

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

October 31, 2010

*The Message:
Isaac's Weaknesses
Genesis 26:1-11*

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	Oct 31	Missions Committee & Deacons
Sunday	Nov 7	The Lord's Table
Sunday	Nov 7	Time Change
Thursday	Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Saturday	Nov 13	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Wednesday	Nov 24	No Class
Thursday	Nov 25	Thanksgiving

- ** Thanksgiving for the Missions Conference. There have been many wonderful comments and a lot of thanks to TBC to all who God used to make it happen.
- ** Be in prayer for the Promises Book. Dan is working on it. If you haven't sent the first drafts in to Dan Hardy, please do so as soon as possible. Please email them at danhardy09@gmail.com

	September	Total 2010	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 6,817.00	\$ 65,209.50			\$14,567.00
Expenses	6,382.63	62,337.89			15,122.00
Balance	\$ 434.37	\$ 2,871.61	\$14,873.24	\$ 7,208.33	\$ -555.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

Message:

What it Means to Obey

GARY HORTON
American Freedom Assembly
October 2010

I just returned from a trip to Arkansas. My purpose was to visit very special friends I have known for years, Nick and Tamera Bacon. Many of you will remember my asking for prayer for this family. It is with much sadness that I have to rewrite this letter after receiving a call from Tamera Bacon that Nick went home to be with His Lord Saturday in the early morning.

They have fought cancer for over one year and the battle is over but the victory is won. We have truly lost another hero and I salute Tamera and the whole Bacon Family for their Courage and Faith and Care during this difficult time. In his memory I now share with you his medal of honor citation:

NICKY DANIEL BACON

Rank and organization: Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company B, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, American Division.

Place and date: West of Tam Ky, Republic of Vietnam, 26 August 1968.

Entered service at: Phoenix, Ariz.

Born: 25 November 1945, Caraway, Ark.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, S/Sgt. Bacon distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with the 1st Platoon, Company B during an operation west of Tam Ky. When Company B came under fire from an enemy bunker line to the front, S/Sgt. Bacon quickly organized his men and led them forward in an assault. He advanced on a hostile bunker and destroyed it with grenades. As he did so, several fellow soldiers including the 1st Platoon leader, were struck by machinegun fire and fell wounded in an exposed position forward of the rest of the platoon. S/Sgt. Bacon immediately assumed command of the platoon and assaulted the hostile gun position, finally killing the enemy guncrew in a singlehanded effort.

When the 3d Platoon moved to S/Sgt. Bacon's location, its leader was also wounded. Without hesitation S/Sgt. Bacon took charge of the additional platoon and continued the fifth. In the ensuing action he personally killed 4 more enemy soldiers and silenced an antitank weapon. Under his leadership and example, the members of both platoons accepted his authority without question. Continuing to ignore the intense hostile fire, he climbed up on the exposed deck of a tank and directed fire into the enemy position while several wounded men were evacuated. As a result of S/Sgt. Bacon's extraordinary efforts, his company was able to move forward, eliminate the enemy positions, and rescue the men trapped to the front. S/Sgt. Bacon's bravery at the risk of his life was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Nick met Tamera while both were serving in the US Army. After Nick's retirement, he served the state of Arkansas for many years with the Veterans Administration helping hundreds of military families over various issues. They have 2 sons serving in the military now and a younger son at home.

I was honored to be with him and hold such wonderful memories of our time together. We laughed and sang some old gospel songs that took us back to our youth. It was so hard for me to leave their home but as we know, there are no good bye's in this family. So many lives were touched by this family and their faith and service to our country.

Thank you Nicky Daniel Bacon for your life, your courage and your inspiration to all who knew you. We shall meet again soon. "Welcome Home!"

The second week of June, I was with my family, Ruthie, TJ and Shane at place we love at Orange Beach. It was the only week we could schedule before Shane had to go with his father for visitation. It has been 2 years since we all a chance to be together as a family for vacation.

Then I was once again honored to take part in Memorial weekend with Logos Bible Church in Columbus, OH. Each year, they open the church and invite the public to come and remember the heroes and their sacrifice. This year, they honored our heroes from World War 2 till now. I recite the 13 folds of the flag and adding the spiritual dynamics of what it means to be an American not only by birth but by choice. They also had a special honor to Nick Bacon's family even though they were unable to attend. I thank Pastor John Chase and team for allowing me this privilege.

One of the ministries that God has opened up to me in the local area is a home for women called "Lovelady's House." I know I have shared this outreach before and I still encourage you to pray for these broken women and their children. They are so hungry for Grace teaching and I enjoy teaching when invited.

Thank you for praying for the last 2 youth camps, Alabama and Pennsylvania. Alabama camp has had over 200 teens and over 60 junior kids and as always many youth have been reached and encouraged in our Lord.

Now let me mention and thank another special family that has blessed us over the years. The MaGuire family in Arizona sent us a piggy bank. Let me go back a couple of years when while at the youth camp I taught a story of the penny. Not all I am about to share is original to me, but the lesson of the penny can teach things that can change our life and attitude in many ways. We all should pick up pennies. They should remind many of us that some people in life feel they have little value till someone picks them up. Pick enough of them up and see the difference you can make and how rich you may be in their lives. When I pick up pennies, no matter where they may be found, I begin to pray for a list of special people in my life and they do the same for others and for me. If you pick up a penny and look at it, it reads "In God We Trust," which happens to be our national motto since 1957. Most people don't really know this fact. When you read these words, ask yourself, Am I trusting the Lord right now? Am I walking by faith or by feeling? It's like a gut-check.

