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Modeling the Truth of God's Word

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Don't Put God on Hold

From the Pastor's Desk

Answer God's Call

Matthew 10:16-17 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues."

There are many examples in the Bible of people being called by God to carry out God's mission. And they were persecuted as they attempted to carry out that mission. Jesus predicted what would happen as they went.

Can we expect to go about spreading the Good News of hope and eternal life and everybody is going to be happy? A Godly pastor, man of God, will certainly be loved by his congregation and the community. Really? That's not what Jesus told His disciples. Check out this story of America's first foreign missionary AND his wife. He left for the mission field in 1812. (Remember, that's the time of the War of 1812).

Adoniram Judson is often singled out as the first American foreign missionary. This is only partly true. When he sailed for India in 1812, he was but one of four men traveling as Congregational missionaries to the Orient. And his wife Anne was with him.

The credit for evangelizing Burma is as much hers as his if only because she saved his life to carry on the work. Her ability to learn the language greatly assisted his efforts at translation and evangelism and her letters home made their adventures so vivid in the minds of Americans that Judson's name became virtually a household word.

On July 13, 1813, the two laid eyes for the first time on Rangoon, the city where they began their Burmese work. It was "a miserable dirty town," they wrote. The houses were thatched. There was virtually no sewage. Filth flowed into the creeks and was carried off at high tide.

The pair soon discovered that Christian converts would be slow in coming. Christianity was not favored by the king, and so brutal was the despotism of the overlords, that the common people dared not embrace the new faith. It was five years before the Judsons baptized their first convert.

In the meantime, Adoniram preached in a zayat he built in the city. He and Ann mastered the Burmese language and while Adoniram labored to translate the Bible, Ann produced a catechism.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Aug. 4, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Aug. 18, Noon – Business Meeting

Preceded by a Baptist Potluck Dinner

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study – 1 & 2 Samuel

To find words to convey religious meaning, they often had to use another related language. Burmese simply lacked the necessary vocabulary.

Although the Judsons sailed as Congregationalists under the mission board that Adoniram had helped form, in a curious twist he did not remain Congregationalist. During the passage to India, he became convinced that his church's doctrine of baptism was incorrect.

In Calcutta, Adoniram and Ann were baptized by immersion. They immediately broke their connection with the board that sent them and appealed to the Baptist churches of the United States to form a new mission to support them. This became a reality and now there were two missions rather than one, both instigated in part by Judson.

Expelled from India, the Judsons sailed to Burma and opened that work.

In 1824, when England and Burma went to war, Adoniram was imprisoned as a spy. Ann worked night and day for his release. Both suffered greatly.

Judson was hung in torturous positions. Ann lost her health, owing to a difficult labor, a tropical fever, and her exertions to free her husband.

The sickly child did not survive long. Ann died shortly after Adoniram's twenty-one month captivity ended. Afterwards Judson suffered despair-filled depression.

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Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

Thirty years after Ann and he first left the United States, Judson returned to his native country for a short visit.

Back in Burma, he soon died. He left behind 7,000 converts. Today the Burmese church has grown to over two million Christians. July 13, 1813, was indeed a fateful day for the Judsons and the Burmese.

Now, with that story, are you ready to answer God's call?

Acts 9:16 (Paul's call) "for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

✠ Pastor Al

Fellowship Events

On Sunday August 18 at midday, there will be a Business Meeting and Potluck Lunch. The business meeting will cover items tabled from the last meeting plus a few new agenda items.

Even if you are not a member, we encourage you to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Al is taking over this weekly Bible Study series and he welcomes you to attend and participate. The topics for this series will be the Old Testament books of 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel.

In 1 Samuel we learn of Hannah and her son Samuel. God used Samuel to anoint first Saul and then David as the first kings but also to establish kingship in Israel.

It ends with Saul and his sons killed in a battle.

In 2 Samuel David mourns the death of Saul and his sons, and is then anointed king. He causes the nation to prosper but experiences many failures and weaknesses.

It ends with David praising God for deliverance from his son Absalom's rebellion and from a pestilence due to his disobeying God.

Property and Space Patrol

The church exterior has been recently painted by a local contractor. If you take notice, the blue exterior doors are now painted red. This is the third major renovation in recent months.

Last November, the parsonage roof was completely renovated with architectural shingles. In May 2024, storm damage to the church roof was repaired with 50-year architectural shingles. In July, the church was repainted.

