, 2019

Help Needed!

This past month we had a major expense due to deteriorated sewer lines. While our office and the Trumpet share expenses of keeping the BMA building up, the State Missions share is in excess of 5,000.00. Any funds given for this purpose will help, as it will be necessary to pay these repairs out of our general fund which is used to support our missionaries. Thanks, Paul

Lesson 2

Just a few reasons I hate the Devil

In our first lesson we read about Satan's personality and very existence. This week we will begin to take a closer look at his fall. First, let's go back to the scriptures, Proverb 16: 18 *"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."* Satan let pride get the best of him. Thus, it is through him that sin was introduced into the universe. For sin was not a creation, but rather an organization that came into existence by the aid of that which had prior existence, personality and the power of free choice.

God created this being not as the devil, but as a Holy Angel. Satan originated sin through disobedience. And through this disobedience sin was introduced into the human family. Genesis 3:1-16 *"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ⁸ And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the*

presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹ And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹² And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ¹⁴ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. Well friends this is where it all started for mankind. And the sad thing is people are still being lied to and deceived today.

Again, because I feel it is important to print the scriptures, we will have to end this lesson here. I would encourage you to compile these articles for future reference.

To be continued.

From Our Missionaries:

Connection Point, Brookland: Chad White writes, “We had a wonderful day at Connection Point Sunday. Despite losing an hour of sleep we had a wonderful service. We had a great crowd and a whole bunch of first-time guests. The worship service was powerful. Near the end of the service, we had the opportunity to baptize two. One was a girl who had just recently received Jesus. The other was a good friend who knew he needed to get baptized. It was an amazing day of celebration.

“Sunday night, we had some powerful small groups. We are thankful for some new faces who are coming and checking out our bible studies.

“What a blessing it is to be used by God to reach people and have an impact in our community. Continue to pray for us.”

The Mustard Seed, Cain: Jim Tollison writes, “It was good to be back in services Sunday. Most of our folks made it to church in spite of daylight savings time. We are thankful once again for visitors in the service.

“We have been getting bids on the new roof. We are hoping for a windfall blessing to pay for it. We believed with James “ye have not because you ask not.” So we are asking God to provide.

“I am going to start up guitar lessons again in the next couple of weeks. I should have six to eight students when the lessons begin. This has always been good for bonding and building fellowship among the membership and I am hoping to add some folks who are not members to the class. I believe this could be another tool to win people to the Lord.

“Please continue to pray for the mission work here in Crawford County. God bless the BMA of Arkansas.”

El Faro, Little Rock: Jorge Vasquez writes, “Dear brothers and sisters, God showers many blessings on to your lives, families and ministries. Thank God we had a week full of work and blessings during the discipleship classes, two people received Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Pray that they will continue to grow in their faith. To disciple a family we traveled 45 minutes but it is worth it when the last two weeks they have received the gift of eternal life.

“We thank God for a very nice meeting yesterday. More than 75 were in the church and three visited for the first time. We also celebrated the Table of the Lord. I am very happy that 42 joyfully celebrated this ordinance for the church. Brethren, we need prayers for our people of the church who are sick. Sister Flor is very bad. Brother Amilcar needs our prayers. Both were in church yesterday but it was evident to see in their faces the need of health.

Another special request My son Jorge has a very heavy college exam 6-8 hours tomorrow. We as a family in the church will be very grateful for all prayers. Pray also that God continues to use us.

Misión Creciendo en Cristo [Growing in Christ], North Little Rock: Juan Carlos Posadas writes, “On Friday night, after the Home Bible study, Sayra received a phone call from her family in Honduras, informing her that Walter's situation was very delicate. On Saturday at 6 AM, Sayra was flying to Honduras. Thanks to God Sayra had the opportunity to return to share the gospel with her brother, this time Walter confirmed having received Christ as his Lord and

Savior. We have had the privilege of experiencing the faithfulness of God even in the smallest details, as in matters of the utmost importance. Glory be to our Lord!

Walter was operated on emergency that same night. On Sunday he reacted well, we are happy. We appreciate your prayers for this situation. Now we are waiting for the will of God, which is nice and perfect.

“On Saturday afternoon the ladies met, had a Bible study for their spiritual edification and some group dynamics that allowed them to relax and have fun. Most of them came without their children, who stayed at home under the care of their fathers.

“In our Sunday meeting we concluded the study of Romans, Chapter 7. We had a very interesting time interpreting this passage and applying it to our lives.

“We give thanks to God for giving us the privilege of serving in His work, and for you, who keep us in your prayers.”

Life Journey, Fort Smith: Darrin Smith writes, “My wife and I teach the youth group and we have six young men who are very faithful in attending. They are not only there on Wednesday evenings but also on Sundays. These guys are great to be around. They are very encouraging to us. I know they are making a difference for us. They seem to enjoy coming. I told them from the beginning that we weren't sure exactly how to lead a youth group and we would try to make it as fun as possible with activities and outings but the number one thing was, we would give them Jesus and give them that foundation to build on. This is what we are doing and they come expecting to learn more about the Lord. For an hour and a half we teach the bible. Sounds boring to some but not for these guys. This past Sunday we baptized one of these guys. After he settled his questions about God and Salvation, he trusted Christ as His Savior. This has been a highlight in my ministry! After he was baptized, his mom said, "Darrin, if it wasn't for you and Angela, I'm not sure this moment would have come." Now I don't know about that but I know I am glad I was part of seeing this guy's life changed.”

Grace, Green Forest: Carter Pearce writes, “I have been preaching a sermon series titled “Children’s Stories Revisited.” The focus is to look at well-known Bible passages and dig deeper than what is typically covered in children’s Sunday School time. This week’s message was about Israel’s worship of the golden calf. One reason they chose to worship the calf was because they went for a very short time without seeing God or His representative (Moses).

“As I studied the passage, however, I was led to look at the lack of leadership so obvious in Exodus 32. When the Israelites did not have a true leader present (Moses was on the mountain with God), they decided to make something that they could call leadership (the calf). Aaron allowed the people to persuade him to build the calf, which shows his lack of leadership.

“When Moses returned, Aaron admitted his weakness in allowing the people to persuade him. While it has always seemed strange to me that the Israelites would so quickly turn, I realize that without Godly leadership, people will always turn away from God’s will (Prov. 29:18). I challenged the congregation of Grace, myself included, to be the leaders in our community who will turn people to God and to the great salvation offered through Christ.

“While I doubt that many in Carroll County, Arkansas would actually build a statue to worship, all of us will find something to fill our hearts when we do not have Godly leadership to keep us focused on the Truth. Please commit yourself to be the leader in your community. As a pastor, staff member, lay person, new Christian, etc. God has called us all to lead people to Him.”

Ebenezer, West Little Rock: Ruben Isturiz writes, “Our prayer at Ebenezer is that all members have the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents God has given them. This week the Berean Group (Cell) in the house of the Valenzuela family is working, however, it is up to them to direct and develop.

“Monday of this week will begin the Berean Group with Bro. José Ponce, pray for God to bring and prepare the people to Bible study.

“We thank God that two of our sisters from Ebenezer are helping in the Chenal Valley Baptist Church (CVBC), which is our mother church. Pray we will be a great blessing, not only for CVBC, but also for the community we serve.”