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Prayer Corner by Sandy Leisner

How often do we promise to pray for or about something with someone and soon forget our promise? I know I have experienced that all too often. We are to pray without ceasing (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*) and not to make idle promises (*Matt 5:37 & James 5:12*).

I had a glimpse of what it means to pray without ceasing when a friend asked me to partner with her to pray for her mission trip to Russia. In the same week when I hugged my granddaughter good-bye as she headed off for a week at youth camp the words "I'll be praying for you and your friends" just rolled off my lips. As I said this, in my heart was a quick prayer "God, don't let these be idle words. Help me to be faithful to this promise." God surely heard that short request! As I was becoming conscious every morning the youth camp and the mission trip were on my mind and I would pray. Then came devotion time and the youth camp and the mission trip were on my mind. Then every meal as I gave thanks, the youth camp and the mission trip again. Yup! When I went to bed and even in the middle of the night... you guessed it, the youth camp and the mission trip! A burden and a joy to pray! What a paradox...

It may not have been my prayers that caused good things to happen or prevented bad things but I felt that God had allowed me the privilege to be a small part of what He was doing in the lives of my loved ones!

As we celebrate our Independence Day this fourth of July let us be reminded to pray for revival in this land. We desperately need to turn to God and for Him to raise up Godly leaders for our next election, and of course our troops who defend our freedoms. Our prayers continue for our power increase and the renovations taking place at our Daytona tower site. And as always God keep us faithful to pray!



Celebrate July 4th!



a ministry on the move

Summer Equals Projects... by Bill Powell

Summer at The Cornerstone equals projects. With the kids out of school many going on vacations, and the snowbirds up north, we use this time to complete those hard to handle, time consuming projects. One of the bigger projects we are working on is the renovation of the building at the WMFJ transmitter site.

For several years WMFJ only had a back room for the transmitter and a tower. The rest of the building was owned by another company. In 1998 the building was donated to us but was in really bad shape. It had been vacant and neglected for several years. Back in the day it had been a beautiful building but by the time we acquired it, it was a haven for street people and transients. The back room that housed the transmitter was rotting away and so in 2004 we remodeled one of the rooms in the front of the building. We added a new ceiling and door, gutted, rewired, painted, air conditioned and moved the transmitter from the rotted out room to the front of the building.

To be frank, the rest of the building was disgusting and we were having an ongoing battle with the transients. The city of Daytona issued us an ultimatum to do some remodeling of the building so that is what is taking place as we speak. We have to replace the roof, which is part of the ground system for WMFJ including the fascia. As a byproduct this should improve our signal. The inside was filled with junk and garbage and had to be cleaned. It required several dumpsters. The entrance way was rotted along with some of the trusses. The walls inside are being stripped to the frames and being repaired. All the windows have to be replaced as well as all the doors. When we are done the building will be secure and look presentable but the inside will still be in need of remodeling including plumbing and wiring.



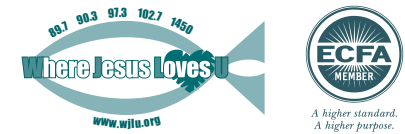
It has always been our desire for the building to be used for the Lord's work. We would be willing to let a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) or church use the building rent free if they would pay to have the inside remodeled. When the renovations are complete this may become a more viable option. The property is located on Root Street in Daytona near the Seabreeze Bridge. Another option would be to rent the building for storage.

This project was not in our budget and is going to cost near \$30,000 but we are trusting God to provide. We are also planning to paint the inside of our studios facility and replace the carpet. This has been long overdue. We have a strong commitment to maintain the properties the Lord has entrusted to us to accomplish His work. *Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. (NKJV)*

We have also recently completed the upgrade of our donor database, payroll, payables and general accounting systems. Thanks to Sandy and Diane Alexander for their work in getting this accomplished. Well I am out of space so I need to sign off. We pray you will have a wonderful summer and we covet your prayers that we can meet our financial obligations and complete all the tasks we have set out to do this summer. We have a lot more irons in the fire that I don't have time to elaborate on so please remember this ministry in your prayers. This is God's ministry, doing His work through you and the staff here at The Cornerstone. May His will be done.

Have a great summer.

Bill Powell



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Music with a Message by Chris Johnson

Casting Crowns, which formed at First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach recently, took home the Dove Award for Group of the Year. Since breaking onto the Christian music scene they have become one of, if not the most popular groups in America. With number one hits such as “Voice of Truth,” and “Lifesong” it was no surprise to see them vault to the top of the charts again with “Does Anybody Hear Her?”

