



# Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of — throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself. C.S. Lewis

We rejoice in the birth of Luke Gardner Grimenstein, Thursday at 10:06am!! He weighed 7 and a half pounds.

**Around the Word** groups meet on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

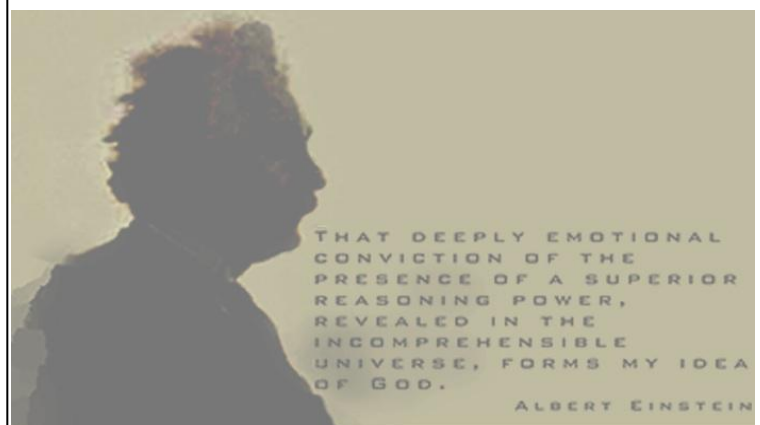
- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Larry's brother in Georgia for comfort in breathing concerns
- Cheyenne's father for healing from cancer
- Shannon's father for healing of nose
- Wisdom from above for Elders, counselors, and those at crossroads
- Bless travels and many of our youth abroad in camps
- Remember folks in Phil Campbell, Alabama in losses
- Lord thank you for helping & guiding several in work transition
- Bless Lord ministries of Tommy, Frank, Azad, Jimmy, Adam, Jim Mc & others
- Lord lead our wandering ones to return home to Jesus
- Thank You for the gracious answers to our prayers
- Thank You for the sufficiency that is in Christ
- Let us learn the mystery of contentment to your glory

"Since God is contented with Himself alone, if you have Him, you may be contented with Him alone, and it may be, that is the reason why your outward comforts are taken from you, that God may be all in all to you. It may be that while you had these things they shared with God in your affection, a great part of the stream of your affection ran that way: God would have the full stream run to Him now." Jeremiah Burroughs

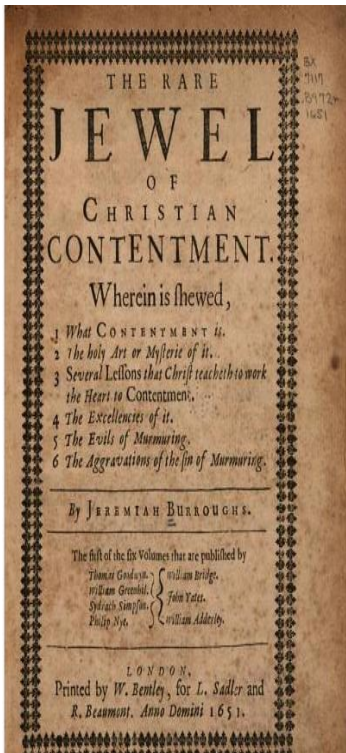


## YOUTH INFO

June 29<sup>th</sup> – "Branded" (Eph. 1:13-14)



The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment



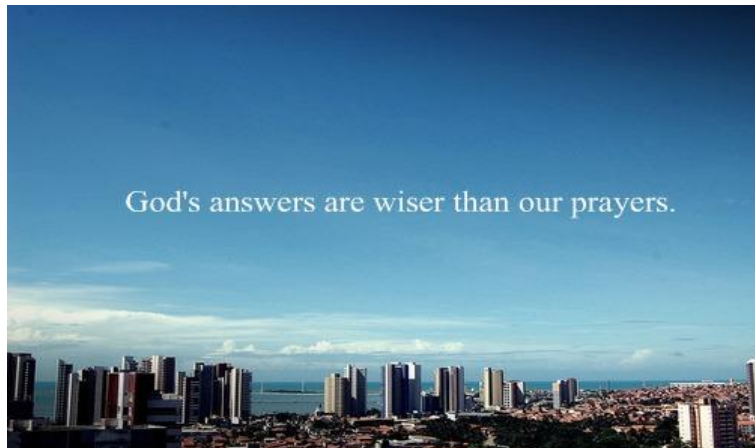
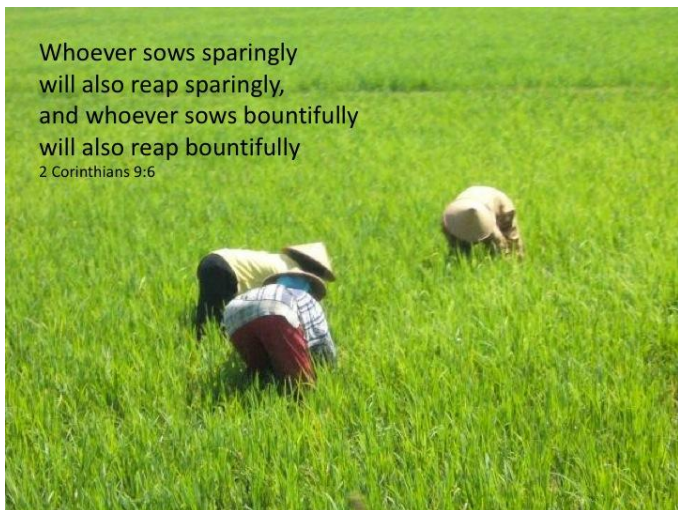
Please permit me to introduce you to Jeremiah Burroughs, a Cambridge trained Puritan preacher who lived from 1600 to 1646. As with most Puritans, he proclaimed with “light and heat,” letting the word speak to the mind and also the heart. He was a moderating influence among believers of his day, living by the motto on his study door which said: “Variety of opinion and unity of opinion are not incompatible.” Until his last breath, Burroughs encouraged the unity of believers in Christ. Along the way, his talks touched on many topics, one of the most memorable being Christian contentment. His treatment of the subject is entitled, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*, which remains in print to this day. In what follows I reproduce for you his introduction to the topic. More from this Christian classic is available to read on the church website under Resources. LH

