



Iron Sharpening Iron

Have you ever been set at awe with God's work? I mean, have you prayed and asked God to let you see the movement of His hand? My mind goes to the story of Elisha as he is surrounded by the host of the Syrian army. His servant asks him, *how shall we do?* Elisha answers his servant with a prayer:

2 Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Five years ago, God gave me the privilege of visiting with and preaching in the Peoples Baptist Ministries' colleges. I was able to minister in the southern region of Kerala and in the northern region of Punjab. Our Church has known and supported PBMI for over twenty years. Bro. Nair invited me to come and minister with them on several occasions. Shortly after I came on as senior pastor of our church, God opened the door.

This was not my first trip away from the USA to visit a foreign ministry. I am not new to the ministry of Missions. I was born and raised in a solid missions giving church who prayed regularly for missionaries. Our church had huge Missions Conferences every year to keep the church in tune with what God was doing around us. As a child, every year my parents would have missionaries stay in our home. My parents' desire was for their children to see missions and missionaries as real people in a real world. So, while I am well acquainted with missions and missionaries, I came back from this three week trip with a whole new perspective of what God can do when a group of men will give themselves over to the will and calling of God.

When I returned from my first Indian trip, I would express my enthusiasm for this ministry to everyone I met. One day, I was introduced to an American man that claimed to have spent a year in India as a missionary. This man told me that everything I had seen was a hoax. He was sure that my experience was a fabrication put on by my host to draw in American money. His claim set me back for a bit. I did not believe him because I had been there and seen and experienced it. I was sorry for him because he had obviously been a part of a ministry that did not add up to his expectations or was conducted for the wrong reasons. But, I knew that what I had seen and been a part of had the hand of God all over it. It was real.

Two years later, I jumped at the opportunity to return to India to preach and minister with PBMI. This opportunity was cut off as my flight that was scheduled and paid for was cancelled. The flight was to depart the same week that our entire world was shut down by the Covid scare of 2020. We tried to reschedule the trip multiple times in the years to come, but, it would be a full five years since my first visit before I could return.

In my first trip, I went to the Northern and Southern-most parts of India. In my latest trip, I spent three and half weeks in Central, East and West India. In that time, I would preach approximately thirty times in a multitude of churches across the country. At these meetings, we would always be invited to stay, meet and eat dinner with these beautiful people that had fallen head over heels in love with God. I would see and hear the joy of their hearts as they sang praises to God; the God that had redeemed their lives and given them a beautiful song in their hearts. Many times, I would preach and they would ask to hear more, so another would preach. They would thank us for coming and ask us to pray with them and to come back and preach again. This happened at every single church. I found in India a people that had turned to God. They had prayed and seen Him work. I met and talked to people in these churches: some in remote villages and some from the biggest cities, some blessed with much knowledge and wealth and some possibly not knowing from where their next meal would come. But in every church, I found many people that were filled with joy and enamored with Christ. The love of Christ flowed from them as a sweet smelling savor that I know was pleasing to God.

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I must tell you that in all my years in church, involved with all kinds of missions ministries, I have never before witnessed a ministry like this one. To this day, I do not believe most of us recognize the scope and depth of what is being done for the ministry of the gospel through PBMI. Their claim that they have planted over 4600 churches is exactly true. These are Bible-believing, Bible-preaching churches that are growing Christians that are walking with God ALL-OVER India. I look forward to returning to India because my heart is blessed and moved with compassion for the work of the ministry every time I go there. The praise for all of this goes to God. He alone can do what has been done here. I, like Elisha's servant, have seen and become a witness to those *chariots of fire* from God.

Because God is good--all the time,

Pastor Ron Mandeville



2 Timothy 4:1-5

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; ² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. ⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

I would like you to think of the Apostle Paul's letter to Pastor Timothy and how it relates to social media today. Oh boy... yes, I said those two fateful words "social media." To some – like myself at times – those words send a tingle down your spine and incite in you a holy anger. To others it's a way of keeping in contact with friends, distant family, or staying in the know. To others still it is a place to shout your opinions and worldview regardless of the validity of them. Herein lies the problem many have with these platforms. Those with no moral compass let alone real convictions are given a megaphone to shout their opinions...and in a world where the side shouting the loudest gets the airtime, they are winning – or so they think. If I hadn't known better, I would think the Apostle Paul's letter was written for such a time as this and its application 100% is!

