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...and read your Bible daily

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

From Living Word Church

Nearly two millennia ago, there was a man who asked this lofty philosophical question. His name was Pontius Pilate.

God's Word records this dramatic interchange in the book of John, chapters 18 and 19. Jesus, speaking to Pilate, said, "For this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (John 18:37)

Pilate answers with those immortal words, "What is truth?"

The irony and tragedy of the situation is that Truth Himself was standing directly in front of Pilate at that very moment, awaiting the judgment of this Roman ruler who was wilting under the weight of political intrigue and mob pressure. Jesus, Truth personified, stood quietly waiting. Pilate squirmed and sweated because he had not solid foundation on which to stand.

Pilate initially attempted some fancy political maneuvering which failed to bail him out of his mess. In the end, even though he rightly believed Jesus to be innocent of the charges against Him, Pilate ordered Him to be brutally flogged and crucified.

Pilate then did an amazing thing. As recorded in Matthew 27:24, he washed his hands in front of the crowd and declared himself innocent of the death and bloodshed of Jesus Christ.

Pilate "believed" Jesus, but he refused to stand firmly for

the truth. He was afraid for his power, wealth and position. He was afraid of what the people might think of him if he refused to be like them. And you? Are you unwilling to commit your life to Christ because you are afraid of what others will think of you?

Pilate tried to excuse his own sin and selfishness. He thought that trying hard to do what was right would be judged as worthy as actually doing what was right. He hoped he had the authority to declare himself innocent. How about you? Are you counting on being "good enough" to earn heaven? Are you excusing yourself and your sin based on false ideas and hopes?

Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to God the Father and to eternal life. The path to heaven is a narrow, one-way road. Jesus said, "Only a few will find it."

Jesus also said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me," (John 14:6) and, "You must be born again." (John 3:7) do you believe Him?

You can believe whatever you want. What you cannot do, however, is choose the consequences of believing that which is not true. Failing to believe, OR failing to act on, the Truth will result in your being eternally lost.

Start your search for Truth today in God's Word with the Book of John. It's a great place to find the "good way." Your life — your eternal life — depends on it!

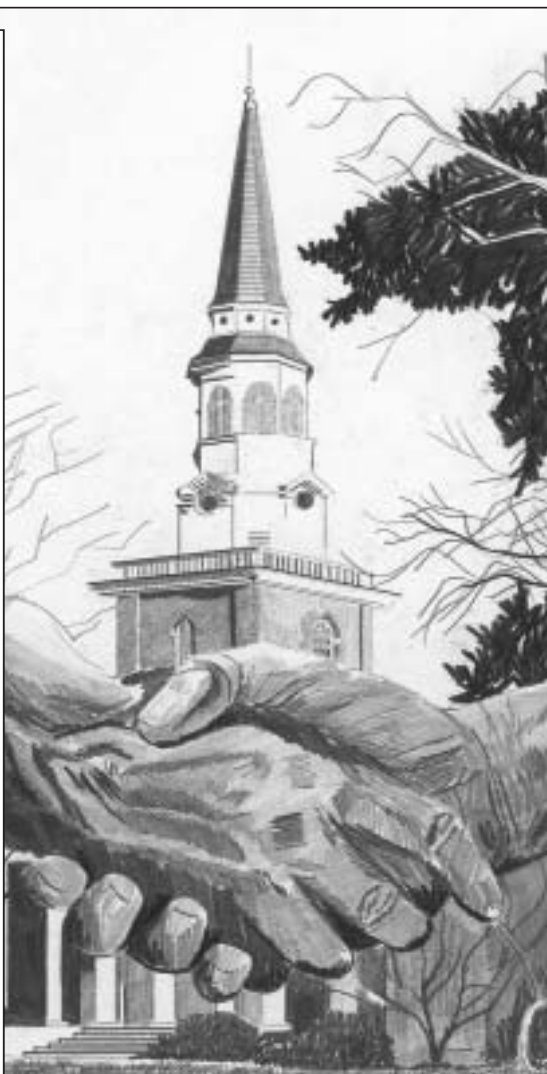
"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

Twice Blest

During our lives, some of us might have a conflict unique to those who live in this country...perhaps deciding whether to purchase a larger home or to use that money to help others who do not have even the basic necessities. Helping others, even in the smallest amount, is another way showing appreciation that we were born in this land of plenty.

In Matthew 19:21, our Lord commanded, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven..." Though we would probably not have to sell our possessions, when we give, we instantly receive the gift of warmth and establish the kind of spiritual equilibrium that comes from putting others first. Yet, where do we begin?

Most of our nation's churches and synagogues provide the opportunity for giving, many sending volunteers and material gifts. Why not visit your local church or synagogue this week? Not only can you help the poor, but you will enrich your soul as well. You will be twice blessed.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Amos 5:1-27	Micah 2:1-13	Micah 3:1-12	Micah 4:1-13	Micah 6:1-16	Nahum 1:1-15	Nahum 2:1-13

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PINOCHLE

By JAKE DURHAM

No doubt about it, it's a long, long time, from May to September and it was obvious it was going to be a good time by all as the faithful gathered for the opener of the 2004-05 Pinochle season. Old friends greeted each other for the first time in four months. It was just like old home week and the idea of competition and competitors were forgotten for the moment.

