

Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

<u>Psalm 100:4</u> ESV

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Read your Bible

The end is near!

No, I'm not playing the part of a streetside prophet predicting an imminent apocalypse. I'm merely observing that we are in the home stretch of wrapping up 2018.

In my youth I would sometimes listen to those in their upper-years as they would make comments about how quickly time seemed to pass, and I would think they were just being silly. Now I am one of those who make such comments! *How can it be that we are already closing in on the end of 2018?*!

This is the time of year when many of us are running non-stop with the onset of many autumn activities and the planning, preparation and involvement in holiday events for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's celebrations. You may have a full schedule for most of the year even before you come to these holidays—in which case *this* time of year just adds to your phrenetic busy-ness and compounds your stress!

Does that describe your life right now?

A common burden you may share with a large percentage of the population is that of the tyranny of the urgent—your schedule seems dictated by those things that demand your attention now! These conditions often lead to neglect.

Bondage to the tyranny of the urgent will cause you to neglect **important** things in order to address **urgent** (but less-important) things. Families with school-age children are often so overcommitted to extracurricular activities that family mealtimes cease to exist; family worship (both on Sundays and at home) is squeezed out; quality parent/child time is replaced with quantity group activity time....

Bondage to the tyranny of the urgent is also a very real threat to a vital personal relationship with God. How many of us have frequently neglected a quiet time of prayer and Bible reading while using the excuse, *I just don't have time right now but I'll get back to this as soon as...*? And all too frequently we don't get back to it for days/weeks/months....

I am not an advocate of living with guilt. So if the previous paragraphs have induced guilt, I recommend a quick confession to the Lord, a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ and a joyful embracing of forgiveness. Now, get up and *move forward!* (Remember, a prayer of confession that is not accompanied by repentance is hypocrisy.)

Now, how are you doing with your Bible readings?

Each winter we encourage you to make a plan to spend quality time in God's Word for the coming year. We have been blessed to hear from many of you that you have utilized the tools we make available to develop a habit of reading the Bible regularly! Praise the Lord! But some of you may fall into the tyranny of the urgent trap losing your focus, your momentum and losing the practice of such daily devotions.

I strongly support the idea of a daily devotional Bible reading plan, but one of my concerns is that some may develop a legalistic approach to reading. A real danger of a legalistic approach (and I should know) is that when I fail to measure up to the commitment I have made I might be inclined just to give up altogether. When it comes to Bible reading, this is the worst thing you can do!

If you have such a tendency, my advice is to use the tool—but not the "dates." That is, don't feel like you have to complete the Bible reading in 365 days. Just use it as a guide—if you miss a day (or a week...), pick up where you left off! If it takes you a year and a half, or two years, or longer, don't sweat it—just don't give up!

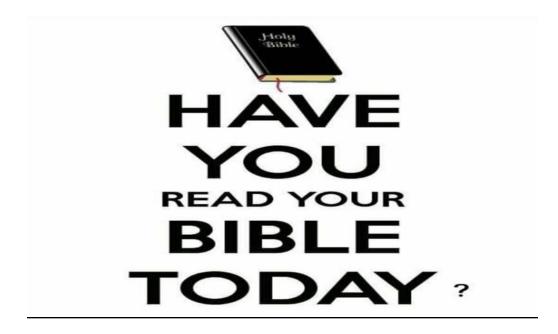


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So, we will again be offering Bible reading plans for your spiritual development for 2019. You can use one of the PCC plans or you can use a plan you find elsewhere, or you can use no "plan" at all—but be sure you *read your Bible!*

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Psalm 19:7–11

Serving the Savior, Pastor Keith





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Recommendations: Context

How many names would you say you know from church history? If you want, you can include New Testament figures (since technically that does constitute church history), but I'd ask you to stretch your mind farther. I'd say chances are pretty good that most of us have at least heard of certain key theologians (Augustine, John Calvin), some denominational founders (Martin Luther, John Wesley), maybe a hymn writer or two (Fanny Crosby, Charles Wesley), and some of the more recent ecclesiastical (i.e. church-y) luminaries (Billy Graham, Dwight L. Moody). Some will know more, some will know less (depending on their church background), but most of us would agree that we could all stand to improve our awareness of church history.

