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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Our nation is in trouble. We can see the hand writing on the wall. As a nation we have left our Christian heritage and have turn to worship wealth and pleasure. God is no longer first in our lives, even in the lives of many "Christians". We as individuals and as a nation need to turn to God in repentance and seek His blessings by placing Him first in our lives once again.

The Word of God gives us a great promise in **2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)** *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

I do believe in the power of prayer and I think God really listens when a great number of His children plead with him

Someone has said if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless.

Did you know that during W.W.II there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collec-

tively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America .



If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00 pm Eastern Time(8:00 PM Central) **(6:00 PM Pacific)**, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for not only the safety of the United States, our troops, and our citizens, but that we as a nation would turn back to God. If you know anyone else who would like to participate, please pass this along.

Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was

clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes.) He took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material. I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well, the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh - that's what burns out the heating unit.

You can't see the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box ... well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and

to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush



at least every six months. He said that increases the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that!?

◆ *Checked out with Truth or Fiction*



Power
of
Prayer

A young university student was home for the summer.

She had gone to visit some friends one evening and time passed quickly as each shared their various experiences of the past year.

She ended up staying longer than planned, and had to walk home alone.

She wasn't afraid because it was a small town and she lived only a few blocks away.

As she walked along under the tall elm trees, Diane asked "God" to keep her safe from harm and danger.

When she reached the alley, which was a shortcut to her house, she decided to take it.

However, halfway down the alley she noticed a man standing at the end as though he was waiting for her.

She became uneasy and began to pray, asking for "God's" protection.

Instantly a comforting feeling of quietness and security wrapped around her, she felt as though someone was walking with her.

When she reached the end of the alley, she walked right past the man and arrived home safely.

The following day, she read in the newspaper that a young girl had been raped in the same alley just twenty minutes after she had been there.

Feeling overwhelmed by this tragedy and the fact that it could have been her, she began to weep thanking the Lord for her safety and to help this young woman, she decided to go to the police station.

She felt she could recognize the man, so she told them her story.

The police asked her if she would be willing to look at a lineup to see if she could identify him.

She agreed and immediately pointed out the man she had seen in the alley the night before.

When the man was told he had been identified, he immediately broke down and confessed.

The officer thanked Diane for her bravery and asked if there was anything they could do for her.

She asked if they would ask the man one question.

Diane was curious as to why he had not attacked her.

When the policeman asked him, he answered, "Because she wasn't alone. She had two tall men walking on either side of her."

Moral of the story: Don't underestimate the power of Prayer!

◆ Received from Eva Dean Stone

SILVERSMITH

Malachi 3:3 says: *'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'*

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and

made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.'

She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?'

He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it.'

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you. God is watching over you.

◆ Received from Joe Downs



ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

PNA EVENTS

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
 EVENING SERVICE 5:00 PM

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MONDAYS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 2:00 PM

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TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY
 7:00 PM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th

A VERY SPECIAL LADIES
 "WONDERFUL LUNCHEON"
 12:00 NOON

"COME SEE THE CUT-UP THAT
 PUTS IT ALL BACK TOGETHER"

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

ANNUAL
 CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
 FOLLOWING
 MORNING WORSHIP

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 7:00 PM

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st

BIBLE SMUGGLE
 @
 LLOYD & KATIE NEDERLANDER
 8:00 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th

TEA & PRAISE
 10:00 AM
 SALKUM CHURCH OF THE
 BRETHREN

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th

SCRAP BOOKING
 10:00 AM

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**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 19th**

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

Celeste Avy
 Guest Speaker
 Community Care Center

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th

AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st

PASTOR JEANNE HOSSLER'S
 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
 @
 OLYMPIA/LACEY CHURCH OF
 GOD

1:00 — 4:00 PM
 PROGRAM @ 2:00 PM

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SUNDAY — TUESDAY

OCTOBER 16th — 18th

MINISTERS' & SPOUSES' RETREAT
 Pastor Mulkins & Kathleen will be
 attending.
 Pastor Jeanne Hossler will be
 guest speaker Oct. 16th.

