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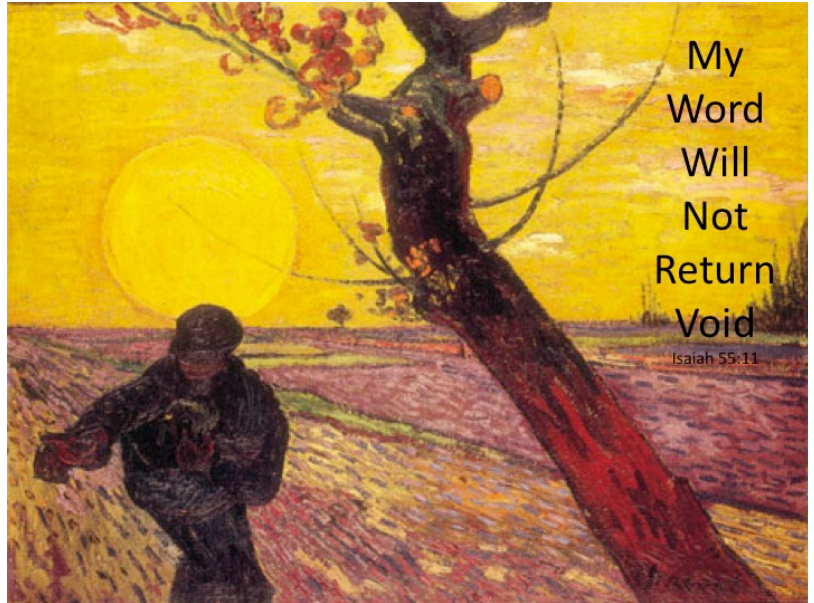
June 19th, 2011

"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

Send announcements, praises, and prayer requests to: newsletter@foresthomechurch.org



Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from thee.
From the wicked foe defend me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy saints I may praise thee.
For ever and ever. Amen.



Through Our Fragmentary Prayers

By Thomas H. Troeger

Through Our Fragmentary Prayers
and our silent, heart-hid sighs
wordlessly the Spirit bears
our profoundest needs and cries.

Deeper than the pulse's beat
is the Spirit's speechless groan,
making human prayers complete
through the prayer that is God's own.

Let our jabberings give way
to the hummings in the soul
as we yield our lives this day
to the God who makes us whole.

Search and sound our mind and heart,
Breath and Flame and Wind and Dove,
let your prayer in us impart
strength to do the work of love.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Remember Jac Agak in the loss of his brother and funeral Saturday the 18th
- Comfort of Lord to Tommy Daniel's mother, Mary Jane, in hospital with congestive heart failure
- Lord bless with grace & wisdom those in transitions
- Cheyenne's father for healing from cancer
- Shannon's father for healing of nose
- Wisdom from above for parents and elders
- Thanks the Lord for return of many from their trips
- Remember people of Phil Campbell, Alabama in devastation
- Bless Lord ministries of Tommy, Frank, Azad, Adam, Teachers, Worship Team, Website, Jim, Jimmy G
- Lord bind the one blinding our wandering loved ones to Your Love
- Thank You Lord for Provision
- Open the eyes of our hearts Lord
- Teach us the mystery of contentment to your glory
- Please continue prayer for Luke G, diagnosed with VSD (a small hole in the heart.) The doctors think it will close with age.

YOUTH INFO

June 22nd (This Wednesday night) "Branded" (Eph. 1:13-14)



What Bible Verse has Changed Your World?

For the next few months on Wednesday nights we will have various Forest Home folks giving a short, personal testimony on a Bible verse that has significantly changed their lives. The idea of tracing out the life-trajectory of a Bible passage comes from a little book by the Petersen brothers called, *100 Bible Verses that Changed History (2001)*. In that book, the stories of believers across time become clearer when learning how a particular Scripture inspired or impacted their lives. To give you a taste of what this might sound like, I quote the testimony of Edith and Francis Schaeffer, whose verse is Isaiah 2:2-3, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, ... and all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go."

