

REFLECTIONS

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LONG RANGE BIBLE READING

By Pastor Brian De Jong

In our current adult Sunday School class, Elder Don Schlernitzauer has been teaching on the importance of Bible reading from Psalm 119. One verse that the good Doctor expounded caught my attention. It reads as follows: *“Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against you.”*

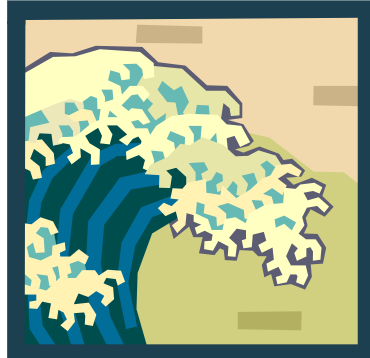
Years ago I heard another elder comment that when a man knows a flood is coming, he begins putting out sandbags. He is sandbagging against a future catastrophe. It seems to me that Bible reading can be seen as sandbagging against future sin.

Without a doubt we will all face temptations in the years ahead. As long as we live on earth, we will be subject to the weakness of our own flesh, and the allure of sin. Temptation may be incredibly obvious, but more often than not it appears in subtle forms—disguising itself as something entirely innocent. If we are not on the lookout, we may stumble, and find ourselves deeply mired in sin.

When you are in the midst of temptation, there is usually little time or opportunity (or inclination) to search the Scriptures. We are caught up in the heat of the moment, and a diligent examination of the Bible is beyond our reach. We need an answer immediately!

If we have faithfully studied the Scriptures in the past, and are familiar with the content of the Bible, the answer will be readily available. The Holy Spirit will bring God’s word to mind, and pour cold water on that hot

temptation. We have armed ourselves in advance for the conflict, and we are ready to withstand the evil day. Having committed God’s words to memory, we have treasured them up in our hearts—they are sandbags against sin, and we can withstand a flood of evil.



If, on the other hand, we have neglected our Bibles and do not know what God has said, we will be empty-handed in our struggle against sin. We will then be voluntarily deprived of the great weapon of Scripture, and we will possess nothing against Satan’s clever devices. Remember that when Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness, He countered those satanic suggestions by replying, “It is written...” Scripture is our fist and best defense against temptation, but if we haven’t faithfully stored up Scripture in our hearts and minds, we will be defenseless.

Could you imagine a heart surgeon walking into the operating room with no idea of what he was doing? Would he hurriedly skim a few textbooks while he was beginning his work? It would be far too late for that! He would fail because he hadn’t prepared beforehand. So to your Bible reading today may be crucial for your Christian living in the years ahead. Read today so you’ll be fully prepared tomorrow for anything and everything that Satan will throw at you!

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Mnemonics...

- *Men’s Study, 6th*
- *Congregational Meeting, 24th*

Ask the Pastor

By Pastor Brian De Jong

Question: Is it OK to be angry with God?

In recent years it has become fashionable for Bible teachers to justify, and sometimes even encourage anger towards God. They often point to David, and some of his Psalms where he voices his frustrations to God. If it was good enough for David then you too can (should???) be honest with your anger toward God. Go ahead, for God already knows what is inside your spleen!

Interestingly, we dealt with this recently in our Wednesday night Bible Study. It is undeniable that David was angry with the Lord in 2 Samuel 6:8-9. In that account God struck down Uzzah for touching the ark, and David's instantaneous response was anger, which then gave way to fear. But judging from I Chronicles 15:11-13, David later repented for his anger through studying God's word. By meditating on Numbers 4:4-15 and 7:6-9, David must have realized that the fault was his and not God's. He repented of his impetuous actions, and his angry response. He confessed his sin and then produced fruit in keeping with repentance by ordering the Levites to carry the ark on the poles, according to the word of God. Did David ever specifically ask God's forgiveness for his anger against the Lord? The text doesn't say, but it would certainly be in keeping with his evident repentance.

In this case, and in similar passages we must remember the difference between the descriptive and the prescriptive. God's

word often describes what people did without endorsing or approving their actions. At the same time, God's word also frequently prescribes actions—commanding us to do this or that thing, or to refrain from certain behaviors. So just because the text describes David's anger doesn't mean that the anger was a correct response. If you consistently follow that line of reasoning, you could justify adultery and murder because of what David did to Bathsheba and Uriah. Obviously the description for an act doesn't give us the liberty to copycat that behavior.