Mark Hall, the main songwriter for the group gave this answer when asked about the story behind the song:

“Does Anybody Hear Her?” is a story about a girl who is making all the wrong decisions and about how, as a church body, we’re not there for her. It’s a song I started about seven years ago about a girl in [our] youth group. Now there are probably 15-20 girls with the same story. Their own daddy wasn’t ever there, so now they’re trying to find that intimacy somewhere, and they can’t. And at a momentary lapse of reason, they give themselves away to the first person who loves them. We attach identities to people, saying, “It’s too late to reach this person” or “This one’s a lost cause,

we just need to get him out of here.” That’s a scary place to live if you’re that person-if you didn’t make the church’s “list.” She doesn’t even know what she needs. But you do.(See Romans 10:14, Acts 5:20, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Peter 3:15 and 2 Cor. 5:20) Mark Hall

Mark is right on target in this description of how the church often treats those deemed “unreachable.” However, we must remember that it was Jesus who came to call not the righteous but the unrighteous to repentance. He is the Great Physician, come to heal all of our needs. Let us have the compassionate heart of Christ as we are called to be His ambassadors. Too many in today’s society find themselves in the same self righteous state as the Pharisee’s of Jesus’ time. Let us be careful not to find ourselves there as well for “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.”



Worth Repeating by Carla Intrigo

If you have ever been around little children for any length of time, you will soon realize children are like little video cameras. What they see you do and say, will be repeated. It might not be at that very moment but trust me, they will repeat it and it is usually when you least expect it! Just this past week, my husband and I had the opportunity to spend some time with our little nieces and nephews at the beach. They love their Uncle “Rambo” to take them in the ocean where the waves will splash on them. When my husband saw a big wave coming, he would say to them, “holy moly guacamole here comes a big wave.” They thought that was the funniest thing ever! Then after the big wave hit them and passed he would say, “thank you Jesus for letting us get through that big holy moly guacamole wave.”

The following day when the kids spotted their Uncle Rambo on the beach, they asked him to take them back out to the holy moly waves. They are so cute. He couldn’t say no! Off they went. Since I am not one to get in the water, he later told me that he did not say anything to them but as soon as a big wave hit them, they were the ones that said “thank you Jesus for letting us get through that holy moly guacamole wave.” They had repeated exactly what he had said the day before. What a reminder to us on how we should be imitators of Christ in all that we say and do. In Ephesians 5:1-2 it tells us: “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” We as Christians have no greater purpose than to imitate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You never know who is watching to see how you react to a certain situation or how you respond to someone who is not being very friendly. Just remember that you may be the only Jesus anyone ever sees so make sure your speech and actions are worth repeating.

Who Can You Trust? by Edie Jones

Did you ever notice how incompetent people have a way of making bad situations worse? One day when I was young, I was working at a fancy hotel restaurant in downtown Cincinnati. I was leaning into the salad bar cleaning underneath the sneeze guard. My head was turned sideways with one ear facing the ceiling. A coworker walked by carrying a big tray of raisin bread when the tray shifted and a raisin fell right into my ear. It was just barely in my ear and my friend was about to pull it out with tweezers when a manager said “NO! Don’t touch it. We could be liable!” He said I had to go to the emergency room. I protested because I had no insurance and it was a waste of my time when the raisin was very visible. But he insisted and said not to worry, the hotel would pay for it because after all, it was their raisin.

I trudged through three feet of snow up the street to the ER. It seemed like a ridiculous waste of time and money to me but the boss said they would pay for it. The doctor came in and to my surprise did not seem to speak any English at all. He picked up that device that they look in your ears with and I said “Don’t put that in my ear. You can see the raisin. That will push it in.” He smiled and nodded but did not drop the apparatus. I wondered if he understood what I was saying so like a typical American I repeated myself again more slowly and of course louder. Again he smiled, and nodded. I reasoned that he must understand me. Surely the hospital would not have someone working in the ER who understood no English. He took a step toward me and BAM! Raisin in my brain! “Arrghhh, I can’t believe you did that!” I said. He smiled, took out a little pad of paper and handed it to me and pointed to the front desk. I walked to the desk thinking “great now I will need a brain surgeon to remove the raisin.” The clerk read it and told me that will be \$250.00. I said but there is still a raisin in my ear. The lady at the desk explained that the doctor said there is nothing in my ear and the hotel will not be responsible for the bill since there is nothing in my ear. I felt so defeated. Later that night in the shower after directing about 200 gallons of water to one side of my head, the raisin fell out. I called the hospital and they said that did not negate my bill, as I could not prove that the raisin had come from my ear.

Sometimes in life you don’t always know who you can trust. Well-meaning unqualified spiritual advice can really spell disaster for the undiscerning individual. Proverbs 25:19 (KJV) says “Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.” It’s not always so easy to spot the incompetent at first glance. Isn’t it good to know that when you listen to The Cornerstone, you don’t have to worry about that. The Cornerstone features nationally-known well educated teachers who have demonstrated their solid grounding in the truth of God’s word so you can tune in with confidence.



Celebrate America this July 4th!

Something to think about.....

It’s the soldier... NOT the reporter who gives you the freedom of press.

It’s the soldier... NOT the poet who gives you the freedom of speech.

It’s the soldier... NOT the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It’s the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag, that allows the protester to burn the flag.

**It was for freedom that
Christ set us free... Galatians 5:1**

**Therefore if the Son shall make you
free, you shall be free indeed.**

John 8:36