

# “HEAVENLY HERALD” NEWSLETTER

## Church of God 7th Day

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11:00 am Bible Study  
12:00 pm Worship Service & Sermon  
1:00 Potluck Open to the Community

**WELCOME**  
to the  
**“Biggest Little Church in Town”**

Pastor Ralph Orton, Ministering  
Sherry Orton, Bible Study  
Shawn McCool, Youth Ministries

*August 2011 EDITION*

### CHURCH NEWS:

- Well our 4th of July BBQ and Fireworks was REALLY FUN! We didn't have very many people show up, but the families that did, had fun and it seemed like we had known all of them for a long time as family, even they, themselves were saying that. We had burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips, potato salad, dessert and drinks. We had sparklers and pops for the children to do before the fountain fireworks were set off. In between all of that we had our drawing for our door prizes. All the winners were very pleased needless to say. One little girl was thanking her dad for bringing them there and she was having a lot of fun (she was 8 years old). Praise God! We put some happiness into some families lives and showed the love of Jesus as we did. \*see pictures on pg. 4\*
- If you have a testimony or an article that you would like to submit, to be put into our newsletter **PLEASE DO!**
- Vickie Rest received a Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of valuable contributions of help and humbleness to and for our congregation on July 23rd and some flowers. She has been a God sent, organizing things around the church kitchen before and after our services. Really we don't know what we would do without her and she always has a friendly smile on her face so, even when you come and don't feel up to par, she makes you feel better and welcome. Thank you again Vickie for all your help and thoughtfulness and may God bless you
- Just a reminder to all our congregation and visitors, that the food served at the potluck after our service is expected to comply with the clean and unclean as revealed in the eleventh chapter of Leviticus.
- A friendly reminder that if you should have any questions about what has been addressed in the sermons, that you are more than welcome to speak with the pastor after the service during the potluck about it. In reverence to the House of God and respect to the pastor, we must keep order in everything we do. \*1Cor.14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.\*
- Though I was only able to stay a couple days for the Camp Meeting this year, I had a wonderful time. I was able to fellowship with many of the people there and had an enjoyable time talking about the word of God. Both the day I got there and the following day I was up talking with fellow believers as late as 12:30 am. The sermon I was asked to give went well and I opened it up for some discussion after I had finished. It was an honor to be able to share with those there, words from the Bible and to get some time to speak with and enjoy the company of others that desire to serve the Lord. May next year go as well if not better. *Shawn McCool*

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**UNITY OF BELIEF**

**DIVERSITY OF  
UNDERSTANDING**

**ONE IN CHRIST**

**PASTOR RALPH'S  
NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT**



***“Let each of us find what we were made for  
and do it, to help the body of Christ.**”*

We are well into the longer days and nicer weather and that mean barbecues, rafting, and concerts in the park to name just a few of the things we do during this season. But, it's not all fun and games. It's also a time for gardening, mowing lawns, and repairs of those things on our personal "To do" lists. Maybe even a new project or two. And that brings me to what I have been thinking about, tools.

You see I received a gift certificate for the Diamond Home Improvement store here in Grants Pass. So of course I started thinking about what kind of tools I need. The right tool can make a big difference in the quality of the workmanship as well as the ease and safety of the job. You don't have to spend a great deal of time to discover that pliers are not great as wrenches nor is a screwdriver a very good pry bar. There are all kinds of saws and each excels at a different task. What takes the place of a hammer? You need the right tools for the job if you want a job well done. It's much the same with the Church.

(1 Cor 12:14-21 NIV) Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. {15} If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. {16} And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. {17} If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? {18} But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. {19} If they were all one part, where would the body be? {20} As it is, there are many parts, but one body. {21} The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

What I'm saying is, we have a job to do and to get it done requires many different tools and that requires teamwork. That means we need the right person in the right place at the right time! Now one tool can work on many projects but still do only what it is intended to do. A wrench doesn't care if it works on a bicycle or a wagon or a car as long as it is tightening or loosening the fasteners it was made for. So it is with us. There is much to be done. Let each of us find what we were made for and do it.

Pleased to be Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Ralph

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**In Weekly Service:**

**Pastor Ralph Orton, Minister/ Pastor  
Sherry Orton, Bible Study Instructor  
Shawn McCool, Youth Ministries**

**Nadia, Music Coordinator  
Donna Parker, Prayer & Praise Requests  
Sherman Parker, Scripture Reading**

# UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Women's Luncheon** 3rd Friday of each month. The next meeting will be on August 19th, 12:00 pm at "Black Bear" Across the street from McDonalds on 6th street.

