



The Beacon

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

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A Faith to be Imitated

"Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7).

One of the frustrations of the human experience is how quickly we are forgotten. Solomon bemoaned this reality when he wrote, "For there is no lasting remembrance of the wise man as with the fool, inasmuch as in the coming days all will be forgotten. And how the wise man and the fool alike die" (Eccl 2:16; see 8:10; 9:5, 15). We know, for example, that one of the keys to preserving our freedoms as Americans is that each generation must pass along the knowledge of the patriots and founding fathers whose genius gave birth to our great republic. Otherwise, our children will forget their beliefs and their sacrifices. Memories of the great preachers and missionaries whose names have graced the pages of Christian history must also be kept alive by subsequent generation, or they too will fade into obscurity.

The rapidly fading memory and influence of great men apparently prompted the writer of Hebrews to offer the exhortation he does in this verse. Having spent most of the epistle in an intense, but persuasive, argument to first-century Jewish believers not to give up their Christian profession and return to the institutions of Old Testament Judaism, he provides powerful incentive to steadfastness by reminding his readers of the great saints who have preceded them. That is the purpose of chapter

11. This "faith hall of fame" reminds these Jews of the great men and women of the Old Testament who lived and died by faith, and thus commending this "great cloud of witnesses" (12:1), urges his readers to similar faithfulness. They are to run the race with the same patience these forerunners did, all the while looking to the Lord Jesus who set the supreme example of faithfulness (12:1-3). The twelfth chapter urges endurance in the race and patience under discipline

Following a series of practical exhortations germane to this enduring faithfulness, the writer once again points to examples who are worthy of imitation, only not this time to the revered saints whose lives are known only from the Scriptures, but to the godly leaders who were actually known to his readers. "Remember those who led you," he writes. These were men who "spoke the word of God to you." These were former preachers and teachers, respected expositors of the Word. We know, of course that God's Word is the foundation of our belief and practice, and that it is absolutely essential to Christian maturity and effective ministry (Jn 17:17; Rom 1:16-17; Eph 4:11-15; 2 Tim 3:15-4:5; 1 Pet 2:2). God's Word, properly expounded, always bears fruit (Isa 55:10-11).

But this verse says something different. It urges the believers to

consider the outcome of these teachers' conduct, and thereby imitate their faith. In other words, it's not here a matter of believing what they taught, but of imitating how they lived! And fundamental to following this counsel is the act of remembering, something that requires deliberate and constant effort.

In contemporary Christianity, there are not many men and women who are worthy of such esteem. Those who merit such respect are those who have distinguished themselves by finishing well. Yes, many appear to begin the Christian life well; a much smaller number finish well. Those who do should be remembered as great saints and their lives should provide a patten for a new generation of godly believers. This is especially true in a day like our own, when younger professing Christians are finding their role models in the secular media, in large measure because they are totally ignorant of the great figures of Christian history and have few models of godliness in their own personal experience

Vince Ingoglia was a man who deserves to be remembered. On April 7, the Lord called Vince into His presence, relieving him of the suffering he had endured for nearly month following a massive heart attack. In the days following his homegoing, we

who knew him have had an opportunity to reflect upon his life. Elsewhere in this issue of *The Beacon* you can read about the details of this life. Suffice it to say here that Vince was a man who worked hard in the world of Wall Street by day, and then gave his life after hours and on weekends to the work of the ministry. As an assistant pastor, interim pastor, music leader, and personal evangelist, his accomplishments are amazing. I wish to commend “the result of his conduct” to the readers of this journal, and especially to any young people who might read these words. Consider these factors.

1. *Jesus Christ was his passion.* Vince had a powerful relationship with Christ. He knew Him intimately (Jn 17:3; Phil 3:10). I believe that this was apparent in the last months of his life. He would often tell me that he was waking up in the middle of the night with a vivid sense of the Lord’s presence, and would spend time in prayer. He looked forward to being with the Lord Jesus, and he may have sensed that the time of his departing was growing near.

