



The Beacon

"The unfolding of Your word gives light" Psalm 119:130a

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How the Church Gets Built

I begin with a confession. I'm not as young as I used to be. So what?, you say. We're all getting older; that's life! True, but it poses a problem for those of us who are in pastoral leadership who are also over fifty and are unashamedly and uncompromisingly biblical in our beliefs and essentially conservative in our lifestyles. It appears we don't fit any more (if we ever did!).

Here's a second confession. I'm sick of what's going on in evangelical Christianity today. It's become pervasive. We have bought in to a market-driven philosophy of church growth as adopted by our seeker-sensitive, purpose-driven, and postmodern brethren. "Market driven" means that we design our ministries on the basis of those strategies and techniques that are calculated to attract outsiders into the church. It's the business model that says, "find out what they want and give it to them." It's the customer service philosophy that is constantly searching for better methods of evaluation (the trendy term today is "metrics") by which to gauge customer satisfaction. It is a way of thinking about the church that strives to be "cutting edge," constantly innovating—developing, as it were, new products to fit the changing tastes of the consuming public. And if it works, buy it! Don't think too hard. Pragmatism means success.

Practically speaking, therefore, this has made the highest value in ministry today to be *change*. The church must always be changing to accommodate the shifting values of the evangelical clientele. Tradition must go, and change must become normative—which is a way of saying that nothing is normative since everything is in flux. So if the majority of the so-called "seekers" don't want to dress up for church, fine; let them come in blue jeans and flip-

flops. Oh, but just to show we are relevant, the pastors have to dress that way too! PowerPoint? That's already passé. Trendiness requires that we use multiple video clips from Hollywood films in our sermons to make our point. And supplement them with real object lessons on stage (cars, beds, whatever makes the point). By the way, be sure the sermons are short, forget systematic exposition, and by all means, don't talk about sin. That just drives people away.

Music? Get rid of organs, choirs, robes, and hymnals. Throw out centuries of musical tradition. Everybody from the Baby Boomers down grooves on rock music. So it's vibrating guitars, crashing drums, bellowing synthesizers, and screeching vocalists trying to scream over all that electronic noise. Throw in strobe lights and dry ice for good measure. Meanwhile, few in the congregation are actually singing. Oh, the pews have to go, too; so do stained glass windows and steeples. Sanctuaries are out—too religious for seekers—and all-purpose gymnasiums are in. And if you don't have a coffee shop or a café in your foyer (excuse me, the relevant term is "lobby"), well, you are soooo yesterday! And now, for sure, tweet, tweet, tweet! Yes, brother, this is relevant change at its market-driven best! And if you refuse to go along with the trends, you can count on being left in the dust, an anachronistic relic of a now (thankfully) disowned traditionalism.

There are all kinds of problems with this thinking, of course, chief of which is that it's utterly at odds with the New Testament. And where is God in all of this chaos? Does anybody care what He thinks? Well I do, and so do the people of Wading River Baptist Church. We are in the minority today; but then, since when

have true, biblically committed Christians been anything other than a small minority? This is just the problem with market-driven Christianity: it seeks to appeal to the majority. Numbers matter . . . a lot. Reject that viewpoint, and you find that there are only a few who will stick with you. But then, it's always been that way. So let's think about what Scripture actually says about building the church.

1. *There are no seekers.* Paul makes this abundantly clear in one of the most forceful declarations of human depravity found anywhere in Scripture: "There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one" (Romans 3:10-12). Could it be any more explicit? "None" means none! You can't persuade the dead! Only those who are truly regenerated, repentant believers can seek the Lord. He himself must seek those who are lost and outside the body of Christ. Only those who were chosen by God in Christ from before creation, who are born again by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, and who are being drawn by the grace of God the Father will desire the things of God. That's why Jesus said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (Jn 6:44). The very concept of seeker-sensitive evangelism is a gross distortion of sound biblical teaching.

2. *Christ has promised to build His church.* His definitive declaration on this point is this: "I will build My church" (Mt 16:18). That's not too hard to understand, is it? What this means, therefore, is that we are utterly misguided if we think we have to help Him out by adopting market-driven techniques. The truth is that wherever church-building is going on in the

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absence of a pure Gospel, it is all for naught. That's precisely Paul's point in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. His concern is for the quality of the work of building the church. "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ" (verse 11). Want to try anyway? Then, "if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire." In fact, as Paul reminds us, the church is *God's* field and *God's* building (verse 9)! Historically, Luke declares that following the Day of Pentecost, it was *the Lord* who was daily adding to the number of believers (Acts 2:47). Attention church leaders! What's your foundation? You'd better be really clear about that! Pretty sobering stuff, isn't it?