**Christian Music Jam:** 1st Friday of each month at "The Grange" on Redwood Avenue, 6:00 pm.

**Family Movie Matinee:** August 6th at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary following the potluck. The movie is titled, "Letters to God." It's about an eight year old boy with cancer, who mails letters to God and thereby changes the life of the postman who picks them up. It's a true story. Hope to see you there.

**Bible Forum:** August 13th at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary following the potluck.

**Prayer Meeting:** August 27th at 2:30 pm following the potluck.

**Women's Luncheon Update**

The July 15th luncheon was held at noon at *Casa Flores*. The ladies luncheon is held on the **3rd Friday of each month**. In attendance this month were Vickie R., Odessa, Mary, Luketta, Sherry, Nadia and Barbara. They had a great time. Lots to share, as sisters in the Lord. Vicki R. won the 'pot'. Lucky girl. As for August 19th, the ladies have decided to meet at **The Black Bear**; but, the September luncheon will be held at *Matsukaze* in Grants Pass.

Perhaps, you and a guest or two can join us on August 19th, or at any of our gatherings. It's a standing invitation. If you need information, call the office at 541-479-2440.

*Just stop by and join in the fun!*



✓ **JOBS OFFERED**  
 ✓ **WORK NEEDED**



*In this economy, we need to work together to make certain that no one is lacking; so let's make sure we make our need for jobs known. By the same token, if you are fortunate enough to be able to offer a job to someone, then advertise it here.*

**Noah**, Nadia's son: is looking for handyman work, carpet cleaning, fencing, gardening, mowing, moving, you name it, he will try it. Please call at 541-474-3938.

**Free land!** If you have free land (an acre or so), or know of somebody who can donate their land, please contact Pastor Ralph at 541-479-2440, as we are in need of a church building site, or even a small church.

(room for more ads here) Call with your ad info. 541-479-2440



## “SHERRY’S MESSAGE”

### **GOD’S PRINCIPLES Vs. MAN’S PRINCIPLES”**

#### **Part 2 of a 2-Part Series**

##### **How To Reap Spiritual Benefits Now**

*Let me have that golf club ----- There is nothing about a golf swing that’s natural. – First of all – you’ve got to plant your feet – and make sure your weight’s not on the front. – Then you’ve got to bind your knees – so you’re flexible – and then – you’ve got to get your arms out here ----- and you’ve got to keep this one straight – but not too rigid ----- and then this one’s (arm) got to be nice and loose ----- and then you have to rotate the top part of your body ----- but you’ve got to keep the bottom part of your body straight ----- and you’ve got to make sure you don’t let this drop (shoulder) – I mean there’s about 25 different things you have to do all at one time to play golf. ----- And then – when you hit the ball – you’re not suppose to look up – You’ve got to have good follow through – after you’ve hit the ball. ----- Well see – as soon as we do something in life we want to – (look – head moving back and forth).*

*I suppose you are wondering why I’m talking to you about a golf swing --- Because I think – a lot of people are like this. – They want to play good golf – but they don’t want to develop a good golf swing.*

*AND – a lot of Christians are the same way. – They want to have ALL the kingdom benefits – But they don’t want to develop the foundational principles – that have to be working in their lives.*

*If any of this is going to work in your life – I’m here to tell you today – If any of this is ever going to work in your life – there are certain things that you must do – and certain things you must not do.*

*-----And I don’t care how SAVED you are – you’re never going to be happy and saved - you’re not going to have joy – peace – prosperity ----- you can not enjoy the benefits – until you learn to follow the guidelines.*

*So many Christians – satan’s got them in jail. – When we come out of the world – we are so used to – living by what we feel – and what we think and want ----- and then all of a sudden – you’re not suppose to live by what you feel , think and want ---- You have to learn to live by discernment. –*

*1 Corinthians 2:14 – “The unspiritual (or natural) man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned”*

*That is such a good Scripture – because it says the natural – non-spiritual man – can not receive the things of God – because they are spiritually discerned. – You don’t discern the kingdom of God with your eyes – you discern that with your spirit.*

*\*continues of page 13\* Note: This is a 2-part series*



**Psalm 37: 16 & 18 (KJV)**  
**16] A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked;**  
**[18] The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever**



**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY  
 NEEDS LIST**  
*(most frequently requested items)*

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Q-tips                     | Paper towels        |
| Toilet paper               | Wet Ones/Towelettes |
| Tooth paste                | Tooth brushes       |
| Spray bottles for water    | Deodorant           |
| 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner | Combs               |

**“Lend a Hand” Ministry**  
**If you have a need, or know of someone who has a need of a few extra hands, please let our pastor know what that request is, and when it needs to be done. He will inform the church, and get the ball rolling! Anyone, who can help on that particular day, just show up. You will be blessed!**



**Some of the people, fireworks & fun that we had on the 4th of July**

**GETTING INTO HEAVEN**

**Funny Bone Alley**

A fellow finds himself in front of the Pearly Gates. St. Peter explains that it's not easy to get into heaven.

