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THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF



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A New Song

I composed a new song.

It was almost thirty years ago now, so it really doesn't qualify as new anymore. And it isn't exactly the kind of song that could become a popular worship song for congregations to sing. I had developed a new boy's club as a means of ministering to the boys in our church and community and as a part of this club I composed the theme song *God's Adventurers*.

A prolific songwriter, I am not.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. One element that promotes the *Christmas atmosphere* is the music.

It seems that the older folks get, the more nostalgic they become. The Christmas songs we heard as children are the songs we want to hear again in our later adult years. This is true not just for Christmas songs but for other genres of music as well.

We regularly get requests from our church family to sing more of the *old songs*. Well, this has started some gears turning in my head.

What qualifies as an *old song*? It isn't simply the age of the song. I know this because many songs that we include in our worship services are indeed *old* songs (having been written 75+ years earlier), but if people don't know them then those songs fail the test.


What's more, many of the songs we may have learned later in life might now be familiar, but because we did not learn those early in life, they don't hold the emotional connection characteristic of our *old songs*.

To put this in perspective, if you had been born 200 years earlier than your actual birthdate, these *old favorites* would not yet have been written: *The First Noel*, *Silent Night*, *Away in a Manger*, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*, *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *Angels from the Realms of Glory*... and more. These are **staple songs** for our Christmas season today but at some point in the not-too-distant past they were **new songs**.

Here's another thought going through my head—what songs will we be singing in heaven?... *Amazing Grace* (composed a mere 239 years ago)? If Joshua's son said, "Can't we sing some of the old songs?" would that mean everyone would join him in singing *The Song of Moses* (composed around 3,300 years ago—see Exodus 15:1-18)? If the Lord tarries several more centuries or longer, will there be new songs that will become a part of our heavenly repertoire?

I am quite confident that *God's Adventurers* will not make that list. At the same time, I am convinced that God has gifted some with the ability to create wonderful music and He will use those gifts for the edification of the saints and to glorify Himself for all eternity!

When I think about the many today who use their songwriting talents to craft new songs for worship, I am amazed! And, I am blessed! Songs like *10,000 Reasons* by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman. *In Christ Alone* by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. *Revelation Song* by Jennie Lee Riddle. *Holy Is The Lord* by Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio. *Your Name* by Glenn Packiam & Paul Baloche. Though these have been recently written, they express eternal spiritual truths and engage my heart in the genuine praise and worship of my God and Savior!

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*Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a **new song**; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. Psalm 33:1–3*

These verses were written 3,000 years ago. But the concept still applies today!

I would be unwilling to give up the Christmas songs I hold dear. They are special to me. But I am consistently moved by the **new songs** that are being introduced to help celebrate Christmas. They often combine the lyrics of the “old” and at times they build upon the melodies of tunes familiar to us—but they are **new songs**! Every year, we look forward to Christmas concerts where we hear both the familiar and the new!

The last book of the Bible was written 2,000 years ago, but it reflects a future reality even today. So, when I read about those who

*were singing a **new song** before the throne (Revelation 14:3)*

I have to conclude that singing new songs is a good thing that will continue throughout eternity!

(By the way, they will also still be singing the *old songs* in glory. “*And they sing **the Song of Moses**, the servant of God.*”—Revelation 15:3.)

So, whether you are listening to *the old familiar carols play* or hearing a *new song* for the first time, let me encourage you to put your heart into it and give God the glory that should be the focus of every Christian songwriter!

Merry Christmas!

Serving the Savior,

Pastor Keith

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Recommendations: Depth

We made it, folks. You now hold in your hands (or behold on your computer/phone screen) the twelfth entry in the Nevada Thymes bestselling series: Pastor Caleb's Athenaeum Approbations. I pray that these recommendations have blessed you and that you've perhaps read at least one book more than you might have during this calendar year. If you read some of these articles and never got around to reading the books themselves, permit me to remind you that this is the season of Christmas lists! If you're anything like me (something on which I'm not particularly counting), your list already consists of mostly books anyway. Why not add an *Orthodoxy* or request a *Ragamuffin Gospel*? Just a bonus thought for you today...

This month's approbation doesn't have one particular author. The spine on my office copy attributes the work to Arthur Bennett, but the title page reveals that he was simply the editor. There are contributions by Thomas Shepard, Richard Baxter, Philip Doddridge, Augustus Toplady, Henry Law, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and a number of others. You may not know these names (save one or two), but they were influential writers in their day.