It can be daunting to think about approaching two millennia of God's work in the world. Thankfully, the editors of *Christian History* Magazine have done a great job of putting together a book that does just that. Please allow me to introduce to you this month's Athenaeum Approbation:

131 Christians Everyone Should Know From the Editors of Christian History Magazine

Discovery

According to my files, I didn't take Church History until my last semester at CBU. I found this a little odd since I took History of Baptist Thought my sophomore year, but I guess that B isn't just there for show. I had the same teacher for both of those classes and he had the peculiar distinction of being one of my favorite professors outside of the classroom and the one who most bored me to death when he was teaching. I really liked him as an individual, but goodness was it hard to concentrate as his pupil.

One of our assigned textbooks was a nearly nine hundred page rundown of the centuries (I don't think we had to read all of it), another was a book called *What Has Christianity Ever Done for Us?* (which would also be worth your time), and the third was the approbation we're considering this month. The format of 131 Christians lent itself to straightforward testing and quizzing (something at which my Church History professor nobly excelled) and just made for a fun read.

Summary

There would certainly be benefits to organizing a book like *131 Christians* by era, but I prefer how the authors broke it down. Each "unit" spans nearly the entirety of church history and covers a different type of Christian everyone should know: theologians, evangelists/apologists, pastors/preachers, musicians/artists/ writers, poets, denominational founders, movers/shakers, missionaries, inner travelers, activists, rulers, scholars/scientists, and martyrs.

I'm pretty sure that none of the 131 "chapters" is more than four pages long. Many are only two pages of key facts. The historical figure is established in his or her era by way of a brief timeline and is given a catchy moniker to help us better remember his or her key accomplishment ("Presbyterian With a Sword," "Evangelical Mentor and Model," "Prison Reformer," "Misjudged Astronomer"). Some of the biographical snippets include pictures or sketches of their subject matter.

Boon

This is a different sort of book than any of the others that I've recommended to you. Consequently, its boon is a little different. I learned much from it and was acquainted with many people across whom I otherwise may not have come. I gained context for my faith and context for the faith of others who may not share my denominational/theological background. I'm not sure what this says about my learning style/attention span, but I

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also enjoyed gleaning unique (irrelevant?) tidbits about different individuals (one was nearly too attractive to minister and another chopped down a sacred oak tree).

The book also acted as a bit of a teaser for further study. Since reading 131 Christians, I have read longer biographies on Kepler, Huss, Charles Wesley, Chesterton, Galileo, Bach, and Saint Patrick (all of whom 131 Christians introduces). Flipping back through these multiple mini-bios, my interest has been again piqued to learn more.

Approbation

As I visit with different folks, it often seems like knowledge of history is treated as more of a hobby than a responsibility. What's more, I come across far more people in the church who consider historical knowledge a patriotic duty than I do those who consider it a Christian duty. You can rest assured that I'm in no way trying to downplay my American heritage, but would you not agree that according to Ephesians 2.19 (and other Scriptures) that our citizenship in heaven is more a part of our identity as Christians than our citizenship in the good ol' U.S. of A.?

Last year on Reformation Sunday, I joked that sometimes it seems like many American Christians conceive of church history as jumping from Jesus to Paul to George Washington to Billy Graham. Reading through 131 Christians Everyone Should Know would dissuade you of that misconception. It will teach you more about your history and will also teach you about some things you would do well to avoid.

I tend to be... passionate about biblical precision. As Amy intermittently endures my bouts of extreme frustration with a certain author or preacher, she reminds me that many of the objects of my rants are still my brothers and sisters in Christ and that we will worship our King together forever. I mention that by way of reminder that I am not recommending this book to you as 131 Christians With Whom Every Christian Should 131% Agree. I know you thought you were nearly done with this article so that you could shoot over to Amazon or ChristianBook to order a copy of this book (see what I did there?), but I have a few more comments that I feel need to be made.

