



Lifeline

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at Galena



Walking on Water

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "**Come.**" So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "**O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
(Matthew 14:28-33 ESV)

Well, I did it. I stepped out of the boat. The waves were splashing around me everywhere and the ocean of Internet was deeper than I could have imagined. I was getting that sinking feeling.

It has been my desire to venture out into the BLOG sea of the unknown for some time. There are some good brethren who have been doing this for a while and they do a great job. I read several of those blogs and benefit greatly from them.

I did ask the Lord before I stepped out. Prayer is an awesome thing. I got no special revelation from Him or a go ahead, other than the ability to make the BLOG site and a desire to write some things that may be beneficial to you and faith building for us all.

My wife has been telling me to write a book for years now. She has the title and even the general outline for it. I just keep telling her to write down all her ideas. I will then edit them, put my name on it and get it published. Perhaps this BLOG venture will lead me to more consistent and regular writing which may bring the book thing about at some point.

This is an experiment and will be a learning process for me, as I try to make it work the way I intend. I pray it will grow and be a practical tool for your growth and the Lord's glory. And, yes, it feels like I am walking on water, but I know it is not by my strength. I don't think I would have made as many steps as Peter did in Matthew 14. It seems that the whole problem with Peter was he took his eyes off Jesus. Please pray for me that this whole effort will be done while we all keep our eyes on Jesus.

I have been publishing a weekly newsletter entitled "LifeLine" since 1998. You have gotten to know it here in Galena over the last year. I have been emailing that publication out in the form of a PDF to a list of about 400 people.

What is the point of this effort? What I am I hoping to accomplish? Are you willing to get your feet wet?

1. Encourage the brethren in this local church. My main goal in this www.ShafferLifeLine.org BLOG is to encourage and strengthen the disciples in this place. Get your feet wet by signing up, reading, talking the ideas over with others, and suggest them to people you know if you like. Go to the site and click on the "EMAIL SUBSCRIBE" button and you will find a picture like this:

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go down without a splash or anyone even noticing. Please pray with me. Read the short articles which will appear in your email. You can (or should be able to) use any device large or small. Look it up on anything you use to check your email or get on the Web at www.ShafferLifeLine.org as well.

I know this is not all about me and my strength or ability to walk on water. It is not about my glory, only His. I may sink. I pray my faith will maintain and I will continue to cry out to Jesus. Through it all I know it is safer in the water WITH the Lord than being in the boat WITHOUT Him.

So, when you have that sinking feeling about the world today, look to Jesus and I pray our words in the BLOG will help you reach out, take His hand and you will find yourself in His arms and then safely back in the boat.

We are grabbing a LifeLine in Jesus and reaching out to any who desire to hold on!

As the Lord said, *"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."* (Matthew 14:27) 🚶

Shannon

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2. Spread the word. I pray this can be another tool for us to connect with people. Life is tough, for all of us. When someone at work or a neighbor or in the checkout says something which illustrates they are sinking and they need something to grab on to . . . throw them a LifeLine with this BLOG. We may even make some cards available to help you. Times have changed and we have been in the digital age for awhile now. Let's use it effectively to spread "the Word."

3. What can you do? I'm looking in the Lord's direction and hoping He will "save" me if I start to sink. The BLOG may

FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT, IT IS THE LAW

I see this sign every time I drive on 150. It's a good law. But why is it a law? After all, if I don't buckle, it's gonna affect only me, isn't it? Everybody understands that it's been placed there for our own safety, for our protection. Most people also understand that if they don't do it, they can get in trouble, like get pulled over and get a ticket that will remain on record. Same works with God's laws. They're there for our own good. They're not for our limitation, but for our own protection. Yes, if you break God's law you won't necessarily die or get injured, but man it can save you so much trouble.

As well, if you don't fasten your seatbelt and you're in a crash, does it really affect only you? Your insurance will go up, there will be medical bills, your family will have to take time and effort to take care of you, not to mention the emotional distress they will feel because of worrying about you. Same works with God's law. 🚶

-Lina Viktor Woolbright

Attitudes Needed in Congregational Work - Part 2

PART 2 OF 4

ATTITUDES TOWARD OURSELVES

Colossians 1:9-10

THERE MUST BE
THE ATTITUDE OF
HUMILITY

• Romans 12:3-16

THERE MUST BE
THE ATTITUDE OF
TEACHABILITY

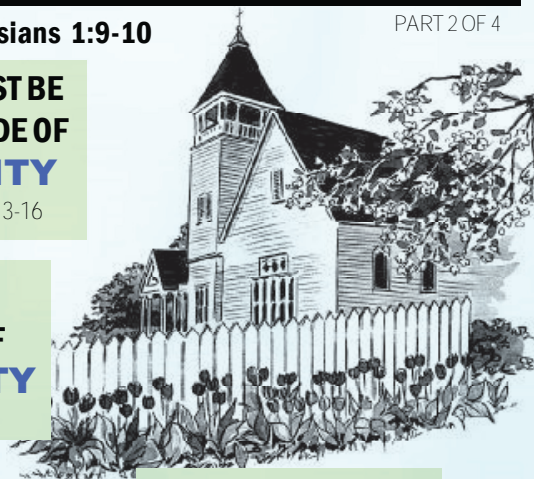
• Proverbs 15:31-32

THERE MUST BE
THE ATTITUDE OF
HONESTY

• James 5:16

THERE MUST BE
THE ATTITUDE OF
PROPER CARE

• 1 Corinthians 6:19



WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD YOURSELF?

