



# HILLSIDE MONTHLY DISPATCH

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## DO THE TASKS GOD HAS GIVEN US

### From the Pastor's Desk

#### Along for the Ride

Ecclesiastes 1

Ecclesiastes 1:14 states "A generation goes and a generation comes, But the earth remains forever."

This summer I had the usual garden raider -- a woodchuck who was very healthy from feeding on my veggies. He has been around for several summers and his ancestors for many generations.

We live on what is the Osborne Farm dating back to the 17th century. The original settlers are buried on the property about 1/2 mile down the old dirt road in a wooded lot. They tried to outsmart the woodchucks as have many generations since. The Osbornes who now run the farm are the 9th generation. The Osbornes are still here and so are the woodchucks, still doing the same things.

Watching the haying operations year after year, I observe them playing the weather. Is it going to rain? Can we get the hay in before the storm comes? This "game" has been going on for generations and will continue as long farmers gather hay. They called it right about 95% of the time. This year they lost only one batch of hay due to the weather.

God has placed each person here on Earth as stewards, each given specific tasks to perform during their generation. Each has a purpose and each is important to the stewardship of where God has placed us.

What is my purpose? What am I placed here to do? Undecided? Pray about your task. God will direct you. We should spend much time praying about what God wants us to do while they are along for the ride on this planet. Actually there is a need to work it out "with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12).

We have one chance in this one life (or generation) to get it right. When we are in God's will, performing the stewardship which he has given us, we will have a strong sense of satisfaction.

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Nov. 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper**

**Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day**

Honor those who are serving and have served to protect our nation.

**Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day**

Let us all find reasons to be thankful to the Lord.

#### Weekly:

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion**

**Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study**

Exploring verse 3:16 in each book of the New Testament.

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All those in Christ have spiritual gifts as listed in I Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4. We are to use these gifts along with our God given talents. We are to be "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22-24).

No one is placed here on Earth "to be along for the ride." I recently heard of the Earth's rotational speed at the equator. It's fast! Gravity holds us on. We are not here just to enjoy the ride, but to do the task that God has set before us.

This may not be making money, or becoming well educated, or doing what my father or mother do or did. We are to be open to God's leading and follow His directions.

If you are on the wrong path, He will show you. We are not just along for the ride.

✠Pastor Al Page

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## Property and Space Patrol

A new heating zone has been fully installed in the basement of the parsonage. The furnace needs some further attention and will be worked on next week.

Repainting of the parsonage basement is still underway. Some minor carpentry work is needed in the basement of the parsonage as well.

The air conditioners were removed from the church windows at the end of October.

Mowing has ended for this year.

✠ Pastor Jim

## Veterans Day, Nov. 11

Veterans Day gives us a time for us to pay our respects to those men and women who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans.



We need to celebrate and honor American veterans for their patriotism, their love of country, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the good of our nation.

This holiday began as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service. It was originally called Armistice Day. Nov. 11 was selected because that was the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I in 1918.

In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Much later, in 1954, at the urging of many veterans' service organizations to honor World War II and Korean War veterans, the 83rd Congress amended the name of the holiday to Veterans Day in order to account for all veterans. This change was soon approved by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 made federal holidays fall on Mondays to create three-day weekends, mostly for federal workers.

Veteran's Day was later returned to its original November 11 date by a law signed in 1975 by President Gerald Ford, effective as of 1978.

✠ Michael Frascinella

## Rainbow Halo

The following story is about an atmospheric phenomenon with a spiritual implication. It was in the RBC "Our Daily Devotional" for May 28 and was written by staff writer, Kirsten Holmberg. First read Genesis 9:12-17 and then read the story.

On a hike in the mountains, Adrian found himself above some low-lying clouds. With the sun behind him, Adrian looked down and saw not only his shadow but also a brilliant display known as a Brocken spectre. This phenomenon resembles a rainbow halo, encircling the shadow of the person. It occurs when the sunlight reflects back off the clouds below. Adrian described it as a "magical" moment, one that delighted him immensely.

We can imagine how similarly stunning seeing the first rainbow must have been for Noah. More than just a delight to his eyes, the refracted light and resulting colors came with a promise from God. After a devastating flood, God assured Noah, and all the "living creatures" who've lived since, that "never again [would] the waters become a flood to destroy all life" (Genesis 9:15).

Our earth still experiences floods and other frightening weather that results in tragic loss, but the rainbow is a promise that God will never judge the earth again with a worldwide flood. This promise of His faithfulness can remind us that though we individually will experience personal losses and physical death on this earth—whether by disease, natural disaster, wrongdoing, or advancing age—God bolsters us with His love and presence throughout the difficulties we face. Sunlight reflecting colors through water is a reminder of His faithfulness to fill the earth with those who bear His image and reflect His glory to others.

## Marxists Are Not Atheists But God Haters

The following excerpt came from an interview with Dr. David Jeremiah that was published in "The Epoch Times" for Nov. 2.

Karl Marx, the father of scientific socialism, once wrote that he knew he was born to God but was chosen for hell, so said author and radio host Dr. David Jeremiah of many of the "aha! moments" he experienced in his year-long study of socialism, during which he read everything he could find on the ideology, including what motivated Marx in his ideological writings.

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## Karl Marx, from p. 2

"People don't realize that Marx's socialist theories are all based on a fundamental belief in the existence of God, but a hatred and opposition to everything God has taught," Dr. Jeremiah said.

"You know, socialists don't believe that there is no God – they're not atheists," he told EpochTV's "American Thought Leaders." "They're anti-God."

"In fact, Karl Marx ... was a cheerleader for the devil," he explained of his research, which he said has given him a new way of viewing trends in news and social policy that he believes can help Americans understand the social turmoil in the country right now.

Dr. Jeremiah, a pastor and founder of Turning Point Radio and Television Ministries, recently released a book to share his findings about the dangers of socialism titled "Where Do We Go From Here?"

"Just about every chapter in this book, in some way or another, goes back to things that I learned about socialism," he told host Jan Jekielek. "And now, what is so amazing to me is, because I've sensitized my mind and heart to all of this, every day on the news, I see vivid examples of what's happening and how it's affecting us as a nation."

The culture of canceling everything you don't agree with has bred the roots of totalitarianism in American society, Dr. Jeremiah warned.

For the complete story, go to:

<https://grandmageri422.me/2021/11/02/>

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

11/29 Michelle Robertson



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the people who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month:

If that's you, please let the editor know.

## Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM. For example, on Saturday nights at 6 p.m. the locally produced "Saturday Night Gospel Hour" offers a wide variety of southern and country gospel music. During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly.

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

## Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

## Submissions for Next Issue

Deadline is Nov. 25. Send news items to News Wrangler and Editor, Michael Frascinella, [mfrascinella@comcast.net](mailto:mfrascinella@comcast.net).



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