So, what should be a Christian's role in all of this? I will tell you that I, personally, haven't spent any substantial time on Facebook in over a month (I have briefly gotten on to look up a few things and that is it), and it has been a glorious month! Social media's greatest problem is the so called "dopamine hit" many get with its algorithms pushing content that keeps its user scrolling. In addition to that links have been made to the drug-like addiction that ensues a user's posting regarding something and the attention it gets. Users can be literally addicted to the likes and comments social media brings. The roller coaster highs and lows that inevitably follow leave people with a sense of either wanting more or sadly, wanting to end it all. Aren't you glad we serve a God who saw all this coming and isn't surprised in the slightest by the social media woes? He alone gives us purpose we don't need to search for it in the "likes" and so called "approval" of men. Now, back to my original question: what should a Christian's role be in social media? Peter said in *1 Peter 3:15* "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Peter makes it clear we should be able to answer anything that is asked of us. Are there a lot of spiritual conversations happening all over social media? Of course, there are. Should Christians abstain completely from an arena where these types of conversations are happening? Completely abstain, absolutely not! We cannot afford to. Please do not misunderstand me, I am not telling you today that if you don't have social media you need to get one ASAP. I also understand the concepts of "not casting your pearls before swine" (*Matt. 7:6*) and "not answering a fool according to his folly" (*Prov. 26:4*) but remember our commission is to go and make disciples. We faithfully serve and leave the results to God the outcome is His. Speak the truth in love (*Eph. 4:15*) and as we have talked about before, do not be the one who offends, but allow the gospel to do that naturally as it does. That is the Spirit's work.

So, if you are on social media unapologetically and authoritatively speak the truth in love (it is possible to be both of these things because it isn't your message). Don't be afraid to stand alone, and you will likely stand alone, but as I have heard said before "a one with God is always a majority" so, are you **really** standing alone? Lastly, take comfort in knowing the victory is His. David said in *1 Chronicles 29:11* addressing those in preparation of Solomon building the temple, "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all." This is where the victory comes from, stand firm in this and never be afraid to speak the truth – no matter what the platform.

Because He is Worthy,

Pastor Ethan

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Anniversary Sunday

Medora Community Bible Church celebrated 67 years of serving the Lord. There was the flag raising, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. A light breakfast was served. Pastor Mandeville shared with us about his trip to India with a power point. We had a moving message from Pastor Ron during the Worship Service. A picnic followed in the front of the church. God blessed us with beautiful weather and wonderful fellowship.



The Medora Missions Conference

It is time for our Thanksgiving/Missions' Conference. It starts November 1 and goes through November 5th. We will hear from three of our missionary pastors about their ministry and hear preaching from God's Word. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening at 7 pm. we are having services at the church. This is an exciting time for all! A great way to get to know our missionaries and learn about their countries. Our guests are Dr. Wayne Johnson, Pastor Roy Velez and Dr. G. S. Nair. A Moldovan Ensemble will be with us also and they will be performing through out the conference.

We will have an International Dinner November the 4th at 6 pm. with food from places around the world. We need people interested in presenting food from another nation, maybe from one of our supporting missions. The International Dinner will be November the 4th at 6 pm.

Sunday evening is our annual Thanksgiving/Missions dinner. There will be lots of food, fellowship and learning. Pastor Roy Velez and G. S. Nair will be preaching.

All are welcome to attend. Families are asked to bring two (2) of the following; a main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert. Single adults may bring just one dish. If you would like to bring a turkey, dressing, bread or gravy you do not need to bring a main dish. The sign up sheet for these will be on the bulletin board in the foyer.

The Kansas State Fair Bible Truck 2023 sharing God's Word

Another year at the Kansas State Fair. Please pray for the people that received a bag and were witnessed to. Pray for those who made decisions to trust in Jesus



Kid's Konnection

Big Christian Word

Repentance: A real, genuine sorrow for doing something wrong and a desire to turn away from it. To change the mind, followed by change of some kind. Sorrow for sin and then walking in obedience to Christ. (Acts 3:19) (Matthew 4:17) (Acts 8:22)

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

-Galatians 6:9



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Events

October 2023

- 3 L.E.T. Group at the MAC 6 pm.
- 6-8 Men's Advance 8 am.
- 14 Usher's Fall Meeting
- 15 Southland Camp Singing Group Fellowship Groups 6 pm.
- 29 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.