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Bible Blueprints

(Philippians 1:9-11)

Introduction: God deals with men in patterns: God's pattern or blueprint is all God has revealed on a subject (Psalm 119:160; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

I. Are There Blueprints in the Bible?

A) There Were Patterns in the Old Testament.

1. _____ followed a pattern to build the ark (Genesis 6:22).
2. Moses followed a pattern to build the tabernacle (Exodus 25:8-9, 40; 26:30; 27:8; Hebrews 8:5; Exo. 40:16; Acts 7:41, 44).
3. Nadab & Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-2).
4. King _____ (1 Samuel 15:3, 8, 22).
5. _____ (1 Kings 12:28-33).
6. Solomon followed a pattern for the temple (1 Chron. 28:10-12, 19-20; 29:1).

B) There are Blueprints in the New Testament.

1. Form (mold, pattern) of _____ saves sinners (Rom. 6:17-18).
2. Pattern of _____ we must "hold fast" (2 Tim. 1:13).
3. Pattern of _____ in to follow (Philippians 3:17; Titus 2:7-8).

II. How Divine Blueprints Are Reveled

A) How Scriptural Authority is Established.

1. Direct _____ / Statement: "Take, eat" (1 Cor. 11:24-26).
What to do?
2. Apostolic _____: "Upon the first day of the week" (Acts 20:7).
When to observe the Lord's Supper?
3. Necessary _____: "Upon the first day of the week" (Acts 20:7).
Frequency of eating?

B) Scriptural Authority is Revealed & Applied in Generic & Specific Terms.

Command	Generic	Specific
Noah.....	Wood.....	Gopher
Naaman.....	Water.....	River Jordan
Disciples.....	Go.....	Preach gospel
Church.....	Music.....	Sing

III. We Must Discern Divine Blueprints (Bible Authority) (Philippians 1:9-11)

- A) Pattern will be _____ from God (Gal. 1:6-10; Col. 3:16-17).
- B) Pattern will be _____ in its Authority (1 Cor. 14:37; Galatians 1:8; 1 John 4:6; 1:3-4; 2:19).
- C) Pattern will be _____ in its Application (Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33).

Conclusion: Patterns are important in every part of our lives. Let's be sure to follow the pattern of teaching revealed in the Bible so we might respond to God in faithful service to His will.

BIBLE BLUEPRINTS

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

LORD'S SUPPER MEDITATION



Why Did Jesus Come to Die? ...For the Forgiveness of Our Sins

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."
(Ephesians 1:7-10 ESV)

Hell Is Real!

(Luke 16:19-31)

Introduction: Hell, is not a place created by a God bent on getting even, but the alienation we choose for ourselves. Hell is real in several different aspects.

I. Hell Is a Real _____ (vs. 23, 28)

- A) This text treats Hell as being as real as any other geographic location.
- B) Jesus believed in Hell (Luke 16:19-31; Mark 9:43-48)
- C) Where is Hell? (Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30; 2 Pet. 2:17; Jude 1:13)
- D) Reality of Hell – It is absolute, eternal separation from God (2 Thess. 1:8-9)

II. Hell Will Be Filled With Real _____ (v. 22)

- A) He left people and had brothers who were on his mind (v. 28).
- B) People you know and people I know will populate Hell.
- C) Hell wasn't made for men (Matt. 25:41; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 20:10) but, those who reject Jesus Christ as their Savior will go there! (Matt. 7:21-23; Rev. 14:11-15)

III. Hell Contains Real _____ (v. 23-25)

- A) Hell is a place of pain and torment.
- B) Here are some of the real torments that Hell contains:
 - 1. Unquenchable _____ (Mark 9:43; Luke 16:24)
 - 2. _____ and remorse – “Son remember” (vs. 25, 27-28)
 - 3. Intense, unsatisfied _____ (Luke 16:24-25)
 - 4. Misery and _____ (Luke 16:24-26; Rev. 14:10-11)
 - 5. Frustration and anger (Luke 13:28; Matt. 24:51)
 - 6. Eternal _____ (Rev. 21:8)
 - 7. Undiluted wrath (Hab. 3:2)

IV. Hell Guarantees Real _____ (v. 26)

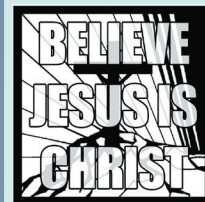
- A) The rich man was told that he had to stay there. He is still there!
- B) If you die w/o Christ, you will most certainly go to torment (Rev. 20:11-15)
- C) Hell is not:
 - 1. _____ (Rev. 19:20; 20:10; Rev. 14:10)
 - 2. A _____ Place of _____ (v. 26)
 - 3. Hell is not the _____ (vs. 22-23)
 - 4. Hell is not a _____ or a _____ tactic.

