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“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

by George Duffield, Jr.

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.” Ephesians 6:14

Dudley Tyng served as his father's assistant at Philadelphia's Church of the Epiphany and was elected its pastor when his father retired in 1854. He was only 29 when he succeeded his father at this large Episcopal church, and at first it seemed a great fit. But the honeymoon ended when Dudley began vigorously preaching against slavery. Loud complaints rose from the more conservative members, resulting in Dudley's resignation in 1856.

He and his followers organized the Church of the Covenant elsewhere in the city, and his reputation grew. He began noontime Bible studies at the YMCA, and his ministry reached far beyond his own church walls. Dudley had a burden for leading husbands and fathers to Christ, and he helped organize a great rally to reach men.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1858, five thousand men gathered. As Dudley looked over the sea of faces he felt overwhelmed. "I would rather this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message," he told the crowd. Over a thousand men were converted that day.

Two weeks later Dudley was visiting in the countryside, watching a corn-thresher in the barn. His hand moved too close to the machine and his sleeve was snared. The accident resulted in the severing of his main artery in that arm; four days later his right arm was amputated, close to the shoulder. When it appeared that he was dying, Dudley told his aged father: "Stand up for Jesus, father, and tell my brethren of the ministry to stand up for Jesus."

Rev. George Duffield of Philadelphia's Temple Presbyterian Church was deeply stirred by Dudley's funeral, and the following Sunday he preached from Ephesians 6:14 about standing firm for Christ. He read a poem he had written, inspired by Dudley's words:

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high its royal banner, It must not suffer loss;
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall he lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict In this His glorious day.
Ye that are men, now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long,
This day, the noise of battle, The next the victor's song.
To Him that overcometh, A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.*

The editor of a hymnal heard the poem, found appropriate music, and published it. "Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus" soon became one of America's favorite hymns, extending Dudley's dying words to millions.

[information taken from *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan]

A Word From Spurgeon

“ I will; be thou clean.” Mark 1:41

Primeval darkness heard the Almighty fiat, "light be," and straightway light was, and the word of the Lord Jesus is equal in majesty to that ancient word of power. Redemption like Creation has its word of might. Jesus speaks and it is done. Leprosy yielded to no human remedies, but it fled at once at the Lord's "I will." The disease exhibited no hopeful signs or tokens of recovery, nature contributed nothing to its own healing, but the unaided word effected the entire work on the spot and for ever. The sinner is in a plight more miserable than the leper; let him imitate his example and go to Jesus, "beseeching Him and kneeling down to Him." Let him exercise what little faith he has, even though it should go no further than "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean"; and there need be no doubt as to the result of the application. Jesus heals all who come, and casts out none. In reading the narrative in which our morning's text occurs, it is worthy of devout notice that Jesus touched the leper. This unclean person had broken through the regulations of the ceremonial law and pressed into the house, but Jesus so far from chiding him broke through the law Himself in order to meet him. He made an interchange with the leper, for while He cleansed him, He contracted by that touch a Levitical defilement. Even so Jesus Christ was made sin for us, although in Himself He knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. O that poor sinners would go to Jesus, believing in the power of His blessed substitutionary work, and they would soon learn the power of His gracious touch. That hand which multiplied the loaves, which saved sinking Peter, which upholds afflicted saints, which crowns believers, that same hand will touch every seeking sinner, and in a moment make him clean. The love of Jesus is the source of salvation. He loves, He looks, He touches us, WE LIVE

[from Morning and Evening – Sept. 4 morning portion]

**Note: Pastor Malone has been on sabbatical, working on the writing of a book. Because of this, his regular column will not appear until next month.*



ARBCA Missionary Focus

Meet one of the missionary families we support through our offerings:
Stan & Bev Line – COLOMBIA

Stan writes:

Pastor Antonio Orjuela, together with the deacons from the La Alborada and the San Jose de Bavaria congregations, care for the administration of both congregations as we continue to wait on the Lord for the pastor of His choice in La Alborada. Attendance at both places has increased, and a baptismal class begun in February has 19 enrolled.

Bev and I seek wisdom as we continue the Friday night Bible study in our area. It's been many months since we've had visitors. The evangelistic effort in the La Alborada church, along with once a month preaching and other lesser helps there, and the ministry of the Library for Pastors, are our day-to-day challenges.

Two meetings for pastors were held at the Library in May. With Enrique and Mercy Abadia we continue to have the library open, make contacts, and send articles and book recommendations to pastors.

The Christian School began another school year Feb. 2, 2009. We're grateful for sufficient students and teachers, although we have had to employ teachers not yet of Reformed persuasion. Efforts continue to find funds for the needed reconstruction of our building. Gustavo Hernandez is in his third year as director.

