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STANLEY ALBERT BUSHNELL

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I am dedicating this Newsletter to the memory of Stanley A. Bushnell who went home to be with the Lord, Monday, May 21, 2012

There are many words that we could use to describe Stan, but the one I would chose would be Servant. Stan was willing to serve in anyway he could, from cleaning the toilets to preaching the Gospel. We will miss him. Please remember his wife Ruth in your prayers.

BEAMING

by: Poppy,
Poppy's Poetry Page

*He walks into the room and
everybody looks his way,
He is a handsome older man,
with just a touch of gray.*

*He carries himself perfect,
with an air of elegance,*

*Not proud or arrogant like
some, that makes the differ-
ence.*

*The restaurant we are meet-
ing at, is lit so very dim,
But I can see the other ladies,
staring straight at him.*

*He is so neat and well
dressed, looking like a movie
star,*

*And all the ladies watch him
as he stops there by the bar.*

*I see the other ladies watch-
ing as he stops to linger,
And watch them poke their
lady friends, and gesture with
their finger.*

*I am so proud as I sit here, and
watch their little show,
I'm the one he's asking for, but
right now they don't know.*

*I know he'll make me feel so
proud, when they know he's
with me,*

*What they don't know, is he's
much more than just what
they can see.*



*Oh, yes he is a handsome
man, as all the ladies know,
But, he is so much more to
me, than what appearance
shows.*

*He is the greatest man I've
known, and treats me ten-
derly,*

*But sometimes in the past he
felt he had to punish me.*

*I understand his methods
now, and all has turned out
well,*

*These ladies, who are watch-
ing him, should hear what I
could tell.*

*And now he's meeting me to-
day and it will be my treat,
The ladies are still whispering
and wonder whom you'll
meet.*

*You start walking to the table
as you wave at me,
And as I smile, I also feel their
eyes full of envy.*

*The whispers increase now as
toward me you begin to walk,
I smile because you're twice
my age, and now I know
they'll talk.*

*She is so lucky they will say,
I've heard it all before,
But what they don't know is
this handsome man is so
much more.*

*He's everything a man could
be and he is my hero,
And as you reach the table I
let everybody know.*

*How proud I am that you're
with me and you're a total
winner,*

*I proudly say, "It's Father's Day,
Hi Dad, I'm buying dinner!"*

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

By Author Unknown

A story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco.

"Mom and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've a favor to ask. I have a friend I'd like to bring home with me."

"Sure," they replied, "we'd love to meet him."

"There's something you should know the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mine and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come live with us."

"I'm sorry to hear that, son. Maybe we can help him find somewhere to live."

"No, Mom and Dad, I want him to live with us."

"Son," said the father, "you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can't let something like this interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own."

At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew

to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know, their son had only one arm and one leg.



The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to have around, but we don't like people who inconvenience us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are.

Thankfully, there's someone who won't treat us that way. Someone who loves us with an unconditional love that welcomes us into the forever family, regardless of how messed up we are.

One of my favorite Scriptures is **Jeremiah 31:3 (KJV)** *"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."*

There is no one whom God does not love. It doesn't matter how much we may have sinned or how deep we have gone into sin, God loves us and longs to make us His child. He says in **Isaiah 1:18**

(NLT) *"Come now, let us argue this out," says the Lord. "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool."*

Don't let Satan fool you into thinking your sin is too great or you have sinned too long for God to forgive. God is ready to forgive you and give you eternal life with Him.

If you would like to hear more, please contact the church office, (360) 978-4161.

SIX BLIND MEN AND AN ELEPHANT

There is a story about six blind men who were asked to determine what an elephant looked like by feeling different parts of the elephant's body. The blind man who **feels a leg says the elephant is like a pillar**; the one who **feels the tail says the elephant is like a rope**; the one who **feels the trunk says the elephant is like a tree branch**; the one who **feels the ear says the elephant is like a hand fan**; the one who **feels the belly says the elephant is like a wall**; and the one who **feels the tusk says the elephant is like a solid pipe**.

A king explains to them:

"All of you are right. The reason every one of you is telling it differently is because each one of you touched the different part of the elephant. So, actually the elephant has all the features you mentioned."

So each of us may be different but we all are members of the Church of God.