3. *Biblical Christianity is the narrow way.* Jesus also made it clear that the path to eternal life is very narrow. The number of those who are on their way to heaven is a small minority. This, too, ought to sober us. "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter through it. For the

gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life; and there are few who find it" (Mt 7:13-14). So what's all this fuss about numbers? Our Lord has already informed us that if we're faithful in the preaching of the truth, those who will follow us will be few. Sorry, church-growth gurus . . . this is *not* (as you are inclined to say) sour grapes on our part. It's New Testament truth straight from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ!

4. *Worldliness is to be rejected.* The world does not belong in the church. Period. No argument on this point! "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever" (1 Jn 2:15-17). "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (Jas 4:4). "For the mind set on the flesh is death . . . because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; . . ." (Rom 8:6-7). Is any further clarification needed? Here's the Christian's obligation: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and per-

fect" (Rom 12:2). ". . . lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and . . . be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (Eph 4:22-23). Yes, we can risk being different!

In a poignant article entitled, "Who Builds the Church?", Professor David Wells says: "The desperate measures being proposed for these desperate times are often little more than a case of weak knees and unbelief. We believe altogether too little in God's sovereign control, otherwise we would not be in full retreat before the pressures and demands of the (post)modern world. We look like the soldiers of some sorry nation that are very brave when safe in their protected barracks, but at the first sight of the enemy, lay down their arms and run" (in *Heartcry*, 46 [Spring, 2009], 35). Oh yes, we might also want to think about reviving *prayer meeting!*

Wells goes on to point out that what we plan and what we do, we control (p. 38). And therein lies the fundamental problem. So, to use his words, enough of this "generational pandering"! How does the church get built? In the words of a song from a couple of decades back, by "God and God alone." Let's do what we're supposed to do, and let God do what *only* He can do: build . . . yes, and *rebuild*, His church!

—Pastor Ron Glass

Taking Time Alone with God

"Begin small and start promptly" is an old Quaker saying. The idea is to keep things simple and to begin soon. Simplicity begins with solitude – not mere time alone, but time alone with God. Henri Nouwen wrote, "Solitude begins with a time and place for God, and Him alone." If we really believe not only that God exists, but that He is actively present in our lives – healing, teaching, and guiding – we need to set aside a time and space to give Him our undivided attention.

But where can we find that solitude? Where can we find a quiet place in the midst of the din and demands of this world? Augustine remarked, "In a crowd, it's difficult to see God. This vision craves secret retirement." "Go into your room," Jesus said, "close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen" (Mt 6:6).

There is a meeting place as close as our closet door – a time and place where we can meet God and hear His thoughts and He can hear ours; a time for the two of us where He can have our full attention and we can have His.

Solitude is where we are least alone and where our deepest loneliness can be relieved. It's a healing place where God can repair the damage done by the noise and pressure of the world. "The more you visit it," Thomas à Kempis said, "the more you will want to return."

"I will awaken the dawn," said David (Ps 57:8). There's something to be said for meeting God before our busy days begin and our schedules begin to tyrannize us, though we must not understand this in some legalistic sense to mean that we have to get up before the sun to merit a meeting

with God. For many, morning is the most opportune time; the main thing is an eagerness to meet Him.

The first step is to find a Bible, a quiet place, and an uninterrupted period of time. Sit quietly and remind yourself that you're in the presence of God. He is there with you, eager to meet with you. "Stay in that secret place," A. W. Tozer said, "till the surrounding noises begin to fade out of your heart, till a sense of God's presence has enveloped you. Listen for His inward voice till you learn to recognize it."

It does precious little good to memorize the prescription if one doesn't take the medicine. A mere knowledge of what the Scriptures say may add to one's guilt instead of relieving it. There must be an application.

— Pastor Vince Ingolia

Missionary of the Month

In a time when the economy is threatening jobs of all kinds, Joe Holman feels his job is most secure knowing there are so many needing to hear the Word of God, especially there in Bolivia, the poorest country in Latin America.

It has only been a little over two years (May 2007) since Joe and Denise Holman headed to Cochabamba, Bolivia, with their 10 children and big dreams to mission throughout all of South America.