Up to the Protestant Reformation, there weren't really denominations. For much of the A.D. side of history, there was only the Catholic Church. Just like today, the test of one's salvation isn't rooted in his or her ecclesiastical affiliation but rather in God's regenerative work in his or her life. The Catholic Church was not always as corrupt as it was in the days leading up to the Reformation, but the way that the church worked throughout history is very different from our 21st century American conception. Through the years, church and state have been snarled together more than they've been separate. Because of this, there are some "Christians" of whom you read in *131 Christians* that may not actually even be our brothers and sisters (Henry VIII? really?).

Others were very passionate about serving the Lord but did so with questionable emphases. I'll admit that I wonder about the sanity of Joan of Arc or the biblical orthodoxy of many of the mystics (herein called the "inner travelers"). Further, I would actively advise you to steer clear of some of the theologies of those in the book (I'm looking at you Fosdick and Barth).

I know that sounds like I'm giving the book a bad review, but I do think it would be helpful for you to work through *131 Christians Everyone Should Know*. It's an easy read and arranged so that you don't feel like you have to read it from cover to cover right away (though I think you may want to). I believe your walk with the Lord can be strengthened through considering some of these notable church figures. Historical knowledge is often worthwhile in and of itself, but church history can guide us, warn us, and edify us as we consider what it means to live and give our lives for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

By God's grace, Pastor Caleb



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REPORT ON GLOBAL HOPE NETWORK INTERNATIONAL (GHNI) ACTIVITIES By Guy and Jan Piersall

MAY

Phoenix-We met with Chuck Monroe, Missions Chairman at Praise & Worship Church in Phoenix. Gave him update on GHNI work overseas with an emphasis on India & Nepal. Invited him to go with me to India & Nepal this fall. He agreed. He will consider a trip next year. We visited Praise & Worship Church. Father Dale acknowledged us at end of service and encouraged people to visit our display table. 20-30 people come over to visit and talk with us after the service. Please pray for an ongoing good relationship and the church continuing on with a new project.



We attended the International Wholistic Mission Conference at Grand Canyon Univ. GHNI was a sponsor and Jan and I manned an exhibit. More than 400 people in attendance. Good attendance at exhibit. Made a few good contacts. Two especially good ones were Missions Pastor Mike Nutter at Central Christian and the Scott Anderson, Executive Pastor over programs at Scottsdale Bible Church. Please pray that we might be able to build a good relationship with both churches and also build GHNI awareness in the Phoenix area. Please pray for the finding of new donors.

Flagstaff-We stayed with Cynthia & John Lovely. Updated them on GHNI including India & Nepal stories & pictures. Attended church at Church of the Resurrection. I had talked with Pastor Bob Thornton two weeks before we came to see if he might want us to say anything or have a display. He said no, it was Compassion Ministries Sunday. Pastor Bob Thornton did recognize us during the meeting. We visited with people after service at their downstairs after service meet & greet. Pastor Bob agreed to our coming back to do a presentation in church in the next few months. Please pray that we can continue to grow that relationship.

Los Angeles area- We travelled to LA area for meetings with existing and prospective donors. Had a few great donor meetings and two prospective donors. Again, please pray that we can continue to develop and build relations with existing donors and find new donors. Please pray that Mike Constanze, an associate pastor at Saddleback Church and I can get a meeting arranged before the end of the year. We planned a get together for some joint work, but have not been able to coordinate our schedules.

JUNE

Met with two prospective donors in Pahrump. Both agreed to start supporting GHNI projects in Asia. Also had lunch with an existing donor in Pahrump. Spent time meeting with some churches in Las Vegas and telling about GHNI. Pray for our success in building relationships with Las Vegas and Pahrump churches.

JULY & AUGUST

Home for a rest. GHNI activities focused mostly on planning with GHNI President on coming activities and trips. Also spent time talking with existing donors and a few prospective donors. Please pray for continued building of relations with existing and prospective donors.