There are some criteria that must be met before entry is allowed. For example, was the man a church-goer or religious? No?

St. Peter told him that's bad.

Was he generous, giving money to the poor or to charities? No?

St. Peter told him that that, too, was bad.

Did he do any good deeds, such as helping his neighbor? Anything? No?

St. Peter was becoming concerned.

Exasperated, the Saint says, 'Look, everybody does something nice sometime. Work with me, here! I'm trying to help. Now think!'

The man thinks for a minute, then says, 'Well, I did help this old lady once. I came out of a store and saw that a dozen Hell's Angels had taken her purse and were shoving her around. I threw my bags down and got her purse back, then I told the biggest biker there that he was cowardly and I spat in his face.' 'Wow,' said St. Peter, 'That's impressive! When did this happen?' Oh, about 15 minutes ago,' replied the man.

\*Submitted by: Nadia\*

## Recipe of the Month

### *“Grape, Tortellini and Hazelnut Spinach Salad”*

Submitted by: Vickie Rest

<b>Ingredients:</b> 3/4 pound dry tortellini	1 gallon water	2 teaspoons salt
1/6 cup balsamic vinegar	1/4 cup sour cream	1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper	1/4 cup mayonnaise	1/4 cup green onions chopped
2 cups baby spinach	3 cups of red seedless grapes	1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
1/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted, coarsely chopped		Salt as needed

#### Directions:

Cook tortellini in salted water to al dente state: drain well. Toss cooked tortellini with vinegar: Cool to room temperature.

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard and pepper: mix well.

Combine rest of ingredients except spinach and mix well.

Let stand 1 hour in refrigerator. Toss lightly with spinach leaves and serve.

\*Makes 6 servings\*



## GARDEN or HOUSEHOLD TIPS



### *Stain & spot removal tips*

*Resource: WG Sjoström Co.  
Submitted by: Odessa Parker*

#### **Ink Remover From Skin**

Remove ball-point ink from skin with margarine and damp cloth.

#### **Furniture Spot Remover**

Combine one part linseed oil to four parts turpentine and apply with a soft cloth to furniture. This will clean, remove spots, and shine your furniture.

#### **Grease Remover**

An effective and non-abrasive grease remove is ordinary shampoo. It can be used on many surfaces, from bathroom utilities to skin.

#### **Odor Remover**

Apply lemon juice to your hands to remove the smell of onion, fish, or other strong odors.. A lemon ground up in your garbage disposal unit will remove any odors in it, and give your kitchen a fresh smell.

#### **Fresh-Smelling Clothes**

Place a small sachet under the cover of your ironing board and it will give the cloths a ice smell.

#### **Fresh Smelling Closet**

Put cloves, pine needles or mothballs in an old stocking and hang in your closet.

#### **Cigarette Smell**

Cigarette smoke will be cleared from a room by lighting candles. Smoke from burned food in the kitchen will disappear also.

#### **Remove Grease From Suede**

Dip a-cloth in vinegar and sponge leather, then dry. Use a Swede brush to restore nap.

#### **Removing Makeup Smudges**

Makeup smudges may be removed from clothing with a slice of bread.

**PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GRACE IN HEARING &  
ANSWERING OUR PETITIONS IN PRAYER!**

For 'Prayer Chain' requests, call Nadia 541-474-3938

**Please pray for:**

**Our Church Congregation**, unity in Christ; God will guard our thoughts & put a protective hedge around us; a deep hunger for God's Word; healing for those who are ill; Outreach Ministries; that God will bless us with our own building or land to build upon; the Holy Spirit to leads us in every area of our lives

**Church Leaders**, (Worldwide) God's wisdom & a hunger for His Word

**Seeds Planted Worldwide**, for the Lord

**World Leaders**, will seek God's counsel; Christians will have a burden to pray for them

**Missionaries & Christians Around the World**, to be prepared for the Lord's coming; protection from the enemy; to know God's Word

