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Editor's Notes

Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in the Name of the Lord,

In Brother Berg's notes on the next page he says some good things about his family, on the back page Tim says several good things about his family, and I always seem to have a good word to say about my family. One might get the idea we are blessed with good families, and we are all in this thing together; at least that's the impression I hope our readers get. I have heard it said that the order of our priorities should be God first, family second, and ministry

last. I find no fault with that order, but we have always tried to put the Lord first in everything we do. After doing that, we never worried about what was next, and the whole family turned out serving the Lord and the ministry is thriving. To God be the glory! Mary and I were both born-again members of a Baptist church before we married, and a right start is the most important ingredient in any home. On the 25th of this month, we will celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary. I must say, besides the time I repented of my sins and trusted Christ as my very own, personal Lord and Saviour, getting married was the best move I ever made.

In these days, there is a lot of conversation about the political and economic condition of our once great, Christian nation. In my opinion, we have the worst, and most dangerous, president in the entire history of the United States of America. Socialism is taking over just as fast as the Commander in Chief can make it happen. However, this world is not our home, and our blessings don't come from Washington. Our hope is in the Lord and He has blessed VBP with all the bills paid, the equipment in good operating condition, paper on the floor, and our workers in good health and dedicated to printing and distributing the precious and powerful Word of God to as many people as possible.

Please continue to pray for us as we try to keep our eyes on the Lord and completely trust Him to supply our every need.

May the Lord continue to bless you,
Jim Fellure

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Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since the writing of my last notes for *The Newsletter*, we have finished printing, binding, and shipping another full truckload of paper, and have another truckload, plus six rolls, that have been delivered. The full truckload that we have in the shop will be printed in the Cebuano language for the Philippines, and the

six extra rolls will be used for English John/Romans. The Cebuano Bible has 14 more signatures (448 pages) than the Spanish Bible we print, so we should get between 17 and 18 thousand Bibles from this load. The last truckload produced about 6,700 Spanish/English (bilingual) John/Romans and about 21,000 whole Spanish Bibles. The vast majority of the John/Romans ended up in various prison ministries around the country, and the Bibles have been spread out throughout Mexico, Spain, Honduras, U.S. prisons, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.

Our daughter Sarah is continuing to do a good job in the shop. She really struggled with the last newsletter, which is one reason it got out later than we'd hoped, but some folks who have experience

in printing have said she is doing an excellent job, especially given the little experience she has had so far. The last two newsletters have been printed on a small, two-color press; this one will be printed on our four-color press that we got about a year-and-a-half ago from the Calvary Boys Ranch in Oklahoma. We have been so busy we have not had much time to get it cranked up to get the kinks worked out. We plan to have Bro. Dave Rodriguez from West Virginia help us once again. He helped Sarah get a good start on the two-color press in January, and we are hoping he can help us with the four-color press, as well.

On a personal note, my wife Heidi and I have been married 31 years as of June 12. Recently, we took a vacation and saw some friends of hers that she has not seen in all that time. One of them was a school principal whose children were in Heidi's class. Of course, the children are all grown now and have experienced many things in their lives, but she said that her grown children still talk about "Miss Mach" (Heidi's maiden name), their second and third grade teacher. That is probably about the highest compliment a teacher can get. I am glad she married me and stuck with me all these years. God has certainly been good to me, and I am sure if you take the time to count some blessings, you will be able to say the same.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

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(2 Corinthians 4:5).

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WAITING ON GOD

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

Waiting on God is not laziness. Waiting on God is not going to sleep. Waiting on God is not the abandonment of effort. Waiting on God means –

- first**, activity under command;
- second**, readiness for any new command that may come;
- third**, the ability to do nothing until the command is given.

–G. Campbell Morgan

Fire Him on the Spot

The pastor of Dalkena Community Church felt God’s call to the ministry while working as a successful businessman. He began taking Bible courses at night, and eventually obtained his Bible school degree. Prior to graduation, he informed his boss that he’d be leaving shortly to be the pastor of a rural church. Neither the owner of the company nor the boss believed it, and they neglected to obtain a replacement. Eventually, the pastor told the boss that he really was leaving, and they needed to locate a replacement as soon as possible. The owner of the company, still doubting the worker’s sincerity, instructed his boss, “Offer him a \$500 raise, and if he takes it, fire him on the spot!”

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The Money Is in the Bank

Bank robber Willie Sutton, when asked why he robbed banks, replied, “Because that’s where the money is.”

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Giving God the Glory in Affliction

Two months after the passing of my mother, my husband conducted four funerals in four weeks. It's not the first time he has had this happen, but included in these four were two men of our church family. Thankfully, these two men were saved, and though we miss their presence in our midst, there is consolation in knowing we'll see them again.

Death is an inevitable part of life, but the blessing in these two instances has been the testimony of the wives. In the face of great trials through extended illnesses of their husbands, these two women exhibited the grace of God in their lives.

Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

Giving God the glory, even in our afflictions, is not always easy to do, but one of these widows, Sis. Susan, has been a great example to our church and to me personally. Not only did she remain faithful and steadfast through her husband's illness, but her whole life has been one of personal trials and difficulties. Legally blind, Susan has endured challenges most of us never face. She has survived breast cancer twice, and has had multiple joint problems throughout her adult life. Her husband was also legally blind, but was the provider for the two of them by working over 40 years at the VA Industries for the Blind. However, Susan has borne out the truth in John 9:1-3, the account of the man who was blind from birth. When Jesus was asked by His disciples, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind," Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Truly the "works of God" have been made manifest in the difficulties of Susan's life, yet she has not complained.

Through each trial, Sis. Susan has testified of God's strength being her strength, of His provision meeting every need, and of her hope of Heaven being her comfort. Though the church family has sought to be a blessing and help to her, in reality, she has been a bigger blessing to the church. In giving God the glory in her affliction, she has brought conviction to those of us who may have fallen prey to self-pity and those who would use affliction as an excuse not to serve or honor the Lord. Having been the recipient of God's grace in her own life, she has often blessed others with her handwritten notes of encouragement.

Like Anna, the prophetess, in Luke 2:36-38, who, though a widow for many years, still remained faithful to the Lord's house and served Him gladly, Susan has not missed a service since her husband left for glory. I, for one, am blessed to know her and am challenged by her testimony of giving glory to God, even in the midst of her great afflictions. I pray that no matter what befalls me in this life, I will keep my focus right and glorify God in all that He does!

Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. You may email her at pamleake@colonialbc.org

THE GREAT TEACHER

*I love to feel that I am taught,
And, as a little child,
To note the lessons I have learnt
In passing through the wild.
For I am sure God teaches me,
And His own gracious hand
Each varying page before me spreads,
By love and wisdom planned.*

*I often think I cannot spell
The lesson I must learn,
And then, in weariness and doubt,
I pray the page may turn;
But time goes on, and soon I find
I was learning all the while;
And words which seemed most
dimly traced
Shine out with rainbow smile.*

*Or sometimes strangely I forget,
And, learning o'er and o'er,
A lesson all with tear-drops wet,
Which I had learnt before
He hides me not, but waits awhile,
Then wipes my heavy eyes:
Oh, what a Teacher is our God,
So patient and so wise!*

*His loving teaching cannot fail;
And we shall know at last
Each task that seemed so hard
and strange,
When learning time is past.
Oh! may we learn to love Him more,
By every opening page,
By every lesson He shall mark
With daily ripening age.*

*And then, to 'know as we are known'
Shall be our glorious prize,
To see the Teacher, who hath been
So patient and so wise.
O joy untold! Yet not alone
Shall ours the gladness be;
The travail of His soul in us
Our Saviour God shall see.*

– Frances Ridley Havergal
Copied from *In God's School*
by T.S. Rendall



Dr. Ted Rendall has very graciously given Victory Baptist Press permission to republish some of his out-of-print books. Dr. Rendall's Bible teaching is totally expositional and very applicable to the everyday life of the Christian. The first of Dr. Rendall's books published by VBP was *In God's School*. We now offer this great, life-changing book, *Living the Abundant Life*. We are currently working on *Fire In the Church* and will make it available in a future issue of this newsletter.



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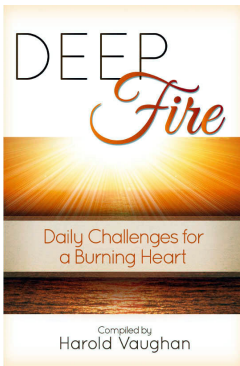
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"To bring this message of the fullness of life in Christ to believers everywhere is the aim of this little book. The Reverend Ted S. Rendall has already distinguished himself as a writer and a preacher on this theme of a heaven-sent revival. Because I believe that this is the only hope of the Church before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, and because of the clarity with which this subject is handled, I have great pleasure in commending it to the Christian public.

"God bless this book to everyone who reads its pages. May we all be led into life, and life more abundant."

— Dr. Stephen Olford (1918-2004)

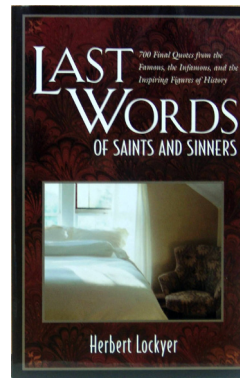


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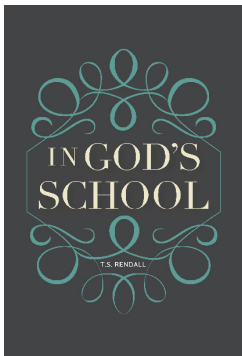


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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure

Remove Not the Ancient Landmarks

Deuteronomy 19:14

For the past 20 years, I have used this back page of *The Newsletter* for sermon outlines. Only once every few years have I used this space to just write an article, and this will be one of those rare times. This past month has been a busy one for our church and family, the

highlight being our celebrating the graduation of all our high school and college seniors. It was a bit more personal for us this year because our twins (Jacob and Megan) were in the group. They will be taking a month-long mission trip to China later this year and are seeking God's will for their lives. I'm sure marriage will come too soon, and then they will be on their own.