2. *Prayer was his power.* At this point, Vince Ingoglia set an example we all should imitate. He was con-

stantly in prayer. His children still remember the prayers they heard coming from his study before he would begin the preparation of his sermons. His sister, Marie, has remarked that every time she heard him pray, she was moved to tears. Those of us who enjoyed fellowship with him on the occasions when he joined us for prayer meeting, remember the depth of feeling and strength of voice with which he addressed his blessed Lord. Here was a man on intimate terms with God, and one whose conduct in this discipline—one in which many of us are pathetically weak—is eminently worthy of imitation.

3. *Ministry was his preoccupation.* Publicly, he led singing with enthusiasm; he preached with power. Although I was never privileged to witness this part of his ministry, I do know that in his later years, no longer serving a church, he did not retire from the Lord’s work. He took on the role of a pastor to his community at Thurms Estates, often visiting and praying with his neighbors in their time of need. He wrote for their community newsletter. And in his last few months, he became a regular contributor to this publication, *The*

Beacon. In fact, just before his heart attack, he submitted several articles, one of which appears in this issue, and the others of which will be published in coming issues.

Personally, I am greatly encouraged by the faith of Vince Ingoglia. I don’t know how much longer the Lord will give me in ministry, but like Vince, I want to finish well. I want to know Christ intimately; I want to pray powerfully; and I want to serve the Lord faithfully until the Lord chooses to take me home or return for His church.

What about you, dear reader? Here is a man the result of whose conduct merits careful consideration, and whose faith is worthy of imitation. Let’s remember Pastor Vince. As we run the race set before us, there he is, seated in the front row of the great crowd of witnesses filling heaven’s grandstands, cheering us on. Strain every spiritual nerve and stretch every spiritual muscle as you race toward life’s finish line, looking unto Jesus—but not forgetting Vince Ingoglia!

—Pastor Ron Glass

THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF WISDOM

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits without uncertainty of insincerity. (James 3:17 RSV).

The Secret of Solomon’s wisdom is given in Proverbs 1:7. He says pointedly, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Here fear means awe and wonder, dependence and praise. The first three chapters of Proverbs eloquently describe the wonderful gift of wisdom. The way to wisdom is found in Proverbs 3:5-7:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all our ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil: (NJKV)

In the New Testament, wisdom is sublimely focused in Jesus Christ. Paul clearly describes him as the incarnate wisdom of God, “Christ the power and the wisdom of God” (1Cor. 1:30). In Colossians the apostle boldly asks that his fellow believers in Colossae be filled with the knowledge of

God’s will “in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Col. 1:9) He also identified wisdom as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1Cor. 12:8).

What this means to us is that God has revealed his wisdom in Jesus Christ. When we ask for wisdom in our doubts, we are drawn into closer union with Christ himself. The more we know of Him, the more we will be able to find answers to our questions and resolution of our doubts.

Pastor Vince Ingoglia

EMBRACING LIFE

Some roads are rough to travel,
And through dusty trails we've run
We've watched as dark clouds covered skies
Abandoned by the sun.

But, anywhere we chance to be,
We know we are secure,
All surely part of God's great plan
With courage to endure.

For He has made things beautiful,
His gift is in each day.
The worth is ours for spending here,
Look up! He'll show you the way

And if we follow, God will give
A time to laugh and heal –
To make each moment meaningful,
Embracing all that's real.

We have a treasure in our lives
Worth more than any gold;
With arms outstretched, He gives His hands
For each of us to hold.

Helen M. Motti

**Keep Smiling-Jesus loves you
Pastor Vince**

SENIOR SAINTS LUNCHEON

Hosanna! Hosanna! Praise the Lord could be heard at the April 4, 2009 Senior Saint Luncheon held in Fellowship Hall of the Wading River Baptist Church. Being that it was scheduled Just before Palm Sunday, a theme of "Hosanna" was selected with decorations reflecting Easter.

