



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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Van Driver for February: Bill Money



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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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GLASS OF MILK

One day a poor boy, who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal, he asked for a drink of water! She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it so slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness. He said, "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words ... "Paid in full with one glass of milk." (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands."

There's a saying that "What goes around, comes around." The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again, at least you will have made the world a better place -- And, after all, isn't that what life is all about?

What He Might Have Been

There was once a Russian novelist named Fyodor Dostoyevsky, who was born into a wealthy prominent family, and he was a brilliant man in his own right. He was a part of the elite section of the Russian society. Somewhere along the line, he decided to become a socialist. He wrote a book at the age of 25 entitled *Poor Folk* that immediately became a best seller. In fact, it was so popular that the fame and fortune went to his head. He began to drink and party and became more vocal against the government. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to death. But before the sentence was carried out, it was revised to a lifetime in prison. He was sent to Siberia where he was incarcerated for a long period of time. During the course of his stay there, the only book that he was allowed to read was the Bible. Now he was already embracing the socialist philosophy of atheism of not believing in God, but the more he read the Bible, the more convinced he was that Jesus was who He claimed to be.

Eventually he was released from prison, and when he was released, he told a friend that he had developed such a love and appreciation for Jesus that he would be faithful to Him regardless. But that was a commitment that wasn't kept. He failed to worship as he should, he stopped reading his Bible, and there was not a mature Christian who took him under their wing to encourage him; so gradually he lapsed back into his old ways. He began to drink again excessively, he became unfaithful to his wife, and he became a compulsive gambler. He lost everything that he had. He became so destitute and owed so much money that he left Russia and spent the rest of his life moving about Europe to stay ahead of his creditors. All the while he was writing, but his writings became sadder and sadder which led to a sense of gloom and hopelessness. He died at the age of 59 as a wasted and broken man. Someone said concerning him, "To study his life was to be impressed at what he was but it is also to be haunted with what he might have been."

Unfortunately, that's the story of many of God's people. They have so much potential in the kingdom of God to shine as a light in the darkness. But for some reason, they don't reach that full potential, and it is said of them "Oh, what might have been."

"Let us restore in 2024."

Family News

- **Bill Money** continues to improve following nose surgery.
- **Nina Wharton**, Susan Dennis' mother, is doing well following a second surgery.
- We are to deliver the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House this afternoon 1 at 2 p.m.
- The young people are invited to **Heath and Carla Hines'** home tonight after evening services.
- HRR pantry item for February is laundry soap.
- There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board to select a month to take care of the fellowship building for that month's luncheon. You may sign up as an individual, a family, or a group.

Clap and Cheer

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me.... "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. Philippians 4:11

Just For Humor:

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup and the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: "The first worm in alcohol - Dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead. The third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead. And the fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive."

So the minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!" That pretty much ended the service.