Time goes by fast when you are enjoying yourself and it seemed ever so quick the clock on the wall struck seven, and thirty and two scrambled for their seats. Needless to say, anticipation was running high as was evidenced by the high bidding as teams seemed determined to gain the trump advantage. Scores in the game of Pinochle vary, but in the history of the games, a score of 800 points, or an average of 100 points around has always won. As a rule, most tournaments will be captured by around 750 points. As the first round came to a close, most everyone gathered around the score board to see who had garnered the early lead and it was no surprise that the team of Billy Keiswetter and Eldon Billips had captured the first round honors and the initial lead.

The second round honors went to the team of June Jolly and Margaret Magers but the team of Billips and Keiswetter, not doing too shabby, maintained the lead. The third round honors went to Kieswetter and Billips as they extended their lead and openly declared their mastery of the game. The break was declared at the end of round four and most gathered around the tote board to assess the situation as the scores were recorded. The team of Jack Mechsner and Dave Sheley had taken the honors and the lead. The team of Keiswetter and Billips were in second, Dee and Thelma Bushnell were in third, Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp were in fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of Darren McMullen and Jason Amlong rounded out the top five, which didn't show the real picture as the next five were just as close as the top five.

There was much head-to-head planning by teammates during the break as there is always the possibility that the second half can be a complete turn-around from the first half and as the second half began with round five, there seemed to be a new vigor as the bidding got underway.

The fifth round seemed to have ended rather quickly and as the scores were recorded, the team of Keiswetter and Billips kicked it up a notch as they captured the fifth round honors and substantially

increased their lead. The critical sixth and seventh rounds were coming up and there were some extreme measures that would have to be taken as though low on the totem pole needed to make their move now. The team of Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp captured sixth round honors but the team of Keiswetter and Billips were holding fast to the top rung of the score board. As the seventh round got underway, those near the top of the board were trying to play it safe but at the same time, taking advantage of any opportunity that was to come their way. The team of Keiswetter and Billips did themselves proud as they came through again with the high round honors. It might seem as though the leaders might have it sewed up, but not so. With the average high round score being near 120 points and the possibility of a minus 120 points also being possible, the eighth and final round would still be the deciding factor. The team of Julia Roeder and Larry Harmon were in second, Doyle Brooks and Norm Walter were in third, June Jolly and Margaret Magers were in fourth and the team of John Hildebrand and Coy Christy rounded out the top five. A short catch up break was in place to allow everyone to start the final round together and as the round progressed, there were the obvious signs of victory and defeat but as the final round scores were recorded, the lead changed several times and as the final score was recorded, the team of Keiswetter and Billips had done it again as they captured the honors, making it five out of eight to capture the initial tournament of the '04-'05 season. The champs accepted their honors with pomp and ceremony and promised to return to defend their title.

Top ten Teams: 1. Billy Keiswetter and Eldon Billips; 2. Julia Roeder and Larry Harman; 3. Doyle Brooks and Norm Walter; 4. June Jolly and Margaret Magers; 5. John Hildebrand and Coy Christy; 6. Jerry Darling and Wade Ambrosier; 7. Dee and Thelma Bushnell; 8. Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp; 9. Larry Smith and Pat Donovan; 10. Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner. Winning score by Keiswetter and Billips was 834 points for an average of 104 points per round.

Other teams not previously mentioned. Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jackie Porter; Doug and Brett Gallentine; Joe and Jordan Durham; Weldon Brooks and Elden Vincent. As the evening wore down, the usual post mortems were heard and a quick look at the calendar showed the October tournament to be on the 17th.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle ladies: Veda Wood, Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter.

Martha (Scrivner) Mack from St. Louis, Mo., stopped by to visit Toots while here visiting her brother, Lynn Scrivner.

Wednesday June Jolly and Kathy Van Meter caught the Amtrack train to Glenwood Springs, Colo. Eighty-two people went on the trip sponsored by Mrs. Jolly's bank.

They saw the fall foliage and took the tram to the top of Iron Mountain, elevation over 7,000 ft. While up there, they ate at the Glenwood Caverns. Did alot of fun shopping and skipped the

caves.

Friday evening June and Kathy played cards in Norcatour.

Friday evening Toots Magers went to Aurora, Colo., with Jane and Richard Engelhardt to her granddaughter, Pam Hawk's to see her great-grandchildren Brittany and Tyler test for their black belts in Tae Kwon Do and they received them. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Sunday was the first potluck dinner at Lyle with 13 people attending. Sunday evening Kathy Van Meter, June Jolly and Jaunita Eckhart ate at the Norcatour Preschool Soup Supper and then to Norton to play in the pitch tournament at the American Legion.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2, Mike and Dawn Cornejo, Brittany and Lyle, Conway Springs, were visitors at the Jean and Donna Leuszler home.

Bill Godfrey visited Esther Marble Friday evening.

Carol Wertenberger and Margaret McElroy of Topeka came Friday evening to visit their mother Carrie Malcolm and to go to their aunt, Mabel Malcolm's sale on Saturday. They left for home on

Monday.

Thursday, Sept. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Geil and daughter Carissa from Elkhorn, Neb., and John Geil from Garden City and oldest son Aaron from Kansas State and a niece Connie Betts from Eugene, Ore., arrived at Alberta Geil's. Friday evening John's wife Stacy and their other son arrived and had supper with the others to celebrate the birthdays of Sid, Carissa and Alberta.