Now look at the lesson a penny teaches. The face of Abraham Lincoln, a great president raised in poverty and nicknamed "Honest Abe." Next to the profile of Abe Lincoln is the word "Liberty". What did this man do in the name of liberty? He gave a legacy in "The Emancipation Proclamation." He passed laws to free the slaves. Now turn the coin over and you can see the words "United States of America." Stop and ask are we truly united as a nation? We know the answer to this question. Stop then and pray for our country.

Then there are Latin words "E PLURIBUS UNUM." It means "out of many, one." That's your stand for the body of Christ. Then I explain that the main reason we are not united in this nation is because the Christians are not united in Christ. Its been said that believers spend most of their time polishing their armor and shooting at each other. At the bottom of the penny you see "one cent." Visualize this spelling as "one sent" for we all have a mission for God and it is to share the simple message of Grace, Truth, Freedom and Eternal Life in Jesus Christ.

If you pick up a penny, I hope it reminds you not only how blessed we are to live in this country but also to be a reminder to pray for special people in your life. This piggy bank in the photo was full of pennies and represents someone in that family that prays for us. I have also received other boxes and bags of pennies from others that do the same. I am humbled to know people take time out of their days to mention us at the Throne of Grace.

Again we salute all of you who find ways to respond to our needs and to our Lord's leadership to keep me going out there for the message of hope. I pray the Lord reveals our gratitude and heart to each of you.

Genesis 26

- B. Four People: the election of a nation and the preparation for the redeemer (Gen 12-50)
1. Abraham (the father of faith and the nation Israel) (12-23)
 2. Isaac (the beloved son of promise) (24-26)
 - k. Isaac's Weaknesses. 26:1-11

Genesis 26:1 = Tested Like Dad.

L.T. Now there was a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.

Principle: Famines are _____ to _____ the Lord.

Genesis 26:2 = A Theophany with Three Commands.

L.T. Yahweh appeared to him and said, "Stop going down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you.

Principle: Sometimes the Lord wants us to stop our plans to _____.

Genesis 26:3 = A Promise for Compliance.

L.T. "Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

Summary:

1. Isaac's obedience is being tested with three commands.
 - A. Stop your plans.
 - B. Stay where you are.
 - C. Sojourn as a temporary resident.
2. Isaac is promised temporal personal blessing for obedience to the three commands.

Principle: Obedience to God is His _____ law.

Principle: Obedience should not be simply from duty but _____.
John 14:15,22,23

Genesis 26:4 = Sharing in the Blessing.

L.T. "I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and will give your seed all these lands; and by your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

Summary:

1. The Lord confirms to Isaac the promises made to Abraham.
2. The Abrahamic Covenant contains three primary promises:
 - A. The First is sexual prosperity.
 - B. The Second is real estate.
 - C. The Third is the line of Messiah.

Principle: Sharing Abraham's inheritance is based on _____ obedience.

Genesis 26:5 = The Reason for the Blessing.

L.T. because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

Summary:

1. Isaac is blessed because of his father's obedience, but not as much as he can be blessed.
2. All nations are blessed by Abraham's obedience, although most will never grasp or appreciate it. Cf Php 2:10; Rom 14:11
3. Abraham's life is summarized in that he "listened to the voice of the Lord and did it." Cf John 7:17
4. The reward is a result of obedience.
5. The obedience consisted of seeing God's instructions as valuable, including His:
 - A. Commandments which involve acceptance of the authority of the one giving the instruction.
 - B. Statutes which are required actions.
 - C. Laws which are the details of the actions.
6. Isaac was directly involved in his father's most serious test. Gen 22

Principle: My obedience to God can greatly _____ future generations.

Genesis 26:6 = Compliance.

L.T. So Isaac lived in Gerar.

Principle: Individual instructions from God can differ.

Genesis 26:7 = The Sin of Father-Passed On.

L.T. When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "My sister is she," for he was afraid to say, "my wife," {thinking,} "the men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful."

Principles: _____ and _____ get passed on through generations.

Principle: Children often do not see the _____ of their parents as mistakes.

Principle: Sin puts a _____ between us and the true enjoyment of God's blessings.

Genesis 26:8 = The Lie Exposed.

L.T. It came about, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah.

Genesis 26:9 = Judgment Day and Honesty.

L.T. Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, certainly she is your wife! How then did you say, 'She is my sister'?" And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'I might die on account of her.'"

Principle: Some people only get honest when the _____ for dishonesty is too great.

Genesis 26:10 = The Royal Rebuke.

L.T. Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

Principle: The _____ would have been Isaac's best protection.

Genesis 26:11 = A Wise King.

L.T. So Abimelech charged all the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

Principle: God does not need our _____ to carry out His promises.

Principle: He wants our obedience so to _____ us all the more.

What it Means to "Obey"

Genesis 26:5 = The Reason for the Blessing.

L.T. because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

1. The first element of Obedience is to listen to the voice of God to know what is _____.
2. The next step is to see it as _____.
3. We see it as Valuable by keeping:
 - A. Commandments: _____ to the authority.
 - B. Statutes: _____ the assignment.
 - C. Laws: _____ the details.
4. Obedience is the desired _____ to God.