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)

*Not forsaking the assembling
of ourselves together, as the
manner of some is; but exhort-
ing one another: and so much
the more, as ye see the day ap-
proaching.*

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 9 following our Morning Worship Ser-
vice. During this meeting we will be deciding several im-
portant issues.

1. We will be electing members to the Church Council and other offices in the Church.
2. We will be voting on the Church Budget.
3. We will decide on whether we will pursue the building of a new church on the Leonard Road property.

If you have accepted Christ as your Savior, are at least 18 years of age and have attended the Onalaska First Church of God for at least six months you are eligible to vote in this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARENT'S JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Mom, Mommy, Mama, Ma; Dad, Daddy, Dada, Pa

JOB DESCRIPTION: Long term, team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities!



Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs money. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have

ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys, and battery operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION: None. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: None required unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION: Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

Received from Joe & Freda Downs

UNTIRING LOVE

This is a true story that happened in Japan.

In order to renovate the house, someone in Japan tore open the

wall. Japanese houses normally have a hollow space between the wooden walls. When tearing down the walls, he found that there was a lizard stuck there because a nail from outside was hammered into one of its feet. He saw this, felt pity, and at the same time he was curious. When he checked the nail, turns out, it was nailed 10 years ago when the house was first built.



What happened?

The lizard had survived in such a position for 10 years! In a dark wall partition for 10 years without moving, it is impossible and mind boggling. Then he wondered how this lizard survived for 10 years without moving a single step--since its foot was nailed!



So he stopped his work and observed the lizard, what it had been doing, and what and how it had been eating. Later, not knowing from where it came, appeared another lizard, with food in its mouth.

Ahh! He was stunned and at the same time, touched deeply. Another lizard had been feeding the stuck one for the past 10 years...

Such love, such a beautiful love! Such love happened with this tiny creature...What can love do? It can do wonders! Love can perform miracles! Just think about it; one lizard had been feeding the other one untiringly for 10 long years, without giving up hope on its partner.

If a small creature like a lizard can love like this...just imagine how we can love if we try!

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Last month Kathleen Mulkins was the first to come up with the correct answer to the quiz followed closely by Katie Jackson. The answer was Elijah was to anoint Elisha to follow him, Hazael to be king of Syria and Jehu to be king of Israel. This is found in the 19th chapter of 1 Kings verses 15 and 16.

Here is this month's quiz.

I gave him all that I had
A very small amount but it
made him glad.
It wasn't much I had to share
The size of it he didn't care.

What I gave it was so small
But he used it anyway and that
is all

If you give all that you can
God will bless what comes
from your hand

Now this story is four told
It's in the Book so long ago
Now in the Book no name is
mine
But his name you're sure to
find.

CRATE OF CHICKENS

The farmer's son was returning from the market with the crate of chickens his father had entrusted to him, when all

of a sudden the box fell and broke open. Chickens scurried off in different directions, but the determined boy walked all over the neighborhood scooping up the wayward birds and returning them to the repaired crate.



Hoping he had found them all, the boy reluctantly returned home, expecting the worst.

"Pa, the chickens got loose," the boy confessed sadly, "but I managed to find all twelve of them."

"Well, you did real good son," the farmer beamed. "You left with seven."

◆ Received from Jim Sparks

THE SHREDDER



with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"

A young engineer was leaving the office at 5:45 p.m. when he found the CEO standing in front of the shredder

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."

LESSON: Never, never, ever assume that your boss knows what he's doing.

◆ Received from Jude Cooper

EATING WORMS

Little Johnny sat playing in the garden.

When his mother came out to collect him, she saw that he was slowly eating a worm.

She turned pale. "No, Johnny! Stop! That's horrible! You can't eat worms!"

Trying to convince him further she noted, "Now the mother worm is looking all over for her nice baby worm."



"No, she isn't," said Johnny. "How do you know she's not?" said the mother.

"Because I ate her first!" answered Little Johnny.

Mary Noland

The shin bone is a device used for finding furniture in a dark room.

Nothing rankles more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.