

# HG GOAL FOR 2013

## **Work For God - Do The Best You Can**

**WORLD PROVERBS** - March winds are fast, but faster goes our thoughts.....

**SENDING LOVE TO DEAR HEART - DORIS/LINDA/BRENDA/BECKY/UNCLE BEN**

**JIM & BUCK** - Buck has been on lock down for sometime/hoping he's off by now. Donna talked with Jim and he sends hugs/kisses/prayers to all the dear hearts. We send both men a HURRAH! from the genteel people of home. **ALMA** - Another fall/has 8 staples in head/bruised/ girls watching Mom/ HG sends our love & prayers. **JERI SCHWENKE** - Mother-in-law to our #2 daughter Sabrina, fell/broke hip/on floor 2 days before found/surgery required. **MARSHA** - Gaining daily/long ways to go/Raymond worn-out. **KATIE ELLER** - Our oldest daughter has gallbladder/liver problems/having testing. **JULIE** - Thanks HG for dear heart notes. **MARY RIDDLE** - Dolores' sister, Mary, has had 3 wks cancer treatments/goes till 3<sup>rd</sup> wk April/keep in prayer. **LOIS VINCENT** - Passed away/HG sends condolences to family. **TERRIE/ROY** - Terrie doing much better/Roy had car trouble BOO! HISS! **DON** - Sister Joyce Emmert, diagnosed Leukemia. **JOYCE** - Good friend Lacerne Bloss/coma state. **LENA/IMOGENE** - Lena had car repair/Imogene & Lena had taxes done/celebrated tax return with dinner out.

**JOHNNY/VIRGINIA** - Both having testing for health problems. **RUBY/JOAN** - Both on 5 @ health scale fighting old wounds OUCH! **MERIT** - Flu 2 wks/Sleep/eat/drink fluids/some better. **BRENDA** - Trying to close on home/stressed out/had flu/needs HG prayers/WE love U whole bunches of bunches. **LINDA/DORIS** - Both had what Brenda had/family thing/ really 3 great Christian ladies/Thankful U 3 R @ HG. **MARK** - Still required 2 wear back brace/standing/walking makes back hurt

**MARCH SALUTES** - Julia Ford Helen Fletcher & Wilma Smith/have fought the good fight of faith. Junior Baker keeps the faith in those Ozark Mt, of Tahlequah, where men are men/the lonely coyote howls under a big full moon/ and the lonesome whippoorwill calls out to it's mate across the creek. There is rest for the weary down here, and the drinking water from the springs are still cold in these ever loving hills of OK. HG dear hearts send their heart of heart love. Foster, Nadine Whitaker and Junior Baker, Cousin to Mildred. **ON GOING PRAYER LIST- WHAT WE HEAR FROM OUR DR - EENIE MEEMIE MINEY MO. TAKE THIS PILL AND LET ME KNOW/ THE HAPPY HEALTHY CORNER IS JUST AROUND THE NEXT CORNER.** Julia Ford, Bonnie/Mark, Virginia/Johnny, Joi, Helen, Lena, Don/Dorothy, Roy/Terri, Gail, Marsha, Julie, Jessie, Kim Wilbanks, Doris Hull, Wilma Smith, Imogene, Carol

### **THIS & THAT**

**THIS WEEK - PICK UP H2H COPIES AND HAND OUT EVERYWHERE YOU GO THIS WK.**

**MARCH SPRING BREAK MENU - PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA...More next week on dinner.**

**LADIES ACTION FELLOWSHIP** - Last Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Scheduled event will be in next week's bulletin.

**MENS ACTION FELLOWSHIP** - Cracker Barrel Fri 29<sup>th</sup> @ Tulsa Hill's 6:30PM

**GARY JONES MISSION 2 INDIA - MARCH** - Multi Vitamins & Folic Acid - These two are the most needed for the general population and expecting mothers .. Buy any size on sale where ever you shop.

**WORD OF THE WEEK** - Nehemiah - Returns and rebuilt wall of Jerusalem. The reading of the Law leads to a revival, the people's confessing their sins and entering into a covenant to keep the ordinances; wall dedicated.

**TIP OF THE WEEK** - Rub cucumber on your wrinkles/it tightens firms up outer layer of skin

**HEALTH** - Live Longer by engaging daily 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity. Ya have to weigh the hope of years gained vs years of life lost when deciding if it's worth spending half-hour a day exercising. Leafy green veggies are the No. 1 cause of food poisoning/red meat, poultry cause more deaths from food borne illnesses. Wash both veggies/meat and cook good.