The Schaeffer's are almost synonymous with Switzerland and *L'Abri*, the French word for shelter. However, the initial path to their world-impacting ministry from the top of the Alps was uphill and crevassed with discouragement. Early on they served churches in the States and were sent to Europe on a fact-finding survey. Back in the States, the Edith and Francis were asked to return to Europe full time. Their experience there had shown them a Europe that seemed lifeless and dead to God. Further, their small sending denomination was embroiled in controversy, and the Schaeffers lacked the money to return to Europe. "But they made reservations anyway. Just before they were supposed to leave, they received enough money for their passage back to Europe." Edith had a phrase for times such as this as she would say, "I am impressed by the constantly repeated opportunity in life to trust the Lord in a fog."

While on board the ocean liner, the idea for *L'Abri* began to take shape. "But after arriving in Switzerland, they heard that a letter had been sent to pastors of European churches, asking them not to invite the Schaeffers back. In addition to that, avalanches had almost wiped out their home, the Swiss government asked them to leave within six weeks, and their children were having health problems (particularly a son with polio).

Circumstances pointed unanimously against staying in Switzerland, but it was "then that Edith Schaeffer, in her daily Bible reading, saw Isaiah 2:2-3: 'The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains . . . and all the nations shall flow into it.' Edith wrote later, 'I put "*L'Abri*, January 1955" in the margin of my Bible . . . and I imagined a stream of people coming from many nationalities and nations, to inquire about the existence of God. . . . I was comforted after all the upheavals, and hugged that comfort to me like a hot-water bottle, keeping out "cold fears."

That promise in Isaiah convinced the Schaeffers to move ahead with *L'Abri*. A few months later a nearby village said the Schaeffers could move to a chalet in Huemoz. *L'Abri* was officially begun.

A stream of people began coming to *L'Abri*. Some visitors would stay for a night or a weekend, and others would become longtime students. . . . By 1965 Schaeffer was speaking at Harvard, MIT, Cambridge, and other universities.... This response to Schaeffer from a youth minister is typical: "My Christian faith used to be just a jumble of puzzle pieces.... For the first time I can see the beautiful picture of Christian truth."

Thus Isaiah 2:2-3 is a striking prophecy about the kingdom of God which became a very particular and helpful encouragement for the Schaeffers who founded an outpost of the kingdom in the Alps atop the world. What Bible verse has changed your world? LH



If Christ is Charged with Madness
By Thomas H. Troeger

If Christ is charged with madness,
it's madness that's divine,
a visionary gladness
this world cannot confine,
the madness of conceiving
what no one else can see,
then acting and believing
so it will come to be.

Thus when Christ seized and plundered
the demons' dark domain,
his friends and foes both wondered
if he were not insane.
They charged his soul was riven,
his heart and mind possessed
by forces he had driven
from those who were distressed.

Christ spoke to all this ranting,
a vivid, lucid word
a parable supplanting
the charges he had heard.
"A house that is divided,
a kingdom, soul or land
with raging wars inside it
cannot survive and stand."

Despite his deft explaining
Christ still appeared distraught
to guardians maintaining
accepted bounds of thought.
The force of faith in action
seems madness to each age
and often the reaction
is fear disguised as rage.

Yet earth needs heaven's madness
to seize with grace and bind
the guilt, the hurt, the sadness
the fear and hate that blind.
Intrude, O Christ, impassioned
with madness that's divine
upon the world we've fashioned
and give it your design.

2011 Calendar

EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM @ the church Intercessory prayer for anyone
EACH WED 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
June 22nd "Branded" for the youth, 6-7:30pm @ the church



DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION		WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
		June 19	Mandy Austin	June	Farmer
June 26	Karen Costello	July	Dawn	June 29	Liz/Dawn
July 3	D'Ann McAlister	August	Costello	July 6	Linda/Lois
July 10	Ronna King	Sept	Garner	July 13	Ocie/Shannon
July 17	Cecile Allen	(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.		July 20	Pat/Karen