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Changes

A New York columnist set out to prove that no one really listened to what anyone said at a party. When he was invited to a party, he always arrived late. When the hostess greeted him, he explained his tardy arrival by saying, "I had to stop for a moment to murder my mistress which took longer than I thought." Without blinking an eye, the hostess replied that she understood perfectly. As he mingled around the party, someone asked him what he did for a living. "Oh, I am the executioner for the state penitentiary." To which the person responded, "Well, that must be an interesting line of work. How does business look this year?"

We just finished our Rocky Mountain Baptist Revival. We heard many words; or did we? What did we really listen to? Every week I am expected to produce a string of words from other words that I read in the Bible. I wonder sometimes, do you really hear the words of the Bible or not? Jesus faced the

same problem in getting people to listen to Him. Mark 7:14 "And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand..." Jesus expected them to listen and understand what He wanted them to do with His words. He has not changed in expecting us to respond to what we have been taught at the revival. Let God have His way and make the necessary changes that He spoke to you about.

Love,

— Tom Barlament
 Pastor

PS Please be faithful over the summer months as we push to reach the lost in our community. At the same time, make sure you spend some time with family and friends. Have a great summer!



Helping our students succeed!

Make plans to have your children succeed this next school year. Enroll your child today in Landmark Baptist School. Call the offices at 970-257-1047 for more information or to begin the registration process.

Know someone who might like the Legend Newsletter? Let them know that they can visit our web site and download the latest issue. Send them to www.lbcgj.com/legend and tell them to take a look around.



JULY

4 Independence Day

5 God & Country—
Don't miss one of our church's biggest days of the year. We will honor those who served in our nation's military.

12 Nursery
Appreciation / Baby
Dedication
Day



13-15 Kids Crusade—
"Go Bananas for
Jesus"



23-24 Father/Son
Campout—*All men and boys are invited to this time of rough outdoor life.*

AUGUST

1 Church Picnic/
Softball Game

2 West Coast Baptist
College Tour Group

4 LBS Orientation—
Yes, it's that time of year again. We are already making plans for a successful year.

Does Talk Radio Make You Mad?

It should! That is what it is designed to do. Either it makes you slobbering mad because you can't stand what these people are saying or it makes you mad enough to lose your testimony over some issue that the host is riled up about. We listen to these sentiments for hours at a time. We see the evils of society or politics that must be stopped. Callers call in asking: What can we do? Can they be stopped? What will save us?

"Save," now that is an interesting word. It seems to imply impending disaster. Save us from what? Save us from a society careening over the precipice of complete loss of freedom, of disintegration of human dignity, or total moral anarchy? In and around our church, we use the word "save" to imply a very clear and definite impending disaster – HELL!

Our hearts are a fertile ground! Emotions grow, motivations grow, and actions grow based on what we plant in our heart. When we listen to hours of our favorite talk radio host, we put ourselves at a much higher risk of being motivated by something other than

Defend to Build

I believe that teenagers at this time in history are faced with greater temptation than any other generation. Times are getting worse, not better. Homes are broken. Drugs, sex and ungodly music war against our teens at an immeasurable rate. The battle is on. The enemy is present, and the strength of our Christian walls seems to dwindle.

In Nehemiah chapter four, the enemy is planning to rise up against the building of the wall. The Bible says the enemy conspired to hinder the work. One of Nehemiah's defense options was to give families a sword, spear and bow (verse 13). This was done so the building of the wall could continue.

Possibly, the reason that we have teenagers who are defeated is because we have homes

the heart of God. Jeremiah 23:16 says, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD."

While it is valid to judge political and social ideologies as correct or incorrect, it is wholly unwise for those of us who call ourselves Christians to seek something other than the heart of God to govern our emotions, motivations and actions.

Psalms 19:14 says, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

Consider the amount of time we spend listening to the heart of God through His word and prayerfully ask God to give us His heart. We may begin to find that what we care about most is the souls of people and whether or not they are saved from the impending disaster of HELL! James 5:20 says, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death...."

– Mitch Martin
Assistant Pastor

that have been conquered. The family unit has lost its importance. The enemy has conspired to hinder the work that makes our homes great. Family values and activities have become rare. No longer are our children taught character by their parents. The television is raising our future generation, and it's changing the appearance of what we know as family.

Nehemiah faced the enemy directly with a sword placed in the hands of each family. Now more than ever, our families need to fight united with the Sword, and once again claim victory over the enemy. The walls of Christian character, Godly music and strong marriages can be built high once again. All we need is the Sword.

– Gabe Skillo
Assistant Pastor

God Wanted It That Way

In September 2008 at North Valley Baptist Church in Santa Clara, California, while attending their annual Teachers And Workers Conference, I heard for the first time a pastor and his family sing together a beautiful and powerful song. He came to the platform via wheelchair and was helped to a chair in order to sing this song with his family. Pastor Stephen Nichols of Regency Baptist Church in Orangevale, California, stated: (via CD Let's Build the Wall), "... that in 1995, God gave me a thorn in my flesh to humble me and teach me of His Grace." He has been bedridden, in a wheelchair, or using a walker or cane for the past 14 years while pastoring this church. What a testimony! The words to this song and others that he has written are so convicting and encouraging. I recommend this CD and these songs to you.

Words of this song:

If God wanted it that way, Daniel would have never known the lions den, and Joseph would have the throne without the prison, David would have never known Saul's jealousy, and Job would have never lost his family, Stephen would have never been stoned, and the beatings of Paul would have never been known.

Chorus: But, God wanted it that way, God wanted it that way, every trial, every test, was only for the best, it was always in His plan, though we may not understand, as the potter molds the clay, God just wanted it that way.

If God wanted it that way, no one would have ever known the trail of blood, and Tyndale would have the Words of God completed, preachers would have never heard their children cry as they walked alone to that stake to die, Nero would have never had the throne, coliseums of Rome would have never been known.

In these lives we live down here, sunshine will always know the rain to fall, and each day can bring us joy as well sorrow, trials will always come from day to day, and heartache may cross our path along the way, but He holds our life in His hand, and our hopes and our fears He will always understand.

All this to say, it doesn't matter what has come your way...God wanted it that way! He knows best; He can see you through your trial or test; it is His will for your life; may we trust Him...God wanted it that way.

– Mrs. Nancy Barlament



11 LBS
First Day
of School

15 Teen Activity/
Palisade Peach Festival

25 Pastor & Mrs.
Barlament's 25th
Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

7 Labor Day

14-17 Pastors &
Workers Conference,
Santa Clara, CA

20 New Members
Reception—*All new members are invited to a special meeting after the morning service to meet the pastoral staff and the deacons.*



26 Bus Workers BBQ

27 Fall Program
Begins with Round-
Up Sunday

28-29 Rangely
Revival, Darrell Cox

For more information concerning upcoming events contact the church offices at 970-257-1047.