Since arriving in Bolivia, Joe and Denise have welcomed a new member into the family – Mercy Darlene Holman born September 19, 2008, weighing in at 10 lbs 4 oz and 23 inches long. Being that their oldest son, Seth, is now living in northern VA, working in DC and saving up for college, Mercy's arrival replaced Seth's spot at the dinner table. It will not be too long before there will be another vacant spot as their son, Jacob, is making plans to attend Moody Bible College in order to check out the music and youth ministry there. He has already led worship in their church in Cochabamba and is now playing in two worship teams.



Joe and Denise Holman

This is a family that plays an active part in the mission field no matter what age. Just one example was the pageant this past Christmas when all ten of the children helped to reenact Jesus' birth; including baby Mercy portraying baby Jesus.



For the first time, their finances are in the red and thus they are in need of prayer to return to full support. Being that Bolivia is so poor, they need to reach out to financial partners like the WRBC to support them with their monthly needs.

Pray that the Holmans can stay on track with their dream. Their dream is to help pastors and leaders know God better and to equip leaders to live in grace, walk

by faith and to experience the reality of Christ in their lives. Their ultimate dream is to radically impact the country of Bolivia and then the entire continent of South America, touching the lives of at least 200,000 people weekly throughout South America.

Their ministry will include hosting conferences, broadcasting across the internet, writing books, publishing articles utilizing email to seek to communicate truths across every medium that they can find. Most interesting is their blog site with their day-by-day activities both in the mission field and in their personal life:

Joe-Holman.blogspot.com
TheHolmansInBolivia.blogspot.com

Also pray for areas in their personal lives. They have had encounters with tarantulas, snakes and scorpions. Their son, Jacob, was in a motorcycle wreck but was not seriously hurt. Joe's dad, Jack, found out that he has terminal cancer. Denise had a miscarriage earlier in the year; a son named Jordon. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the Holman family.

Pray for language acquisition. Pray for them as they reach out to abandoned children and orphaned kids, donating money to help provide them with food, clothing and shelter, and assisting them with shopping. Pray for them as they fulfill their vision to reproduce missionaries; their goal is for at least 100 people to enter into full-time, career missions work. It is true that the Holmans dream big but so is their love for Jesus.

– Joan Tyska

“Honoring Fathers” Senior Saints Luncheon

There is never a shortage of Christian fellowshiping when the seniors meet for their bimonthly luncheons and the June 6th luncheon was no exception.

The two closest holidays, Memorial Day and Father's Day, offered many choices to spin off of for decorations, devotions and declarations.

The decorations were simple but patriotic suggesting a BBQ as we honored Father's and Memorial Day. Tables were

covered in the traditional red & white checked table cloths. Small American flags reminded us also of the 65th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy landing of the Allied forces.

The devotions were led by Chris Hallstrom as he shared Scriptures supporting the strong biblical exhortation to honor fathers and of their intended Godly ways. The devotions concluded with honoring Chris as a representative Father and bring-



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ing his family in front to allow a moment of Fatherly pride.



The declarations were many but one in particular stood out. Being that the luncheon fell on D-Day, the veterans were all recognized for the time they served. But one veteran, Dino Volano, caught the interest and admiration of the seniors. Not only was Mr. Volano a Normandy landing vet-

eran but a veteran decorated with a medal given to him by the French; a medal he wore at the luncheon remembering the landing 65 years ago that day.

Other declarations made were to the Fathers and Grandfathers with the largest number of children. American flags were given to those who qualified with Ray Fitzgerald having the most with 12 children, 4 biological and 8 foster. (The Fitzgerald's home was a certified foster home for a time, bringing in babies to care for.)

Cannot forget our kitchen crew; especially Kaitlyn, Kristen & Kara Hallstrom & Shannon, Sarah & Linea Piraino, when it came time to serve the dinner of BBQ pulled pork sandwiches with sides of coleslaw and potato salad. The original crew of Jackie Hallstrom, Mina Piraino & Vicki Valentine were called out of the kitchen leaving the back up crew in charge. The 6 young girls continued to serve up the din-

ner in a most professional manner. 5 chef's hats to the Hallstrom and Piraino girls!!!!

