

# The Trumpet *Psalm 150:3a*

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## Member Spotlight: The Chamberlins

David and Anne Chamberlain live in Allen with their three children; Will (8) attends Coram Deo, while Ben (6) and Sarah (5) are home-schooled. David is a managing director at Public Strategies, Inc. Anne describes herself as "Chief Homemaking Officer and home-schooling Mom." Having lived all over the United States, the Chamberlains came to Allen most recently from Shanghai, China.

God brought Anne and David together through meeting at work. Of meeting Anne, David says, "I was hooked and I'm quite blessed to have out-kicked my coverage." Anne remembers David as "the cutest guy in the office", and a man who "went to the Scripture in adversity. He promised me that if I married him, we would have a great adventure. And he was right!"

While growing up as the oldest of 2, David became serious about his faith when a few male mentors took him

under their wings through high school and college. He also counts dating Anne as instrumental to his spiritual growth.

Anne, the oldest of 3 children, raised by loving Christian parents, accepted Christ as a child. She also describes a time of spiritual renewal in college after a period of falling away; as a result, she "entered more fully into personal spiritual walk instead of just trying to 'be good'."

Some of their interests include reading, theology, biking, travel vacations and David is a Cincinnati Reds fan.

### How is God working today?

**David:** "God is teaching me to trust Him more and to realize that even though I am far worse than I ever imagined, God loves and accepts me more than I can ever dream. Our time in Delaware and China caused

me to come to a better understanding that I can't live life in my own strength anymore. I still need to regularly remind myself that God is sovereign and that I need to trust Him moment by moment – Proverbs 3:5-6 & Romans 8:28."

**Anne:** "'Seek first the kingdom of God' – Matthew 6:33. God is teaching me to pray, study His word and nurture my relationship with Jesus Christ first and foremost – before all other activities, as worthy as they may be. Too often I hit the ground running instead of first focusing on Jesus Christ. God has said that Scripture will train us so that we can be 'competent for every good work' – II Timothy 3:16-17. This is good news for moms!"

*This is a very interesting family and you will do well to get to know them!*



Sarah, David, Will, Anne & Ben Chamberlin

## Pray for the Persecuted Church

**ERITREA Pastor Disappears, 10 Believers Arrested - Compass Direct News**  
 On August 22, Christians in Eritrea confirmed Pastor Leule Gebreab, of Asmara's Apostolic Church, is still missing. He disappeared on August 12. According to Compass Direct News, the pastor's whereabouts are not known, despite inquiries with local authorities.

Sources told Compass, "His wife is greatly distressed about his disappearance." In an unrelated incident, Compass reported that on August 19, police arrested 10 members of the Full Gospel Church in the Kahawata suburb of Asmara, who had gathered in a home for worship. Compass added, "The four women and six men accused of worshipping together were put into deten-

tion at Police Station No.2 in Asmara." Pray for God's protection and provision for Christians in Eritrea. Pray Pastor Leule Gebreab will be found safe, and for the Holy Spirit to minister to those believers in prison. **Revelation 12:11, Romans 8:28**

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## Pastor's Article



**Bryant McGee,  
Senior Pastor**

### “SWEET SMELLING SAINTS”

2 Corinthians 2:14-15: *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.*

A few weeks ago in our study of the book of Acts, we read at the end of chapter 9, how God heals us by filling our empty lives and giving us the hope of eternal life. Each week when I take the lids off the communion trays, I am hit with the fragrance of the wine that is “unleashed” from under the lid to move throughout the room. What was once bottled up flows out for all to smell. In 2 Corinthians 2, Paul tells the church in Corinth that they are to be the same thing – they are to be the aroma of Christ to those who are being saved and those who are

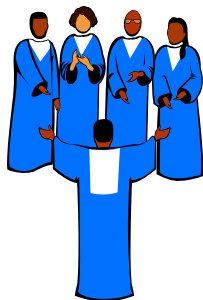
perishing. God uses us today to release the sweetness of eternal life to those whom he is saving as he fills their empty lives with the gospel of grace. When we come together as the body of Christ, we are blessed by communing with other saints as we encourage one another, build one another up, pray for one another, and so on. This is our common bond as those whose lives are being filled with the gospel of grace. Paul also tells the church that we are to be this aroma to those who are perishing. This gospel that has been given to us is the only thing that will heal those who are lost. We must not bottle this up before them, but release this aroma by living it out before a dying world. We are hope to a hopeless world.