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SEPTEMBER Jan and I traveled to Armenia for a Million Village Challenge conference, visit and evaluate the House of Esther (refugee staff picture on left) with GHNI President, Hal Jones. The conference included GHNI staff, some local officials, and a UN Official. (Conference picture on right). We decided the House of Esther might be a good location for a TCD training meeting for helping rural villages in Armenia (which is one of the poorest countries in the world) and the



neighboring "Stans" countries.

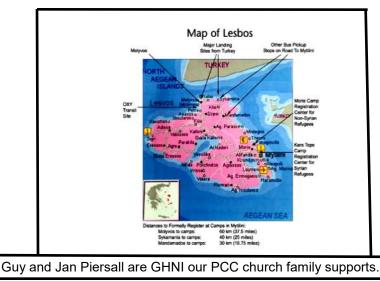
Jan and I then traveled with Hal Jones to Greece to visit the refugee camps and make a determination if GHNI should be involved with the refugee work there. We determined there are some things GHNI can do to help local agencies already there working with the refugees. Three organizations have asked for our help. The refugee situation in Greece is grim. There are some 16000 refugees being held on the Greek island of Lesbos hoping to move on to Europe or elsewhere. But the European Union has closed all immigration. The migrants live in three very



crowded refugee camps. We were not able to go into any of the camps due to security issues, but were able to visit with refugees in day centers such as the one in picture.

Hal and I are working on a plan on what we can do that would be meaningful and effective. Hal and I are continuing discussions since we all returned home. Please pray for a solution for refugee influx from North Africa, Syria and surrounding countries. Please pray for the refugees currently being held on the Greek island of Lesbos that God will provide a solution to the ongoing arrival of refugees and the European Union who currently are not allowing anymore refugees to continue on to Europe.

We left in late September for Oregon and Washington for some family visits and also to make a few church and donor calls while we are in the Northwest. More details in our 4th quarter report.--- Pray for good contact with existing and new donors and our continued return home safely.





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Sojourners-of-Montana

So, I am finished with the first month of S.B.S.; and, I have learned so much from God and the teachings here. This school has really highlighted the importance of the Bible; and, I have had the privilege of meeting people that are also passionate about the Bible and seeing it get into the hands of nations around the world.

Earlier this week I met with one of my staff **Stephen Scarbrough.** He is originally from Tennessee and joined up with YWAM in Orlando back in 2010. Immediately after his DTS he went on staff in Bangkok Thailand. He moved back to Tennessee to finish his degree in International Studies; and, then got married in 2013.

Seven months after getting married, he and his wife Angel moved to the north of Thailand to a town called Mae Sai. There they helped pioneer a ministry with YWAM which worked with a **never before reached people group**. This is the part of his story that I want to highlight.

Like many other YWAMers and missionaries in general, Stephen was simply responding to God's call to go. "Missions go hand in hand with being a Christian."

So, he went and God used his obedience to start a work in the Kom people. For a while they only knew this group as Loi which means mountain people. But, after spending more time with them and locals, they found they were a people with a language distinct from any other. So they were presented with a nation completely unreached; and, they knew that whatever work they were going to do with the Kom people they needed to get the Bible into their hands. "The Bible is a necessity for longevity of a community of believers."

They soon partnered with a group called SIL, <u>https://www.sil.org</u>, which work in Bible translation. In the picture, (see page 9), you can see these two women from the village repeating words spoken in Thai to a camera so SIL can Index the language.

So why is this all important? There are roughly 7,000 Languages used today. 650+ languages have the Complete Bible. 1,500+ more have the New Testament and some scripture. There are 2,500+ languages in 170 countries that have active **"Translation Projects."** About 1,600 languages still need a Bible translation project to begin; and, more than 110 Million people do not have a single verse in their language. (**zero scripture**).

This discovery of a seemingly insignificant people group led to a connection that will hopefully lead to a Bible translation project where the Kom people will be able to read or hear scripture in their native tongue.

As I have been reading the gospel according to Mark, I have seen how despite walking through suffering, Jesus was obedient to God; and, because of that we can have a relationship and communion with God. So, also, Stephen's obedience led to people who gave their lives to the Lord; and, put the first drop in a bucket to get the Bible in their hands.

What is God calling you to do? That small insignificant act of obedience may lead someone to Christ; or, have a snowball effect beyond what you can see.