**Military Troops & Wounded Soldiers**, God's protection & provision

**Natural Disasters**, God's healing, strength & recovery

**Attorney Generals**, that all 50 Attorney Generals will stick to what they originally said

**Israel & the Middle East**, for peace & the return of our Messiah

**Healing Room Ministries**, blessings as they grow internationally & locally; inception of 24/7 prayers

**ACTS Magazine (& Staff) & General Council**, a one-year commitment to pray daily for these

**Christian Bussinesses**, those struggling in this economy

**Children of the World**, to come out of the world & accept Jesus as Lord; safety from sexual predators & other perpetrators

**Teens**, will turn to God & have hope; prevention of suicide; pregnant teens will make informed choices

**All Families**, for marriages to be held together in unity in Christ; all to be ready for Christ's return

**Lost Loved Ones**, that they will turn their lives over to God

**Homeless & All Who Are Having Hard Times**, shelter, food & healing; to feel God's love & the love of others; peace in their heart & mind

**Godly Sorrow**, as repentance leads to salvation

**Ralph**, God's leading as pastor; **Sherry**, health issues to be resolved quickly; God to use her in a powerful way; God's leading in Bible study

**Johnny**, God's leading; **Michael**, strength in the Lord; **Cris**, strength in the Lord; **Nicole**, to turn back to God wholeheartedly;

**Mary**, physical healing & strength; God to guide & preserve her abilities; **Judy**, complete surrender to God & away from any evil;

**Tom**, that God will give him a calm even temperament, peace & healing;

**Sherry**, physical healing; strength, courage, discernment & wisdom to make decisions that are pleasing to God; that no cancer be found

**Grady & Kendall**, financial blessings & peace in their lives

**Dan & Suzanne**, God's leading for spiritual direction; strength as they endure financial problems Adrian, delivery from his affliction with Autism

**Keith**, a job, physical healing;

**Janie**, healing from cancer & problems with son; Kyle & wife, God's guidance as they sell their home; Dick, continued healing;

**Cheryl, Jason & Children**, guidance as a family; Sierra, healing from Spina Bifida; Floyd, healing of tumor;

**John**, God's leading in cancer outreach ministry; Jerry, God's provisions in his life; Erma, Dean, Neal & Fred, physical healing;

**Barbara**, healing of arthritis in her hands; strength for her to be a stronger worker for Christ; further growth; recovery from ordeal with dogs

**Don**, continued guidance, spiritual clarity & growth in Jesus; healing of blood clots & lungs; protection for children & a reunion with them

**Nadia**, continued healing & mercy; normal kidney function; Holy Spirits leading in every area of life; Israel, God's guidance & peace; Grandchildren, change in their living condition; Noah, Nikki & family, the Lord's leading in their lives

**Donna**, continued healing for foot; that she will always hear God's voice; prayer for her son & family; salvation for her two sisters

**Dee Dee's daughter & man involved in accident**- complete healing

**Jennifer, Sandi, Ted & Carol**, peace & comfort as they go to different job locations

**Charlene's** complete recovery from disease that attacked her heart and **James** her husband shoulder that got hurt at work, to be healed

**Sherman** **Praise** for the press he got

**Mary** **Prayer** for her step daughter Lulu in her fight against cancer and for her son Tom he is going astray

**Donna** **Prayer** to restore hands to normal

**Barbara** **Prayer** for Brandon's safe return and his foot to heal

**Pastor** **Praise** for those who help with VBS and more & **Prayer** for Sherri's recovery

**Brian** **Praise** and thanksgiving for good weather and worship **Prayer** for hope, healing and relief of Ashley's gout, for Mom's fibromyalgia and both Brian and Dad's lower back pain

**Pastor** **Praise** that Sherry has been able to get out and about and continued in her recovery

**Prayer** for Mary as she is troubled, heartbroken and in need of healing and love

**Prayer** for Gale as she is at a crossroads and feels so-so as to which direction to go forward. **Prayer** that she has a relationship with God that is unmistakable as to it's source

**Barbara** **Praise** for special people, for having her voice restored and for postponing her trip to Canada so she could help with VBS

**Prayer** for Paul and Michele, who are new in town, to get jobs **Prayer** for traveling mercies to & from on her trip

**Lee** **Prayer** that Tanya and her children return to the Lord

**Bryan** **Prayer** that Dennis Meeks finds work

**Nadia** **Prayer** for Tricia & the personal things going on in her life, that they will turn out ok, **Prayer** for Cody who got shot ion military

**Prayer** Casey \*he is a vet\* & his wife Gypsy, that they will come to the Lord

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Can mankind be perfect?