**FREE TAX-AIDE** - Call for appointments after Jan 21" 918-382-3333

**HUMOR** - I don't like to commit myself about heaven and hell-you see, I have friends in both places.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE APOSTLES** - Bartholomew, after preaching in India, was "cruelly beaten and then crucified by the impatient idolaters."

**KIDS IN CHURCH** - And one particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

**POWER FOR TODAY** - In your anxious moments of feeling utterly alone, and defeated by the hardships in life, seek the LORD and be restored in the peace that passes understanding.

**LIFE IN UNITED STATES** Middletown, New Jersey, police officer retired. But he didn't leave quietly. While walking the beat on his last day, he wrote 14 tickets for expired inspection stickers ... all to police patrol cars.

**STATESIDE/OVERSEAS - HG SUPPORTED/ TOOLEE UTH/ RILEY TODD** -The pope and I have something in common. We are both stepping down and retiring. Utah has been a very good work. There are no problems/this work is worthy of continued support. Moving to Oklahoma.

**LOCK STOCK & BARREL** - Hook/Line/Sinker - The image in this expression is that of a fish that is enticed by a fisherman to swallow not only his baited hook, but the weight above it and some of the fishing line as well. The analogy in a wider context is that of a gullible listener who totally 'swallows' what has been said, no matter how implausible it might be.

**MAN'S WAY OR GOD'S WAY** - Investigating Methodist. The Methodist Church with all its conferences, powers and duties are set forth in the Discipline, article 4, p.10. **BIBLE** The church of Christ has no ecclesiastical governing conferences. Each local congregation independent of all others, under Christ alone as head with all authority. Col 1: 18; Eph1: 22-23. Elders and deacons constituted local officers. Phil 1: 1; Titus 1:5; 1 Tim 3:1-13.

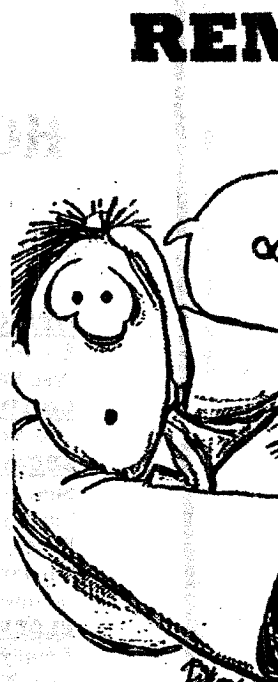
**NAME OF JESUS** - SON OF THE BLESSED: (Mark 14:61) But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

**FALSE TEACHERS** - 2 Tim.4:1-4 For the time is coming, some will not endure sound teaching, & turn to false teachers

**BRAIN TEASER** - On Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, what was most watched in American TV history.

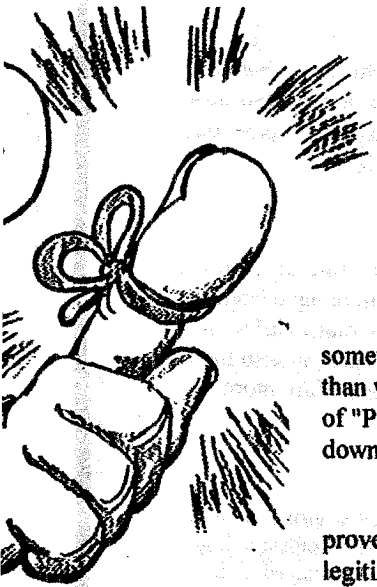
**BIBLE QUIZ** - How many Bible books begin with "T" - Who introduced Peter to Jesus - What people did Uriah belong.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** - A man is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has. There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great



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Last week announcement of "Pope Benedict's" resignation, a maxim came to mind which states, "if you say something long enough, whether it's true or not, people will believe it." That maxim is nowhere better illustrated than when one affirms that the apostle Peter was the first Pope. It is assumed by millions of people that the office of "Pope," functioning as the "Vicar of Christ" on earth, began with the apostle Peter and has continued all the way down to "Pope Benedict."

However dear hearts, we accept the Bible as the final authority in religion, the papacy of Peter is not proven by unsupported affirmations, even if it is advanced by millions of people. Whether the office of "Pope" is legitimate, whether Peter was or was not the first Pope, and whether "Pope Benedict" was a successor to this office must be answered by the Scriptures. **"Do I hear AMEN!"**

In Oklahoma we say "How about them cowboys - In TX they say all hat & no cattle" Lets just see who speaks truth in LOVE!