If you can't think of something, I would like to invite you to pray with me and the church around the world to end Bible poverty. This global initiative has the goal of starting a Bible translation project for every language by 2020; and, that initiative will see a portion of Scripture translated into every language by 2033.

Your prayers are super important; and, it is a very achievable thing that will have a lasting impact on the kingdom of God.

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THE AGRE FAMILY NEWS

"Serving with the Navigators"

<u>The Navigators' calling</u>: To advance the Gospel of Jesus and his kingdom into the Nations through spiritual Generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost

...WHEN BARNABBAS ARRIVED AND SAW THE EVIDENCE OF THE GRACE OF GOD, HE WAS GLAD AND ENCOURAGED THEM ALL TO REMAIN TRUE TO THE Lord WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS...**ACTS.11. 23-24**

May the Grace and Peace of Our Lord and Savior be with you. Barnabas was described as a good man full of the Holy Spirit. He was also able to recognize the hand of the LORD in the lives of the gentle. May God gives us heart like Barnabas ...After many months of preparation and exercising our faith, the West Africa women's training forum was held (August 1-7) in Bonoua a suburb of Abidjan (Ivory Coast). The theme was "What does a Disciple look Like ?" Musa and Regina Yashim were the main speakers. They spoke on what and how to establish



West Africa Women training forum

Phoebe, Zena, Sarah, Regina and Musa

a new disciple, using Jésus Christ and His Ministry with the twelve as an example. Participants came from Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Togo and Cote D'Ivoire. There were also morning devotions on making one's life count as a result of one's walk with Jesus, in one's knowledge of God's word and in the pressure of life and your relationships.

We thank God for his faithfulness and your partnership over the years. Thanks so much for your involvement with us in this work. We greatly appreciate your friendship and support.

Please pray for the women's ministry in French speaking Africa.

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On the family front a lot has happened the last few months. Grace Emma is adjusting to her new life at the University of Ottawa (Canada). In answer to our prayer she received a scholar-ship.

Marie Claire spent a month with her, while there she fell in the shower and was taken care of at the hospital. She came back a week ago and is doing fine. Our last Ruth Karen Loba is diagnosed with scoliosis 3 months ago. She is wearing a corset and going for physiotherapy twice a week. Danielle and Sarah are doing well and just started high school.

We thank God for his faithfulness and your partnership over the years. Thanks so much for your involvement with us in this work. We greatly appreciate your friendship and support. Please pray for the women's ministry in French speaking Africa.

Please pray for Jeremie's next trip to Chad to visit the Navigators ministry early November 2018.

Please pray for our family as we journey with Ruth for the treatment of scoliosis.

With deep appreciation for your partnership in the ministry of advancing the Gospel.

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Returning to Germany, we celebrated 70 years... the kids all guessed 20 years lower, as you can see in their faces!

Psalm 71 for the next ten years; "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come."

Please read it all, claiming it prayerfully for yourself, and for us. Danke!

Your partnership enables us to proclaim Christ, helping others grow in knowing Him and in making Him known.. and helping them do the same!

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ROAD TRIPS By Sharon Ankrum

I love to travel!! It so exciting to go somewhere new and see new things and places. Flying is becom-

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though it's way faster. Luggage, sefined seats, (sometimes REALLY seems to take the excitement out of

Now I love road trips! Driving across new territory, seeing beautiful scenery, meeting the most interesting people, AND eating in new and different places, (some really good and some really bad.) Besides, all this you can leave suitcases in the car and use them as a dresser drawer, and not drag them everywhere. Another thing ,driving allows more shopping space.

I love hitting backroads and exploring small out of the way communities where the pace of life doesn't seem so rushed, and of course I love to explore the history of cemeteries and headstones, I realize most people find that weird, but what interesting things you learn!