I know you're thinking, of course we can't be perfect = (faultless: according to the Webster's dictionary) and the thought just boggles the mind. I had thought about this years ago and started finding that people were saying that we can't be perfect, this is in every church I have been to and when I would read the Bible for myself, I started finding something else being said about it that I wanted to share with you. Let's take a look at what the Bible REALLY says about this. Jesus states in **Matthew 5:48**, Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. In **John 8:11** She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more = (be perfect).

Surely Jesus must have not known what He was talking about, did He say perfect? Or was He remembering what we always need to keep in mind, that: He that is in us, is greater than he who is in the world, as stated in 1 John 4:4.

I think the world has brainwashed the church, to make us feel that we are worthless and can't obtain what Jesus was here to show us. Jesus not only came in physical form for the sacrifice of our sins but, to actually live what the scriptures had all along been trying to show us \*how to live it\*. WWJD = What would Jesus do? Think about it, that's what we hear Christians asking, but I think we need to start asking the bigger question WDJD= What did Jesus do? And then we need to live it.

Here are a few more scriptures to show that other people besides Jesus, that were perfect or God told them to be perfect. **Gen 17:1** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. This one shows that Asa was perfect in **1 Kings 15:14** But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. Also here in **Job 1:1** There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Satan brings up our past every so often to our minds to make us question if we were really forgiven for a thing of the past. Don't let the world keep you down any longer. Don't let doubt bring you down and control you. Don't let them take the authority away from you that Jesus gave you.

We must believe God and know we are forgiven and strive forward, always trying to be perfect in our actions and thoughts. If something pops into your mind of a sinful nature, rebuke it in Jesus Christ name, don't dwell on it or it can become sin.

Don't argue with the devil, rebuke him as Michael did in **Jude 9**: Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee". We must praise God for everything.

We can't stop thoughts from coming into our minds but, we can throw them out. If we truly believe in God, we will believe what God and His Son says. That's what it is all about, becoming Christ like, think about it, **was He perfect?**

By: Nadia



### **Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke Overview**

Heat exhaustion: This condition often occurs when people exercise (work or play) in a hot, humid place and body fluids are lost through sweating, causing dehydration and overheating of the body. The person's temperature may be elevated, but not above 104 F.

Heat stroke: Heat stroke, also referred to as heatstroke or sun stroke, is a life-threatening medical condition. The person's cooling system, which is controlled by the brain, stops working and the internal body temperature rises to the point at which brain damage or damage to other internal organs may result (temperature may reach 105 F or greater).

Nearly 700 people die each year due to heat-related illness, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Avoid heat exhaustion by not engaging in strenuous activity in hot, humid environments; and stay hydrated as prevention is the key.

Medical conditions or medications that impair the body's ability to sweat may predispose people to this problem.

Heat stroke happens in the following two ways:

The classic form occurs in people whose cooling mechanisms are impaired.

The exertional form occurs in previously healthy people who are undergoing strenuous activity in a hot environment.

Infants, children under the age of 4, the overweight, and the elderly are more likely to have this problem, as are those who are taking antihistamines and certain types of medication for high blood pressure, heart disease, or depression.

Heatstroke occurs when the body fails to regulate its own temperature and body temperature continues to rise, often to 105°F (40.6°C) or higher. Signs of rapidly progressing heatstroke include:

Unconsciousness for longer than a few seconds.

Convulsion (seizure).

Signs of moderate to severe difficulty breathing.

A rectal temperature over 104°F (40°C) after exposure to a hot environment.

Confusion, severe restlessness, or anxiety.

Fast heart rate.

Sweating that may be heavy or may have stopped.

Skin that may be red, hot, and dry, even in the armpits.

Severe vomiting and diarrhea.

SOURCE: Healthwise

*\* The information published in these articles are not intended as a substitute for personal medical advice. Before making any decision regarding your health, please consult a physician or other qualified health-care practitioner.*

## U.S. Condemns Iran For Threatening To Execute Pastor

Posted on: 2011-07-12 14:07:35 TEHRAN, IRAN (Worthy News)-- The United States has condemned reported plans by Iran to execute an Iranian pastor if he does not abandon his faith in Christ, Worthy News established Tuesday, July 12.

"We are dismayed over reports that the Iranian courts are requiring Yousef Nadarkhani to recant his Christian faith or face the death penalty for apostasy - a charge based on his religious beliefs," said Victoria Nuland, a spokesperson of the U.S. State Department.

"If carried out, it would be the first execution for apostasy", or leaving Islam, "in Iran since 1990," Nuland said in a statement. She indirectly referred to the death by hanging of Assemblies of God Pastor Hossein Soodmand.

Her statement came after Iranian Christians expressed doubts last week that the death penalty for Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani had been annulled by the Supreme Court because it added the precondition requiring him to "repent" and renounce his faith.