As we continue to be blessed with wonderful growth – both spiritual and numerical – this verse ought to be a wonderful encouragement to us. This is ex-

actly what our philosophy of ministry says we are all about – we seek to demonstrate and share the reality of a relationship with Jesus Christ to the people of Collin County and the world.

God is using us, my friends, to be the sweet aroma of His Son, Jesus Christ, to build up those who are being saved and save those who are perishing. Our growth is not a “problem,” it is a **BLESSING!!**

Bryant



**“Hear this, you kings!  
Listen, you rulers! I will  
sing to the LORD, I will  
sing; I will make music to  
the LORD, the God of  
Israel.”** Judges 5:3

### Adult Choir is beginning again!

With the slightly cooler temperatures of fall comes the rebirth of the Redeemer Adult Choir, which began in earnest after Labor Day (removes the white shoes & belt concern).

We meet as immediately after the service as the social visiting will allow, prac-

ticing at the front of the sanctuary for about 30-45 minutes each Sunday. Our objective is to make a sound offering to the Lord, honoring Him through earnest voices.

We take all voices, the tall and the small to combine for this part of the worship experience. We concen-

trate on finding easy to medium difficulty music, mostly three but sometimes four part harmonies. If you have a desire to make more noise, then the occasional AMEN from the congregation, please join us for mirth and a little music to soothe the soul.

Regards, Ed Cox, Director

## Pray for the Persecuted Church continued from page 1

### INDIA Hindu Radicals Turn Church into Hindu Temple - V O M S o u r c e s

On August 19, members from the Hindu radical group, Hindu Ikyavedi, attacked a congregation gathered for prayer and vandalized their church building in Bangalore, India. According to VOM contacts in India, prior to the attack, Pastor Koshy Thomas and his family were threatened and told to stop conducting worship services. VOM contacts report, "On August 18, two members of the Hindu radical organization threatened to burn Pastor Thomas and his family to death if they did not vacate their home and stop worship services. The next day they barged into a prayer meeting, abused the believers using filthy language and assaulted the pastor's wife and another believer. After the believers were evicted from the church, the attackers vandalized the building. VOM contacts added, "The radicals vandalized the church building by drawing Hindu symbols, the trishul, swastika, Sanskrit Om and

slogans such as 'Jai Shri Ram and Hindu Dharma is ours, who is Yesu?' They also conducted a Hindu religious rite inside the church and locked it." Pastor Thomas has been pastoring the 50-member Indian Pentecostal Church for about a year. Pray God protects and provides for the pastor and believers in this area. Ask God to use the testimonies of Christians in India to draw non-believers into fellowship with Himself. **Joshua 1:9;**  
**2Timothy 1:7**

### CHINA Chinese Government Intensifies Campaign against Christians - China Aid Assoc.

**SHANXI PROVINCE** - On July 14, Chinese authorities interrupted Bible reading and prayer in the home of Sister Kong Lingrong. While Sister Kong and several children from 10 to 15 years of age were reading the Bible and praying, the authorities stopped the "illegal meeting" and said that children were not allowed to believe in Jesus. As a result of the incident, Sister Kong is being harassed by authorities

and the electricity and water to her home has been turned off. On August 3, prominent Christian businessman, Zhou Heng, was arrested when he attempted to pick up two tons of Bibles at a bus station in Xinjiang. The Bibles were to be distributed to local believers. According to detention papers, Heng was placed on "criminal detention on suspicion of illegal business operations." He could face up to 15 years imprisonment.

### SHANDONG PROVINCE -

On August 9, Pastors Du Dafeng, Cheng Zhenan and Yue Ying, were detained for more than 5 days for holding a worship meeting in Yutai Town.

**INNER MONGOLIA** - Seven house church leaders have been in prison since August 21. The leaders were arrested when they were worshiping in Kouhe Town. They are currently detained at the Public Security Bureau office. Pray for Christians in China as persecution intensifies. **Isaiah 54:14,**  
**Romans 8:31**



**Pray for strength and boldness for our brothers and sisters, who suffer for their faith.**

**Hindu Radicals turn a church into a Hindu Temple and assault pastor's wife.**

## RPC Missions

At RPC we are renewing our emphasis on Missions. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always until the end of the age" Matthew 28:19-20.