It is curious to me that people use the word "puritanical" as a slur or invective. I'll include my necessary caveat that I am tempted toward legalism and must staunchly guard against making conduct essential to salvation, but why would it ever be a bad thing to be known as one of the pure ones? If all you know of the Puritans comes from high school literature and *The Scarlet Letter*, you are in for a treat! Far from being the depressed condemners depicted in the media, many of the Puritans overflowed with joy, worship, and a desire to put Jesus first in everything they did. They had their blind spots (as do we all), but their writings are full of the delight and depth of the Christian experience. I think a collection of their prayers is a fitting way to celebrate the close of 2018.

The Valley of Vision
Edited by Arthur Bennett

Discovery


I think I came across *The Valley of Vision* sometime when I was over at school, but I do not have a precise memory of that moment. There is a possibility that Pastor Jon Hulet recommended it to me, but I know that my awareness of the prayers goes back to at least 2010. If my readers can ever forgive my lack of precision, I want to say that I read the book sometime shortly after I came on staff here (so 2012ish). One year at a Village Missions Summer Conference, the Graeagle church (our gracious hosts) gave all of the missionaries a very nice leather-bound copy. I was not (and still am not) a Village Missionary, so unfortunately I had to salivate in longing as my dad received his copy.

Fast-forward a few years. My little sister's best friend (also a Village Missions kid) gave her that same leather copy. I salivated over that, too, but didn't purchase it for a handful of reasons. A couple of Christmases ago, Lauri and Sam bought it for me as a present. It now classily adorns my premiere bookshelf in our dining room. (What does this have to do with an Approbation? Very little, but if you're still reading these after eleven installments, I think you're gracious enough to put up with some of my meanderings.)

Summary

I didn't grow up in a "high church" tradition, so I'm not 100% positive how liturgical readings work. One of these days, I'd like to get a copy of the Book of Common Prayer (not for the purpose of converting to Anglicanism but because of the historical and devotional value of the work), but Bennett mentions in his introduction that *The Valley of Vision* isn't meant to be a prayer manual. It's not an instructional booklet or one

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that prescribes prayers. It's rather more like reading the journal or hearing the hearts of godly giants of past centuries.

Bennett has organized the prayers according to theme: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Redemption and Reconciliation; Needs and Devotions; Holy Aspirations; Gifts of Grace; Service and Ministry; Valediction (just looked this up... it's a fancy word for a farewell); and A Week's Shared Prayers. At least in my copy, the longest of these prayers is less than two full pages. To give just a few examples, the prayers variously rejoice in God's character (*The All-Good, Jesus My Glory*), praise the Father for the Messiah's atoning work (*Love Lustres at Calvary, Kept By God*), ask for mercy and confess our inadequacy (*Self-Noughting, The Infinite and the finite*), express longing for more of Jesus (*To be Fit for God, A Disciple's Renewal*), and even verbalize the gladness we can have in the everyday blessings God so freely gives (*God All-Sufficient, Happiness*).

Boon

I recently discovered just how tasty honey is. I've abstractly known of its yumminess for a while, but within the past six months it hit me that much more forcefully. I typically avoid all sticky things if I can at all help it, but I'll gladly make an exception for honey. (I'm going somewhere with this... bear with me.) Part of its goodness lies in its excessive sweetness. At least the stuff I've been eating nearly knocks me over with how sweet it is. It's wonderful. With my great "stomach of steel," I can only eat a tiny bit of straight honey before it gives me a tummy ache. The potency of the flavor can quickly overwhelm me.

The Valley of Vision is a little bit like that for me. Leaving aside (for a moment) the Scriptural language regarding honey, I'm just going to use my experience with the bees' produce. I love the prayers and am greatly edified by them, but their potency can be a bit overwhelming. I speed read most things (not intentionally – that's just how my mind works), but I can't really speed read these prayers. Their language and their content are too rich to rush through. They helped me think through familiar themes with a much more biblically robust mindset. Because I am from a different era than the pray-ers, they use phrases of which I'd probably not think and that require a bit of chewing. Sometimes the prayers make me feel inadequate – I'm burdened that my heart feels nowhere near ready to ask or think of the things referenced. The honey is great, but it's very sweet.

These Puritans push me on toward excellence. They provide me with words appropriate to my situations (even though they wrote hundreds of years ago). Like good songs or poems, they widen my perspectives of joy in Christ.


