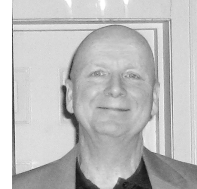


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Life for All.

Elder Charles Moore



where he had heard medical help was available. Every time the little foot touched the sandy earth it left a faint

In Los Angeles, in the early 1900's there was a person called the "Human Fly." There have been many since like him, he was into Parkour before there was Parkour. This man could literally climb the sides of department store buildings and slide along the walls without help from any outside force.

One Friday afternoon, a crowd gathered to watch him climb. He had already climbed twenty stories and had ten more to go. Suddenly, he stopped moving. It appeared that he was looking for something to hold on to so he might continue his climb to the top of the building. Gradually, they saw his right hand moving to the side of the building, as if trying to get hold of something there. Suddenly, he lost his grip and fell to his death. When they pried open his right hand, they found he was clutching a cobweb. He must have thought he saw something he could hold on to, instead it was nothing.

There are a lot of people like that. They are grasping for the wrong truths. Their faith is in the wrong object. I trust you will build your

confidence and faith in Jesus. John 14:6 tells us that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Him.

If you trust only in what the world can do you'll get what the world can give, but if you trust in what God can do you can get what God can give, eternal life. Billy Graham noted, "Faith is the avenue of salvation. Not intellectual understanding. Not money. Not your works. Just simple faith. How much faith? The faith of a mustard seed, so small you can hardly see it. But if you will put that little faith in the person of Jesus, your life will be changed."

Robert E. Coleman writes that he once "heard a missionary tell about a boy who appeared at a mission hospital in Kenya with a gaping wound in his foot. He had been accidentally injured while cutting grass far out in the jungle. Part of his heel was cut off. Without waiting to inform anyone of the mishap, he set out across country to find the mission station

trace of blood. The journey was long and difficult, but at last he arrived.

A little while later the boy's mother appeared. The doctors were surprised that she found the way. There were no well-defined trails, and she had never made the trip before. "How did you do it?" she was asked. The dear woman, overjoyed to be with her child, replied, "Oh, it was easy. I just followed the blood!"

If you will just follow the blood through the pages of Scripture it will lead you to Freedom. By the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ: you are free from being victims of our past, **"If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ."** (1

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Peter 1:17-19 NASB)

By the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ: you have been set free in order that you might live for the one who set you free, **"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."** (2 Corinthians 5:14 -15 NASB)

By the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ: you are set free from the fear of death, **"Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death. By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death."** (Hebrews 2:14-15 The Message)

By the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ: you are free from the power of sin so you can live holy lives until He comes again, **"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to everyone instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."** (Titus 2:11-14 NASB)

Have you ever watched a movie that you've already seen? Maybe the first time it was suspenseful, but not so the second time because you know how the story ends—you know the good guy doesn't fall off the cliff and the bad guy eventually gets caught. But you still enjoy the movie. In fact, since you're not all tied up in the plot, how everything is going to turn out, you begin to appreciate other aspects of the film: clever dialogue, outstanding camera work, the use of a special effect, and so on. Since you know the ending you can enjoy the movie on a whole different level.

That's how you can enjoy life-; as if you are viewing it for the second time. You don't have to sweat the outcome because you know God's ultimate outcome. Jesus is coming again. You need not wonder if He will take care of you, or if He will cause all things to work together for good. You know the outcome. And you know that since Jesus conquered death, you can, through him, conquer life. And in the process, you can enjoy the journey. Every day is part of the celebration; every day is to be enjoyed even the tough days. That's God's promise for those who trust in Jesus.

At-Large News Diane Begeman

We had our Annual Winter Retreat. It was held at the Howell Nature Center. We had lots of snow and it was cold outside, but we were all warm and cozy inside.

Jim and Deborah Stoner made the trek from Maryland. As Deborah has retired their time is a bit more flexible. A little birdie told me though, that Deborah was going back to work two days a week. We enjoyed seeing them again as it's been a few years since they've been able to join us.

Sonya Pease was not able to come because of the weather. She flies to Michigan for this retreat and the weather was too iffy. We missed you Sonya.

Laurie Eckles was able to come Friday and Saturday. It was great to see her. Peggy Charles came and spent the day with us on Saturday. Vickie Velasco and Charlie Moore's sister, Cheryl, was there also. A good friend, Thelma Gilbert, who lives in Berrien Springs, Michigan was able to catch a ride with Jim and Kay Nevil. Thelma, you never age. It was great to see you. I do know she had a great time. Brad, Sarah, Hannah and Nolan Charles came over for Saturday evening. I know I had a good time playing with Hannah, who knew that a half full bottle of water could keep us entertained for so long. I love to hear a little one giggle.