What is the missions emphasis at RPC and what does it involve?

The ultimate goal is to exalt the Lord, evangelize the lost, and edify the laborers. At

RPC our philosophy of missions is:

- Must be close (for possible short term mission trips)
- Must be affiliated with M T W (denomination missions organization)
- Must be directly involved with preaching the Gospel/church planting

As part of this renewed emphasis we want all members that are interested in missions to meet with us to

discuss what RPC is doing in these areas.

Tim and Linda Armstrong have agreed to assist in developing a missions team at RPC.

Are you interested in missions? Do you want to be involved in changing lives all over the world as well as in Collin County?

Tim and Linda will be holding an informational meeting in the near future to pray for this ministry and to discuss the future of missions at RPC.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always until the end of the age"*

Matthew 28:19-20.

## Family Worship A Lost Art



**Rolf Meintjes,**  
Associate Pastor

*Jeremiah 6, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good was is, and walk in it; And you shall find rest for your souls."*

Class on Monday night, Session on Tuesday, Youth Group on Wednesday, EE on Thursday, and the weekends are usually packed with gatherings...When is there ever time for family worship? And this is at a stage in our lives where our kids are involved in many extra-curricular activities that daily pull the family in 10 different directions. So how are we to connect as families in this fast paced culture we live in? When do we have time for family worship, and more importantly, what is family worship? These are some of the issues/questions I hope we can answer together through the next couple of Trumpet articles.

Terry Johnson serves as a Pastor at Independent Presbyterian Church (Independent Pres. Sounds like an oxymoron) in Savannah, GA. The church is older than our nation, established early in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Obviously there is a lot of history in this church for Pastor Johnson to learn from. He wrote a book called, *Family Worship: A Resource for Family Worship*. In it, he begins by quoting Jeremiah 6, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good was is, and walk in it; And you shall find rest for your souls." This is an interesting concept – doing something that will give us rest, which is counterintuitive and foreign to us. In

every other context, doing something does not help us find rest, but in pursuing "the ancient paths" that God has laid out, we can find rest for our souls as he points us to Christ.

This leads us to consider the first and primary aspect of family worship. What is the glue that holds a Christian family together? Johnson begins by having us consider the "Family Pew". The first key to the family's spiritual health is a solid commitment to "weekly public worship services of the church. The most important single commitment you have to make to ensure your family's spiritual well-being is to regular consistent attendance at public worship."

This is clearly a Biblical concept. At creation, God establishes a one in seven paradigm for us to find rest in Him through corporate worship. This is affirmed again by Christ, who stated that the Sabbath was made for man. (Mark 2) The apostle in Acts 2:42 taught us to "Devote yourselves to the apostle's teaching, the breaking of bread and prayers." (See also Hebrews 4).

The catechism also reaffirms this concept. **Q.** What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption? **A.** The outward and ordinary means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the

Word, sacraments, and prayer all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation. This obviously pulls us toward corporate worship, where all of these elements are present on a weekly basis. The catechism says later, in conjunction with this question, that, "The Spirit of God makes the reading but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of converting sinners..." This is not because of the preacher, but rather because it is the means chosen by God to be used in that space and time of corporate worship through the power of the Holy Spirit in a very special way.

"The key to our own family's spiritual health, therefore, is remarkably simple. Though there is considerable hype to the contrary, it involves no pilgrimages to sacred places. It requires no week-long or weekend retreats, seminars, or special programs. It depends on no special techniques or novel methodologies. You won't have to spend another night out. You won't need to add more meetings to an already frantic schedule. The key is to be found in the regular, ordinary, weekly worship services of the church." As your Pastor, truly having your best interest at heart, in strongly concur and commend this commitment to you for the spiritual well being and growth in grace for you and your family.