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM

MONDAYS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 2:00 PM

TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

SOUP & SANDWICHES
 6:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY
 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 9:00 AM

LADIES LUNCHEON
 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 AT
 KIMBERLY ELLEN'S
 8:00 AM

BUILDING COMMITTEE
 MEETING
 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Psalm 122:1 (KJV) *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd

SCRAP BOOKING
 10:00 AM

MONDAY — FRIDAY

JUNE 18th — 22nd
 COMMUNITY VBS
 @
 COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

THURSDAY, JUNE 21st

AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

PNA & NATIONAL EVENTS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

JUNE 1st — 2nd
 DOUBLE K MEN'S RETREAT

NORTH AMERICAN CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

JUNE 22nd — JUNE 27th
 ANDERSON, INDIANA



Don't forget we begin our early Worship Service at 8:00 am this Sunday. If you have things planned for later in the day, you can come to the early service and have time to enjoy your day.

FROG

I was told a story about a lady in the hospital who was near death when an area Chaplain came to visit her.

This Chaplain was a very young female with long blond hair. She listened to the lady who was ill and left her a small gift for comfort.

It was a tiny ceramic frog.

The next day one of the people from the lady's church came to visit.

The lady told her friend about the beautiful young Chaplain who had come to visit her. The friend was so impressed with the way the lady had improved and felt the need to talk to the young Chaplain.

In her search to find the young gal, she was repeatedly reassured that the chaplains are never very young and that there was never a gal that fit the description given.

Upon returning to the lady in the hospital, a visiting nurse entered the room and noticed the ceramic frog. The nurse made the comment 'I see you have a guardian angel with you.'

As she held the little frog we asked why she made the comment and we were informed that the frog stood for: **Forever Rely On God.**



Received from Mary Noland

LOVING THE UNLOVEABLE

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3) and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology. The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with. Her last project of the term was called "Smile."

The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions. I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say hello anyway, so, I thought this would be a piece of cake, literally.

Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's one crisp March morning. It was just our way of sharing special play time with our son. We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did. I did not move an inch ... an overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved.

As I turned around I smelled a horrible "dirty body" smell, and there standing behind me were two poor homeless men. As I looked down at the short gentleman, close to me, he was "smiling". His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance. He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching.

The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally challenged and the blue eyed gentleman was his sal-



vation.

I held my tears as I stood there with them. The young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted. He said, "Coffee is all Miss" because that was all they could afford. (If they wanted to sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something. He just wanted to be warm).

Then I really felt it - the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes. That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action. I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more



breakfast meals on a separate tray. I then walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue eyed gentleman's cold hand. He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Thank you."

I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, "I did not do this for you. God is here working through me to give you hope."

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, "That is why God gave you to me, Honey, to give me hope." We held hands for a moment and at that time we knew that only because of the Grace that we had been given were we able to give.

May we all learn how to love people and use things, not love things and use people.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

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*Now tell me the name of the king I served
And tell me my name if you have heard
A candy bar I'm sure you'll win
So come join the fun and jump right in.*

MORE CHILDREN'S WISDOM

Working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children...One day, I entered



the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her needle.

'No, no, no!' she screamed. 'Lizzie,' scolded her mother, 'that's not polite behavior.' With that, the girl yelled even louder, 'No, thank you! No, thank you!'

Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old Granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. 'In ten years,' I said,



'you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now. Carolyn shrugged. 'In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway.'

Psalm 127:3 (KJV) *Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Matthew 18:3 (NLT) Then he said, "I assure you, unless you turn from your sins and become as little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

CHILDREN'S WISDOM



While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room.

As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

His wife's graveside service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.



The little, old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

Many were able to come up with the correct answer to the May quiz, in fact many more should have known the answer as I told the story to the kids during Children's moment.

The answer is found in the fifth chapter of 2 Kings. The names were, Elisha, Naaman & Gehazi.

Those coming up with the correct answer were, Pastor Jeanne Hossler, Kathleen Mulkins, Jim Mulkins, Katie Jackson, Sarah Frase, Carol Druckman, and Kay Morton. Carol and Kay work for Love Inc.

I will try and make it a little harder this month.

*He read from the book that I had found
With many people who gathered around*

*It broke his heart for what he read
He prayed to God with his heart filled with dread.*

*We have sinned he proclaimed
And violated God's Holy Name
And so they prayed and sought God's face*

But the sin was too great God would not erase.

*Not in the king's life time would judgment come
For the awful sins that had been done.*

*God promise His judgment He would delay
Until the king had passed away.*