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*From the
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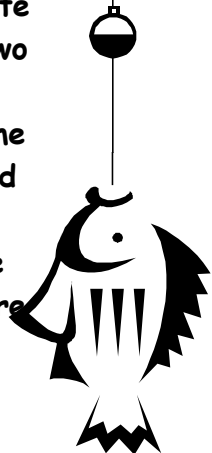


THE HORSE IS NOT YOUR SOURCE

In his book *We're Not Finished Yet*, Perry Stone, host of the popular Christian television teaching program *Manna Fest*, tells the story of an event that happened in his life in the middle 1980's.

Perry and his wife Pam finished a revival in Adamsville, Alabama and drove to Athens, Georgia to watch a football game between the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama. They arrived several hours early and decided to visit the campus bookstore. While browsing, Perry was drawn to a book that looked like it belonged in the children's section rather than a university bookstore. The illustrated cover showed a carousel and a girl carrying a book, wandering through a maze. The title of the book was *Treasure* and in the upper right hand corner, there was a picture of a statue of a golden horse. On the back cover was the promise that \$500,000 was hidden somewhere in America, and that all of the clues needed to find it were contained in this book. Actually, the 2.2 lb. statue of the golden horse, valued then at \$25,000 was buried somewhere. In its belly was a key to a safe deposit box with a certificate valued at \$500,000. This was a real contest that started in 1984. Perry recounts how he got really excited seeing the prize money as a way to finance things that were needed in their ministry. He bought the book and set about solving the mystery of the location of the golden horse.

Space does not allow me to share the whole story with you, but Perry did solve the puzzle and wound up with a friend digging on Wizard Island on the west end of Crater Lake in the Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. He tells of finding the spot and digging down about 18 inches through the very hard soil. The book had said not to dig too deep, so they thought that someone else had already found it. It was late in the day and they had to get back, so they left, (actually the horse was buried two feet deep and was not found by the time the contest rules stipulated, so it was donated to charity; the Big Brothers of America). Perry relates how on the drive home he was confused, for he knew without a doubt that he had solved the puzzle and had been to the spot where the horse was buried. He was meditating on why the Lord had allowed him to make the journey and return empty handed. A song came on the radio called *Treasure*. It told of a man who went on a journey to look for a treasure and came back empty. At the end of the journey, the man in the song discovered that the Lord was his greatest treasure. (Continued on page 2)



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Perry said that as he listened to that song, he actually heard the Holy Spirit telling him, and I quote, "I allowed you to solve this because it was something that you wanted to do and something you enjoyed. I did not let you find it however because **THE HORSE IS NOT YOUR SOURCE.**" Perry said, "I suddenly began crying and rejoicing at the same time. I began yelling, 'The horse is not my source! God is going to give me what I need, when I need it, to accomplish what I need to accomplish. I don't need a golden horse when I have a great God.'" And he has.

Beloved, that's true for us too, in our homes and families, and in our church. God is our source. He gives us all we have and if we are His children, He has promised to provide all our needs. The answer is not in the latest "get rich quick" scheme, or the popular religious "name it and claim it" fads that come and go. We are to just look at our heavenly Father, trusting Him to do what He says He will do, and being obedient to Him in regards to our witnessing, serving, loving and giving. **THE HORSE IS NOT YOUR SOURCE.** God is, and you can take it to the bank.

Brother Dave



If you would like to make nominations for the Board, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Rick Simmons, Larry Handley, Gene Speaks, Robyn Johnson, Charlotte Thomas. There is a list of Board members whose terms are expiring on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Nominations must be submitted by May 11.

Serving in May

May 4: Greeters: Barbara & Susan Goss; Children's Church: Charlotte Thomas, Katie Smith; Time of Prayer: Jill Huss; Elder: Steve Adams; Nursery: Mary Simpson, Melissa Whetstine, Alyssa Burchett Burtis; Stewards: Rick Simmons, Susan Goss; Bus Driver: Terry Simpson; Communion for May: Mary Ruth Ruddy, Laura Jeschke.

May 11: Greeters: Steve & Pam Kostman; Children's Church: Jana Dominguez, Pat Triplett; Time of Prayer: Steve Adams; Elder: Neil Caudle; Nursery: Wanda & Bethany Jenkins, Hana Adams; Stewards: Steve Kostman, J.D. Euler; Bus Driver: Terry Simpson; Communion for May: Mary Ruth Ruddy, Laura Jeschke; Shut-in Communion: May 11: Barbara & Susan Goss.