## Info about an adoption possibility



*"Who is God?"*

Our friends from our PCA church in Florida, the Manubens, have adopted 3 children from China, 2 girls and 1 boy (they also have 4 bio children). In August, they went to receive Asher, a 7 yr. old boy, and when they arrived, they also got to know Jie, a 9 yr. old boy in the orphanage and Asher's friend. Jie won-

dered aloud to them, "When will a family come for me?" The Manubens told him they were not sure and they would pray to God for his adoption. His response was, "Who is God?" Jie went to the orphanage as a baby because he had a cleft palette at birth which has been surgically treated. The orphanage is willing to pay most of

the costs of Jie's adoption, and our friends want to pay the rest of the fees. If this is something that God is leading you to, you can contact Nancy & Claudio Manubens at

**tochia4emma@yahoo.com**

Terri Lytle

## Christ's Sympathy to Weary Pilgrims\* by Octavius Winslow 1808-1878

### A Boundless, Fathomless Ocean

Eternal love moved the heart of Jesus to relinquish heaven for earth—a diadem for a cross—the robe of divine majesty for the garment of our nature; by taking upon Himself the leprosy of our sin. Oh, the infinite love of Christ! **What a boundless, fathomless ocean!** Ask the ransomed of the Lord, whose chains He has dissolved, whose dungeon He has opened, whose liberty He has conferred, if there ever was love like His!

What shall we say of the *ransom*

*price?* It was the richest, the costliest, that Heaven could give. He gave *Himself* for us! What more could He do? He gave Himself; body, soul and spirit. He gave His time, His labor, His blood, His life, His ALL, as the price for our ransom, the cost of our redemption. He carried the wood and reared the altar. Then, bearing His bosom to the stroke of the uplifted and descending arm of the Father, paid the price of our salvation in the warm lifeblood of His heart!

**What a boundless, fathomless ocean!** How is it that we feel the force and exemplify the practical

influence of this amazing, all commanding truth so *faintly*? Oh, the desperate depravity of our nature! Oh, the deep iniquity of our iniquitous hearts! Will not the blood drops of Jesus move us? Will not the agonies of the cross influence us? Will not the dying love constrain us to a more heavenly life?

*\*Octavius Winslow was born in New York & later moved to England. He became one of the most valued non-conformist ministers of the 19th century, and in 1861 spoke at the opening of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London. He authored over 40 books, which were filled with the doctrines of God's Word.*



**What a boundless, fathomless ocean!**

## Women In the Church

Well, we had a wonderful Fall Kick-off with Lorraine Brock, who actually got many of us better organized! The desserts were wonderful and the decorations were lovely. Thank you to Lynda Teasley, our Social Chairman, for taking care of the yummy eats, Amy Wende, our Cheer Chairman, for the beautiful decorations and Adrienne Dagley, our Historian, for making up all the really cool packets to hand out!

Hopefully everyone has

gotten plugged into the place where your gifts are being used to the glory of God. As Women In the Church, we have great opportunities to grow in our knowledge of God, which will make us better able to be the godly women our Father desires us to be.

Remember our reason for having the Women In the Church organization, it so every woman at Redeemer will know Christ personally and will be committed to extending His kingdom

in our own lives, in our homes, in the communities in which we live and around the world.

If you want to volunteer at RPC just call our new Church Administrator Amy Vender and she will get you in touch with the right lady in the right area of service to use your gifts for the glory of God. You could, also, call me and I'll point you in to right direction too. Grace and peace in abundance, Linda Clark, WIC President.

1 Peter 3:3-4

**“Do not let your adornment be merely outward, arranging the hair, wearing gold or putting on fine apparel, rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”**

## Evangelism Explosion

The Marines are looking for a few good men and so are we. You will not be asked to go on an expedition to Bagdad or patrol the streets of Fallujah; but to do something that can make a far greater impact, to take the life changing message of the gospel to a lost and dying world; starting right here in Craig Ranch and surrounding communities. You will receive 13 weeks of valuable training each Thursday night from 7 to 9pm. This will help equip you to do a

conversational presentation of the gospel.

In John 14:6, Jesus said, **“I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH ME.”** We all know that to be true, but Paul points out something that few believers understand. He writes, **“HOW THEN WILL THEY CALL ON HIM IN WHOM THY HAVE NOT BELIEVED? HOW WILL THEY BELIEVE IN HIM WHOM**

**THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? HOW WILL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A MESSENGER?** Romans 10:14. See also Romans.10:15

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR TALK WITH ANYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED THE EVANGELISM EXPLOSION TRAINING.

IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.  
—Marty Phagan



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