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From the Heart of Pastor Don Grosvenor

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One of the most inspiring things that ever happened to me was my visit to the Garden Tomb. Needless to say it was equally as thrilling to preach to 152 people in front of the Tomb. Such a visit to the Tomb did not convince me that Jesus was risen but allowed me to marvel at the greatness of the resurrection. Unquestionably when I got there I had and undeniable, unshakable faith in my Savior's resurrection.

It appears to me that some people adhere to this story because their background is Christian and that's what they are supposed to believe. However, upon historically and factually attesting to its authenticity they lack conviction. They do not share the songwriter's sentiment when he said, "...you ask me how I know He lives, He lives, within my heart."

Some of His disciples were not too quick to believe that Jesus had risen. John alone of all the disciples believed at the sight of the empty tomb, John 20:8. The report of the women that Jesus had appeared to them seemed to the disciples as idle talk, Luke 24:11. When the two from Emmaus told the eleven Jesus had appeared to them neither believed they them, Mark 16:13. Peter reported that Jesus appeared to him, Luke 24:34, but still they believed not, Mark 16:14. When Jesus appeared to the ten to upbraid them from their unwillingness to believe these that had seen him, Mark 16:14, they still thought He was only a ghost. After all that, Thomas gloomy doubting Thomas was sure there was a mistake somewhere and did not personally believe until Jesus appeared to him personally a week later,

John 20:24-29.

Thus, those who first proclaimed the story of Jesus' resurrection were themselves totally unprepared to believe it, determined not to believe it and came to believe it in spite of themselves. This renders untenable any possibility that the story was made up of an excited and expectant imagination. There is no conceivable way to account for the origin of the story except that it was actual fact. We too, one day by faith in His grace, will rise to meet the risen, returning Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20 – But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

Prayerfully yours,
Pastor Don

Sunday School

The month of April is highlighting the importance of Sunday School with a special insert of "The Birth of Sunday School". PCA offers a variety of classes all beginning at 9:30am. If you haven't attended a Sunday School class, now is the time to get involved.

Get involved in PCA Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Classes~

Pastor Don teaching on Hebrews

Jim & Karen Clair will be beginning a new study on Christian Doctrine.

Ron & Linda Ayres will begin a new study on the Gospel of John. This class is for young and career age adults.

Teen Sunday School Classes~

Carolyn Stevens will begin teaching the teens on Christian Doctrine.

Grades 4-6 ~

Sister Gerri will be teaching on "The Books of Poetry"

Grades 1-3

Ellen Gastelum is teaching on "Jacob and Esau"

Impoverished Ministry of Jesus Christ

"The well is deep" - and a great deal deeper than the Samaritan woman knew! Think of the depths of human nature, of human life, think of the depths of the "wells" in you. Have you been impoverishing the ministry of Jesus so that He can not do anything? Suppose there is a well of fathomless trouble inside your heart, and Jesus comes and says - "Let not your heart be troubled"; and you shrug your shoulders and say, "But, Lord, the well is deep; You cannot draw up quietness and comfort out of it." No, He will bring them down from above. Jesus does not bring anything up from the wells of human nature. We limit the

Holy One of Israel by remembering what we have allowed Him to do for us in the past, and by saying, "Of course I cannot expect God to do this thing." The thing that taxes almightiness is the very thing which we as disciples of Jesus ought to believe He will do. We impoverish His ministry the moment we forget He is Almighty; the impoverishment is in us, not in Him. We will come to Jesus as Comforter or as Sympathizer, but we will not come to Him as Almighty.

"From whence then hast Thou that living water?"

John 4:11

The reason some of us are such poor specimens of Christianity is because we have no Almighty Christ. We have Christian attributes and experiences, but there is no abandonment to Jesus Christ. When we get into difficult circumstances, we impoverish His ministry by saying - "Of course He cannot do any thing," and we struggle down to the deeps and try to get the water for ourselves. Beware of the satisfaction of sinking back and saying - "It can't be done"; you know it can be done if you look to Jesus. The well of your incompleteness is deep, but make the effort and look away to Him.

Oswald Chambers

My Utmost For His Highest

Upcoming Events

April 4th— Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8am in the Fellowship Hall, cooked & served by our youth.

April 5th— Camp Fundraiser Luncheon after Sunday morning service. Lunch is on a donation basis to raise funds for the Youth Summer Camp.

