



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"More Than We Can Imagine" from Living Word Baptist Church

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

An incredible thing happened in Fort Payne, Ala. It is one of those stories that show God's ability to work in our lives. Proverbs 21:1 says "The king's heart is in the hands of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases." There is a couple whose six-year-old boy has a tumor in his brain. It is very rare and there is only one doctor in the world who has experienced success with this particular type of tumor. This doctor lived in Asia, and the boy's family cannot afford to take the boy to Asia for the necessary surgery. As a matter of fact they could not afford the surgery even if they had access to the doctor.

Consequently the boy's family, their friends and their church all prayed for God's compassion and petitioned Him to not allow the boy to suffer as the tumor kills him.

The boy's dad is a salesman at a local Ford dealership. One day a well-dressed man stopped at this dealership. As the boy's dad talked to him he came to understand that the man did not need a car and the man was not exactly sure why he had even stopped in. The dad suggested that they go into his office to talk. During their conversation the dad discovered that the man had the same last name of the Asian doctor who could operate on his son's tumor.

Upon hearing the name, the dad fell to his knees. He began praying that the man might be a relative, a brother, or at least know the

doctor. He was thinking if this man was a family member or knew the doctor, maybe he could intervene and make some arrangements to get help for his son.

The customer was more that a little surprised by this reaction to his name. It was only when the dad related the story about his son's tumor that it all began to fall into place. For you see, the customer was neither a family member of the doctor nor a friend of the doctor. He was the doctor. The doctor explained that he was moving his practice to the University of Alabama Hospital. The doctor promised that he would perform surgery on the little boy free of charge.

Now you might ask, why would a very successful and wealthy doctor from Asia, who was in the process of moving his practice to Alabama stop at a Ford Dealership in Fort Payne when he did not need a new car? There is only one reason that makes any sense. There is a God who loves and cares for us—in this case, a sick little boy.

This story came to me through Teens For Christ Connection and it reminds me that our loving Father is able to "do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Why are we so slow to cast off the cares of this world and the things in it and spend true heartfelt prayer with our Father, petitioning Him for a great spiritual awakening for our county? Jesus came and died on the cross willingly to save sinners. We need the Great Physician to do heart surgery on those who do not know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.

Presidents' Day is a time to remember the leaders of our country and the admirable qualities each exhibited in his service to our nation. Perhaps we can take the opportunity on this occasion to mention just a few.

George Washington, our first President, was revered for his honesty, simply stating, "I cannot tell a lie." Certainly, it is this legacy that is the basis for all effective relationships in our world.

John F. Kennedy exhibited courage and nerve with his handling the Cuban Missile Crisis and great vision by encouraging our space program.

Lyndon Johnson, who grew up in humble surroundings, contributed compassion, an innate understanding that those in poverty could rise to impressive heights in spite of their beginnings.

Ronald Reagan gave us the strength of optimism and the positive effectiveness of humor in his communication with the American people, incorporating the best qualities of both of his careers.

Finally, we think of Franklin Roosevelt's candor with the people. He was warmly reassuring in his "fireside chats." With his guidance, this country endured the Great Depression and the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor.

Won't you take a few moments to thank God for these and all of our Presidents' contributions to our nation as we celebrate Presidents' Day?



Remembering OUR Presidents

SUNDAY 1 John 1:1-10	MONDAY 1 John 2:1-17	TUESDAY 1 John 2:18-29	WEDNESDAY 1 John 3:1-10	THURSDAY 1 John 3:11-24	FRIDAY 1 John 4:1-21	SATURDAY 1 John 5:1-21
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PINOCHLE

By JAKE DURHAM

Yes, it was a spring like evening, just one month ago as the faithful gathered for the January Pinochle tournament.

The major topic of discussion was global warming and whether or not cold, harsh winters were a thing of the past. The Old Timers immediately began telling tales of storms and blizzards of long ago. Made you shiver just listening to the next story as the snow was deeper, the temperature colder, and the ice much thicker.

It was almost like listening to the Dust Storm stories. Luckily time was running out as the clock on the wall indicated it was time to get started and as the bell rang out, forty and eight settled down for another exciting and challenging evening.

