

Pastor Notes

WHO CAN PAY?

HARRY IRONSIDE LOVED TO TELL THIS STORY OF A YOUNG MAN AND CZAR NICOLAS I OF RUSSIA.

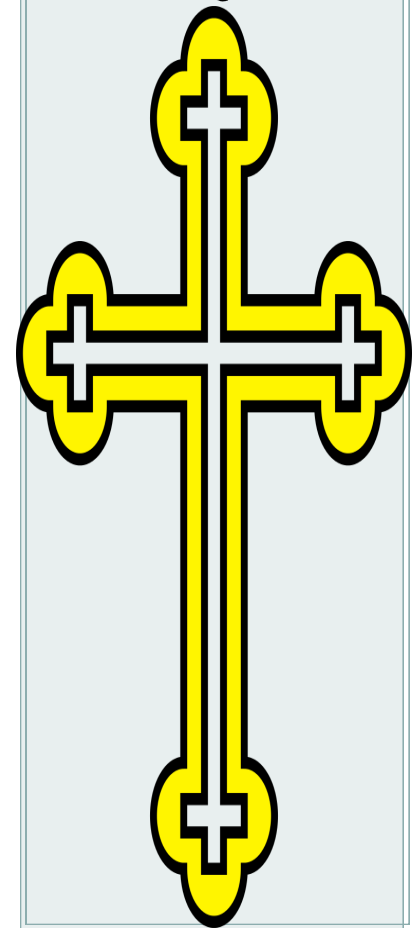
CZAR NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA OFTEN USED TO WANDER ABOUT HIS MILITARY CAMPS AND BARRACKS, CLOTHED AS AN ORDINARY OFFICER, IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT KNOW, WITHOUT BEING KNOWN, WHAT WAS GOING ON.

LATE ONE NIGHT WHEN ALL LIGHTS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE EXTINGUISHED, THE CZAR WAS MAKING ONE OF THESE TOURS OF INSPECTION. HE NOTICED A LIGHT SHINING UNDER THE PAYMASTER'S DOOR, AND QUIETLY OPENING IT, STEPPED INSIDE, INTENDING TO HAVE THE OFFENDER PUNISHED. A YOUNG OFFICER, SON OF AN OLD FRIEND OF THE CZAR, WAS SEATED AT A TABLE, HIS HEAD RESTING ON HIS ARMS, AND SOUND ASLEEP. THE CZAR STEPPED OVER TO AWAKEN HIM, BUT BEFORE DOING SO, NOTICED A LOADED REVOLVER, A SMALL PILE OF MONEY, AND A SHEET OF PAPER WITH A PEN THAT HAD FALLEN FROM THE HAND OF THE SLEEPING MAN. THE LIGHT OF THE LITTLE CANDLE LET THE CZAR READ WHAT HAD JUST BEEN WRITTEN, AND IN A MOMENT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION.

ON THE SHEET OF PAPER WAS A LONG LIST OF DEBTS, GAMBLING AND OTHER EVIL DEBTS. THE TOTAL RAN INTO MANY THOUSANDS OF RUBLES. THE OFFICER HAD USED ARMY FUNDS TO PAY THESE WICKED, RECKLESS DEBTS, AND NOW HAVING WORKED TILL LATE INTO THE NIGHT TRYING TO GET HIS ACCOUNTS STRAIGHT, HAD DISCOVERED FOR THE FIRST TIME HOW MUCH HE OWED. IT WAS HOPELESS; THE PITIFULLY SMALL BALANCE ON HAND LEFT SUCH A HUGE DEFICIT TO BE MADE UP! ON THE SHEET OF PAPER, BELOW THE TERRIBLE TOTAL, WAS WRITTEN THIS QUESTION: 'WHO CAN PAY SO GREAT A DEBT?'

UNABLE TO FACE THE DISGRACE THE OFFICER HAD INTENDED SHOOTING HIMSELF, BUT COMPLETELY WORN OUT WITH SORROW AND REMORSE, HE HAD FALLEN ASLEEP.