If Peter was the Pope, then why did he never claim to be the Pope? Peter did introduce himself as "an apostle of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:1), but he never said he was the "Supreme Apostle" of Jesus Christ. Peter called himself a "fellow elder" in 1 Peter 5: 1, but he never claimed to be the "Chief Shepherd." Nowhere did Peter ever argue for supremacy or exalt himself above his fellow apostles and elders.

If Peter was the Pope, then why did he not render the decision at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). Was it not James who said, "Therefore it is my judgment..." If Peter was the Pope, would he not have exerted himself to settle the dispute? Wouldn't others have dismissed James' advice to hear the "final word" by "Pope Peter?"

If Peter was the Pope, then why was that not explained when the disciples were arguing about who was greatest in the kingdom (Matthew 20:20-28)? If Jesus' statement in Matthew 16:18 meant that the church would be built upon Peter, then why would James and John be asking who was the greatest in the kingdom? And if for some reason they did not comprehend that Peter was given supremacy in Matthew 16: 18, then why was it not explained to them at this later time?

If Peter was the Pope, then why did Paul state that he was not inferior to Peter, James, and John (Galatians 2:6-9). If Peter was the Pope would Paul not have shown deference to him? Furthermore, if Peter was the Pope, would Paul have referred to him as a "pillar" in the church in the same way that James and John were "pillars," making no distinctions?

Dear hearts, the most compelling argument against the legitimacy of the office of a "Pope," Peter being the first to hold that office, and "Pope Benedict" being a successor to Peter is that the Bible makes absolutely no reference at all to such an office. Where does the Bible ever speak of a "Pope?" Where does the Bible ever teach that Jesus would have a "vicar" on earth? Where does the Bible ever teach that anyone, saving for Jesus, Himself, is head of the church? Where are the qualifications for such an office listed? Where does the Bible ever elevate Peter above the other apostles? It does not.

The office of being a "Pope" is never mentioned, never described, and nowhere supported by the Word of God. Consequently, for the dear hearts who strive to be governed by the Bible, the resignation of "Pope Benedict" is a step in the right direction, however finding a replacement to fill the vacancy left by his resignation is not.

HOW ABOUT THEM ROMAN CATHOLIC COWBOYS....LOOKS LIKE ALL HAT AND NO CATTLE

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## **JIM THORPE GETS HIS DUE**

The famous American athlete Jim Thorpe, who participated in the 1912 Summer Olympics and who was a Sac and Fox Indian from Yale Oklahoma, had many physical characteristics similar to Neanderthals. He is a demonstration that claims of the evolution of man confuse races with species. Smithsonian magazine (July/August 2012, page 62) has a good personal article on Thorpe including some pictures that will be of interest to some readers.

## **ARE WE GETTING SMARTER?**

Twenty-eight years ago Dr. James Flynn in New Zealand discovered that IQ scores were rising at a rate of .3 points a year, and the term "Flynn effect" was begun. Since Flynn's work that trend has continued, and there have been claims that human intelligence is evolving. The problems with all of this are many. First, there are many different kinds of intelligence. The effects of technology and the industrial revolution, and the effects of education also have to be included. We would suggest that the Flynn effect is a function of these catalysts, not that we are any more intelligent than our ancestors.

## **GIRLS IN CONTACT SPORTS**

One of the more complicated consequences of women pushing for equal rights has been the question of whether girls should be excluded from anything. In Michigan and northern Indiana there have been a number of girls who wanted to participate in high school wrestling, and a number of boys who refused to wrestle them. According to Citizen magazine, 1,604 girls played high school tackle football in 2011. The underlying issue in all of this is whether there are roles that each of us has that are controlled by our physical and social situation in life? Besides sports, the whole question of what women should do in the work of the church is also involved in this issue.

## **DISPENSATIONALIST BROADCASTERS SET UP FOR SECOND COMING**

Trinity Broadcasting Network and Daystar Network have set up studios in Jerusalem preparing for the second coming of Christ. Daystar streams a live shot of the Mount of Olives where they believe Jesus' second coming will take place. Both organizations will broadcast some shows in Hebrew to "reach out to Jews ... and become ... a completed Jew." This is all a part of the denominational belief that Jesus is about to return and set up a physical kingdom in Jerusalem on David's throne following the Rapture and the seven-year tribulation which will involve a military war with converted Jews being his foot soldiers. Most young earth creationists are coming from this belief system, and almost all home school material is saturated with its teachings.

