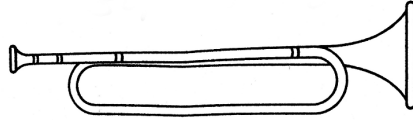


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*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet
and show my people their transgression...*
Isa. 58:1



*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the battle?*
1 Cor. 14:8

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The Pastor's Paragraph

As we enjoy the Autumn season, we send out this October edition of the Baptist Bible Trumpet. My goal is to enclose some articles that will be entertaining, inspiring, and Biblically challenging. I pray that it will be a blessing to you. Please receive it in the same spirit in which it is sent: love, grace, and mercy.

— Pastor Cole

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The Parable of the Baseball Team

Behold, a team went forth to play a game of baseball.

Just as the umpire was saying, "Batter up," the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place behind the plate. The center fielder didn't show up at all but sent his regrets. The third baseman likewise failed to come to the game, having been up late the night before. The shortstop was present, but left his glove at home. Two of the substitute fielders were away on a weekend trip but said they were there in spirit.

The pitcher went to the mound and looked around for his teammates. But his heart was heavy, for their positions were empty. The game was announced, the visitors were in the stands, and there was nothing to do but pitch the ball and hope for the best. But in addition to pitching, he had to cover first and third base, as well as shortstop and center field.

When the absent players heard that their team had lost, they were very upset. They held a meeting and decided to get a new pitcher.

Where to Take It from Here ...

When things aren't going well in the church or the youth group, our tendency is to blame the leadership. The pastor, the youth minister, or other leaders are easy targets because they are most visible.

But like a baseball team, the church can't survive without everyone pulling their weight. The pitcher – the pastor – is important, but unless everyone else shows up and fields their position or gets a hit, the game will be lost.

The Sunflower Sermon

I want to tell you about a great sermon that is preached to me every morning. The preacher is a flower that grows in my garden and the sermon is its life.

It is not a fine flower either – the kind that you find growing in beautiful gardens and parks in company with tulips and dahlias and roses; but it is a humble plant that is content to grow in out-of-the-way places and in forgotten corners.

A little while ago I planted some of the seeds of this flower and they are blooming now. When I go out in the early morning every one of the blossoms is facing the sun that is just peeping through the trees of the orchard.

At noon they have lifted up their heads and are looking straight up into the face of the sun. At evening I find them turned to the west as though eager to catch the last rays of the setting sun.

During all the days of their youth they follow thus the sun in his course across the heavens. At last, grown large and heavy with seed, they can no longer turn as of old.

Then for the last time they turn from giving their farewell kiss, back to the east, to stand and greet their lord on his return. They seem to say, "If we cannot longer follow him and gain but one greeting in the day, let it be a greeting of the morning, a greeting of joy when our Lord comes forth in all his strength to run his course."

How many boys and girls know the name of my preacher and how many have ever heard the sermon? The preacher is the familiar sunflower, the sunseeker, and we call it that on account of its habit of keeping its face toward the face of the sun.

The lesson that I learn from this roadside flower is this: If we seek the face of God earnestly as this flower seeks the face of the sun, God will bless us and help us grow strong and beautiful.

He says, "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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14)

So keep your faces turned toward God in the morning and at noon and at evening. Seek Him as earnestly as the sunflower seeks the sun and God will bless you.

-A.J. Cohee

TRICKY TRIVIA

This Month's Question:

When Job went through his trials, what were the names of his three (so called) friends who condemned him?

Answer to last month's question.

In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:

What Persian queen was deposed because she refused to appear before the king? What queen took her place?

Answer:

*Vashti
Esther, Chapter 1)*

*Esther
(Esther, Chapter 2)*

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Hang on Just a Minute

A church secretary took a phone call one busy morning at the church office. The caller said, "Is the head hog of the trough there?" The secretary said, "Please sir, do not refer to our Pastor as the 'head hog of the trough.' That is very insulting." The caller replied, "Oh, I'm very sorry. I meant nothing by that at all. It's just a local phrase we use in the part of the country where I come from. The real reason I called was to donate \$25,000 to your church building fund."

The secretary paused for a moment and said, "Hang on just a minute sir. I see the 'Big Oinker' coming through the door right now."

Sentence Sermons

- You can find the world's shortest sermon on a thousand traffic signs: Keep Right.

- God will lower the gate of warning, sound the bell, flash the red light, but He won't keep you from crossing the tracks.

- Someone said success is relative – the more the success the more the relatives.

- Some people are happy to suffer in silence if they are sure everyone knows they are doing it.

- Do not be discouraged if you don't see immediate results; remain faithful, and the harvest will come.

- You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.

- "Oh God, when I am wrong, make it easy for me to change, and when I am right, make me easy to live with." - Peter Marshall

Your Soul

Have you ever stopped to wonder
What this life is all about,
Why you're here and where you're going
When your lease on time runs out?
Maybe you've been far too busy
Trying hard to reach your goal;
Would you let me ask you kindly,
Have you thought about your soul?

You may reach the highest portals
And your dreams may all come true;
Wealth and fame may be your portion
And success may shine on you.
All your friends may sing your praises;
Not a care on you may roll.
What about the great tomorrow?
Have you thought about your soul?

Don't forget your days are numbered,
Though you may be riding high;
But like all of us poor mortals,
Someday you'll just up and die.
Your success and fame and glory
Won't be worth the bell they toll.
Let me ask you just a question,
Have you thought about your soul?

Why not call upon your Savior?
Ask Him to save you today;
There is nothing more important
That will ever come your way
Than your joy of sins forgiven
And to know you've been made whole
In the name of Christ, the Savior.
Have you thought about your soul?

Along the Road

*I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chattered all the way
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.*

*I walked a mile with Sorrow
And never a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!*

-Robert Browning Hamilton

Susannah Austin's daily bible reading plan:

1. I read one chapter from Psalms for God's love. There are 150 chapters. I read 16 verses of Psalm 119, dividing the chapter into 16 days. Following this schedule, I will read the book of Psalms twice a year.

2. Then I read a chapter from Proverbs for God's wisdom. There are 31 chapters, which means I will read Proverbs 12 times a year, less chapter 31 on months with less than 31 days.

3. Then I read a chapter in one of the Gospels to see how Jesus lived His life and walked this earth. (WWJD?) Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have a combined total of 89 chapters. Following this schedule means I will read them four times a year.

4. Then I read a chapter in Acts for God's power. Acts has 28 chapters, which means I will read Acts 13 times in a year.

5. Then I read a chapter in the New Testament, from Romans to Revelation, which is 142 chapters. I read this portion 2.5 times a year.

6. Lastly, I read two chapters from the Old Testament (skipping Psalms and Proverbs), which totals 748 chapters. I will read the Old Testament through in one year.

How long does reading seven chapters take me? I need less time than it took me to write this article – only about 30 minutes.

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