AS THE CZAR REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HIS FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO HAVE THE MAN IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED, AND IN DUE COURSE BROUGHT BEFORE A COURT-MARTIAL. JUSTICE MUST BE DONE IN THE ARMY, AND SUCH A CRIME COULD NOT BE PASSED BY.



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YOUTH & CHILDREN WORSHIP

Children & Youth Activities

Monday Evenings 6:00pm

Mission Friends — 3 thru 5 years old

Children In Action — 1st thru 5th Grade

Youth — 6th Grade thru 12th Grade

SEWING DAY AT GOSHEN

A sewing day is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, January 13 at 9am-2pm for anyone interested in learning to make sani-pads, dresses or shorts. Even if you don't sew you can help. Need: sewing machine, scissors to cut fabric, straight pins, pre-washed cotton fabric, thread. Bring about \$10 to get lunch brought in from a local restaurant or bring your lunch.



SERVICES OFFERED

**SUNDAY
CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE
8:30A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:50A.M.**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE
10:55A.M.**

**MONDAY
MISSION FRIENDS
CHILDREN IN ACTION
YOUTH
6:00PM**

**TUESDAY
PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY
12:30PM & 6:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM**



CHILI OR SOUP COOK-OFF

January 27 at 5pm. Everyone should plan on coming and bringing their pot of soup or chili. We will place jars by the chili pots and people can vote for their favorite by placing money in the jar. Any money raised will go to the youth to help fund Impact.

BUT AS HE REMEMBERED THE LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH THE YOUNG OFFICER'S FATHER, LOVE OVERCAME JUDGMENT, AND IN A MOMENT HE HAD DEVISED A PLAN WHEREBY HE COULD BE JUST TOWARD THE ARMY AND YET JUSTIFY THE CULPRIT. THE CZAR TOOK UP THE PEN THAT HAD DROPPED FROM THE HAND OF THE WEARIED, HOPELESS OFFENDER, AND WITH HIS OWN HAND ANSWERED THE QUESTION WITH ONE WORD – 'NICHOLAS.'

YES, THE CZAR HIMSELF, NICHOLAS, COULD PAY THAT DEBT, AND VOLUNTARILY UNDERTOOK TO DO SO. THE YOUNG OFFICER WAKED SOON AFTER THE CZAR HAD GONE, AND TOOK UP HIS REVOLVER TO END HIS LIFE, BUT AS HE DID SO, HIS EYE CAUGHT THE ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION. IN BEWILDERED ASTONISHMENT HE GAZED ON THAT ONE WORD, 'NICHOLAS.' SURELY SUCH AN ANSWER WAS IMPOSSIBLE! HE HAD SOME PAPERS IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH BORE THE GENUINE SIGNATURE OF THE CZAR, AND QUICKLY HE COMPARED THE NAMES, FOR IT SEEMED TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. TO HIS INTENSE JOY, YET BITTER HUMILIATION, HE REALIZED THAT HIS CZAR KNEW ALL ABOUT HIS SINS, KNEW THE UTMOST OF HIS MIGHTY DEBT, AND YET INSTEAD OF INFLECTING THE PENALTY HE DESERVED, HAD ASSUMED THE DEBT HIMSELF, AND JUSTIFIED THE DEBTOR.

JOYFULLY AND PEACEFULLY HE LAY DOWN TO REST, AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING BAGS OF MONEY ARRIVED FROM THE CZAR SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE LAST CENT OF "SO GREAT A DEBT."

READER, YOU AND I HAVE A MIGHTY DEBT. WE MAY WELL ASK, "WHO CAN PAY IT?" THANK GOD, LOVE HAS PROVIDED AN ANSWER, AND LIKE THE ANSWER GIVEN BY THE CZAR IT IS THE WORD- "JESUS"

BLESSINGS, CHARLENE AND PASTOR TED



Our Newsletter's purpose is to Inform everyone of what will happen in our church for that particular month.

