#### In God We Trust - It's Right On The Money!

by Russell G. Briley Kenedy Church of Christ Kenedy, Texas

In the days of the New Testament, "In God We Trust" was not printed on their currency. If anything it might have said, "In Caesar We Trust." Ultimately it doesn't matter what our money says. It matters where our heart is. In Acts 4 Peter and John find themselves standing before the Jewish Supreme Court. The apostles must have remembered that his was the same court which had condemned Jesus. The court had a problem because everyone in town knew of this certain man who had been crippled for all of his forty years. Now the apostles had healed him in the name of Jesus.

The authorities asked, "By what power do you do this?"(v.7). At the end of the scene the place where they were meeting was shaken. Now there is power! In the midst of the heathen high court Peter and John rather God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ passed the test. True power is in the Lord. It is not ourselves we preach, but Jesus Christ and HIM crucified!

Reading this scripture, I am reminded of Jesus' words from Matthew 10:17-19.

"Be on guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

Peter and John entrusted not just the afterlife, but because of that their very day to day existence they entrusted to Jesus the Christ...

In God We Trust – It's Right On The Money... Are we counting on Wall Street to get us down the road to eternity? How about Easy Street? Peter and John had helped a crippled man in the name of Jesus. And no matter what anyone said, they were going to keep traveling down heaven's road... God's highway! If it is truly in God that we trust, we must live it.

#### The Ox Was In The Ditch

by Jason E. Stringer Park Heights Church of Christ Hamilton, Texas

My friend Oscar Saffle died a few years back. Oscar was a good friend and a faithful Christian at the time of his death. Often times for a little perspective on things I could talk to Oscar and with his simple logic the whole mess would just become as clear as day. I always appreciated that about him.

For many years I made my living working in retail business as a manager for various stores such as Toys "R" Us, Duckwall/ALCO and Books A Million. The nature of retail is that one generally has to work a few Sundays every now and then. Oscar had spent his younger years running a service station on Highway 77 in Waco during the day when that highway was the main route from Austin up to Dallas. One of Oscar's biggest regrets, it always seemed in talking to him, was that he spent a lot of years working and not being faithful in his attendance at the services of the church, but when he would talk about it, he would always say, "But the ox was in the ditch," referring to the exception to God's Sabbath Law for Israel.

One day when he said this he added something on the end, though, that I will never forget. We had just had a sermon about why we ought to attend the services of the Lord's Church, and Oscar and I were talking about his life as a business owner and how he missed a lot of services during that time, when he said, "The ox was in the ditch **but I wonder if I didn't push him in.**"

Oscar had paid a heavy price for pushing that old ox into the ditch. For many years he had been weak in his faith, he had not been aware of how digressive the congregation he previously belonged to had become and neither of his children were faithful to the Lord's church after they left home. It was often when he thought about his girls that he would mention about that old ox.

Brethren, God has given us a reason to assemble (Heb. 10:24) and a command to do so (Heb. 10:25), and there are certainly times that the ox falls in the ditch, but like Oscar, we must ask ourselves if we pushed him in.

## NEWSLETTER

Aug. 20, 2017

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

## Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

We offer a free Bible Correspondence

Course

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Speaker Phil Sanders www.searchtv.org Time Warner Cable Channel 20 Tuesday 5:30 AM Friday 4:30 PM

## Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the "blue light" is lit at the front of the auditorium it means "Quiet Please"

**Prayer List** In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

<u>Those that attend</u>: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Diane Mellott, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Joan Campbell-Cook, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, and Jean Cameron.

<u>People in other places:</u> Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz' grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Egla Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, George Beckwith, Michelle Phillips, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, and Emily Sestack, Levi, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Sean Pratt, Lionel Weir, Glen Mueller, Mary Lou, Gloria, Gail Bodie, and Linda Mudd.

#### **Updates:**

Anna Brink had eye surgery Aug. 15.

Mary Lou, Anna Brink's sister in PA was in the hospital with clots in her lungs. The doctor believes they may be from chemo treatments. She had an appointment to see the doctor Aug. 10.

**Dorothea Johnson**, Bruce Brink's aunt Betty's room mate's mom, has bone cancer and is in lots of pain. They are afraid she may commit suicide because of the pain.

Crystal Newhart, Denise Garlit'z niece, has ovarian cancer.

Crystal is Denise's younger sister Deanna's daughter.

**Jack Kernew** had eye surgery Thurs. Aug. 17.

#### <u>Also</u>

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

## **Upcoming Events** (Lord willing)

- Aug. 20 Today. Men's Business Meeting after the morning worship.
- Aug. 25 Ladies. Evening of fellowship. 6:30 PM at the building. Candy Butcher facilitating.
- Sept. 04 Labor Day
- Sept. 05 Ladies Day Classes resume, 10AM at the building.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 1 Corinthians

**Sermon Topic Today:** Dorcas - A Woman Who Gave

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

No Sunday PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study Will resume Sept. 5 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1 & 2 Samuel

#### FYI....

We recently received a sympathy card for the family of Joe Pitts from the Sowers Class at the Edmond church of Christ in Edmond, OK.

Please check the "Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers"

boards in the back of the auditorium.

**Travs Today** 

Cora Parson

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS AND "SSS" LUNCHEON

Summer is ending and it's time to start our ladies bible class again. Ladies, please join us for our first Bible Class of the Fall on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 5th at 10AM sharp</u>. We will be opening the Word of God and studying **God's promise of peace** for our lives. All ladies are encouraged to join in the study as we deepen and grow in love for our Father, each other and His Word.

See Sharron Ganntt if you'd like a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion. Lessons are \$3.

*Also*, there will be a "SSS" (Soup, Salad and Sweets) luncheon following the study. See Audrey as to what you can bring to help with the luncheon.

#### God Carries You

by David Maxson Northwood church of Christ Northport, AL

#### Deuteronomy 1:31

...you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.

I've shared how my parents used to take me and my brother and sister on long vacations in the summer. Dad would save up vacation days and take off a month sometimes to drive us out west as far as California or up north as far as Canada and many other places in between.

Now that I'm a parent I appreciate the sacrifice this was for my parents, and not just financial, but the emotional stress and physical exertion that was involved. We didn't have DVDs to watch or video games to play in the car. Whenever we got tired or bored my parents had to deal with the wrath of three tired, hungry, and testy children.

Let's face it, when you've got 3.5 weeks, 10+ states and 1000+ miles on your body and mind, you will have some major melt downs. Everyone is drained. I can still see my father carrying my younger brother on his shoulder in the late afternoon of a long day because he just couldn't stay awake.

Of course, you can't compare forty years of wandering in the wilderness with a four week road trip, but it gives us a sense of what God had to put up with when he guided the children of Israel through a barren wilderness where he had to put up with a tired, hungry, and grumbly people.

And God's patience with the children of Israel should give us hope.

Thank you, Father, for picking us up when we fall and carrying us when we are too weary to go anymore.