Approbation

Are some of y'all still wondering what "self-noughting" is? Are you curious as to whether or not I'm even aware that Microsoft Word red underlines "noughting" as an unacceptable spelling? Yes, *The Valley of Vision* is probably the most archaic of all of the works I've recommended to you this year. *Pilgrim's Progress* would give it a good run for its money, but poetry's always slightly less accessible than prose. Yes, the prayers use words like imprudent, beseech, mortification, vexation, and commensurate. Yes, Bennett keeps the original "Thee's" and "Thou's" and uses the strange British "u" in words like honour and Saviour.

Why should you read these even though they can be confusing and you may need a dictionary to help you understand them? May I approbate it for you with a numbered list?

- 1) Using a dictionary to find new words is a joy, so that excuse is done away with (yes, there's a smirk on my face as I type this).
- 2) Each of the prayers is short. Even with their complexity, you can read one out loud (which I'd recommend) in less than five minutes.

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3) You already know at least one of them. Every once in a while at PCC we sing "O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart." Bob Kauflin adapted the *Valley of Vision* prayer "Regeneration" to song and it has blessed me time and again. I've also included some of these prayers in our congregational worship the past few years.

4) It will help you go deeper in your devotions than if you just left this recommendation alone. There are depths in this valley that can indeed help you see the heights.

5) It will help you worship. I know this is basically the same as the last point, but I want to stress this. It will be a challenge. At times, the style of the writing will make you feel like you're in over your head. If you give it a chance, you will also be led to celebrate the majesty, infinity, grandeur, and goodness of the "Three in one, one in three, God of [our] salvation."

Merry Christmas brothers and sisters.
By God's grace and for His Kingdom,
Pastor Caleb



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The Valley of Vision

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.

Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;

Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty,
thy glory in my valley.



AWANA MINISTRIES UPDATE FROM JEFF GILPIN



Ministry Update- Nov 1, 2018

Hello Everyone,

The Lord has been keeping us busy. Here are some of the things we've been doing...


Awana Ministry Conference- Every year, Awana Missionaries host an Awana Ministry Conference. The purpose of these conferences is to provide ongoing training, equipping and encouragement to both new and existing Awana Volunteer leaders. This year, we trained approximately 300 leaders at our Awana Ministry Conferences. Praise God! Our hope is that these trainings will equip these volunteer leaders to reach more children with the love of Jesus.

Nevada Baptist Convention- I had the opportunity to attend the Nevada Baptist Convention Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet pastors and other church leaders that we already serve through Awana as well as to talk with new pastors of how they might use Awana to reach out to their communities. So much fun to see old friends.

Growing Faith Conference (Bullhead City, AZ)- I also had the chance to attend and present breakout workshops at the Growing Faith Conference in Bullhead City. GFC is a conference for children's ministry workers in Mohave County, AZ designed to equip these workers to disciple children to a deeper relationship with Jesus. I presented training on "Why Midweek Ministry" and "Recruit, Retain and Disciple Your Volunteers". I met with pastors and church leaders of a new church in Bullhead City that is considering starting Awana- Stay Tuned.

Church Visits- I try to spend time visiting churches that we serve on Sunday Morning. It's a great opportunity to connect with the congregation to cast the vision that "Awana is a ministry of the church" rather than simple a parachurch ministry that is hosted at the church. This is vital for the long term success of the Awana club. This month I met with the congregation at First Baptist Fort Mohave.

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Baja, CA Mexico Training- I had the opportunity to partner with SOW Ministries and travel to Calvary Chapel Rosarito and Calvary Chapel La Mision to train leaders how to use the Awana Truthseekers materials to evangelize and disciple the children of Baja with the love of Jesus. It's especially exciting to meet with the leaders from Calvary Chapel La Mision as that church serves children from the Door of Faith Orphanage. Praise God!

Club Visits- We love having the opportunity to visit Awana clubs to thank and encourage leaders for their ministry, talk with the children and to see God working in these Awana Clubs...good times!!



Awana Grand Prix Check in at Parkside Bible Fellowship- Fallon



Sparks Gametime at Sierra Bible Church

Thank you again to everyone who prays, supports, encourages, shares, serves, laughs and seeks after God. Together, we are reaching children with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I praise God for you and the work He is doing in and through you. See you again down the road.

If you'd like to be a part of our ministry, and support our efforts to reach children with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, you can send donations to:

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Sharing our best ideas with the world

Through the Chapter-Planting programs and strategies I've been developing for the last decade in InterVarsity USA, over 250 campuses now have a ministry that makes disciples who thoughtfully study the bible, share their faith, and have a vision for seeing the world transformed by Jesus Christ.

This year, I've been partnering with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students to launch 100 ministries in other countries. Through the Breaking New Ground program, I've been sharing strategies, coaching methods and other resources with national leaders from around the world, and they are translating and adapting them to their local contexts. It's incredibly fulfilling to see the Chapter-Planting materials have a global impact.