Now our Christian walk is just like going on a road trip. If we are in a hurry to get somewhere, we miss opportunities to meet and enjoy those folks along the way. To stay on freeways and flow with the traffic, stopping for gas, fast food and other necessities, gets you there quickly, but you miss out on the good stuff. You might see some pretty scenery, but not stopping to smell the roses, you miss the real beauty of the trip. This is like reading your Bible every day but not having a relationship with the one who wrote it. Hurrying through to say we read a verse or chapter but missing the message, is like hitting the freeway and missing the real beauty and character of the country. Sometimes traveling in the southeast or the northwest, the trees obscure the countryside, all you see is foliage. When we see the real country it's like being enlightened in God's word, His character shines forth.

I love how the Old Testament and the New Testament mesh like putting your hand in a velvet glove, the one pointing to the Savior, the other fulfilling the promises and directing our path. Just like reaching our destination and enjoying the trip.

God gave us wonderful senses to see, hear, smell and taste. On back dusty roads, you must slow down, but oh, the wonderful opportunities to witness, see absolutely beautiful country and eat lots of homey meals. Sometimes the décor is delightful and a little funny, most times a mishmash of collections and so MUCH that you miss.



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When we take our eyes off the route, it doesn't mean we're lost forever, just taking a little longer to get to the destination. It can be a little spooky and the road gets narrower and narrower, so we just turn around and find our way back. That is repentance!

Hebrews 12:2-4 says: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Keeping our eyes on Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, to finish the race set before us. We may stray from the paved roads, but keeping our eyes on the One who is always faithful, the destination is an anticipation of hope.

Once my friend, Gail, and I were in California and we went looking for a baby whale that had gotten stranded in a river. We took a really back road, and meandered through some really scary areas, hippies in makeshift tents, broken down vehicles, and junk everywhere. It kept getting narrower and narrower and the feeling that eyes were watching us from every hilltop was really creeping me out. Gail was driving and soon she said this looks like Deliverance, and I said "okay, that's it, let's get out of here" and thank goodness we didn't have fifteen side roads to decide which way to go, but we had to go back the same spooky way. I was really relieved to see civilization again, my sense of exploration was satisfied.

When we get off the straight path, and take our eyes off the road, that feeling of anxiety fills us with fear. Keeping our eyes focused on what is to come brings peace and expectations. As Christians, traveling the road here gets a bit rough and bumpy, but we always know Who is making straight our path.

Psalm 107:7 "He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in." We are only passing through, but traveling toward that place call HOME!

So, next time you take a trip try the backroads and see the beauty, taste the Lord for He is good.

PAGE 16 VOLUME LXXXIX THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF November 2018 EDITORIAL PAGE IN SPIRIT, WE ARE ALL ONE AND **IN HARMONY** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 ESV There is a saying that "Harmony cannot be achieved if we are all singing the same note." I dedicate this article to that theme. When I think about my brother and the so MAJOR differences we have, I sometime wonder if we have any of the same "genes." My brother is very serious - most of the time. Even when he attempts to be amusing – there is an element of dignity which totally makes what he is trying to say – as one of my friends described - "as being unfunny." I really don't think he means to be so "sophisticated," or maybe "academic" that even his humor lacks well - humor. My brother is a retired USAF Major and, also a retired College Professor. I wonder if he EVER joked with his underlings or students !?! And, if he did - did they get he was trying to be "funny." I don't mean to say he deliberately sets out to be "unfunny" - I mean just that he doesn't do "funny." My father was a GREAT humorist. His humor could be "dry" or "witty." But, my brother did not inherit that "gene." And, even my mom had a sense of humor – however, I shy away from saying it was a "witty" sort of humor. It was more a – I am searching for a word – a "catty" sense of humor. OOPS! So, when I was reading that verse in Galatians, I realized that I had never really understood the depth of the scripture. The scripture is referring to the psychological aspect of the body not the physical makeup. So, I guess, in a sense it is stressing the "psychological" sense not the "biological." So, based on that interpretation we are very different! I mean we are innately/hereditarily united but emotionally we are not physiologically the same. Yet, we get along so well. A lot of my friends and relatives find it hard to believe my brother and I never had "cross" words between us until I was around 16 years old and he was 10. And, it was over changing the radio station I was listening to. (Childishness!) Even my father couldn't believe it and came into the room and just looked at both of us with an expression I cannot – even until this day – describe. There is a love and bond between us that is evident. But, after that there seems to be NO sameness. But, this IS what I do know - we are one with each other. And, when we are together that differences become "harmonious." We just "blend" in together and make wonderful, harmonious music. And, that simply couldn't happen without our "blended" personalities which makes a "joyful noise to the Lord." So, I thank the Lord for our PCC church family that blends in so well through the harmony that unites us into one great choir. There are NO "Johnny One Notes" among our Christian family – we each sing our blended notes and the resulting harmony makes for great choir. CONTINUED ON PAGE 17



