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Cold Soggy Sins or The Warmth of Christ's Love?

From the Pastor's Desk

Soggy in the Soul?

Romans 13:14

This past week we have experienced a great deal of rainstorms and – although it cannot compare to the amount received in the central part of the United States – we have gotten more than our fair share. The great deal of rain we have received has kept me busy at my other job. I affectionately call it water patrol. When the rain falls it fills up an area that we have jack hammered and creates a large pond. When that happens the water finds a leak somewhere in the membrane of the roof and spills out into various areas in the VA Hospital. Try as we might we always get a leak. It is inevitable.

Just the other day I had arrived in the morning to find that the night before we experienced the lake effect in the area of concern. When I got up there I ended up spending most of the morning, about four hours, pumping and wet-vacuuming gallons upon gallons of rainwater. By the time it was all said and done, my boots were drenched, my socks were soaked, and my clothes were soggy. This was due in part to the fact that the vacuum top popped off and the water kicked up and splashed all over me. I'm sure from a distance or from another point of view it was pretty funny, but at that moment it wasn't for me. But now I can sit back and laugh at such a wet event.

When one gets that wet, there is only one desire to be fulfilled. It is taking a hot shower and putting on warm clothes with nice dry socks. This desire is great because the clothes are so saturated with water that it is uncomfortable and almost too heavy to bear. Many of you probably have experienced this when getting soaked from standing out in the rain too long or possibly working in the rain. There is nothing like taking a steamy hot shower and putting on dry socks to brighten up your day after being pruned by excessive water.

Our sins are similar to being drenched with water. They create in us a desire to get out of the old clothes that are drenched in our disobedience and shame. The clothes of sin are heavy and almost too much to bear. Often we don't realize how heavy they are till we have finally approached→

Upcoming Events and Meetings

July 4, 6 p.m. – Independence Day Deck Party

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

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

July 6, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

July 8, 6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Meeting

July 13, noon – Business Meeting

Preceded by a Baptist Potluck Dinner

July 19, 10 to 2 – Youth Car Wash

Spreading the gospel one car wash at a time

July 20 – Start of Girls' Camp

At Farmington, Maine

July 27 – Start of Boys' Camp

At Farmington, Maine

Jesus and received forgiveness for those sins. More times than not we are willing to walk this earth in our soggy clothes of stubbornness and shame and we don't realize that they are slowing us down.

What many need to do is to go home and take off those damp clothes. We need to pull off those heavy laden boots that are saturated in weariness. We need to slip off those clinging socks of grief. What we need to do is be showered in the love of Christ so that we can receive that robe of righteousness and feel the warmth of the Son-light on our skin. When we can do this we will know the refreshment that only Christ can give.

When I think of putting on warm and dry clothes after such an ordeal, I am reminded of Romans 13:14 which tells us to "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts." We are to shed the sins or lusts of our flesh and clothe ourselves in Christ. Don't let the wet clothes of sin keep you downtrodden and damp. Instead practice putting on Christ and knowing the freedom of movement in your life by living out that faith that frees you.

When we practice putting on Christ we will not need to worry about getting all wet and damp. His love and guidance will shield us from the deluge of water that drags us down and creates in us a Soggy Soul.

✠ Pastor Jim

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Changes in the Christian Chicks

Ladies, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being the "Head Chick" :-)) of our ladies' group at Hillside. As I prepare to leave, I leave you in good hands.

Shannon Greenly, assisted by Laurie Carpenter, will be taking over as your leader. The next meeting is August 3rd at Robyn King's home and the time is yet to be set. September of course is your quarterly luncheon. The Secret Sister program will begin again at that time.

Thank you for your many prayers for me during this difficult time in my life. My new address will be 7 Heaton St., Rochester, NH 03867 and the phone number is 332-9852.

I will drop in to visit when I can and will ALWAYS keep you in my prayers.

I love each of you and will miss you. Continue to fellowship together and hold each other up. May God richly bless you.

Blessings,

✠ Barbara Yeaton

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be on July 6th at 7:30 a.m. It's early on a Sunday, but you're tough, you can handle it. Dale Greenly is the Chef del Giorno.

We will continue looking at the book of Judges. It's amazing how those Israelites kept messing up and straying from the path of obedience, then God would have to discipline them, and they would humbly beg forgiveness, and ask to be restored to His good graces. Sounds like us sometimes, huh?

Youth Group on the Move

For the youth, we are planning a **Youth Car Wash on Saturday July 19** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. No, we are not going to wash the cars that our young people are driving this summer. (Sarah, watch out for that tree!) We are going to raise funds for a few summer outings by attracting drivers to our humble parking lot and giving them a whiz-bang, let the suds rip, NH-Speedway-pit-crew-style car wash.

That should give you time to clear your social calendar and set aside July 19 for this event. To make it a successful and fun event for all, we need a few adults to supervise the youth and make sure they wash the cars and not each other. Also we don't want any car leaving with soap suds still on it. We also need an adult or two to purchase and provide the refreshments because the youth will get thirsty and hungry after a while.