Easter Baskets filled with dyed Easter eggs adorned the tables decorated in pastel multi colored table cloths. There were enough eggs for each senior to take home along with Easter tracts, a packet of flower seeds and for some, chocolate crosses given out as door prizes

A team of volunteers consisting of Mina, Sarah, Linea Hallstrom and Vicki Valentine put together and served a dinner of cheese and crackers; chicken barley soup; meatballs and rice, glazed carrots



and a wonderful array of cakes donated by liz Hyland. It was dinner that all the seniors enjoyed as well as the volunteers.

Kevin Kenter, at the piano, led the seniors in hymn singing as they chose some of their favorites to sing. For devotions, Kevin brought thought to each of the seniors in how we should praise God in all things and not just the good things that seem obvious to be thankful for.

We once again give thanks for the seniors that are faithful attendees of these luncheons. How grateful we are to see new faces, two of them this time around. It is such an encouragement to listen to the seniors and the wonderful stories they have to tell.



May Bible Quiz Questions



April Quiz Answers

- 1) What did Samuel name the stone he set up between Mizpah & Shen?
- 2) Name the second son of David.
- 3) Where did the Lord bury Moses?
- 4) The account of the feeding of four thousand is recorded in all four Gospels. True or False?
- 5) Which one of Jesus' twelve disciples was the first whose martyrdom was referred to in the New Testament?

Bonus: Which passages in the New Testament give evidence that one of the authors of a New Testament book may **not** be of the circumcision? Also, name who that author might be.

-- Felix Acerra

Congratulations to for answering last months quiz questions correctly!

Answers

- 1) Peace (fellowship) offering (Lev. 3:1,6)
- 2) Restoring a blind man's sight (Mark 8:22-25)
- 3) Jesus wept. (John 11:35)
- 4) Mary of Bethany (Martha & Lazarus' sister) (John 12:3)
- 5) Ahithophel (2Sam. 17:23)

Bonus: Shem (Noah's son)

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

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45 AM Sun- day School 11:00 AM Morn- ing Worship	4	5 7:00 PM Bible Study	6 6:30 PM AWANA – Grand Prix	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 8:30 AM Ladies Prayer 7:00 PM NDOP Prayer Meeting	8	9 CHURCH- WIDE WORKDAY 9:00 AM
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Missionary of the Month

Mark and Charity Borisuk **Anna. Elizabeth. Lvdia and Grace**



Prayers have been answered for Mark and Charity Borisuk as they are in the process of relocating northeast of the city of Beijing. Their rent will be decreased by almost half. They will be only two subway stops from their office/classroom and their apartment is an easy 10 minute walk from a new subway stop (which incidentally because of the Olympics, the subway stops and lines have almost doubled). Now, they can easily function without the added expense of a car. Pray that they will be able to build relationships and contacts in their new apartment complex.

Mark's business, *Intellectual Resources & Consulting (IRC)* which has been functional in China for a year and a half, is going to officially rent office space. Another prayer answered. The office space is inexpensive and by day will be used to continue the translation of Christian

books for either legal publication or free internet usage. And in the evenings they will have weekly employee training where some of their employees and pastors/leaders can be trained. Pray for the preparation of these training classes.

At times, Mark and Charity are overwhelmed by the different areas that take so much of their time particularly with the continued language study for the whole family. Charity continues to home school their four children, Grace, Elizabeth, Anna and Lydia although the 3 younger girls attended a Chinese public school last semester. They also offer their hospitality to many of their friends and contacts which some of the pictures show. Mark is figuring out issues regarding his business, meeting/discipling, and preparing for the classes.

Their desire is for these classes to be the beginnings of a Training Institute. Pray for wise time management.

Sometimes after church the Borisuks will meet with their friends at a McDonalds for lunch. Several times a week Mark might go to lunch with several guys from their study group to encourage them spiritually. Pray for these social gatherings and those in need of your prayers such as Nelo, Ned, Josh and especially for Pioneer whose Dad was killed in a construction accident last summer.

Mark and Charity and their 4 children are half a world away making a difference in the lives of the people of East Asia.

Pray for them as we continue to support them and their mission.