More broadly, I would say that this idea of being angry with God grows out of the autonomous and rebellious mindset of our culture—a mindset far too prevalent in the church. It is also very consistent with our sinful fallen nature, which loves to dodge responsibility for our actions, and for the consequences of our actions. Don't we all love to point the finger at God when circumstances are difficult. The refrain I often hear is "Why is God doing this to me?" That is nothing more than the spirit of our first father Adam: "The woman who you gave me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Blame God, then blame the closest human target, then grudgingly admit your fault. Thus you make it appear that you are a poor victim who had almost no choice but to sin.

Yet in thinking about sinful anger, or any other sin, we must carefully heed James 1:13-14 "Let no one say when he is tempted 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when

Ask the Pastor Concluded...

he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.” God is not to blame for our sin, but rather we are fully and solely responsible for our sinful actions (including sinfully angry responses to difficulties.)

To get angry with God reveals spiritual immaturity and a lack of understanding of God’s wise and sovereign providence.

When God relented from destroying a re-

pentant Ninevah, a childish Jonah was greatly displeased and he became angry. He foolishly complained against God’s grace and compassion. In Jonah 4:4 God asks the peevish prophet a very important question: “Do you have good reason to be angry?” The answer was obviously “No,” but that does no prevent Jonah from becoming even more inflamed against God over a hungry worm and a wilted plant. Again God questions Jonah, “Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?”

How much better to respond as Job did in Job 1:20-22– worshipping God, blessing the name of the Lord, and throughout all of that terrible day Job did not sin nor did he blame God. To blame God would have been sin for Job, but he refused to blame God. Interestingly, Job’s wife counsels Job in the next chapter to “Curse God and die.” Job rebukes her for speaking as one of the foolish women speaks, and he again did not sin with his lips in his response.

There is a lot more that could be said about the subject of anger. Righteous anger, such as Jesus had in John 2:13-17 is appropriate. It is possible, according to Ephesians 4:26 to be angry and not to sin. But in that same verse we are told not to let the sun go down on our anger, which would give the devil an opportunity. Sanctified anger can spur us to godly action that leads to the correction of evils and the righteous resolution of conflict.

“To get angry with God reveals spiritual immaturity and a lack of understanding of God’s wise and sovereign providence.”

Yet for many people their anger is not righteous, but sinful, This is the kind of anger that James 1:19-20 warns us against. “...be slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.” There are plenty of verses in the Proverbs that also deal with the sinful side of anger, and how destructive it is to godly living. (see Prov. 16:32; 19:19; 22:24)

Finally, the New Testament injunctions are very plain regarding sinful anger. Colossians 3:8 says it all: *But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth* A significant part of our sanctification involves ridding ourselves of sinful anger and its accompanying sins, and to put on a heart of kindness, compassion, longsuffering, mercy and grace.

January Birthdays



Happy Birthday!!!

Thank You!!

We want to thank Grace Church for the gift you gave us at Christmas. We continue to pray God's blessing on the ministry of the Word here and are delighted with His answers. Thanks again.

Ivan & Carla De Master

Much thanks to the congregation for your generous gift to our family. Your kindness refreshes our hearts in Christ!

The De Jongs



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excellencies of
Jesus Christ*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Pine Haven Study 1:30 p.m.	3 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	4 Youth Group Party, 5:30 p.m.	5	6 Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
7	8 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	9	10 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Missions Sunday	15 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. <i>Theology Class</i> 4 p.m.	16	17 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	18 Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	23 Pine Haven Study 1:30 p.m.	24 Prayer Time 7:00-7:30 p.m. <i>Congregational Meeting</i>	25	26	27
28 Lord's Supper	29 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	30	31 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.			

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Triumphally Processing with Christ

written by Don Schlerntizauer

“When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia. But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.”

-2 Corinthians 2:12-15

When it come to self assessment, whether by an individual or a church, if the high standards of God Himself are used as the measure it is very easy to experience discouragement. Compared to men, we may be okay; compared to God, we are undone.