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New Christian student groups being started this Fall



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InterVarsity and Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) have formed a partnership to reach every campus in America. Please pray for the everycampus.us program that invites all campus organizations and evangelical churches to participate. This is an amazing, unprecedented partnership that God has inspired us to create.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *The Urbana Missions Conference is coming this Dec. 27-31. The Chapter Planting team has a goal to equip students and local churches to reach 100 more campuses in the U.S. Please pray for our plans to succeed.*
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I am profoundly grateful to be in a position to lead some of the most talented and sincere followers of Jesus in the college world. Events like the ones I've written about today have far-reaching impact, and require some funding. If you would like to see more campuses and more students reached, *please consider joining my support team by donating online.*

<https://donate.intervarsity.org/donate#s22362>

Shawn

Shawn and Caryn Young are InterVarsity Missionaries our PCC family supports



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Thanksgiving in Abundance!

Both of Peter's letters start with this prayerful greeting: "Grace and peace be yours in abundance..." His prayer is for God's grace and peace - through the knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus—in abundance—a very large quantity! This is our prayer for you, and for those with whom we minister here in Europe and beyond.



We sense an abundance of God's grace and peace in knowing Jesus Christ our Lord. We realize you are a channel of His abundance through your intercession and support. May God's grace and peace be yours, in abundance, this Thanksgiving!

Have a *colossal* THANKSGIVING (Colossians):

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful." 3:15

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." 3:16

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." 3:17



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Cima Cinder Mine Mojave National Preserve, California By Bob Jacobs

This mine was started in 1948 by Emerson and Fay Ray; and, was a successful family-owned operation. It produced millions of tons of cinder; but, it ended on a very sad note. It was still operating in 1994 when this area became the Mojave National Preserve. Soon after, a coalition of environmental groups threatened to file a lawsuit against the National Park Service unless the mine was shut down. A main concern was the endangered desert tortoise, which the coalition claimed was threatened by the mining activities. To forestall the lawsuit, in August 1999 the National Park Service evicted the owners after over 50 years of operation for Trespassing (on their own property).

NOTE: The Aiken Cinder Mine is also in this same general area.

In spite of being contemporary, the Cima and the Aiken Cinder Mines are surprisingly different. They both used much the same equipment, but the Cima Cinder Mine is neater, more compact, and better kept. The centerpiece is the towering crushing and screening plant perched on huge steel legs. This is a mining gem! The impressive open pit above it commands great views of Cima Dome.

NOTE: The Cima Dome is the erosional remnant of a granite mountain that formed deep under the Earth's surface many, many years ago. The near perfect symmetry of the dome rises 1,500 feet and covers 70 square miles and provides ideal habitat for the world's largest concentration of Joshua trees.

The Cima Cinder Mine cliffs of coarsely stratified (to form in layers) deep red cinder stands over 100 feet tall, draped with nearly vertical taluses (loose rocks). The cone's interior structure, exposed by mining operations, reveals large volcanic fragments entombed in the cinder, some of them beautifully honeycombed. This is as close as it gets to standing inside a volcano.

To get to the mine, take the Cima Road exit off of Interstate 15. Go south on Cima Road for .3 mile, turn right onto the dirt road (at this point set your odometer to zero). Continue on this dirt road, and at four miles you will come to an old abandoned ranch house on your right with two windmills. Be aware that near this section of road there are patches of deep sand so make sure you are driving a suitable vehicle; and, also to keep your forward momentum going when driving through the sand. Continue south and at 5.8 miles, at the road fork, you need to bear right at this point. Continue on and at 10.7 miles you will come to an old coral on your right. At 11.7 miles you will come to some old abandoned buildings and automobiles on your right. (I assume that these were the living quarters for the miners). The Cima Cinder Mine is just around the mountain to your left. Have fun exploring this area but be careful.

NOTE: The Mine is on park land and open to visitors, but its equipment and improvements are private property. So please take only pictures and leave only footprints. Also there are places on the dirt roads that have soft sand so you will need a 4-wheel drive vehicle with a little extra ground clearance to make this trip.



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One of the old abandoned buildings at the Cinder Mine



Inside one of the rooms in the building above.



Inside rooms of other abandoned buildings.



EDITORIAL PAGE

THINGS YOU CAN COUNT ON

When I was growing up and before my “teens”, getting up on Christmas morning was exciting and with just a little “Eve Sleep.” Yes, I think that is probably the one thing that hasn’t disappeared over the years for the young ones.