The pastor's lawyer, Mohammad Ali Dadkhah, also said the Supreme Court sent the case back to the court in his hometown Rasht, the capital of Gilan province. That court had earlier said Nadarkhani must be executed by hanging as he had proved his "apostasy" by "organizing evangelistic meetings and inviting others to Christianity, establishing a house church, baptizing people, expressing his faith to others and, denying Islamic values."

## Hezbollah Gaining Strength in Latin America

The Iranian-backed terrorist organization Hezbollah is expanding its influence in Latin America with the aid of Hugo Chavez's Venezuela, according to testimony before the Committee on Homeland Security.

At a July 7 committee meeting, Roger Noriega — former American ambassador to the Organization of American States — said Hezbollah has been establishing alliances with Mexican and other drug cartels. Noriega told the committee that the Venezuelan government is encouraging Hezbollah activities in several Latin American nations. A key operative in the Hezbollah network, he pointed out, is the second highest ranked diplomat in the Venezuelan embassy in Syria, Ghazi Nassereddine.

Nassereddine, who was born in Lebanon, reportedly manages a network that raises and launders money and trains operatives to expand Hezbollah's influence in Venezuela and other Latin American countries. Noriega also noted that an Iranian overseer of Hezbollah is Mohsen Rabbani, who is wanted by Argentinian prosecutors for his role in the 1992 and 1994 terrorist attacks against the Israeli embassy and the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires. \*cont >>>>>>>

## CHANGES AROUND THE WORLD - WILL IT AFFECT YOU?

submitted by: Shawn McCool

### 'South California' Proposed as 51st State

Fed up with California's out-of-control spending and left-leaning policies, one local politician is proposing that 13 mostly conservative counties break away to form the new state of "South California." Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone from Temecula, who offered the proposal, called California an "ungovernable" economic catastrophe where taxpayers are crushed by the cost of caring for welfare recipients and illegal aliens, the Los Angeles Times reported.

On Tuesday, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors considered Stone's proposal to host a meeting for city and county leaders to discuss secession, and the board unanimously approved Stone's call for a meeting, which is planned for the fall.

"This has struck a chord with a lot of people in the state who have suffered economically," Stone told the Times, adding that he has received thousands of emails supporting his proposal.

"We know it's going to be a challenge to form a second state, but it's not impossible. We're sending a message."

California faced a \$26 billion budget deficit in January, and even with a new austerity budget the state still has a deficit of over \$10 billion.

The new state would consist of the coastal counties San Diego and Orange and the inland counties Riverside, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, San Bernardino, and Tulare. The 13 counties have a combined population of about 13 million, and the proposed 51st state would be the fifth largest by population.

Republicans account for the majority of registered voters in 11 of the 13 counties. A spokesman for Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown called the proposal a laughable political stunt, according to the Times.

But Jack Pitney, a professor of government at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California, told the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin: "Although this proposal isn't going to happen, he has drawn attention to the real problem, which is his underlying purpose anyway." (Newsmax)

### \*cont. Hezbollah Gaining Strength in Latin America\*

Noriega's main point seems to be that the presence of Hezbollah in the region has metastasized," Luis Fleischman observed in The Americas Report, a project of the Center for Security Policy.

"As a result of the support Venezuela, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Bolivia and others are giving to the terrorist organization, a more active role for Hezbollah should be expected in the future."

Also appearing before the committee was Douglas Farah, senior fellow at the International Assessment and Strategy Center. He said Hezbollah is helping to build tunnels used by drug smugglers along the U.S.-Mexican border. These tunnels could be used to smuggle terrorists and weapons of mass destruction into the United States, he warned.

Ilan Berman, vice president of the American Foreign Policy Council, told the committee that Hezbollah has established terrorist training camps in Venezuela and is setting up a camp in Mexico to illegally infiltrate operatives into the U.S. According to Berman, Hezbollah already has a presence in 15 American cities. Berman said: "Over the past decade, Hezbollah's regional activities have shown a clear pattern of targeting U.S. interests and assets throughout Latin America." (Newsmax)

## Are these some of the warnings that Jesus spoke of?

### **Egyptian Ring Uses Sexual Coercion to Convert Christian Girls**

**Posted on: 2011-07-17 02:15:57 By Joseph DeCaro, Worthy News Correspondent**

Since the Egyptian "January 25 Revolution," the number of Christian girls coerced into converting to Islam has skyrocketed, according to Father Filopateer Gamil of St. Mary's Church, Giza.