In 2 Corinthians 2:12-15 to encourage himself and all faithful Christians, Paul turns to the perspective that God desires for His obedient children— that is, to see themselves as He, Himself sees us. A little later in 2 Corinthians (2 Cor. 11:23-29) Paul describes man’s perspective, even in his own labors for Christ, imprisonments, beatings, being stoned, shipwrecked, hungry, thirsty, cold, filled with anxiety. As well, the Corinthians to whom he was writing seem to have no end of self-generated problems. Taken all together, from man’s perspective, there is not much reason for rejoicing.

But in 2 Cor 2:14-15 God by His Spirit turns Paul from his anxiety over the Corinthians and his disappointment at not finding Titus at Troas, and He allows Paul to see from God’s perspective. And what is the image that the Spirit brings to Paul’s mind?- that of a triumphal procession being led by God in Christ! It is the eschatological image of Revelations 19 where the rider of a white horse, the One called Faithful and True, even the one called the Word of God, leads the armies of heaven in triumphal

procession. This is how God wants us to see ourselves in our faithfulness to Christ.

Similar images of God’s people from God’s perspective are sprinkled throughout Scripture such as David’s bringing the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem that it might tabernacle among them, the transfiguration of Christ on the mountain where the glory cloud even enveloped Moses and Elijah, and the Ephesians 4 description of Christ ascending on high leading a host of captives and giving gifts to men. But perhaps m favorite is Paul’s description in Romans 8 of sheep waiting to be slaughtered (Psalm 44:11) who, in Christ, are transformed by God’s grace into “hyper” conquerors.

Looking back to 2 Cor. 2:14, you note this “triumphal procession” is doing something. What is that? Spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ everywhere! The Holy Spirit, I believe, is emphasizing not only our high calling, but also the intimacy we have in Christ which is so great that in our triumphal procession God has purposed that we are spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. In our lack of faith, we may not see Christ leading our procession, but so close is our union with Him, noting

verse 15, that we have become the “aroma of Christ” to God and to men, both those being saved and those perishing. Oh, the blessedness of our union with Christ, so intimate that when God smells us. He smells Christ, when He hears us, He hears Christ, when He sees us, He sees Christ! To put it another way, when God experiences His people, he experiences them in the perfection of His Son.

A final thought, are we not as Christians to come to have the mind of God. If God sees us in the perfection of His Son, should we not also see one another in the perfection of Christ? Perhaps, then, it would be easier to love one another as He, Christ has loved us. AN then, just possibly, the image of Christ leading us in triumphal procession of 2 Cor. 2:14 would not seem so “other worldly” to us.



Thank You *from the Deacons*

The Deacons were very appreciative of the kind and overwhelming generosity of the congregation in the food donation drive for the Hardens and Jerry Meyer! They had enough items to fill approximately 6 large boxes with food items. Jeff Froh and Ken Koehler delivered boxes to the Hardens this part Saturday. They were very appreciative

of the kind generosity. Ken will deliver other boxes of goods to Jerry Meyer when he returns.



Sunday School Christmas Program



The Sunday School Christmas Program was held on December 24th. Children and adults of all ages participated in singing the Christmas Messiah for Young Voices.

Dear Friends and Family,

As I sit behind my computer on Thanksgiving night, I cannot but reflect on the many happenings of the last year. So much water has passed under the bridge. It has been a year of much sorrow and pain mixed with fellowship, comfort, and hope. I have so much for which I am thankful, God's gracious dealings with me and my family are beyond my finding out. My testimony will always be that we, "have tasted and seen that the Lord is good", and "His lovingkindness endures forever". I will, "give thanks to the Lord, for He is good...", "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God".

The children and I are doing well. We have settled into a routine that incorporates all the disturbances of a busy family. ☺ I am so blessed to see how the Lord has worked in the heart of my children. He has been near to them to comfort them. He has kept His promise to be a Father to them. We all have learned so much from the trials of this year. I hope that it will prove to be profitable to the kingdom of the Lord, bringing Him glory.