May 18: Greeters: Bill & Wanda Simmons; Children's Church: Cara & Bruce Jeschke; Time of Prayer: Jana Dominguez; Elder: Wayne Rush; Nursery: Pam & Jena Pickerell, Chasity Wetmore; Stewards: Barb Goss, Terry Simpson; Bus Driver: Terry Simpson; Communion for May: Mary Ruth Ruddy, Laura Jeschke.

May 25: Greeters: Jennifer & Jason Whetstine; Children's Church: Jill & Auten Huss; Time of Prayer: Jared Pickerell; Elder: Rick Simmons; Nursery: Sharon Handley, Rae Jean Burchett Burtis, Leah Johnson; Stewards: Linda Clary, Bill Simmons; Bus Driver: Terry Simpson; Communion for May: Mary Ruth Ruddy, Laura Jeschke; Shut-in Communion: May 25: Steve & Chris Adams.

7th—12th Grade Youth Group

Sundays - 5:30—7:00 p.m.

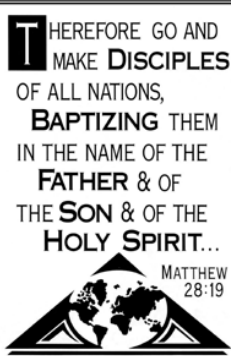
Christian Campus Fellowship

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland
Community College Wellness Center



Prayer Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



REASONS TO REJOICE

Baptisms:

Nathan Landwehr - March 30.
Alexandria Winder - April 6

Transfers:

Jim & Sherri Richardson - April 6

Weekly Statistics

	Our Giving	Attendance
March 16:	\$3872.00	169
March 23:	\$2676.00	235
March 30:	\$1722.23	185
April 6:	\$4224.11	165

Church Budget for 2008: \$139,964.00

Needed per Sunday: \$2691.00

Calendar of Events:

May 1: National Day of Prayer

May 8: CWF will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Center

May 11: Mother's Day

May 14: Baccalaureate at the Troy Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

May 19: Elders meeting 6:00 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 26: Memorial Day

May 31: Bridal shower for Jenise Laipple at 2:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are invited.

May



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| 1 Dustin & Terra Ferris | 21 Steve Adams |
| 2 Susie Cooke, Mark & Val Wiedmer, Kinsey & Lyric Dulin | 24 Donna Caudle, Jim Pickerell, Tom & Danae Jenkins, Aubrey Ferris |
| 4 Chris Adams | 25 B-Joe Rizer, Chuck & Debbie Hunsaker |
| 5 George McConnaughey, Bill Simmons | 26 Alma McConnaughey, Pam Pickerell |
| 7 Denise Cummings | 27 Garrett Loroff |
| 10 Lawrence Christopher | 28 Bob & Marcia Baird, Delanie Molt |
| 11 Bary Thomas, Stacy Kahnt | 30 Doug Handley, Joel & Stacy Kahnt |
| 12 Larry Jones, Steve & Pam Kostman | 31 Lacey Jasper, Del & Sherri Hamon |
| 13 Leroy Leffler | |
| 15 Chandler Jeschke | |
| 18 Arnita Yingling | |

Flaming Spirit Camp Dates

June 8 - 13 High School (9th - 12th grades)

June 15 - 20 Junior High (7th & 8th grades)

June 22 - 27 Junior Camp (5th & 6th grades)

June 28 One Day Camp (1st & 2nd grades)

June 29 - July 1 1st Chance Camp (3rd & 4th grades)



Men's Night "Out"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and make plans to go camping and fishing on June 13 at the Brown State Fishing Lake. Bring your father, sons, or buddies, a tent if you have one and your fishing gear. We'll supply the food just in case the fish aren't bitin'. For more information, call Casey Rush at 985-2249. Please sign the sheet at the church if you are coming, so we'll know how much food to get.

What a Nice Problem

First Saint John Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, recently discovered that it had a gas problem. No, not from its kitchen. Turns out the church was sitting squarely atop one of America's biggest deposits of natural gas!

Surprisingly, many of the church's 4,400 members weren't happy about this at first. When the energy companies came knocking to buy mineral rights, church members were suspicious.

But bishop Kenneth Spears explained to his congregation how this was "manna from heaven," according to Fast Company magazine. Now the church is able to implement any mission it desires. One of the first projects was to fund internships and scholarships for the congregation's young people.

What wonderful opportunities God has provided for this thriving church. One suggestion, however: Maybe they shouldn't use candles without a fire extinguisher nearby!

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News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



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