



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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CONFERENCE

Sunday through Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

PITCH-IN MEAL AT 5 PM SUNDAY NIGHT, APRIL 8

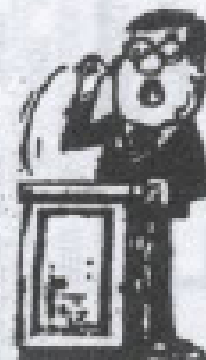
MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR

Pastor Dice and church folks are working hard to make sure our annual mission conference is a success. If you miss the mission conference you will miss the most exciting important and productive meeting our church has during the year. More people are reached with the Gospel of Christ through faith-promise missions than in any other way.

GUEST PREACHERS

Bro. Lou DiFilippantonio
Bro. Sam Marasco, Hawaii
Bro. John Harris, Belize
Bro. & Mrs. Todd Oprzedek

Cedar River Baptist Camp



THEME

"A WAITING WORLD FOR
A WILLING CHURCH"

II Corinthians 6:3



The Final Command Matthew 28:19,20

Can a church that is not taking the message of the cross around the world be called a New Testament Church? Christ's final command states:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I

am with you alway, even unto the end of the world: Amen."

Matthew 28:19,20

This command is not to be taken lightly. In Matthew 21:43, we find the cost of failing to heed the Great Commission.

"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

God founded America to get the gospel out, because

Europe had failed to do so. If we Bible-believing Christians in America fail to get the gospel out, as Europe failed to do many years ago, God will give the responsibility to another nation. *This need not happen!*

A man in conversation with his pastor said, "I am sure glad we can help these missionaries." After thinking about this man's comment for a minute, the pastor made this profound statement: "It's the mis-

sionaries that are helping us. Without them, we could not carry out the Great Commission."

Without the missionary, could we:

- lay claim to the title of Local New Testament Church
- carry the gospel to the world
- obey Christ's Final Command

We must have a world vision. Christ said: *"Go ye into all the world."* ♦

A MISSIONARY CALL

A hundred thousand souls a day,
Are passing one by one away,
In Christ-less guilt and gloom.
Without one ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless
night,

They're passing to their doom,
They're passing to their doom.

The Master's coming draweth
near,
The Son of Man will soon appear,

His Kingdom is at hand.
But 'ere that glorious day can be,
The Gospel of the Kingdom we
Must preach in every land,
Must preach in every land.

O let us then His coming haste,
O let us end this awful waste
Of souls that never die.
Thousand millions still are lost,
A Saviour's blood has paid the
cost,

O hear their dying cry,
O hear their dying cry.

They're passing, passing fast
away,

A hundred thousand souls a day,
In Christ-less guilt and gloom.
O Christian folks what will you
say,

When in that awful Judgment Day,
They charge thee with their doom?
They charge thee with their doom?

WILLIAM CAREY STOOD THE TEST

William Carey had to overcome great odds to obey the call of God. In *The Challenge of Life*, Oswald J. Smith noted that even the directors of the East India Company opposed Carey's work." Following is the idiotic resolution they presented to Parliament:

"The sending out of missionaries into one Eastern possession is the maddest, most extravagant, most costly, most indefensible project which has ever been suggested by a moonstruck fanatic."

Smith added, "In 1796, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland passed the following infamous resolution:

"To spread the knowledge of the gospel amongst barbarians and heathens seems to be highly preposterous."

One speaker in the House of Commons said that he would rather see a band of devils let loose in India than a band of missionaries. Such was the opposition to missions when Carey set forth. And yet, he was able to write, "Why is my soul disquieted within me? Things may turn out better than I expect. Everything is known to God, and God cares."

William Carey stood the test, and became the father of modern missions.

Miscellaneous.

Leonard R. Dice, Editor and Asst. Pastor

*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



NEVERTHELESS...KEEP ON

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true,
I've seen them vanish at dawn,
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,
To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came,
Though I waited patient and long,
But answers have come to enough of my prayers,
To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend that failed,
And left me to weep alone,
But I've found enough of my friends true blue,
To make me keep trusting on.

I've sown many seeds that fell by the way,
For the birds to feed upon,
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands,
To make me keep sowing on.

I've witnessed to many who never got saved,
And rejected the light that was shown,
But there have been many who have trusted the Lord,
To make me keep witnessing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain,
And gone many days without song,
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life,
To make me want to keep on.

-Author Unknown

To know God's will
is life's greatest treasure.
To do God's will
is life's greatest pleasure.

We have
been told that
SILENCE IS
GOLDEN.
Sometimes it is
just plain
YELLOW!