We have been blessed with the financial resources to complete these projects and thus extend the useful life of these buildings as focal points for spreading the gospel.

Welcome New Member

On Sunday July 14 Hillsiders welcomed **Denise Johnson** to its fellowship with a hearty "Amen!" Denise joined by a Statement of Faith.

During a business meeting held that same day, people were being nominated to fill three trustee positions and Denise volunteered for one of them. What a blessing!

She lives in Concord and has been in New Hampshire a little over a year now. She is presently working at Walmart.

She commented, "I happened to meet Amanda one day at BAM [Books a Million] and she invited me to visit Hillside. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. I was so blessed by the preaching and love that I encountered that I sensed the Lord's prompting to join pretty quickly."

We are certainly glad you did join so quickly.

A Trio of Baptisms

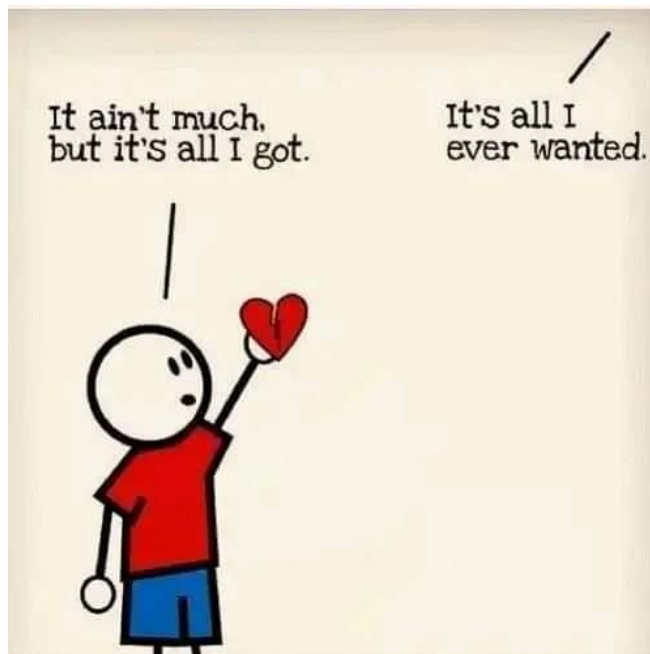
On Sunday July 28, Pastor Jim preached his last official sermon and also had the honor of conducting a Baptism Service. Three people came forward and confessed their belief in Jesus as their Savior and took the next step.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus clearly stated, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The three who braved the chilly waters to take the plunge were **Amy Wyant** of Pembroke, **David Goodbread** of ???, and **Tim Carlson** of Allenstown.

May God bless you all as you grow in your faith!

To everyone's surprise, at the end of the service, **Florence Omar** announced that she wanted to renew her membership at Hillside. Florence is a founding member of Hillside as is Pastor Al Page and had let her involvement lapse for several years. But the renewed growth of the congregation and today's baptisms motivated her to become an active member. God bless you, Florence!



Sent in by June Cairns

The Character Building Power of Chores

Some insights by Andrea Gutierrez from *Focus on the Family Magazine* for August/ September 2024]

“Is it clean enough?” This question from Linda’s 5- and 7-year-old boys used to bother her. To teach them how to recognize a clean room, she created the Last Thing Game.

Once the bedroom was straightened, her boys would carefully inspect it. When they saw items that still needed to be put away, the game began. The competition was intense, with both boys determined to find one more car, sock, or LEGO block to pick up.

The child who put the last item in its place was declared the winner. The winner was then allowed to choose a reward from the prize drawer, which held inexpensive goodies.

Children of any age can help with chores, even if it is a challenge to get them started. But if you consistently model a job well done, their competence might surprise you.

Chores not only teach children to keep things tidy in the short term but also help them develop valuable character traits and skills in the long term so they will become productive citizens in their community as adults.

There are countless ways that children can help around the house at each age and stage of their development. This can include tasks such as picking up toys and clothes, dusting low furniture, making their beds, washing dishes (carefully!), cleaning up small spills, putting dirty clothes in the laundry, putting away their clean clothes, feeding the cat or dog, and putting out the trash.

Giving your kids routine chores combats entitlement and instills Godly character traits, as well as qualities such as time-management skills, obedience, self-reliance, and even fiscal responsibility.

Happy cleaning!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to anyone who is celebrating another orbit around the Sun. If that is you, please let the editor know.



Hillside also wishes God’s blessing on anyone who is celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, please let the editor know.

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

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Submissions for Next Issue

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