V. Hell Can Be Avoided Through a Real _____ (vs. 27-31)

- A) The rich man is told that the Word of God holds the answer.
- B) It still does...
 - 1. Tells us of God's _____ for sinners (John 3:16).
 - 2. Tells us of Christ's death to save (Isa. 53:1-12; Rom. 5:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:21)
 - 3. Tells us of Christ's resurrection that guarantees eternal life to all who come to Him by faith (Matt. 28:6; John 11:25-26).
- C) It tells of a God who will save all who will come to Him by His grace through faithful obedience to Him (Eph. 2:4-10; Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 6:1-6).



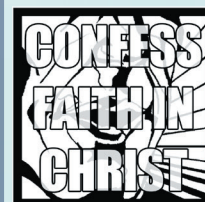
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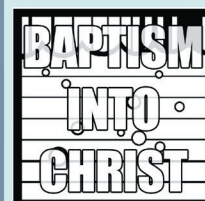
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LUKE 13:3-5
ACTS 3:19
ACTS 17:30



MATTHEW
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PHILIPPIANS
2:9-11



MARK 16:16
ACTS 2:38
ACTS 22:16
GALATIANS
3:27
1 PETER 3:21



HEBREWS
3:6
REVELATION
2:10

WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Jerry Maudlin recovering from brain tumor surgery.

Jim Hudson's mother

Wilma Hudson (Amber Manor)

801 E Illinois Street

Petersburg, IN 47567

Laura Barkers mom, Kay Gegenheimer, is home.

Jerry Brooks, Vanessa Scott's uncle.

Shut In Members & Friends:

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Grace Singleton

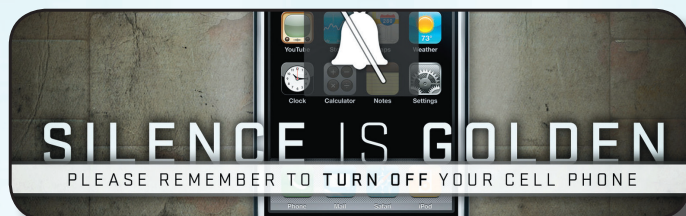
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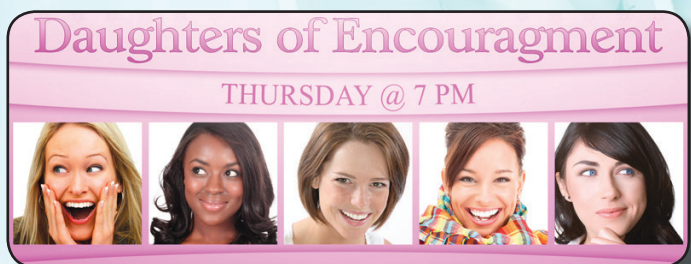
Vicente Cay

Edwin de Pedro



GOSPEL MEETING...

March 6-8 - Douglas Hills with Ralph Walker



Join Us This Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

PROPHETABLE

LIFE

MAJOR LESSONS
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from the
MINOR PROPHETS

READ AMOS FOR FEBRUARY 22ND

THIS WEEK					
Barker February 26 th	Dowling March 5 th	Loughmiller March 12 th	Mitchell February 5 th	Scott February 12 th	Stout February 19 th
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

FEBRUARY SERVANTS

Building Cleaning & Communion:

Buchanan & M. Loughmiller

Benevolence Organizers:

S. Dooley & D. Buchanan

FEBRUARY

2 - Alyssa Scott B'day

13 - Sarah Shaffer B'day

24 - Dana Shaffer B'day

BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning (02/19)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Kyle Dowling

Song Leader: Donny Sieg

Lord's Table: Bill Buchanan (Lead)
Don Sieg, J. Maudlin, S. Miller

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Daryn Barker

Sunday PM (02/19)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Benny Loughmiller

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

Lord's Table: Bill Buchanan (Lead)
Don Sieg

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Gus Schoenbaechler

Wednesday (02/22)

Announcements: Ryan Woolbright

1st Prayer: Randol Woolbright

Song Leader: Jeff Farmer

Invitation: Kyle Dowling

Closing Prayer: Evan Mitchell

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (02/19)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Lord's Table: TBA (Lead)
TBA

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: TBA

Sunday PM (02/19)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Lord's Table: TBA (Lead)
TBA

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: TBA

Wednesday (02/22)

Announcements: TBA

1st Prayer: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Invitation: TBA

Closing Prayer: TBA

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Sunday

Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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