Let's Get Ac-

Steve Valentine is the strong and silent type and has been since high school. In his quietness, you might have missed the chance to discover him and to know him as the gentle soul that he is. His quiet ways guard who he is but as you get to know him, you discover that he is just a regular guy, always smiling with a strong sense of loyalty, especially for those he loves.

One good example of his loyalty is how he supported and cared for his wife, Vicki Valentine, when she had breast cancer. Many hard decisions had to be made as she went through surgeries and treatments; Steve was always there for her in whatever capacity was needed.

But to begin at the beginning, Steven was born August 19, 1966 in Queens, NY. He was one of three children born to Stephen & Patricia Valentine. His father is now retired from Little Flower Children's Services in Wading River as a maintenance supervisor. His mother was self-employed, cleaning houses and offices. Steve's other 2 siblings are both sisters, Rhonda and Nicole.

A favorite memory of Steven's takes him back when he was 9 years old. Steven was playing with a friend with real handcuffs. The key broke inside while Steven had them on. The police had to rush him to the locksmith in order or arrive before closing to get the handcuffs off. Something he will never forget.

After graduating from the Shoreham-Wading River High School in 1984, Steve worked a year at Waldbaums before enlisting in the United States Army. He was deployed to Honduras twice during his enlistment. He was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC as a Chinook helicopter mechanic. Once released from the Army, Steven acquired a job at Little Flower Children's Services as the lead maintenance mechanic and has worked there now for 20 years.



Steve Valentine

He met his wife, Vicki, at a bowling alley where both Vicki and Steve bowled in leagues and tournaments. They became good friends, leading to a more serious relationship. Needless to say, their relationship grew and they were married August 6, 1994. The following year, their son, Garrett was born. Completing the family is Vicki's two children, Alicia Fierro – now 23 and Nicolas Fierro – now 21.

Vicki in her search for a good church, was led to the Wading River Baptist Church. That is when Vicki and Steven began attending WRBC seven years ago and they have been attending faithfully ever since.



Steven is quite the handyman around the house. Not only does he enjoy building furniture, cabinets or any kind of woodworking, it has been said that he is quite skillful at it. He likes to "tinker" finding things to fix, build or rebuild. Most likely in his free time you can find him in the garage or even in the yard working on his various projects.

When not tinkering in the garage or in the yard, you might find him off fishing, or coin collecting or watching his favorite sports teams – Rangers, Mets and the Giants. One interesting note that the family likes to tease him about: He likes the movie "The Last of the Mohegans". It has been said that he has watched it over, and over, and over, and over again. The movie reflects a bit of American history going back to the 1700's when the French enlisted the American Indian to go up against the British. Who knows? Maybe this makes him a bit of an American history buff!!!



To conclude, yes, Steve is quiet and not up front but beneath the gentle exterior is a man of many surprises, eager to please – and Vicki Valentine's best friend.



REMEMBERING VINCE INGOGLIA

Rev. Vincent Ingoglia fulfilled his greatest desire to meet Jesus when the victory was his on April 7, 2009 as he went home to be with the Lord. Rev. Ingoglia never feared death knowing of the life beyond with his precious Jesus that he had spent a life time serving.

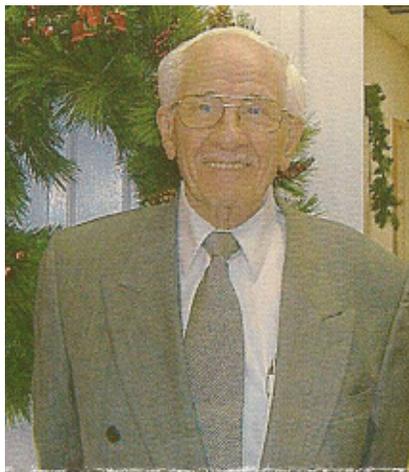
He was born November 23, 1926 in Brooklyn to Peter Ingoglia, an iron worker and Anna Ingoglia a housewife. He was the oldest of three children; a brother, James, a couple of years younger and a sister, Marie, 14 years younger.