'I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.' -Philippians 4:11  
 .... Our great Apostle holds forth experimentally in this Gospel-text the very life and soul of all practical divinity. In it we may plainly read his own proficiency in the school of Christ, and what lesson every Christian who would prove the power and growth of godliness in his own soul must necessarily learn from him. These words are brought in by Paul as a clear argument to persuade the Philippians that he did not seek after great things in the world, and that he sought not 'theirs' but 'them'. He did not long for great wealth. His heart was taken up with better things. 'I do not speak', he says, 'in respect of want, for whether I have or have not, my heart is fully satisfied, I have enough: I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.' 'I have learned'- Contentment in every condition is a great art, a spiritual mystery. It is to be learned, and to be learned as a mystery. And so in verse 12 he affirms: 'I know how to be abased, and I now how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed.' The word which is translated 'instructed' is derived from the word that signifies 'mystery'; it is just as if he had said, 'I have learned the mystery of this business.' Contentment is to be learned as a great mystery, and those who are thoroughly trained in this art, which is like Samson's riddle to a natural man, have learned a deep mystery. 'I have learned it'-I do not have to learn it now, nor did I have the art at first; I have attained it, though with much ado, and now, by the grace of God, I have become the master of this art.

'In whatsoever state I am'-The word 'estate' is not in the original, but simply 'in what I am', that is, in whatever concerns or befalls me, whether I have little or nothing at all. 'Therewith to be content'-The word rendered 'content' here has great elegance and fullness of meaning in the original. In the strict sense it is only attributed to God, who has styled himself 'God all-sufficient', in that he rests fully satisfied in and with himself alone. But he is pleased freely to communicate his fullness to the creature, so that from God in Christ the saints receive 'grace for grace' (John 1:16). As a result, there is in them the same grace that is in Christ, according to their measure. In this sense, Paul says, I have a self-sufficiency, which is what the word means. But has Paul got a self-sufficiency? you will say. How are we sufficient of ourselves!

Our Apostle affirms in another case, 'That we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves' (2 Corinthians 3:5). Therefore his meaning must be, I find a sufficiency of satisfaction in my own heart, through the grace of Christ that is in me. Though I have not outward comforts and worldly conveniences to supply my necessities, yet I have a sufficient portion between Christ and my soul abundantly to satisfy me in every condition. This interpretation agrees with that place: 'A good man is satisfied from himself' (Proverbs 14:14) and also with what Paul avers of himself in another place, that 'though he had nothing yet he possessed all things'. Because he had a right to the covenant and promise, which virtually contains everything, and an interest in Christ, the fountain and good of all, it is no marvel that he said that in whatsoever state he was in, he was content.

.... The doctrinal conclusion briefly is this: That to be well skilled in the mystery of Christian contentment is the duty, glory and excellence of a Christian.



**2011 Calendar**  
 EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM @ the church Intercessory prayer for anyone  
 EACH WED 5:00 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study

DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION		WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
		June 5	Barbara Jenkins	June	Farmer
June 12	Lynne Daniel	July	Dawn	June 15	Pizza
June 19	Mandy Austin	August	Costello	June 22	Sarah/Kathleen
June 26	Karen Costello	Sept	Garner	June 29	Liz/Dawn
July 3	D'Ann McAlister	(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.		July 6	Linda/Lois
July 10	Ronna King			July 13	Ocie/Shannon
July 17	Cecile Allen			July 20	Pat/Karen