We continue to be encouraged by the growth and spread of Reformed truth in the country. Yes, there are some weaknesses in this spread, and these could hinder permanent influence for good in the church. Pray much for care, prudence, and patience to place foundations deep in the Word and by the Spirit.

The worldwide economic recession has not made itself sharply felt in Colombia just yet, but there are signs of slowing, for example, in the construction industry. The guerrilla insurgency, while much weakened, is still a constant and significant factor in national life.



ARBCA Missionary Focus

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The Joyners– Patrick & Rhonda; William, Audrey, Jordan, Maggie, Noah, Laurel Anna, Mary M'Cheyne
Chaplain, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, USMC

Patrick writes:

This past few months have brought great opportunities for the gospel as I minister to Marines, sailors, and their families. I have not done as much preaching as I had hoped this past quarter due to the rotating preaching schedule I am a part of, yet I have had some very good conversations with many recruits and drill instructors.

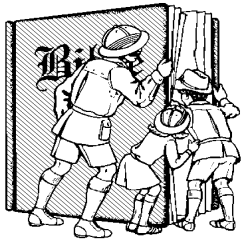
Recruits come here from many home situations and have lots of different reasons for wanting to become Marines. Many leave difficult and very needy homes, and, as is true of the rest of American culture, very few are involved in faithful churches.

Parris Island is a very stressful place that is extremely hard on families. Drill instructors work about 18 hours every single day and typically come to Parris Island from a deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan.

If this wasn't bad enough, the mentality and persona expected of these drill instructors is incompatible with maintaining a healthy family, so they must be able to truly "leave work at work" to have any hopes of blessing their families.

I have been able to give away many Bibles and good books – there is a great appetite for these among the recruits.

Please pray for these I minister to and for me and my family as we pursue faithfulness in the calling God has given us.



Book Room Review

The Attributes of God
by Arthur W. Pink

From the cover:

Arthur W. Pink's book, *The Attributes of God*, explores attributes such as God's decrees, foreknowledge, sovereignty, holiness, grace, and mercy, among many others, all packaged in a style especially useful for pastors, teachers, and Bible students. Our God, Who is above all names, cannot be found through human searching alone, Pink teaches, but can be known only as He is revealed by the Holy Spirit through His living Word.

The timeless appeal of this classic book, written by a preacher with a worldwide ministry during the first half of the twentieth century, demonstrates the deep hunger for a saving knowledge of God present in each generation. Pink sought to give readers not just a theoretical knowledge of God, but pointed them toward a personal relationship of yielding to Him and living according to His biblical precepts.

[You may purchase this book from our Book Table for \$6.00.]



“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.” Proverbs 17:22

Newsbytes and Announcements



The Annual Southern Baptist Founders Conference South West will be held September 24th – 26th in Mansfield, TX. The theme this year is “The Foolishness of Preaching.” For more information, go to www.founders.org.



Lutheran Change: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has voted to allow “life-long, monogamous, publicly accountable” homosexual clergy on its leadership rosters. After the vote, presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson called on voting members to pray with one another and sing a hymn. But despite the gestures of unity, the church will fracture as local congregations now decide whether or not they will allow openly homosexual clergy, bless gay unions, and continue to be part of the ELCA. One lay member of a Virginia church, Robert Benne, said he will strive to keep his church on the traditional path, and his church will no longer donate to the ELCA or to its synod if it embraces the ELCA decision. This question of financial support is a grace one, since the ELCA lost 76,000 members in 2008 and its budget shrank to \$67 million this year, down from \$81 million in 2005. The debate reflected this crisis, as one young member warned the ELCA that young people were not active in the church because they found it hypocritical to bar gays from entering into loving relationships. But others say it will only decimate the church as conservative churches withdraw their support. A 2005 ELCA report found that **only 22 percent** of ELCA members favored blessing gay unions or ordaining practicing homosexuals, and **57 percent opposed** the changes. LutheranCORE, an organization that opposes the changes, argues that forsaking tradition will undermine ELCA’s ecumenical and multicultural relationships, since many Hispanic and African immigrant congregations are openly opposed to the changes. Bishop Hanson pleaded with conservative congregations to consider the magnitude of their decision – and the diminishing of the body – if they decide to leave. But conservative congregations may rightly ask, **who abandoned whom?** [World Magazine, September 12, 2009]



Runaway Convert: A Columbus, Ohio, teen who ran away from home because she feared for her life after converting to Christianity, remains in a Florida foster care home pending a hearing. Rifqa Bary, 17, says she fled to Florida after her Muslim father discovered her conversion and threatened to kill her. Although Bary’s family members, who are from Sri Lanka, told authorities they will allow her to practice her new faith, attorney John Stemberger says returning Bary to her family poses an “imminent threat of harm due to “the extreme radical Muslim community in her home town and her family’s connection with the Columbus-based Noor Islamic Cultural Center, which has been linked in the past to Islamic extremism. [World Magazine – September 12, 2009]