Also, you can't have a youth car wash without the youth! We have several likely candidates and there is nothing wrong with inviting a friend or two to share the suds, Finally, we need car wash supplies and equipment – things like enough hoses to do rinse two cars at a time, spray nozzles, sponges, car wash detergent, Bleche-White, and scrub brushes for cleaning the tires. This is all stuff you have at home for cleaning your own car, right?

✠ Michael Frascinella

Alan Frink & Friends Concert Survey

On May 3, 2008, Hillside hosted its first multi-performer concert. We had a turnout of only about 60 people, which included several friends and family members of the performers. For all the musical talent on the stage, it is disappointing that we could not attract a larger audience.

The survey resulted in 23 responses, which is good considering how little people like to fill out surveys. The data shown below points out that the concert was well received (except for the initial technical problems that September Rain had with their sound mixer). Eighteen people voted the concert as "Excellent" and 20 voted that it appealed to them "Very Much."

The top vote getters for advertising were Hillside members (8), WVNH (8), and the church sign (6). The most preferred types of music were country (11), southern gospel (11), and traditional hymns (8). Several performers were suggested but none of them (not even The Campbells) got more than two votes.

- How would you rate the concert?
 18 Excellent _6_ Good _0_ Fair
- How strongly did the style of music appeal to you?
 20 Very Much _3_ Somewhat _0_ Not much
- How did you learn about the concert? (Check all that apply.)
 8 from Hillside _2_ Invited _8_ WVNH 91.1 FM
 0 WLMW 90.7 FM _0_ WNHW 93.3 FM
 0 WKXL 1450 AM _3_ Flier in store
 6 Church Sign _2_ Monitor _2_ Banner _2_ Web Site
- Is there a style of music you would refer to hear in a future concert?
 2 Pop _2_ Rock _11_ Country _3_ Soul
 8 Traditional Hymns _9_ Inspirational
 11 So. Gospel
- Based on your answer to question 4, is there an artist (within New England) whom we should try to book? (We need leads.)
 2 The Campbells _2_ MacDonald Family
 2 Ken Fernald _2_ Bob Thompson _1_ Josh Turner
 1 Yolanda Adams

✠ Michael Frascinella

What Makes the Scripture So Special?

In many homes there are Bibles sitting on book shelves that have great sentimental value. They may have been received from Mom and Dad or Grandma and Grandpa. Or perhaps they were carried on a special occasion like a wedding or a baptism. Some Bibles may have been the very first one ever received, or belonged to a loved one who has passed away. Just what is it that makes the Scripture so special? Is it the person who gave it, the occasion in which we received it, or another reason?

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What Makes Scripture So Special? (from p.2)

I encourage you to read Acts 8:4-8 and Acts 8:26-40 as I did. It teaches about Philip and how God called him to Gaza while he was already doing good things in Samaria. I'm sure Philip wondered why he would be sent there, but he trusted God completely and left in a hurry. Because of Philip's obedience he can answer the preceding questions.

While on his way to Gaza, Philip came upon an Ethiopian man sitting on a chariot. This man was trusted by the queen and had charge over all of the queen's treasures. He was reading from Isaiah 53:7-8 but didn't fully understand what he was reading. Philip recognized the opportunity to share the Scripture in a way the Ethiopian could understand. He shared the way to salvation through Jesus Christ and the Ethiopian accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. The Scripture was instrumental in leading the Ethiopian to Jesus.

God doesn't desire our Bibles to sit on our shelves. He wants us to study His Word daily and share it with others. We need to tell the world what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus so that they too will come to know Him.

The Scripture is special because God gave it to us. It is our instruction manual and it's full of promises meant to be shared. Listen, watch and speak. Don't let the opportunities to share pass you by. Watch for those chariots.

Blessings,

✠ 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:

- 7/3 Robin Russell
- 7/4 Julia Little
- 7/6 Julie Howell
- 7/21 Florence Omar
- 7/22 Charles Thomas The
- 7/22 Robert Thomas Twins!

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

- 7/9 Leon & Ruth Bubacz
- 7/29 Michael & Julie Russo

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).

Jade Christopher Tobine

Jade Christopher Tobine, age 33, passed away Friday, June 27, 2008 after a brief stay at Concord Hospital. He was the ex-husband of former Hillside member Heather Tobine, who is Shirley Upton's daughter and Laurie Carpenter's sister.

Jade leaves behind two young boys, Jade Christopher II, age 10, and Nathaniel Owen, age 3. He loved his boys very much and always strived to be a better dad. Jade was a great auto mechanic, enjoyed cooking, and loved to tease. Sometimes though, he made poor choices; one of which led to his untimely death.

Please continue to pray for Heather, the children, and Jade's parents and family as they cope with this tragic loss.

Donations can be made to:

The Jade Tobine Memorial Fund
 c/o Laconia Savings Bank
 27 No. State Street
 Concord, NH 03301
 God Bless,

✠ Laurie Carpenter

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