Don't think we need to go into more detail to declare the luncheon a wonderful success and a most blessed place to be for a few hours that blessed day. We even acquired a new piano player, Reeva Bellard, who led the seniors as they chose their favorite hymns. (Not to replace Marie Caputo but to help Marie when she is not available.) The luncheon was a time to share, a time to laugh, a time to get to know each other better and a time to welcome seniors from the community outside the WRBC. If you are a senior, or even approaching your senior years and would like to come to the next luncheon, set aside August 8 (tentatively set) and we will welcome you with open arms.

— Joan Tyska

Conditional Forgiveness?

A Review of *Unpacking Forgiveness* by Chris Brauns
(Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2008)

Several years ago, I preached a series of sermons on the subject of forgiveness in which I took the position that an offended person could not forgive the offender without the offender first confessing his wrongdoing and seeking the forgiveness of the person he had wronged. I based this on passages of Scripture which teach believers to forgive others as God forgives us: *if your brother sins and repents, forgive him* (Lk 17:3-4); *if we confess our sins, then God is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins* (1 Jn 1:9). Some questioned my position, but I have continued to stand by it, although virtually alone—or so I thought until I read *Unpacking Forgiveness* by Chris Brauns, who pastors the Congregational Christian Church of Stillman Valley, Illinois. In this book, Brauns takes a comprehensive look at the biblical doctrine of forgiveness, and comes to the conclusion that forgiveness is indeed conditional.

This book clearly reflects the heart of a pastor. It is not scholarly, and the author uses effective anecdotes and illustrations. At times, he is a bit frivolous, but the wise reader will excuse that in the interest of absorbing his message. Brauns takes a while to get going in this book; the early chapters are a bit tedious. As the author gets into the heart of forgiveness, however, his discussion becomes more focused and

compelling. Brauns defines forgiveness as “a commitment by the offended to pardon graciously the repentant from moral liability and to be reconciled to that person, although not all consequences are necessarily eliminated” (p. 55).

Forgiveness is more than just a feeling, and thus Brauns rejects what he calls “therapeutic forgiveness”—forgiveness designed to make the offended party feel better. Even though sometimes those against whom sin has been committed must be willing to overlook faults (“love covers a multitude of sins,” 1 Pet 4:8), forgiveness is not merely “getting over it,” and often requires humble confrontation. In the absence of a satisfactory response from the offender, church discipline (Mt 18:15-20) may have to be implemented.

The strongest part of the book comes in the second half. On the one hand, what if I refuse to forgive (chapter 10)? Brauns responds that you had better be concerned that you are not a believer at all! On the other hand, how should I respond to those who refuse to repent? In chapters 11-12, the author sets out three principles to guide the offended Christian: (1) resolve not to seek revenge; (2) proactively show love; and (3) don't forgive the unrepentant, but leave room for the wrath of God. It is

at this point that Brauns is very helpful, at least to me. He explains that the reason why we should not forgive the unrepentant is that it is a violation of our innate sense of justice. We often react to an offense by saying, “It's not fair!” That's our God-given sense of justice speaking, and to forgive where there is no conviction, confession, and repentance, violates that sense.

So what are we to do in such a case? Brauns perceptively and wisely counsels us to commit the offender to God's justice (pp. 142-150). But then here's another potential problem: if I do not forgive an unrepentant offender, am I not in danger of holding a grudge and becoming bitter? In an excellent discussion of this dilemma (chapter 13), Brauns gives us helpful advice on conquering bitterness, and again, God's justice and providence figure prominently in the solution. In fact, I found this to be the most helpful chapter in the book. There is never an excuse for bitterness! This is followed by another helpful chapter entitled, “How Can I Stop Thinking about It?”, in which the author shows how the battle against bitterness must be won in our minds. The book concludes with an appendix which poses several other commonly asked questions on the subject of forgiveness and gives brief answers to each.

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One curious omission in Brauns' discussion of forgiveness is any significant explanation of the meaning of the Greek term "forgiveness" in the New Testament (he mentions it only briefly in an appendix). That word (*aphiemi*) literally means "to let go," and in the course of overcoming bitterness, this is the key. Although we may not be able to forgive unrepentant offenders, yet, following the example of the Lord Jesus (Lk 23:34), we can let go of

offenses by giving them to the Lord and refusing to harbor them in our minds any longer.

I believe that this book will answer some questions you have had for a long time, but for one reason or another may have been afraid to ask. In reading *Unpacking Forgiveness*, I found myself having to pause and do some sobering self-evaluation. At one point, I spent some extended time in prayer dealing with some

very long-standing bitterness in my own heart. Thus, I commend this book to every Christian who has struggled with the problems of forgiving, being forgiven, unrepentant offenders, and bitterness (and who hasn't?). You can't put someone else's sin out of your mind? Then you need to read this soundly biblically based book. You might just find new victory and joy in your life!