A puzzle was started but not finished. Our puzzlers KT Nevil and Sonya Pease weren't there to help. Sydney Begeman took it home to finish. She promised a picture when she finished it.

Our special guests were Roy and Bennie Gee. They flew in from California and we so enjoyed the talks that Roy gave us. Roy and Bennie were able to attend a bible study with us before they had to fly back to sunny and warm California.

We were saddened with the news that our dear friend, Norma Ripley, passed away at the end of the month. We will have more information in next month's newsletter. Rip, Robert and Adrina and family you are all in our prayers. If you would like to send Rip a card his address is 4865 Glen Ivy Lane S.W.. C-207, Roanoke VA, 24018.

Kane, Jennie, Ainsley and Everett have now moved back to this side of the country. They are staying temporarily at Jennie's Mom's apartment in Sandusky Ohio until they find a permanent place to stay. Tim and I are thrilled to have them back within driving distance. Jennie and the kids flew home and Kane and little brother Seth drove all of their belongings 2,054 miles back to Sandusky. Of course they didn't stop and drove straight through, regretting it I hear, only took them 35 hours!

Until next month-these thoughts - At least three times a day, take a moment and ask yourself what is really important.

Michigan Report

Tim Begeman



While reading on the Littleton shooting several years ago, I stumbled upon a refreshing bit of honesty and moral clarity by John Hewitt in a piece entitled "Seeking to Make Sense Where There Is None." Hewitt wrote: We would rather think of bad acts as the unfortunate consequences of discoverable and remedial social and personal conditions. Yet it is precisely the account we do not wish to believe that may best capture what happened in Littleton. The two dead members of the "Trenchcoat Mafia," together with their fellows, may simply have chosen evil in circumstances where others choose to play football or to crave membership in the National Honor Society.

Simply put, humans—you and I—make choices that cause evil. Consequently, any judicial action God might take today would pin us all under the gavel. When God wipes out evil, He's going to do a complete job. C.S. Lewis soberly observed, "I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realize what it will be like when He does....When the author walks on the stage the play is over."

No, God hasn't banished evil from His kingdom—not yet. The Bible describes a future time when God will wipe away every tear and repair the effects of evil on the world. Men will no longer endure the ravages of wickedness or be victimized by bouts with nature. And no one will ever ask the question, "Where was God?"

Until then, though, God has chosen a different strategy, a better plan, one that's moral on a higher level. It's a plan that ultimately deals with evil, but allows room for mercy as well. It's called forgiveness.

We had our annual retreat at the more than comfortable Howell Nature Center again this year with very special guests renowned Pastor Roy Gee, the refulgent and convivial Benny Gee, and the euphonious and harmonious Echoes of Happiness. The weekend retreat started on Friday with a kickoff of Roy's sermon series entitled "Extravagant Excerpts from Ephesians" with his first talk entitled "The Plan". In summary the first talk was how our world is fractured and God's long range plan in Christ is to heal and bring together all things beginning with the Church and Christians. Roy's second talk on Saturday morning was entitled "Endless Energy, Boundless Strength" which was how the aforementioned plan gives immediate benefits of finding our identity and energy. Roy's final talk on Sunday morning was entitled "In-N-Outsiders" which was about how God treats us as equals, so we are equals, which brings peace between us.

We all love Pastor Roy Gee's Christ centered talks with his vivid elucidation and his sagacious contemplative insights. Saturday morning the Echoes of Happiness gave us a series of short messages about our emergency kit we have in Christ and that was garnished with inspiration songs in between. After lunch all those brave souls played a game in which each player had to create a gesture that captured a Biblical character and all were tested on how well they could recall them at a moment's notice.

Our Bible study group all gathered at the Moore's house and had a special event. We watched a live streaming debate between Ken Ham (president of Answers in Genesis (Answers in Genesis CEO) and Bill Nye (Science Guy), which generated a lot of discussion. It's good to have our minds stretched occasionally.

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how you achieve success.

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Where Are You From?

You're from the West Coast when...

- You make over \$250,000 and still can't afford to buy your own house.
- The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.
- The fastest part of your commute is down your driveway.
- You know how to eat an artichoke.
- You drive to your neighborhood block party.

You're from New York when...

- You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
- You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
- You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
- You think Central Park is "nature."
- You think eye contact is an act of aggression.