Jennifer and I talk a lot about the direction that many of our young people take. I know they all do not follow the same path in life, but they should all be headed in the same direction. It is very discouraging sometimes to see how many kids that grow up in our Baptist churches abandon the faith once they are grown. I even know a number of preachers who have, in recent years, left the Independent Fundamental Baptist movement and made it their life's ministry to fight it. They have become critical of our standards, our doctrine, the KJV-only position – scorners of something they used to believe in. It has been and continues to be our prayer that our children will simply continue in the things we have taught them as they become independent.

The verse that grabs my heart as I ponder these things is Deuteronomy 19:14: *"Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance."* Of course, that statement is about property rights. The boundaries of a family's inheritance was marked, as it is now, with some type of landmark: a stone, a tree, or a stake in the ground. And that landmark was to never be moved. When God brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, He set the property lines for each tribe and family, and they were to remain where He established them. A man was not to move the landmarks of another man's field so as to give himself more land, nor was he to move the landmarks of his own property set by his father. The principle behind the law is that there are some things that should never be moved.

There is constant pressure on the Church and believers to keep up with the world. And it is sad that much of that pressure comes from other believers. But the Word of God does not change with culture, and if it is to be our final authority, it demands that we nail down some doctrines and convictions and never waver from them. A great problem we face in our younger generations is shallow spirituality. Most of our young people are products of culture, not biblical thinking, and it is the cry of my heart for our young people to develop some stronger convictions than the average Christian and to be resolute in their faith.

Don't remove the **Landmark of Our Message**. Everything the Bible held to 30 years ago is still in the Book. We do not need a new message or a new Bible. We do not need to abandon the fundamentals of the faith for some contemporary, social gospel.

Don't remove the **Landmark of Our Music**. Music in many churches now is no different from what you hear in the honky-tonk. It is sensual, fleshly, hyper-emotional and shallow. The message has been taken out of the lyrics, the beat is dominant, and the philosophy behind it is unscriptural. Music is an expression of the heart. Music was not created to be a form of entertainment; it is a gift whereby we can express our heart to God. When a church begins to compromise, one of the very first areas they will change is the music. And when their music begins to adopt worldly styles, that church is on the way to apostasy. We have tried to fill our home with godly music, knowing that it has such a huge influence on young minds. Parents allow their kids to listen to the popular musicians of our day – wicked, vile, ungodly, immoral, perverse – and wonder why their kids are spiritual pygmies. Worldly music will never produce a spiritual thought in your mind, and godly music holds no appeal for carnal believers.

Don't remove the **Landmark of Our Morals**. There was a day when Christians were separated, and the world respected that. Christians used to be honest, were good employees, had character and stayed away from worldly places; but those days are long gone. The Christianity of today looks nothing like it did in yesteryear. Too many churches have long ago dropped any resemblance to biblical standards of conduct for a come-as-you-are, do-as-you-please, anything-goes philosophy. Last year, I preached a sermon at Victory on modesty that was edited for an edition of this newsletter and then put in tract form. It was nothing new and nothing hard; just a pastoral appeal to the church for godly modesty like I've heard preached all my life. I was shocked to have an independent Baptist pastor email me, criticizing me for some of my personal standards. Where have we gotten to when we can get criticized for, at least, trying to apply biblical principles to the area of dress in our families?

Don't remove the **Landmark of Our Ministry**. The day when a church was built on preaching, praying, and Holy Ghost power has been substituted for social programs for all ages, gimmicks designed to sell church to the unchurched, services that cater to the carnal desires of the flesh, and soft-soap, fancy-dan sermons. But there is no substitute for solid Bible preaching, spiritual music and worship, strong discipleship, and fervent evangelism. Let the charismatics and evangelicals get blown about by every new fad; you can still build a church in the 21st century with the same building blocks of the 1st century Church. I still believe the old-time faith which we received from our fathers is worth contending for. While the masses are falling for the ecumenical and evangelical ways, I believe there is still a remnant who long for the religion of their grandparents. I have decided the old way is the best way, and am too old now to change.

So, this is my plea to a younger generation – Don't remove the landmarks. Get some character and wisdom. Add some rock-solid convictions and become a product of biblical thinking. You will be surrounded all your life by shallow, superficial, empty Christians but you don't have to be one of them. The landmarks have been set – don't move them!