Of course, there were other pre-Christmas things in my youth I could count on – for instance. Going to see the lighting of the Christmas Tree at the White House. Going to see the moving and animated objects in Woodward and Lothrop’s windows. And, getting hit with a wet snowball.

But the best pre-Christmas event was trying to find out where my Mom had hidden our gifts. It wasn’t until later in life did my Mom reveal she never hid them in the house anyway. They were at the neighbors’ houses or in their garages. BUMMER! Mom’s can be so sneaky.


Now you would think that there were MANY surprises under the tree that we were joyous to see! Yes, there were a few. But there were always presents that you could count on. Yes, the woolen pajamas. The “snuggies” – (Let me know if you know what “snuggies” are!) The knee-high woolen socks that made you scratch like you were infected with lice. The new pair of rubber boots to replace the ones you got in September. And, of course, the new comb and brush set to replace the comb with few teeth and the brush that was donated to the dog. However, with certainty, there would be new flannel PAJAMAS without stripes. Oh yes, I forgot, and a pair of woolen gloves to replace the ones that now had NO fingertips. These were the ESSENTIALS- the MUST HAVES – the guaranteed non-surprises.

Now at that time, I am looking each Christmas for a new pair of skates – roller or ice – I don’t care. Or, a new sled because my old one always had the wooden body supports wrapped together with Mom’s old bath towels. NOW THOSE ARE SUPRISES!!!!

My dad always got a bathrobe, pajamas and a necktie and possibly some tobacco for his pipe from us. But he always got MORE presents than any of us. He was a postman and almost everyone on his route gave him presents. And, I always suspected a few gave him money! And, you can bet his dollar(s) that sure wasn’t under there. One year he got a “silk” smoking jacket from someone on his route – but we only saw that ONCE – on Christmas Day. I often wonder what happened to that jacket. I have my suspicions, but I will keep that to myself.

Of course, there was always the “Christmas Dinner.” That too was pretty much a “no brainer.” My grandmother always sent a turkey or ham. My mother always made homemade dinner rolls. And, the remaining fare was pretty much standard – cornbread stuffing – if my grandmother sent turkey; and, baked ham with pineapples on top if she didn’t. I loved HAM! That is until my grandmother sent a ham one year with a note in it that said, “Let Jacquie eat as much

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as she wants to.” And, I did! I ate ham for dinner. I had two ham sandwiches after dinner. And, I had *hors d'oeuvre* on Ritz crackers before bed. But that night I had a bad dream. I dreamed eyes were looking at me in the dark. Even when I woke up, I thought eyes were looking at me in the dark. I was screaming, and my father hit his toe on the telephone table running to see what was wrong. He then carried me back to sleep between him and my mom. But I kept saying the eyes were still looking at me. My dad pulled the blanket over my head, so I couldn't see what was in the room. He was laughing so hard. I could feel his body shaking. He lifted the covers up and said to me, “It's that pig coming back to see who ate all that ham.” I never seemed to have much appetite for ham after that. But what I could really count on was the thrill I would get from all the books for me under the tree. My parents, my grandmother, my aunts and uncles, and my close friends would always give me a book(s) for Christmas. They certainly lasted a lot longer than “ham.” And finally, to all of you and to all your families, I wish a healthy, hardy, happy holiday filled with Christian love and laughter. And, may all you meet and all you greet see that that joy is filled with the “reason for the season.”



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The Pahrump Community Church Christmas Choir will be presenting their 2018 Program at the following places, dates and times:

Friday, December 14 - 6:30pm at Sandy Valley Community Church (720 Jade Avenue, SV, NV 89019)

Sunday, December 16 - 8:00am and 10:45am worship services here at Pahrump Community Church.

Sunday, December 16 - 6:00pm at Amargosa Christian Fellowship (707 E. Farm Road, Amargosa, NV 89010)



The Pahrump Model Railroad Club

“The Pahrump Model Railroad Club” will be at the Pahrump Library this Thursday, Friday and Saturday (December 6, 7 and 8). There will be lots of model trains and setups to admire and watch. There is nothing like a model train display that brings out the little kid in all of us. It has been a perennial favorite underneath the Christmas Tree for more than a century, and it hasn't seemed to have lost its appeal among enthusiasts and collectors and “old” children.

Model trains continue to amuse both the young and old with their authentic sights and sounds. The club members will be there to discuss model trains and answer any questions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *My father broke my brother's train while playing with it after he set it up on early Christmas morning and before my brother even saw it.*