Early rounds are usually care-free expressions of bidding fever as teams feel they haven't much to lose if a set happens because there is a lot of time to make up early losses and as might be expected, it was true to form on this occasion as the sounds of despair could be heard from time to time. The team of Merle Taylor and Weldon Brooks, however, were right on target as they captured the first round honors for the initial lead, and implied that an eight-hundred point game was in the making. The second round honors went to the team of Ron and Sondra Kester but the team of Taylor and Brooks were moving right along and managed to retain the lead. Already scores were beginning to spread out as was indicated on the tote board. By the end of the third round a pattern can usually be detected and as round three came to a close, the team of Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz had taken the honors and the lead and were now the only team maintaining a hundred point average. The bell rang to signal the break after round four and as the scores were posted, the team of John Hildebrand and Coy Christy had taken high round honors but the team of Brett and Doug Gallentine had moved into the lead at the halfway mark. John Hildebrand and Coy Christy were in second place, Ron and Sondra Kester were in third place, and tied for fourth and fifth place were the teams of Todd and Doyle Brooks and Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz.

The score board was the major topic of the break as teams studied the spread to determine what strategy would be necessary during the second half to move into contention. The scores ranged from 385 to 262 with 345 being the median, and with high round scores ranging from 133 to 112, a good round could make everyone a contender for the lead position. The bell sounded to start the second half as round five got underway. The strategy was more deliberate now as every round seemed closer to the final score. The team of Darren McMullen and Lynn Thiele took fifth round honors as the Brothers Gallentine moved into the lead

position, a veteran team known for their drive down the home stretch. The lead changed once again as round six scores were posted as the team of Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz took the honors to make it a double and became the leaders once again. With the seventh round coming up, the pressure began to mount as low scoring teams were making somewhat wild efforts to position themselves for the final round, however, a set now could spell disaster.

The team of Dee and Thelma Bushnell captured seventh round honors but the lead went to Eldon Billips and Vern Coddington, aka, the Graham County Sleuths. The team of Ron and Sondra Kester were in second place, five points out of first; Todd and Doyle Brooks were in third, four points out of second; Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz were in fourth, nine points out of third; and the teams of Brett and Doug Gallentine was in a tie for fifth place with Larry Smith and Stan Miller. A high or low score in key places would definitely alter the outcome of the the game as the eighth and final round loomed ahead.

The final round began with a renewed sense of concentration and the bidding was deliberate and calculated. Bidding to the max was essential if you had a good hand as an opportunity passed up would be an opportunity lost. Time was fast running out as each hand was played and as the scores were turned in, the lead changed several times and as the final score sheet was recorded, the team of Billips and Coddington had prevailed.

Top ten teams in order were: 1. Eldon Billips and Vern Coddington; 2. Brett and Doug Gallentine; 3. Todd and Doyle Brooks; 4. Larry Smith and Stan Miller; 5. Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz; 6. Dee and Thelma Bushnell; 7. Ron and Sondra Kester; 8. John Hildebrand and Coy Christy; 9. Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Norman Walter. Winning score by Billips and Coddington was 753 points for an average of 94 points per round. Highest single round score was 133 points by Ron and Sondra Kester. As the evening wore on, the attention was turned to February's tournament and the calendar on the wall showed the third Sunday in February to be the 15th. So plan ahead and come early to guarantee a spot on the roster.

Other teams not previously mentioned were: Bill and Joanne Keiswetter; Helen Roach and Pam Ballinger; June Jolly and Margaret Magers; Jerry Darling and Wade Ambrosier; Alice Chance and Jeanette Grothoff; Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp; Julia Roeder and Larry Harman; Ed and Kathleen Berlier; Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger; Barbara McKie and Gil Otter; Dave Shley and Jim Kauten; Joyce Sumner and Eleanor Jensen.

LYLE NEWS

By HELEN HELM

Although church services at Lyle were called off on Sunday morning, these folks braved the winter weather to have the Community dinner at the Community Building; Kenneth and Pansy Price, Gary and Kathy Anthony, Royce and Lola Cook, Kathy Van Meter and Margaret Magers.

Mrs. June Jolly and Mrs. Karen Brown attended the card party at the Eagles Club in McCook Monday evening. John and Helen Helm received word Tuesday of the death of a long-time friend, Pauline Fossen. She was the wife of Henry Fossen, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook, Neb. Jim Helm, Danbury, took his parents to the Rosary service on Thursday evening and to funeral services at St. Catherine's in Indianola, Neb.

on Friday. The Helms, Fossens and Pat and Frannie Flaherty had celebrated their October wedding anniversaries together for many years.

Mrs. Margaret Magers and Mrs. Kathy Van Meter visited Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin Friday afternoon.

When Deb Helm returned home from the Decatur Community High School wrestling match in Colby, she brought Ceanne Rinehart to the farm to spend some time with her parents, John and Helen Helm. Matthew and Timothy Helm joined them Saturday morning while Deb and Rebecca went to Republican Valley School for a wrestling tournament. Aaron Helm is a member of the Oberlin wrestling team.

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