On occasion there will be news from Goshen or other happenings in our community. All committee chairpersons are asked to submit their information by the 15th of the month.

Thank you for helping me to "Get the Word Out".

Blessings,

Cat Harlan

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM**

Sunday School

November Totals

November 5 ~ 67
November 12 ~ 73
November 19 ~ 71
November 26 ~ 74

Budget

November Totals

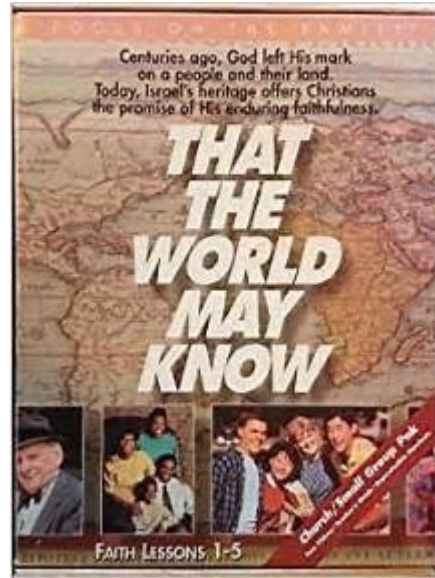
Weekly: \$3133.42
Nov. 5 ~ 5666.25
Nov. 12 ~ 2697.50
Nov. 19 ~ 2222.00
Nov. 26 ~ 3794.62

Building Fund

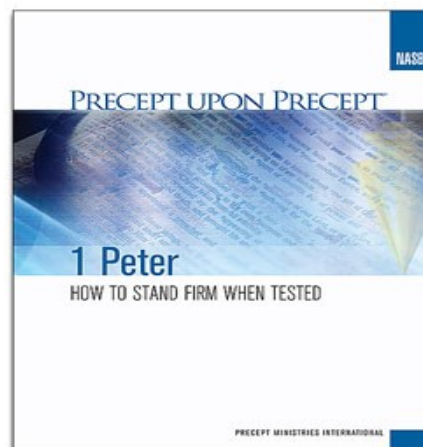
November Totals

Nov. 5 ~ 120.00
Nov. 12 ~ 200.00
Nov. 19 ~ 90.00
Nov. 26 ~ 00

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW VIDEO SERIES



PRECEPT BIBLE STUDIES WILL START ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018. WE WILL STUDY 1 PETER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE SEE CHARLENE WILLIAMS OR CALL PASTOR TED AT 540-223-1565 SO WE CAN ORDER A WORKBOOK. TIMES ARE 12:30 AND 6:30 PM



Hello All,

Dr. Beckett and I discussed the idea of a class to be held in the Goshen based upon the book, "Engaging Islam" by Georges Housney. The class will begin January 11th, a Thursday, at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Ministry Center. We are anticipating 8 sessions although the weather and other factors may require a change in that. Each session will last approximately an hour and fifteen minutes and will include discussion about the book plus other information about the Muslim culture and religion.

The cost for the class will be \$25 which will provide a copy of Housney's book for each student and funds to reimburse the teachers for their travel and other expenses. If you have any questions about the study please contact me at 540 894-8440 or by email at jtsre@yahoo.com.

Blessings,

John Miller

Men's Breakfast

**2nd Saturday of the
month.**

January 13 7am

**Come hungry and ready for
fellowship!**



Ladies Night Out

**Will resume this month,
weather permitting.**

January 26

6:00pm



WHOO-HOO!
**YOU'RE ONLY
AS OLD AS
YOU REMEMBER
YOU ARE**

**MECHANICSVILLE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Our Mission: to equip every member of our church to lovingly and effectively reach our community and world for Christ.

Our Vision: To love one another in times of joy, grief, and temptation; sharing everywhere the Christian faith expressed in the Holy Spirit, and making this faith evident in our individual lives through the discipline of the Holy Spirit.



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9am—2pm**

