Good Morning, October 2, 2014

“And Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the third *generation*: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph’s knees” (Genesis 50:23). I truly enjoy spending time with my grandchildren. One of my favorite times last week was when little Aiden (3 years old) would first get up and would come down the steps and find Pawpaw reading his Bible. He would crawl up on my lap and I would read a chapter of Proverbs to him. My mind went back when my son, Josh, was about 5 years old. Over 20 years ago, I was reading the book of Luke to him before he went to bed. When we got to Luke 16 he looked at me and said “Dad, I don’t want to go to hell.” I am thankful that the Word of God did its work on his heart! It was that night he called on Christ to save his soul. In this busy world we live in always remember to take time to read God’s Word to your children, you never know when God will have their hearts prepared to hear. Fill their little minds with God’s Word! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 3, 2014

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,” (2 Peter 1:2). Ignorance of the saving grace of God will be no excuse when the Day of Judgment arrives. So many people today are walking in utter darkness without even realizing that one day they will open their eyes in Hell. Hell is seldom discussed in our pulpits anymore. Everyone wants to believe that God is a God of love and He is, but the Bible says it is impossible for Him to lie! Your friends, relatives and every person you come in contact with will either be in Heaven of Hell for all of eternity. We must do our part to save the ones God has trusted us to warn! Teach someone today of the grace and peace that can be obtained when they learn who Jesus is and accept His free gift! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 5, 2014

“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:” (1 John 1:6). The beauty of reading your Bible is the known fact that it is alive and convicting. This truth is what causes Christians to live a life that is pleasing to God and gives them the pleasure of fellowship with Him. If the Devil can simply get you not to read your Bible, it will be much easier for him to destroy your testimony with sin. Notice what the LORD said in our text verse: if you are involved in any known sin and refuse to change it you are missing out on the fellowship of the Creator of the universe! Sin for God is a cheap trade! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 11, 2014

“And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth” (Genesis 9:16). The beautiful rainbow God placed in the sky as a reminder to us of a promise He made has been hacked by the modern Gay and Lesbian movement. They now use the rainbow as a symbol of their society, but they do it in ignorance. The bow represents a God who keeps His promises; He also has a promise for them: “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13). The Blood of Jesus will cover their sins if they repent and call on Christ; that is His promise. The rainbow is also a promise to the Gay and Lesbian unbelievers, who choose to continue in their sin, that He will one day judge them and cast them into the Lake of Fire: God is a promise keeper! “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Pray for their salvation! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 14, 2014

“Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts” (Jeremiah 2:19). I witnessed to a young man the other day that did not appear to be a Christian. He assured me that he had been born again, but had gotten away from the LORD after his father died. Death is a major part of life. All through the Bible God used death to bring life. Regardless of the reason a backslider claims, it is till not acceptable in the eyes of God. Christ is our refuge, a safe place and a place of comfort. The great God of Heaven has everything under control. Do not question Him; thank Him, do not doubt Him; depend on Him, and do not condemn Him; communicate with Him. “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you” (Philippines 4:9). Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 17, 2014

“When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby” (John 11:4). Why do bad things happen to good people is a question that is asked consistently. Over twelve years ago, one of my dear friends and a fellow missionary with Rock of Ages Ministries, Brother Chris Hooker, would get in his car and head off to a prison revival. Brother Chris would not make it to preach that day; a young man would run a stop sign crashing into Chris’s car leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. For twelve years Brother Chris has been using his accident to bring glory to God! He and his dear wife, Juanita, have glorified the LORD by accepting what happened to Brother Chris as God’s perfect will. Other people are involved deeply too. Brother Chris’s family has rallied behind him to help his ministry flourish over the last twelve years. Today, Chris is in a hospice care hospital waiting to cross from this side to the other. Dr. Gene Hooker, his father, has served with Rock of Ages for close to 38 years. He is a wonderful man of God with a gift in poetry. Yesterday he penned down these words and sent them out to thousands of people on Facebook: “Today we sit in the Hospice Care Facility with Chris. It is hard watching him walk up and down the rivers edge looking for a place to cross. When he finds it, GLORY TO GOD, the next time we see him he will be strolling up the streets of gold. Walking in a perfect body, something he has not done in over twelve years.” Please pray for the Hooker family as they watch this General in God’s army prepare to cross over to see the Prize-Jesus. WOW, face to face with the King of kings and the LORD of glory! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 23, 2014

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jeremiah 33:3). Brother Chris Hooker found his crossing place last Friday morning. Even though he was trapped in a body that was unable to move, Chris never waivered in his praise for his Saviour. His last words to his wife Juanita, Shane-his only son and his other family members were words of encouragement. He warned them to never get mad or bitter at God, but trust Him. Very few men would handle such a life-changing event the way Brother Chris did. When someone suffers from and accident that leaves him or her totally paralyzed, his or her attitude about God will be put to the test. Brother Chris told the story of a psychologist that came into his hospital room shortly after the accident. She asked him how he was doing and Brother Chris simply smiled and said he was fine. Then she instructed Chis to use the ROYBIV Technique. He looked at her kind of puzzled and said, “What is the ROYBIV Technique?” She went on to explain that times of depression and discouragement would set in. When they do, she said, just think of the colors of the rainbow-red, orange, yellow, blue, indigo and violet, and it will help to comfort you. In his kind loving way he told her that he would stick to the same way he has sought comfort most of his life-calling on Jesus. Please remember this dear family in your prayers. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 25, 2014

“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren” (Luke 22:32). Peter seemed to be the one that always was running into troubles. From a sick mother-in-law to being rebuked for being over zealous and everything in-between including prison time for preaching. It must have been extremely comforting for him to know that the King of kings was praying for him. We too enjoy this great benefit: “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26). The devil spends most of his time sending trouble to God’s choice servants hoping to take them out of the service of the LORD. You can count it an honor to be hassled by the devil with trials and tribulations because of the truth that God can trust you with them. The old devil had to go before the God of Heaven to get permission to send you your trial, and God answered back with permission knowing that the Holy Ghost will make intersession on your behalf and that He trusts you to use your trial to bring Him glory! Please pray for Sheila Hardison as she enters into the trial of tumors throughout her body. Brother Scotty Hardison worked closely with me on the Juvenile Team for many years and now labors in the prisons in Kentucky. These dear people are some of my dearest friends. Please add them to your prayer list and ask the LORD to daily give them the strength to endure this trial. They have three beautiful children Megan, Matthew and Michael. Have a great day.

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, October 28, 2014

“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered” (Proverbs 28:26). What a statement! Most people never think to include the LORD in their everyday decisions. Just how do you include the LORD and not follow your heart? It’s really not a difficult task: when you invite the LORD into your daily schedule by reading His Word, prayer and asking Him to guide you, He then goes to work on your behalf. I am often amazed how a verse that I read was just what I needed to help me make a decision throughout the course of my day. Don’t ever get too busy to spend time with the LORD in the Bible and prayer. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn