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Avoiding a Cold Heart

From the Pastor's Desk

Spurgeon's Gems

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

Gem #1 – Communion with God

"All my fountains are in you," said David. If you have all your fountains in God, your heart will be completely full. If you went to the foot of Calvary, there will your heart be bathed in love and gratitude. If you often go to your place of seclusion, and there talk with your God, it is there that your heart will be full of calm determination. If you go out with the Master to Mount Olivet, and looked down with Him on a wicked Jerusalem, and weep over it with Him, then will your heart be full of love for eternal souls.

If you continually draw your stimulus, your life, the whole of your being from the Holy Spirit, without whom you can do nothing, and if you live in close communion with Christ, there will be no fear of you having a cold heart.

He who lives without prayer, he who lives with little prayer, he who seldom reads the Word, he who seldom looks up to heaven for a fresh influence from on high, he will be the man whose heart will become cold and barren.

But he who calls in secret to his God, who spends much time in holy seclusion, who delights to meditate on the words of the Most High, whose soul is given up to Christ, who delights in his fullness, rejoices in his all-sufficiency, prays for his second coming, and delights in the thought of his glorious return, such a man, I say, must have an overflowing heart; and as his heart is, so will be his life. It will be a full life; it will be a life that will speak from the grave, and reverberate into the future.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life," and plead with the Holy Spirit to keep it full; otherwise, the outcome of your life will be feeble, shallow, and superficial; and you might as well not have lived at all.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Apr. 6, 7:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men share a meal, then discuss the book of Judges.

Apr. 6, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m. – Christian Chicks

Apr. 18-19 – Women's Weekend Retreat

Cambridge, Mass. Sponsored by BCNE.

Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m. – Church Council

Planning church activities and events for the next several months.

Alan Frink & Friends Concert

Gospel Concert

Alan Frink

Gary Brunt

September Rain

Alan Frink & Friends

Coming up on **May 3rd** is the **Alan Frink and Friends Concert**. This will be our first time hosting multiple performers so spread the word and make sure you attend this unique event!

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Concert (from p. 1)

Alan Frink will offer his unique blend of southern gospel, light contemporary gospel, and inspirational music. Gary Brunt will perform the southern gospel music for which The Brunt Family Singers are well known and appreciated. Alan and Gary will also team up for some memorable duets. September Rain, a six-member band whose roots stem from gospel, country, and contemporary upbringings, will present original and contemporary Christian music.

✠ Michael Frascinella

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

On Sunday April 6, join the guys at 7:30 a.m. for a fine breakfast, plenty of hot coffee, and a lively discussion centered on the Word of God.

Don’t snooze, instead choose to get up and join us.

Christian Chicks

On Sunday April 6 at 6:30 p.m. come for the Christian Chicks get together for devotions, prayer, and fellowship.

✠ Barbara Yeaton

Bud Vase Project

**On Behalf of the Christian Chicks,
Thanks for Your Contributions**

Thanks to all of you who donated bud vases and silk flowers to the Christian Chicks group. A total of thirty flower arrangements were assembled and delivered to the residents of the Summercrest Assisted Living and Woodlawn Nursing Homes in Newport.

Scripture verses were attached to each vase along with the church name and address. Through our ministry, God blessed many lives. The smiles on their faces said it all. Glory to God!

✠ Laurie Carpenter

Thank you to Hillside

March 30, 2008

When Hillside Baptist Church member Laurie Carpenter hauled in a box of handmade flower arrangements for the ladies at Woodlawn and Summercrest nursing homes, the faces of the ladies lit up and smiles were everywhere.

Laurie brought arrangements for all the ladies on Palm Sunday and sang special music during both Sunday morning services. The arrangements had been prepared by the Christian Chicks of Hillside.

Everyone wanted to express their deep appreciation and say a big “Thanks” to Laurie and the Christian Chicks for providing sunlight into their lives with the flowers.

I would like to also express my thanks to Laurie for singing for us and to Al and Rachel Page for filling in for me when I have to be away. The people here really appreciate them for coming to share with them.

Hillside Baptist is living out its missionary heart through meeting the spiritual needs of these wonderful senior adults. Thank you, Hillside.

✠ Hershel Strickland

Blessings for the Labontes

We were all happily surprised to see Jeff, Cathy, and Eric Labonte at Hillside on Easter Sunday. They announced that they had finally sold their home on Buck St. Halleluiah! They had traveled from Pennsylvania for a closing on the Tuesday after Easter.

When the latest buyer made an offer, they again started looking for a home down there. They found one that had enough rooms so that they could turn some of them into an apartment for Eric. Now they will be able to go forward with a closing on that house in April. With housing prices down and interest rates at an all-time low, this indeed is a blessing for them to move into another home.

Jeff said that his job was going well and that the economy in Lancaster County, PA was doing very well. He said they plan to come up again in the summer (if it stops snowing) to gather the last of their belongings.

It was good to see them all again.

✠ Michael Frascinella

Disaster in Farmington, Maine



Before

After



Disaster hit the Farmington Baptist Conference Center this winter as the heavy snow brought down the center's dining hall with attached kitchen and nurse's station. The center has

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Disaster (from p. 2)

been home for the Baptist Convention of New England children's summer camps for about 15 years. The center is managed jointly by the Maine and New Hampshire Baptist Associations. The property is insured but it is doubtful that construction of a replacement facility can be completed in time for July camps. At this time, the snow is too deep for work crews to get on site to clean up the destruction.

Children's camps will be held as scheduled. Plans are being made to use a portable kitchen and tents.

The Farmington Conference Center's Board is making plans for a new structure and will be calling for work crews to clean up the site when the snow is gone.

✠ Pastor Al Page

Mexican/Western Dinner Wrapup

The Mexican/Western Dinner on Mar. 29 was a big success. Everyone had a great time, the food was delicious, and we raised over \$200 for the Annie Armstrong Mission Outreach to support North American missionaries. This helped us exceed our goal of \$750.00. The kids had lots of fun swinging at the piñata until it shattered and they gleefully scooped up the candy inside it.

✠ Michael Frascinella

In the Beginning..."from the Beginning"

I Hope and pray that this latest edition of the *Hillside Monthly Dispatch* finds you all well and good! I am combining a little bit of news from around the church – newest church happenings if you will.

Projection System

If anyone hasn't noticed by now, our projector is mounted to the ceiling and controlled from the back of the sanctuary, finally! It is running superbly! With it being permanently controlled by a computer and separate DVD/CD player, we have the ability to display mission moments, schedules of upcoming events, and even play music in between services. That's all in addition to displaying the song lyrics during the service. God is advancing our church into the 21st century!

Recording Sunday Services

Also, I have been fiddling around with the computer and sound system and we now have the capability to record all of our services, as well as song specials, and even the Singspiration (which was on March 29th of this month).

I will be purchasing a stack of blank CDs and labels in the near future to copy the individual services onto. It will be inspirational to be able to hear our pastor's recorded God's message on a daily basis if we want or need to.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class has transitioned over to the Explore the Bible series. We have started with the Book of Genesis, as one should, and will continue through to the end. This is an eight-year study. We will occasionally veer from the weekly study for seasonal holiday studies, if they are not included in the series. We had to backup to the month of

December to start at the beginning of Genesis, but to get a better understanding of God's Word, we should always start at the beginning. There's no hurry to catch up. The dates may not coincide with the current day of the lesson, but that's OK. It's the material contained within the lesson that counts.

Well, that's all I have for now. Cya Sunday!

Remember: "Live with Urgency! Seize your divine moment." John 4:5-9.

That to me is such a powerful statement.

God Bless.

✠ Dale Greenly

Remain Strong In The Lord, the Blessing Is Coming!

There have been many times in my life when I have asked the Lord, "why?" Like when He took Mike home to be with Him forever. As many of you may know, not only was Mike my husband of 22 years, but he was my best friend in the whole world. But even through my sadness, I remain strong in the Lord. I've never lost that joy that Christ gave me when I first invited Him to live in my heart 35 years ago.

Now comes the blessing! Someone very dear to me approached me this past Easter expressing that she wants that same joy I have. She asked me for a Bible and how to navigate through it. Then she asked if I would be available to help her understand when questions arise. Praise the Lord! My "why" has been answered.

Psalm 30:11-12 KJV "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness. To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. Oh Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever."

✠ Laurie Carpenter

TeamKids: Learn from Their Example

Through leading the TeamKids I have grown to appreciate why Jesus made the statement in Mark 10:14 about letting the children come unto Him. Children can be quite the prayer warriors. Everyone in our TeamKids group is eager to share praises and prayer request each week.

Often with great excitement, I hear questions like "Ms. Laurie, do you want to hear my praise first?" Or, "Ms. Laurie, do you want to hear how God answered one of the prayers on our list?" Children make a huge difference. Let us learn from their example and get excited about what God is doing in our lives! Let's be prayer warriors too.

Mark 10:14 KJV: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

✠ Laurie Carpenter

Birthdays and Anniversaries

This month, Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people for orbiting the sun one more time:

- 4/6 Ruth Bubacz (on Sunday)
- 4/20 Jennifer Morgan
- 4/21 Laurie Carpenter
- 4/26 Fran Severance

Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following couples who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this month:

- 4/25 Jeff & Cathy Labonte
- 4/28 Al & Rachel Page

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for you—whether it be for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need – contact Natalie Carleton, Hillside's Prayer Coordinator, and she will get the word out to the membership via e-mail or by phone.

It will be our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus our Lord. Contact Natalie at grammiec10 at junodot com (punctuation spelled out on purpose).

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