

Parsons Proclaimer

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Where I Lost My First Life

by Martin Klamm

Last week, Zoey Graham and I stopped at a store and had an unusual conversation with the owner. The man mentioned Savannah, TN, and then said, *“That’s where I lost my first life.”* I was thinking to myself, *“Did he just say ‘first life?’ No, maybe he said ‘first wife?’ No, it sounded like ‘first life.’ Well, maybe he meant ‘first life’ in the sense that he was born again in Savannah?”* No, that’s not what he meant because he went on to say that he was killed there in a battle, as in a *Civil War battle*. You read that right, he believed that in a former life he was killed in the Civil War. You know, that’s not how most conversations go with store owners, but for some reason he had the desire to tell us that. I wonder what he would have done if I had said, *“You know, in my third life I was in a battle in Savannah and I shot a man that looked just like you.”* I didn’t say that. It wouldn’t have been true, and I would have been poking fun at him, so I’m just writing about him instead.

That man obviously believed in reincarnation, and I certainly do not, but I did lose my first life in Bonner Springs, Kansas. It was in the baptistry of the Bonner Springs church of Christ where my *“old man was crucified”* with the Lord *“that the body of sin might be done away with”* as I was immersed in water to be united with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-6). It was there that I was born again by being born of water and the Spirit (John 3:3,5-6). It was in that water that I was delivered from death and brought back to life (Ephesians 2:4-5). No, reincarnation is not real, but we can really have a new life in the Lord. He can and will take away our sins if we surrender ourselves to Him, and in return He will give us a new life and a new way of living. *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”* (2 Corinthians 9:15).

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MEN TO SERVE

Bible School Devotion 05/16/21

Singing.....Chase Brock
Prayer.....Alex Jones

Worship 05/16/21

Announcements.....Larry Barrett
Prayer.....Larry Barrett
Two Hymns.....Nick Jones
Communion Hymn.....Nick Jones
Scripture Reading (1 Corinthians 10:15-21).....Chase Brock
Lord's Supper.....(Head) A.B. White, Alec Beasley
Chase Brock, Brooks Goff and Alex Jones
One Hymn.....Nick Jones
Message.....Martin Klamm
Invitation Hymn.....Nick Jones
Offering Hymn.....Nick Jones
Contribution
Final Hymn.....Nick Jones
Closing Prayer.....Jeremy Goff

Wednesday 05/19/21

Song Leader.....Chase Brock
Prayer.....Seth Beasley
Lesson.....Martin Klamm
Invitation.....Martin Klamm
Announcements.....Anthony Curtis
Closing Prayer.....Anthony Curtis

A FEW THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

A roof over our heads
A bed to sleep in
Food on our tables
Shoes on our feet

FAMILY NEWS

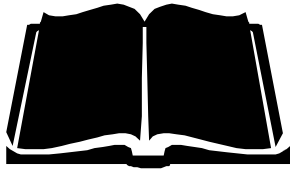
SICK: Rickey Sparks will have a Scan Thursday. Sharon Jones had a MRI Monday and has an appointment Wednesday morning to find out her next options. Nancy Rainey has been in the hospital with pneumonia but has returned home. Nancy and Robin Rainey are both struggling with their health at this time.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Tammy Aldridge, Martha Coleman, Kenneth Goff, Rick Hudson, Danielle Mathis, Larry Parrish, Nancy Rainey, Jeff Segraves, Rickey Sparks, and Kenny Stephens.

LADIES DAY: Remember the Ladies' Day May 22nd at the Beacon church of Christ. Registration will be at 8:30 AM.

The Mighty Deeds of King Jesus

1. ***Whose mother-in-law was sick with a fever? _____
(Matthew 8:14).***
2. ***Who felt unworthy for Jesus to come under his roof? _____
_____ (Matthew 8:8).***
3. ***What person did the centurion ask Jesus to help? _____
(Matthew 8:5).***
4. ***How many men possessed of devils (demons) came to meet Jesus near the country of Gergesenes? _____ (Matthew 8:28).***
5. ***How old was the ruler's daughter that Jesus raised from the dead? _____
_____ (Mark 5:42).***
6. ***To whom did Jesus give power to cast unclean spirits out, and to heal all sickness and disease? _____ (Matthew 10:1).***
7. ***When Jesus healed a paralytic man, scribes accused Jesus of what sin? _____ (Matthew 9:3).***
8. ***What unusual request did Jesus make of the blind men He healed? _____
_____ (Matthew 9:30).***



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday (2 Chronicles 13-15)
Monday (2 Chronicles 16-18)
Tuesday (1 Chronicles 25-27)
Wednesday (2 Chronicles 28-32)
Thursday (2 Chronicles 33-35)
Friday (2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1-2)
Saturday (Ezra 3-5)

Missionary E-mails

Paul & Hettie Gerber in South Africa –
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Dexter Honore in Bonaire –
dexterhonore@gmail.com
Jason Pierce in Fiji –
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Campus Comedy

Kappa Delta sorority at the University of North Carolina sponsored a golf tournament to raise funds for the local child-abuse prevention organization. It was only after fliers were posted all across campus that the women realized what they'd written:

HELP STOP CHILD ABUSE BY SHOOTING A HOLE IN ONE

A story around campus has it that a student once sent a text to his Mom reading: "Mom—flunked all courses. Kicked out of school. Prepare Pop."

Two days later he received a response: "Pop prepared. Prepare yourself."

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness.

The Record Speaks

Attendance

Wed. BS

SMBS 40

SMW 54

SEW

Contribution 2612

Budget 3035

Assemblies

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.