"More than two to three girls disappear everyday in Giza alone," said Gamil. "The cases that are brought to public attention are few compared to what the numbers actually are."

Coptic Pope Shenouda III had first warned about forced conversions in 1976: "There is a practice to convert Coptic girls to embrace Islam and marry them under terror to Muslim husbands."

Christian parents claim they don't get any assistance from the police, not even after their girls have been coerced into converting to Islam, which is illegal before the age of 18.

"There is no legitimate reason which prevents Muslim men from marrying women 'of the Book' -- either Jewish or Christian -- without their conversion to Islam," said Coptic activist Michael Saeed. "What we have here is a Saudi Arabia funded campaign of Islamization of Christians in Egypt."

Egypt4Christ first monitored the abduction and forced conversion of Christian minors after an Alexandrian priest reported that a ten-year old Coptic girl was sexually abused by a 20-year-old Muslim university student. An investigation into this abuse exposed a highly organized Muslim ring operating out of the Fatah Mosque in Alexandria where Egypt4Christ uncovered a "religious call" operation in which young Muslims are urged to approach Coptic school girls and manipulate them through sexual exploitation and blackmail; the intent of the operation was to defile the girls in front of their parents, thus forcing them to flee their homes. Once isolated from their relatives, conversion to Islam was offered to the girls as the only solution to their family situation.

"The architect of this idea, who diligently promotes it among the Muslim youth, is Salafi Muslim Sheikh Osama Borhammi, in collaboration with other Sheikhs," said Rasha Nour, head of Egypt4Christ.

The Egypt4Christ report published the names of those involved in this forced Islamization, including the names of cooperating officers of the Alexandria headquarters of State Security and the locations of where Christian girls were kept..

### **U.S. Condemns Iran For Threatening To Execute Pastor**

The United States has condemned reported plans by Iran to execute an Iranian pastor if he does not abandon his faith in Christ, Worthy News established Tuesday, July 12.

### **China claims Christian used "superstition" to undermine law enforcement**

A leader in China's growing underground church movement who disappeared last month was actually in police custody. Held on "suspicion of using superstition to undermine national law enforcement," Shi Enhaoi is one of 150 million Chinese Christians who refuse to join the Communist Party's Three-Self Patriotic Movement: the only officially sanctioned Protestant church on the mainland.

### **Iraq's first new church opens under US occupation**

Iraq's first new church under the US occupation opened its doors in the northern city of Kirkuk, the region's Chaldean archbishop told AFP.

### **Blasts near two churches kills six Nigerians**

Explosions near two churches -- one in the town of Suleija near the Nigerian capital and another in the town of Damboa south of the state capital -- have so far claimed the lives of six Nigerians.

### **Kazakhstan: Pastors Charged with Praying**

Pastor Yerzhan Ushanov of New Life Protestant Church in Taraz is looking at two years' imprisonment if criminal charges for injuring an individual's health ever come to court, Christian rights investigators said.

### **Laos: Two Church Leaders Languish in Prison**

Two pastors arrested six months ago on charges of holding a "secret meeting" during a Christmas celebration without government approval languish in prison without a trial. Officials continue to offer them the option of renouncing their faith and walking free.

### **Israel Group Campaigns Against Messianic Jews, Missionaries**

A hard-line Jewish ultra-Orthodox group in Israel has launched a campaign against Christian missionaries and Jewish Christians, known as Messianic Jews, who they view as a security threat.

### **Cuba Detains Over 20 Christians In New Crackdown, Activists Say**

Baptist Pastor Mario Felix Leonart Barroso and his wife, Yoaxis, were part of the 23 Christians detained by Cuban police in Santa Clara, said Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), a major religious rights group.

### **British Christian Doctor Faces Dismissal Over Faith Talk**

A British family doctor defended suggesting faith in Jesus Christ to a patient last year despite facing disciplinary action and concerns he could lose his job.

# *Scripture Readings For July*

- July 2 - ISAIAH 63**  
Theme “Vengeance, Redemption and Praise to the Lord.”
- July 9– Matthew 24**  
Theme: ‘Always be watching, waiting & be ready for Jesus’s return.’
- July 16– James 5: 13—18**  
Theme: ‘Prayer and confession’
- July 23 - James 3**  
Theme: ‘Taming the tongue’

\*Sherry’s message continued from page 5\*.

I am literally living in a world – within a world. – I am living in a domain that can not be seen – in the midst of this one that can be seen. – That’s what the kingdom of God is. – It is an invisible kingdom – But never the less – very – very real.

And when you learn how to live in the kingdom – and let the King be the King – and learn how to operate in the kingdom principles ----- We get some kind of happy – that the world does not even begin to know – how to understand.