The Not Freed: While North Korea’s state media has hailed the pardon and release of U.S. journalists Euna Lee and Laura Ling as a sign of the country’s “humanitarian and peace-loving policy,” tens of thousands of political and religious prisoners continue to languish in the country’s gulags. According to South Korean human-rights activists, North Korean authorities executed Ri Hyon Ok, 33, for distributing Bibles in June. The Investigative Commission on Crime against Humanity reports that the day after Ri’s public execution, her parents, husband, and three children were sent to a prison camp, a tactic the regime frequently uses to eradicate the “traitor’s” bad influence. Meanwhile, the fate of another Christian woman, Seo Kum Ok, 30, is unknown after North Korean authorities arrested and tortured her on spying charges. Her husband also has been arrested, and their two children have disappeared. [World Magazine – August 29, 2009]



Christian Conscience Before Career: “I know that voting against the healthcare bill will probably be the death of my political career, but I have to live with myself, and I always reflect on the phrase of the New Testament, ‘How does it profit a man’s life to gain the world but to lose his soul.’” – U.S. Rep. Anh “Joseph” Cao, R-La., stating that he would vote against any healthcare bill that included federal funding for abortion. Cao represents a majority Democratic district. [World Magazine – August 29, 2009]



Tehran Crackdown: Caught in a wave of “anti-government activist” show trials in Iran are two women arrested by Iranian security forces in March for activities related to their Christian faith. Authorities have held Marzieh Amirizadeh Esmaeilabad, 30, and Maryam Rustampoor, 27, in the infamous Evin Prison with bail set at \$400,000. Tehran’s Revolutionary Court brought the pair, who are Muslim converts, to trial Aug. 9, and informed them they would be charged with apostasy unless they renounce their faith. “We will not deny our faith,” they told the prosecutor, according to a report from East-West Ministries. They have been sent back to prison, the group said, where both have been sick and have lost weight. [World Magazine – August 29, 2009]



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies' Evening Study @ Suzanne Eschete's 6:30 p.m. (W. Sager)	2 6:30 p.m. Prayer Mtg. "PraiSing Him" for children (B. Schindler)	3 (D. Sevier)	4 (M. Singleton)	5 (M. Sloan)
6 LORD'S DAY Sunday School Morning Worship Fellowship Meal 1:30 Lord's Supper (M. Smith)	7 (H. Spolar)	8 (D. Taylor)	9 6:30 p.m. Prayer Mtg. "PraiSing Him" for children (A. Town)	10 Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall (M. Vargo)	11 (B. Walker)	12 (F. Walker)
13 LORD'S DAY Sunday School Morning Worship Fellowship Meal Evening Worship (G. Alexander)	14 (B. Andrews)	15 Ladies' Evening Study @ Suzanne Eschete's 6:30 p.m. (W. Andrews)	16 6:30 p.m. Prayer Mtg. "PraiSing Him" for children (C. Axsom)	17 (M. Axsom)	18 (A. Barnett)	19 (N. Town Bennett)
20 LORD'S DAY Sunday School Morning Worship Fellowship Meal Evening Worship (R. Boudreaux)	21 (J. Hunt Bryant)	22 (J. Carline)	23 6:30 p.m. Prayer Mtg. "PraiSing Him" for children (M. Carline)	24 SBC - Founders Deacon's Mtg. 6:30 p.m. (W. Carruth)	25 Conference (R. Clark)	South West (Rachel Clark)
27 LORD'S DAY Sunday School Morning Worship Fellowship Meal Evening Worship (N. Covington)	28 (S. Creasy)	29 (F. Daniel)	30 6:30 p.m. Prayer Mtg. "PraiSing Him" for children (C. Dighton)			

Please pray for the families in () each day!

September Birthdays:

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| 2 – Mike Vargo | 24 – Caroline Roddy |
| 7 – Emily Moody | 27 – Danyelle Hodges |
| 8 – James King | 29 – Gale Alexander |
| 10 – Brad Lee | |
| 12 – Marcus Smith | |
| 17 – Leanne Singleton | |
| 17 – Robert Lee | |



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
x*	p	j*	e*	a	t	m*	t	o*	c*	p*	e	r	k*	n
w	d*	o	s*	r*	j*	r	g*	l	b*	l*	i*	n*	d	y*
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“Do not _____ any longer to the _____
of this _____, but be _____
by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able
to _____ and _____ what _____ will is — his good,
_____ and _____ will.” *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.

Let the little children come to Me...

Where We Meet

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When We Meet

Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
12:15 p.m. - Fellowship Meal
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

Wednesday Schedule

6:30 p.m. - Bible Study &
Prayer Meeting
Children - "Praising Him"

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