Andrew recently returned to Haiti. He had a wonderful time with the men, drilling holes and hammering. He benefited spiritually and emotionally from his visit. He is already asking about going on the trip to continue to work on the orphanage. Laura has become very sensitive to the things of the Lord over the past few months. She is a very deep child but communicates little. Matt's loss has been the hardest on her but the Lord has been very near. Sara Grace and Jessica are growing up so quickly. They are doing well in school. Sara Grace is my little chef and is always anxious to be helping in the kitchen. She will be a terrific cook one day! Jessica is our little encourager. She gives a lot of hugs and expects many back. And the captain of the bunch, Margaret, is doing well. I cannot believe she is three now. She continues to play "dress up" all the time and to insist that she is a princess. She will always be one to me. I remain juggling the many hats that the Lord has providentially put upon my head. I feel overwhelmed often at all that needs to be done in each day, but I am trying to be disciplined to persevere and to "not grow weary, while doing good." I am learning so many lessons from the hand of the Lord about sorrow and joy, pain and healing. I see so clearly the Lord's dealing with me and continue to know His comfort.

Please pray for us over the season of merriment. We have a very noticeable vacancy in the house. Matt's absence is felt so keenly. It will be hard to continue all the "family" traditions without him in the middle of them.

I want to finish with an additional thank you for your prayers, concern and support! I am amazed at all the Lord has done in the past few months through His church. God knows the remedies to heal our pain and He has mixed together love and comfort from so many to help us along our way. Thank You! Our love and prayers for blessing and joy through this Christmas season.

Much Love,

Shannon

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined...For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end..." Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Shannon Baugh and children

BUILDING SUGGESTIONS

The preliminary building and planning committee would like your input. Over the next few weeks, member of the committee will be asking for your

views on various needs and wants for the physical building of Grace Church. Committee members are Wendy Froh, Carl Nyhof, Tim Boss, and Roger Arndt.

Congregational Meeting

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Congregational Meeting date, which is set for January 24th, 2007. Those in charge of committee reports are asked to hand them in to the church secretary.





Roof Project



Friday & Saturday
October 6-7, 2006



Thanks to all who helped remove the many layers of old shingles! The new roof was on by the end of the following week.



THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERING

Have you been feeling called to do service in your own community? If so, the Good As New Thrift Store needs you! The GAN is a mission of Sheboygan County Christian High. It has been blessed with volunteers and is the largest fund-raiser of SCCHS. Funds are used to support Christian education and the students. We urgently need many more hands to keep this mission running smoothly. Please call Diann at

457-4284 or Randy at 564-3981 to help one day a week or even just once a month! Thank you.



History of Grace Church— Rebuilding

written by Rev. Ivan De Master

The first meeting of the steering committee was held on October 1, 1988. The congregation was once again a mission work under the oversight of Bethel Church, Oostburg where the Rev. Jim Bosgraf was pastor. The committee began to arrange for pulpit supply and to seek someone as an interim pastor. They found a retired pastor, Rev. Charles Ellis, who was willing to come for three months.

The congregation at a special meeting (January 29, 1989) approved the recommendation to ask Rev. Charles Ellis and his wife Norma to come for three months. Housing was arranged with Mrs. Antoinette De Master in Oostburg. The congregation agreed to provide Pastor Ellis \$250 per week.

The Ellises came in April. He had served pastorates in West Collingswood, NJ (1943-46), Cincinnati, OH (1946-48), East Orange, NJ (1948-1955), Silver Springs, MD (1955-79), and Rockport, ME (1977-83) when he retired. He then served as interim pastor in more than one place.

Pastor Ellis was a great encourager and helped to assess the ministry of Grace Church. His time here provided a bridge to the next step of securing a pastor.

A special meeting of the congregation was held on June 4, 1989, to act on the next step. The congregation agreed to ask the Rev. Lawrence Eyres to come as pastor for a year or more. He would be provided \$500 per month which would

supplement his retirement income.

Lawrence and Geraldine Eyres were coming to this area because they wanted Dr. Don Schlernitzauer to do Mrs. Eyre's eye surgery. They stayed with Mrs. Dorothy Churchill here in Sheboygan. Although Mr. Eyres was already 77 years old he was ready to serve the Lord where needed.