Because – there’s peace when you shouldn’t have peace. ---- There’s joy unspeakable – right in the middle of turmoil. – The Apostle Paul said – In 2 Corinthians 4 – He talks about the trials and tribulations they were having – how they were hedged in and oppressed on either side ----- He says ‘BUT – we are not beaten down by these things – discouraged by these things –

Then in 11 Corinthians 4:18 he says – “Because we look not the things that are seen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

When you feel like you’re struggling being a Christians – and satan’s telling you – you cant hold on – you’re not going to make it ---- All you have to do is remember that realm you can’t see – and that you are in the midst of it ----

And how short life really is upon the earth – even if you lived 100 years ---- what is that compared to eternity? – And think about how happy you are going to be when He splits the eastern sky – and you held on to the very end – Amen.

<b>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</b> Ralph & Sherry Orton July 18th Sherman & Donna Parker July 8th		<b>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</b> Shawn & Nadia McCool Aug 7th
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
&  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**



**If we missed your birthday  
or anniversary, we’re sorry.**  
**Ken Ogren      Aug 24**  
**Odessa Parker Aug 26**

## Searching for God

I have been seeking and searching God for as long as I can remember, for many many lives, from the very beginning of existence. Once in a while, I have seen him by the side of a far away star, and I have rejoiced and danced that the distance, although great, is not impossible to reach. And I have traveled and reached to the star; but by the time I reached the star, God has moved to another star. And it has been  
g o i n g o n f o r c e n t u r i e s .

The challenge is so great that I go on hoping against hope... I have to find him, I am so absorbed in the search. The very search is so intriguing, so mysterious, so enchanting, that God has become almost an excuse. The search has become itself the goal. And to my surprise, one day I reached a house in a faraway star with a small sign in front of it, saying, "This is the house of God." My joy knew no bounds so finally I have arrived! I rushed up the steps, many steps, that led to the door of the house. But as I was coming closer and closer to the door, a fear suddenly appeared in my heart. As I was going to knock, I became paralyzed with a fear that I had never known, never thought of, never dreamt of. The fear was: If this house is certainly the house of God, then what will I do after I have found him?"

Now searching for God has become my very life; to have found him will be equivalent to committing suicide. And what am I going to do with him? I had never thought of all these things before. I should have thought before I started the search: what am I going to do with God? I took my shoes in my hands, and silently and very slowly stepped back, afraid that God may hear the noise and may open the door and say, "Where are you going? I am here, come in!" And as I reached the steps, I ran away as I have never run before; and since then I have been again searching for God, looking for him in every direction and avoiding the house where he really lives. Now I know that house has to be avoided. And I continue the search, enjoy the very journey, the pilgrimage.

Spiritual Story by Rabindranath Tagore

\*As I read this, it made me wonder: do we do this when we see the truth about things, that God is trying to show us? Just because we try to avoid it, doesn't mean its not there or that we won't be held accountable. Something to really think about. Per Nadia \*

### **"VERSE OF THE MONTH"**

*Psalms 100:4 [KJV]*

*(4) Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise: be thankful  
unto him, and bless his name.*

### **Psalms 100:1-5**

- [1] Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- [2] Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- [3] Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- [4] Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- [5] For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.



## CONTENT OF OUR NEWSLETTER

All writings are published to glorify our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Inside, you will find writings of encouragement, church history, current world events which affect the church, hodge-podge page, calendar of events, recipes, garden / household tips, spiritually inspired short stories (funny or serious), personal Christian-based articles, writings from other authors, personal testimonies, job requests or offers for our work-related ads, items for sale or trade, praises of thanksgiving and prayer requests, health info, birthday wishes, and monthly scripture readings.

If you would like something published, please submit your ideas to Nadia by the third Sabbath of each month. Thank you for your contributions. May God bless you!

### **Exodus 20:1-17**

- 1 And God spake all these words, saying,
- 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
- 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- 6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and all other requests submitted on our weekly ***“Praise & Prayer Requests”*** sheet. As we lift others up in prayer, be assured that God hears each and every prayer that we hold up to Him. When you have prayer requests that need to be addressed immediately, call 541-479-2440 or 541-474-3938 to receive prayer on the ***“Prayer Chain”***. You may also ask our **elders to pray with you**.

When you need private counseling, you may contact Pastor Ralph Orton at 541-479-2440. His desire is to shepherd this flock. During our ***“Prayer & Praise”*** portion of the weekly Worship Service, we encourage you to speak your prayer requests, and they will be honored at that time.

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