— Pastor Ron Glass

Baby Shower for Nanette Glass

Saturday, May 30th, the Fellowship Hall of the WRBC was all in pink with decorated hints of a baby shower for Nanette Glass, Pastor & Maureen Glass's daughter in law. A luncheon buffet was prepared by ladies of the church to allow a time of not only sharing baby gifts but to share a bit of true Christian fellowshiping.



Alaina Lederman, Theresa Lederman, Nanette & Chris Glass, Katie Glass



Maureen, Marcelle, Bonnie, Geraldine, Vicki (shower planners)

Adding to the décor were two cakes reflecting the baby girl theme. There was an adorable edible cake created by Nanette's sister, Alaina Lederman, and an inedible cake made by Maureen Glass, created with baby items doubling as a gift.

Most touching was the devotional given by Nanette's mother, Theresa Lederman. She knew how to touch everyone's heart as she addressed her daughter with devotions titled, *A Precious Gift From God*. Even though the message was devotions for

all to hear, it was a Christian Mother's message to her daughter in how to raise her child according to our Lord. Many can vouch that it brought tears to their eyes with many loving sighs of approval.



Inedible cake by Maureen (left) and edible cake by Alaina Lederman (right)



Theresa Lederman and Nanette Glass

Most endearing was Chris Glass. Where most husbands would avoid any thought of attending the shower, Chris not only attended the shower but took an active part in the shower. A pink apron was awarded to Chris as a sort of badge of honor. Traditionally, shower hats are created from all the ribbons and bows taken from the gifts, and the good sport that

Chris is, took his turn to pose for pictures with the ribbon bonnet on. What a guy!



Pray for Chris & Nanette and their baby girl, Lillian Rose Glass, as the due date of September 21st approaches. A new life is on the horizon as well as a new way of life for Chris & Nanette. May God bless them.

— Joan Tyska

Have you visited our web site recently?

Check out Pastor Glass's recent sermons, and check out the other important information about WRBC!

www.wrbc.us

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Let's Get Acquainted

Peter Michael Albrecht began attending the WRBC regularly November of 2008. By April 2009, Peter had confessed his faith, was baptized and joined the church. In that short period of time, Peter has elevated his participation in the church at an amazing rate, so much so, that his name is just beginning to be known making this article a must for reading.

Peter was born November 23, 1980, and raised in Westerlo, NY; a rural town of about 3,000 located about 20 miles southwest of Albany. His parents, Raymond & Elaine Albrecht, still live in Westerlo; his father working as a mechanical engineer and his mother working part time as a librarian in Westerlo. Peter has a younger brother, Matthew, now working in Manhattan as an investment banker.

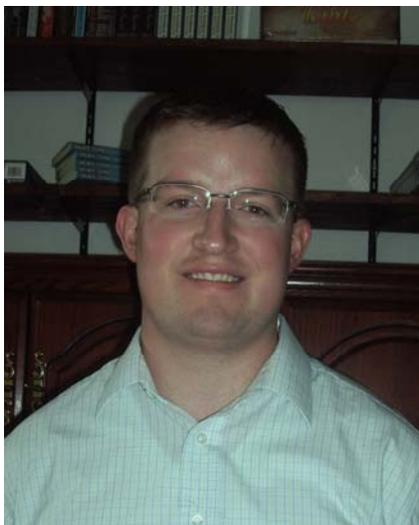
Peter was a gifted child earning high grades allowing him to assist others in understanding challenging concepts from the classroom. Not limiting himself to the classroom, Peter was a member of the marching band playing the snare drum and also playing on the varsity golf team. Rounding out his high school accomplishments, Peter served as editor of the high school newspaper during his junior and senior years.

As a child, Peter attended the Westerlo Reformed Church, a small, country church of the Dutch Reformed denomination. He was active in the church's youth group up until the time he left for college.

His childhood memories included summer family vacations at Hampton Beach, NH. It was here that they frequented a local restaurant where he remembers enjoying fried clams. The vacations also allowed him to spend time doing what he loved to do: swimming in the ocean and riding the waves.

Peter as a young boy was an avid baseball fan always checking the newspaper for the scores and statistics from the previous day. He would spend hours organizing his baseball card collection and even taking the time to send some of his cards out to his favorite players in hopes for an autograph.