Rev. Lawrence (wearing a special shirt) & Geraldine Eyres at a party at Grace Church

Rev. Eyres pastored Grace Church for four years. He began making calls and working with people that were in need. By the end of 1990 eight adults and ten children were added to the membership. Total membership was now 40 communicants and 21 non-communicants.

Since it appeared the Eyres would be at Grace Church longer than a year, they purchased a home near Oostburg. This provided room for ministry and a garden for pastor Eyres. He continued as pastor through July of 1993 and retired at the age of 81. They remained living there until Mrs. Eyres died. He then moved to Janesville, WI where his only

daughter and her husband, Priscilla and David King were ministering in Christ Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Eyres served congregations in Deerfield, NH (1938-43), Portland, OR (1943-50), Westchester, IL (1950-58), Long Beach, CA (1982-88), Wasilla, AK (1988-89), and Sheboygan, WI (1989-93). He completed 55 years in the active ministry and ten more years serving the Lord in many ways.

Christmas in Quebec

written by Don & Pam Schlerntizauer

This Christmas season our family decided to have a different experience and spend a few days in Quebec City, the only walled city in North America, fascinating for its history and culture. Its 18th and 19th century French architecture, its placement on the high bluffs above the St. Lawrence and narrow streets took week to tastefully placed holiday lights and decorations. It was easy to imagine oneself immersed in a fanciful time 200 years ago.

Our visit afforded an opportunity to join with a group so many of us have prayer for these past few years. Pastor Ben Westerveld and the flock meeting in Saint Foy, a section of Quebec City. Since the worship service was in French, we had to go decades back so as to have at least a little comprehension. The newest of the six Westerveld children, 2 week-old Davin, received the sacrament of baptism, and Pastor Ben, speaking from Colossians 2, expounded on our baptism into Christ.

We felt at home with coffee and cookies after the service, and there was even a special cake to celebrate Davin's being included in the covenant. The parishioners of St-Marc, in number around 60, were reserved but friendly and seemed

encouraged by our being there. The congregation meets in a Anglican church building, which is adjacent to a large university, Laval, enabling a number of students to be part of the congregation.

When we told them how long we as a church have been praying for them, they were most grateful. Reaching out to an overwhelming Roman Catholic community is not easy, but God has granted significant blessing, and they know that it's such prayers that He uses.

In June and August some oPC congregations from the

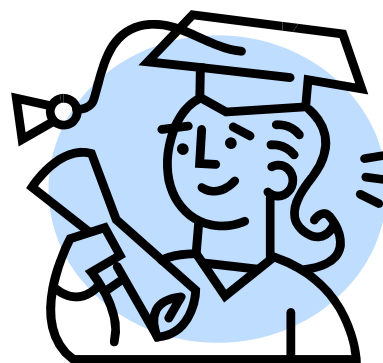
USA have already committed to assisting in VBS outreaches, which proved successful last year. But Rebecca Meyers Jacque, a missionary assistant, wanted us to know the the first two weeks of July are open for others who would care to join in similar efforts to reach children and their families with the gospel. In addition, the outreach to adults called "English café," where opportunities to speak English are offered and Biblical truths can be brought up, are available all summer and even at other times. We would like to challenge our congregation as well as others to consider serving our Lord I this way.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to...

Ashley De Troye who graduated from the Registered Nursing program at Lakeshore Technical College on Dec. 16, 2006. She will continue working at Memorial Medical Center. Pray for Ashley as she takes the WI State board exams in January.



New Library Books

by Pam Schlernitzuaer

Are the gray days of winter bogging you down? Do you need spiritual encouragement? Check out the newest additions on the library cart to warm your heart and soul. Included are three exciting and inspiring histories of persecution following the Reformation:

Stories of the Covenanters in Scotland
Stories of the Huguenots in France & Italy
Stories of the Reformation in Germany and England.

Although they are listed for young people, they make excellent family reading for all ages. (And don't be distracted by the old English style; keep going and in a few pages you won't even notice as you are drawn into the story.)

For younger readers who enjoy the Lamplighter Series there are three more additions: Little Threads, Helen's Temper, Christie's Old Organ... with 2 more on the way.