As a young boy, Rev. Ingoglia, envisioned himself as a preacher and used to stand up on a chair, pretending he was preaching. This fantasy became a reality when he left 11th grade and began his journey into preaching.

Rev. Ingoglia was first employed on Wall Street at a Broker's House, but was able to fulfill his desire to preach with many ministerial positions at churches throughout Long Island. Vince's resume would read something like this: 12 years at Copiague as a Pastor; Pastor at West Islip; Assistant Pastor & Pastor a Massapequa; 5 years at South Ozone Park as Youth & Song Leader 2 years at Far Rockaway as Pastor; and a member of CCNA (Italian Christian Church of North American).

Not surprisingly, Rev. Ingoglia married a preacher's daughter, Sylvena. They met at church on an occasion when she and he father were visiting from New Jersey. Sylvena and Rev. Ingoglia were married April 24, 1924 bringing them into a relationship that lasted just short of 62 years. They were blessed with three children, Mark, Cindy, & Debbie.

Cindy is now married to Frank alise, Debbie is married to Willie Hauser and Mark is married to Fran. Collectively, Rev. Ingoglia was blessed with nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Rev. Vince's conversations could easily define him as the type of a man that he was. He always talked about Jesus and never had a bad word about anyone. His beliefs were easily received in the message of "Faith, Hope & Love." His *faith* was truly in the creation, the scriptures, the literal interpretation of heaven and hell and that Christ was the only way. The *hope* he had, was in his children and grandchildren. And the *love* he had for Christ spilled over to all that he met.

Rev. Ingoglia loved to read, especially the Scriptures and was skilled in electrical work. He was always ready to help someone with electrical problems or whatever the need was. He worked on his wife's parent's farm, helped build churches, enjoyed visiting nursing homes, and "prayed up," his expression as a prayer warrior.

Rev. Ingoglia was mostly soft spoken and mild-mannered but when in the pulpit became fiery and passionate in his preaching. Being the efficient person that he was and wanting everything just right, he would stay up late typing his sermons on his typewriter. Even after Rev. Ingoglia retired from preaching, he continued to write for the WRBC's newsletter, *The Beacon*, and for a newsletter circulated throughout Thurms Estate, a senior community. A Few of his articles still remain on the desk of the editor of WRBC's *Beacon*, yet to be published.

Being a most trustworthy man, a tribute to that trust was a family memory when Rev. Ingoglia was given a selection of diamonds from an owner of a Jewelry store, to bring home to his daughter, to allow her to pick out the diamond for her engagement ring. For sure, this touched the heart of Rev. Ingoglia's future son-in-law, bringing him into the family in a binding way as did the wife and husband of his other two children.

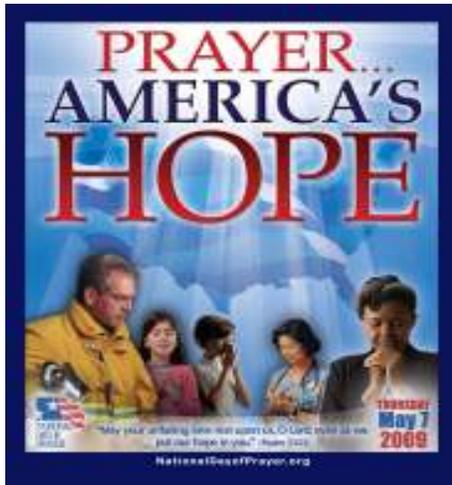
It is no mistake that when the road in front of his home was repaired of its pot holes, the pot hole directly in front of his home in its repaired condition took on the shape of a cross. It became a focal point in his conversations with any one that would visit his home. In all things, Christ would emerge into Rev. Ingoglia's life bringing its message with it.

Victory was Rev. Ingoglia's in his life, his ministry and in his death. He touched many lives and now that he is with the Lord, His memory will be there leading us all to live as he did, for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Joan Tyska



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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 7:00 PM

Our Purpose

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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