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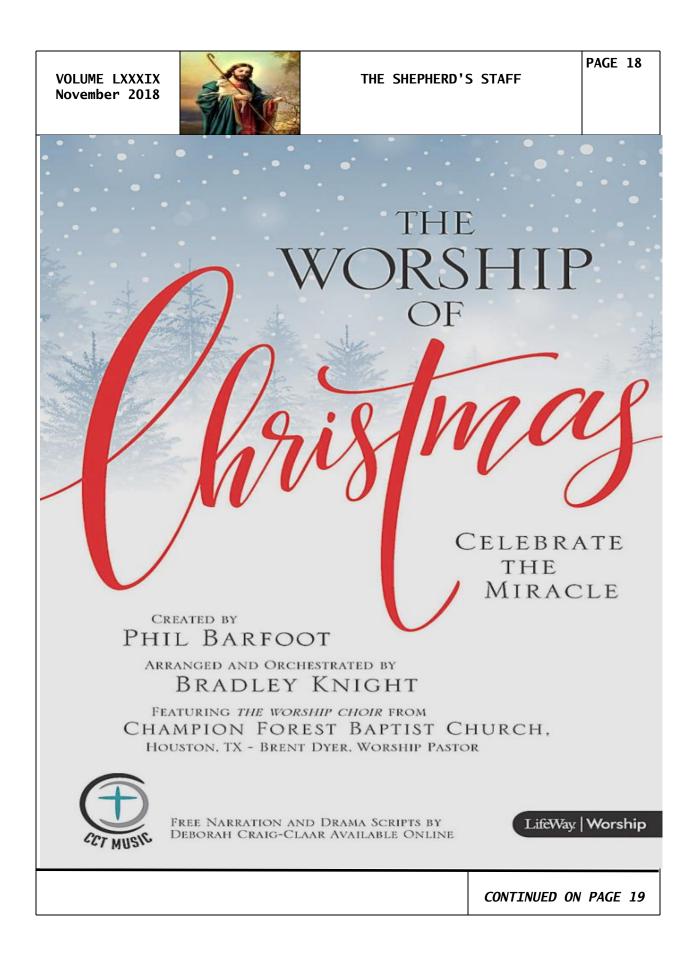
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Johnny One Note

Johnny could only sing one note And the note he sings was this Ah! Poor Johnny one-note sang out with "gusto" And just overloaded the place Poor Johnny one-note yelled willy nilly Until he was blue in the face For holding one note was his ace Couldn't hear the brass Couldn't hear the drum He was in a class By himself, by gum! Poor Johnny one-note Got in Aida Indeed a great chance to be brave He took his one note Howled like the North Wind Brought forth wind that made critics rave, While Verdi turned round in his grave! Couldn't hear the flute Or the big trombone Ev'ry one was mute Johnny stood alone. Cats and dogs stopped yapping Lions in the zoo All were jealous of Johnny's big trill Thunder claps stopped clapping, Traffic ceased its roar, And they tell us Niag'ra stood still.

He stopped the train whistles, Boat whistles, steam whistles, Cop whistles, all whistles bowed to his skill Sing Johnny One-Note, Sing out with "gusto" and Just overwhelm all the crowd Ah! So sing Johnny One-Note, out loud!! Sing Johnny One-Note Sing Johnny One-Note out loud!

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

Fríday, December 14 - 6:30pm at Sandy Valley Communíty 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 Chrístían Fellowshíp (707 E. Farm Road, Amargosa, NV 89010)