Upon graduation from Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central High School, Peter moved to Urbana, IL where he attended the University of Illinois studying electrical engineering. By May of 2002, Peter earned his B.S.; his M.S. by August of 2004; and his Ph.D.



Peter Albrecht

by May of 2007. His doctoral studies were specifically focused on the physics and materials science of carbon nanotubes, which can be envisioned as rolling up a one-atom-thick layer of graphite into a seamless cylinder having a diameter of about one nanometer (one billionth of a meter).

While at the University of Illinois, Peter worked as a graduate research assistant for five years in the laboratory of Prof. Joe Lyding, an Illinois professor who modeled great humility, selflessness and ethical scientific conduct and who became a mentor to Peter.

Peter also had the opportunity to work during the summers as a summer intern at General Electric in Schenectady, NY; Northrop Grumman in Redondo Beach, CA; and Micron Technology in Boise, ID.

While in graduate school, Peter had the privilege of attending a number of international conferences. Most memorable and fascinating places that he visited were Sapporo, Japan; Salamanca, Spain; and Venice, Italy.

Also while in graduate school, Peter received several awards for research talks he gave at scientific meetings. These awards recognized him for being an effective teacher and communicator. This might be a good time to insert a thought that Peter believes he is an introverted person by nature!

Peter is now a research scientist operating a microscope capable of imaging a wide range of materials with atomic resolu-

tion. Peter explains that exploring materials on the atomic scale reveals unique insights that motivate exciting new applications. His current focus is on materials relevant to solar energy harvesting, catalysis, hydrogen storage, sensing and electronics. He is currently employed by Brookhaven National Laboratory in the capacity of a postdoctoral research appointment.

While Peter was in college and in graduate school, he attended the Twin City Bible Church in Urbana, IL. He admits that his interest in the things of God was rather weak during that time as his academic ambitions took precedence over the Christian faith that he had professed as a youth.

But once he found the WRBC (through the Community Journal) and visited the WRBC, and saw the emphasis on the inspiration, inerrancy and authority of the Bible as God's Word, the depth of the Pastor's preaching and teaching from the pulpit, traditional worship and the warm fellowship within the church, his Christian faith began to emerge as his priority.

Since, he has joined the church choir, volunteered to help with VBS this summer as well as the Bible & Baseball camp in August and most recently taken on the position of editor of WRBC's newsletter, The Beacon. There is also a small group of young men studying Biblical Greek under the teaching of Pastor Glass, which Peter has become a part of.

Peter still plays golf maybe once or twice a month enjoying the long walks and mental discipline that the game demands. He never limits his walks to the golf course as he enjoys walks outdoors on a quiet road giving him an opportunity to stretch his legs and collect his thoughts. The renovation of the WRBC ball diamond has renewed his interest in playing baseball & softball. Peter also enjoys listening to hymns while driving in the car.

Peter is new at the WRBC and is just beginning to share with us his God-given skills and his passion to serve but clearly we have already seen him as someone who has a deep commitment to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Greek meaning of Peter is *rock* or *stone*. Peter carries his name well. He is a rock here at the WRBC.

— Joan Tyska



July Bible Quiz Questions

- 1) Who built the ark of the covenant, mercy seat, and cherubim?
- 2) Name two judges not included in the book of Judges.
- 3) Who was the *brother*-in-law of Moses?
- 4) Who was the *father*-in-law of Moses? Give both of his names.
- 5) How many sons did David have?

Bonus: Name the branch of theology dealing with sin.

– Felix Acerra

June Bible Quiz Answers

- 1) Gershom and Eliezer (Ex 18:3-4; 1 Chr 23:15).
- 2) Land of Ham (Ps 105:23, 106:22).
- 3) Candace (Acts 8:27).
- 4) Hannah, wife of Elkenah (1 Sam 1:12-13).
- 5) Ham, son of Noah (Gen 9:18, 9:22, 10:6).

Bonus: Pope Gregory III.

Submit the Bible reference and correct answers to: wrbc4Christ@hotmail.com. The correct answers will be announced in the next newsletter!

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1. To glorify God through sharing the good news of salvation by God's sovereign grace through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. To nurture believers through a strong program of Christian education, youth ministries, and expository Biblical preaching.
3. To provide an opportunity for Biblical worship, service, and fellowship.
4. To extend our ministry throughout America and around the world through participation in home and foreign missions.

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