November

- 1-5 Thanksgiving/Missions Conference
- 1 No K4T
- 4 International Dinner 6 pm.
- 5 Thanksgiving/Missions Dinner 6 pm. Daylight Savings Ends
- 7 Election Day
No L.E.T Group
- 11 Veterans Day
- 19 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.
- 22 Pie Night
No K4T
- 23 Thanksgiving Day, office is closed
- 24 Office is closed

Nursery Schedule

October 2023	Sunday School		Church
1	Erin/Laura R	1	Jennifer/Khloe
8	Erin/Mary	8	Sabrina/Lindy/Macy
15	Erin/Makele	15	Leslie/Margaret/Stacy
22	Erin/Judy	22	Jenny/Leah
29	Erin/Laura	29	Mary/Jill
November			
5	Erin/Makele	5	Jeanne /Jennifer/Macey
12	Erin/Laura	12	Leah/Margaret/Khloe
19	Erin/Judy	19	Lindy/Jill
26	Erin/Makele	26	Mary/Sabrina

October Wednesdays

- 4 Mary/Jill
- 11 Mary/Laren
- 18 Mary/Tina
- 25 Mary/Laren

November Wednesdays

- 1 Mary/Tina
- 8 Mary/Jill
- 15 Mary/Laren
- 22 Mary/Tina
- 29 Mary/Jill

Medora's Munchies



3 Ingredient Crock Pot Hawaiian Chicken

by Dalene Westover

Ingredients

- 4-6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 can 8 oz. crushed pineapple, drained (tidbits work too)
- 1 bottle 16 ounces barbeque sauce

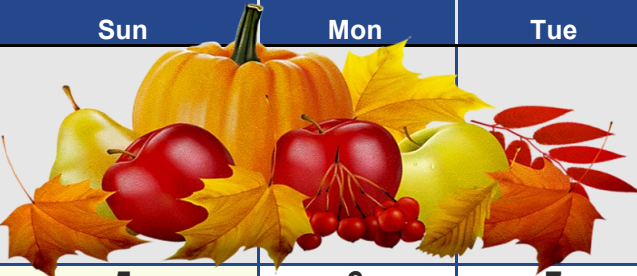



Instructions

1. Place chicken in a greased 3.5-5-quart crock pot
 2. Combine drained pineapple and the BBQ sauce in a bowl and pour over the meat.
 3. Cook on high heat for 3-4 hours or on low heat for 6-8 hours.
- Serve over rice.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Audra Goering Birthday Jerry & Kim Ingrim Anniversary	3 L.E.T. Group 6 pm. At the MAC	4	5 Marcia Chaney Birthday	6 Jeanne Julian Birthday 8am. Men's Advance Weekend	7
8 Timothy Spaich Birthday Men's Advance	9 Jennifer Schroeder Birthday	10	11	12	13 Kim Queen Birthday	14 Usher's annual fall meeting
15 Mary Summerlin Birthday Southland Camp Singing Group Fellowship Groups 6 pm.	16 Sandy Polley Birthday Derek & Erin Hodgson Anniversary	17 Ric & Susie Ratzlaff Anniversary	18 Mike Spaich Birthday	19 Derrick Rhoden Birthday	20	21
22 Judy Orpin Birthday	23	24	25 Lorri Johnson Birthday	26 Caden Spaich Birthday	27 Trey Boisse & Isabella Lisco Birthdays	28 Nash Hodgson Birthday
29 Fellowship Groups 6 pm.	30 Tuff Goering Birthday	31				

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No K4T Margaret Simon & Kim Ingrim Birthdays +++++Thanksgiving/Missions Conference 7.pm+++++	2	3 Marshall Julian Birthday	4 Karesa Gay & Randy Penner Birthdays International Dinner 6 pm.
			5 Jamie Spaich Birthday Daylight savings ends Thanksgiving/Missions Conference Dinner 6 pm.	6 Ron Colbert Birthday	7 Ken & Arlana Snow Anniversary	8 Doug Schriever Birthday
12 Emily Rhoden Birthday Corey & Makele Goering Anniversary	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Jeannie Werner Birthday Fellowship Groups 6 pm.	20	21	22 No K4T Pie Night 	23 	24 Office closed	25 Debra Schiever Birthday
26	27 Jim & Sara Crawford Anniversary	28 Elijah Spaich Birthday	29	30 Galen Penner Birthday		

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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

Psalm:100:4