April 6th— Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm

April 10th— Good Friday Service at 6:30pm. We will be showing "The Passion of the Christ". Be sure to attend & bring a friend.

April 11th —9:00am join us for an EASTER EGG HUNT for children ages 3-10.

April 12th— Easter Morning Service at 10:30am and an evening Easter Musical at 6:00pm

April 18th— Senior Saints trip to the World Wildlife Zoo & Aquarium. See Mike & Mary Jo for more information.

April 19th— Ken Turner in the morning service

May 1st & 2nd— Ladies

Retreat in Prescott, AZ. Be sure to sign up today. Call the church office for more information.

May 3rd— Senior Saints Luncheon at Miracle Mile after the

morning service.

**Day Care is available for church services.*

If you haven't attended PCA before or in a long time, NOW is the time to get acquainted again. The month of April has many great events for all ages. Most importantly is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Be sure to bring a friend along with you!

From Where I Stand

In the death grip of a recession in the midst of an oil embargo and fresh off the demoralizing events of the Viet Nam War American foreign policy instituted policy of the loosely knot garment of the New World Order.

With the blessing of President Gerald Ford in 1974 Secretary of State Henry Kissinger developed and implemented a global strategy by linking food, oil and money supplies with public support of both politicians and the private sector; a huge step was taken. Kissinger was sure of his process and

stated that the U.S., without exception, will soon be in such bad shape they will be forced to cooperate!

Also in 1974 the Saudi Royal family declared the desire to create a one world money system based on Arab oil consumption.

Today the European Union and United Nations is imposing wrongly called sanctions and tariffs on good produced in occupied territories of Israel. The oil rich nations of the world have proven in three and one half decades how much control oil

has on the international market.

We've seen recent polls in America that say 40% of our populace wants government intervention preparing the way for the Anti-Christ. Even long standing currency such as the Greek Drachma are being cancelled in favor of the Euro-dollar

The loosely knit garment of Henry Kissinger has now become a straight jacket ever tightening around the world.

Pastor Steve Grosvenor

Missionary Spotlight

Gary & Janice Dickinson

We often get the question: "What exactly do you do in the Congo? It's always a hard one to answer. I'll give you an idea of an average day. I go to the office around 9:00 in the morning, meet with the Bible school secretary, Alphonse Mbani. He handles all of our finances and acts as a receptionist to field as many questions as possible. . "Papa" Mbani, as we call all older men here, is a retired banker so he helps me with finances also.

Then, I meet with one of both of our assistant pastors at the Airport church to discuss current projects and situations. Next, I'll usually check on the current construction projects nearby. At the moment, we're still finishing the dormitory and we're pouring the cement floor to the hangar the team from Fairfax, VA just built for the Women's Center. The girls at Jan's Women's Center will eat their lunches here so that there won't be any food consumed where the sewing takes place.

Then for at least a couple of hours each day I'll meet with pastors in our district who have questions or problems. Today for example, I met with the Kouilou (our region) district superintendent to discuss modifications to the A/G constitution and bylaws for the upcoming General Council.

Three times a week, we have radio broadcasts in the French language. We do them right here in my office. At the moment, I'm both the sound engineer and the moderator of the "Biblical Round Table." We have a fifteen-minute program three times a week with an audience of several hundred thousand. Pastor Sosthène is a regular on the program, as Pastor Kokolo is at sea one month and home one month. He's also a petroleum production engineer.

With what's left of a "normal" day, I usually respond to correspondence, do financial reports, and visit church members who are in need. Since we have activities four nights a week including Bible study, intercessory prayer, cell groups, youth group, worship team practice, I often don't get

home until 8:30 PM. It makes for a VERY long day since we don't take a lunch!

The problem comes when Bible school is in session. Since we meet twice a year for intensive session, during this time, nearly everything else is neglected.

Once in a while, everything is normal and I get an evening off. It's a great pleasure just to sit and watch a video or read a book. I'm sure you feel the same.

May the Lord bless YOUR activities and responsibilities. We'll get together in heaven and swap stories. Until then, let's keep working together for the Lord!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	2	3	4 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am Men's Breakfast 8:00am
5 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm Luncheon after am service	6 Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	7 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	8 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	9	10 Good Friday "The Passion of the Christ" Movie 6:30pm	11 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am Easter Egg Hunt 9:00am
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