Finally, check out a commentary by the popular commentator James Montgomery Boice as you study one the following sections of the Bible:

The Sermon on the Mount
Philippians
The Epistles of John
Joshua
Daniel





Sad But True

submitted by Ellen McNeese

Unfortunately many homes, yes even so-called Christian homes, are like the one in which the little girl pointed to the Bible on the mantle that was never opened, and said to her mother, “Whose book is that?”

Her mother, quite startled by her daughter’s question replied, “Why

honey, don’t you know? That is God’s book?”

The child demonstrating that she had a very practical mind, turned to her mother and said, “Don’t you think that we had better give it back to him? No one around here ever reads it.”

No one around here ever reads it.”

THE GOD I LOVE by Joni Eareckson Tada

book review by Carla De Master

“More than three decades ago, a diving accident left Joni Eareckson Tada a quadriplegic. Back then she questioned how a loving God could condemn an active young woman to a lifetime in a wheelchair. Today she is grateful. Because it’s from this vantage point that Joni has discovered a God who is so magnificent that no circumstance, no matter how terrible, can separate her— or you— from his fierce, tend, and enduring love.

This is the work of a storyteller of rare ability, a book of honest pain and honest joy in the presence of God. This gripping memoir will capture your imagination, unsuspectingly drawing you into Joni’s

story. In it you will uncover your own stories, your own memories, and your own encounters with the living God. His promises are sure. He will never leave you or forsake you. Joni Eareckson Tada paints a beautiful, intimate, and moving portrait of a woman who knows firsthand that no matter what the circumstance, God is always faithful. *Always* faithful. He is the God worthy of your love.”

This is the summary on the book jacket of a new book in the church library. It spoke to my heart and soul and I am sure it will to yours as well. Chuck Colson says, “Joni’s life message of hope allows everyone to see the goodness and mercy of God and is a magnificent tapestry declaring the glory of God.”

Young Reflections

A page designed especially for the children of Grace Church (by Samantha De Jong)

Does your family hang up bird feeders for the winter? At our house, we love watching cardinals, sparrows, juncos and finches eat the seeds and suet we put out for them. In Matthew 6:26, Jesus says, “*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*” Isn’t it wonderful to think of God making sure each hungry little bird gets enough to eat, even during the coldest part of winter? Next time you need something, pray to God and trust Him to provide for you, just like He does for the sparrows.

Treasure Hunt

Come digging for treasure with me! You won’t need a shovel and grubby clothes for this expedition, neither will you have to struggle with a crumbling map covered with cryptic crosses. Best of all, no pirates have been invited. All you need is a Bible with an index or concordance. If you are one of the first children to tell Samantha De Jong where a certain verse is found in the Bible you will win a prize. Are you ready for the verse? Here it is:

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

An Interview with Cameron De Jong!

When is your birthday?

Cameron: “I turned seven on June 8.”

What is your favorite subject in school?

Cameron: “I like arithmetic; it’s easy, and I know most of my facts.”

What do you do in your free time?

Cameron: “I have fun playing Legos and reading.”

What goals do you have for the next year?

Cameron: “I’d like to learn to type, and to multiply and divide. I also want to find out more about caring for our chickens.”



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★ The author of the words to the hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” was Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)?

★ He was born in Ireland but moved to Canada in 1845?

★ Joseph composed this hymn to con-

sole his mother while she was going through a difficult time?

★ He also had grief in his life as his wife-to-be drowned the night before their wedding?

★ “The Lord and I did it between us,” was the way Joseph explained his writing of this hymn?

Information and quote found in Hymns We Love by Cecil Northcot: The Westminster Press, pg. 147.

Corn Casserole

- ★ 2 cans white corn (Shoe peg corn), drained
- ★ 1 (14 1/2 oz.) can French cut green beans, drained
- ★ 1 can cream of celery soup
- ★ 1/2 of a green pepper chopped fine
- ★ 1 cup sour cream

Mix above together.

Ritz crackers– 1 sleeve crushed. Mix with 1 stick melted butter. Layer in casserole bowl: 1/2 mix-1/2 cracker mix and sprinkle with 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Repeat

Bake at 350° for 45-60 minutes or until done to your liking.

From Shary De Troye. I got this recipe from my mother-in-law. It’s something a little different from the normal corn!!



“There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen, that it is from the hand of God. For who can have enjoyment without Him?”