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A Final Mission Plea for Missions

When I reflect on the progress that we have made as a denomination in

our mission giving, I am excited, encouraged, and inspired. I can't help but think of the words of that great old hymn "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." I continue to believe God is rewarding the faith that the denomination demonstrated when the Syn-

odical Committee voted in late 2013 to approve the ambitious mission budget of \$134,000 – for the second time. This was particularly courageous when the levels of giving did not justify such a decision. Since that time, we have made steady progress towards fully funding each mission budget of \$67,000. While the current giving levels suggest we may again fall short of fully funding the home missions' budget, there is a very real possibility that we will fully fund the foreign mission budget. Once we are able to fully fund the foreign mission budget. it should serve as encouragement to press on and also fully fund the home mission budget, as well. We must

keep our focus on this initiative and keep challenging ourselves to meet

and increase our mission outreach footprint.

In previous articles, we have mentioned the scriptural reasoning for missions, most notably that which we commonly refer to as the "Great Commission". Jesus told His disciples (and subsequently all believers) to

"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." That is exactly what we are doing when we invest in missions. In addition to the Great Commission, I recently stumbled upon another good reason to enthusiastically support missions while studying the book of Revelation in our Sunday School class. Jesus was again speaking in Matthew 24:14 when He said, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come."



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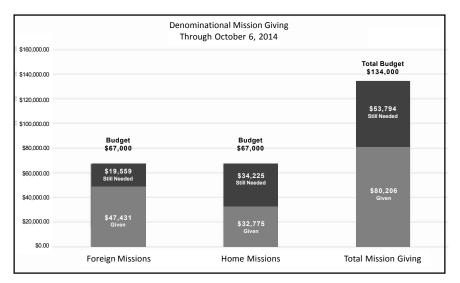
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Proverbs 11:24 "One man gives freely vet gains even more, another

withholds unduly but comes to poverty."

Hebrews 6:10 "God is not unjust, He will not forget your work and the love you have shown to Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."

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An Inkling

- by Jim Pokorny

C. S. Lewis has been on my mind a great deal lately, and there is good reason for that. My Sunday School class has recently finished its study of his classic, *Mere Christianity*.

This work originally came into being in the form of a series of radio broadcasts by Lewis at the request of BBC Radio during World War II. Once aired, they were published in three separate volumes. Eventually, these were compiled under one title, *Mere Christianity*.

While this study was in progress, I decided to read all seven of Lewis's novels which make up *The Chronicles of Narnia* in chronological order. I began with *The Magician's Nephew* in April and concluded with *The Last Battle* in August.

This was not my first voyage through Narnia, and I certainly hope that it will not be my last. I find that as I have grown older and my faith has grown deeper, my fondness and appreciation for these classics has grown as well. I find that with each reading, I continue to discover new depths within these allegories.

Lewis dedicated the best known chronicle, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,* to Lucy Barfield, his Goddaughter. In that dedication to her he wrote: "But some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again."

How true this is!

Technically speaking, these works are classified as high fantasy due mainly to their being set in the imaginary world of Narnia. This classification is further cemented by the epic characters and mythical creatures with which Lewis chose to populate that world. He also threw in a number of more familiar animals, many of which are able to speak and behave like human beings. A few also choose to misbehave like human beings.

I think it is almost unfortunate that these novels are classified as high fantasy, because there are distinct and clearly undeniable Christian overtones that run throughout the series.

Of the many characters that emerged from the pen of Lewis, one, and only one appears in all seven novels. That

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character is a lion named Aslan whom Lewis chose to symbolically represent Christ.

For me, Aslan's most poignant moment took place in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Aslan's sacrifice did not take place on a cross, but rather upon a great stone table which represented the law. There, he willingly offered himself up as a substitute for the boy Edmund, whose death the law demanded. Once upon the great stone table, the great lion was tightly bound though he offered no resistance. His magnificent mane was then shaved as a final humiliation moments before his execution.

The two girls, Susan and Lucy, watched all these proceedings from a distance and cried until there was not a single tear left within them.

Of this, Lewis wrote: "I hope no

one who reads this book has been quite as miserable as Susan and Lucy were that night; but if you have been—if you've been up all night and cried till you have no more tears left in you—you will know that there comes in the end a sort of quietness. You feel as if nothing is ever going to happen again."

Once Aslan's tormentors had gone, the two girls approached the lifeless body of the one whose life they cherished even above their own. After spending the entire night there, they grudgingly departed at dawn. Shortly after they left, the massive stone table broke with a thunderous crack. The girls hurried back to find the table shattered and Aslan's body gone.

Suddenly, Aslan reappeared before them very much alive and with his magnificent mane intact. Filled



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Daily Morsels for November 2014

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- 1. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Ps. 136:1
- 2. The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your love, 0 Lord, endures forever. Ps. 138:8
- Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Tim. 1:2
- 4. He is my mighty Rock, my Refuge. Ps. 62:7
- 5. Be still, and know that I am God. Ps. 46:10
- In His hand is the life of every creature, and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:10
- 7. "I am the Lord who heals you..." Ex. 15:26
- 8. Jesus said, "Trust in God; trust also in me." Jn. 14:1
- The eternal God is your Refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Dent. 33:27
- 10. You are near, 0 Lord, and all your commands are true. Ps. 119:15
- Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 Pet. 3:18
- 12. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matt. 5:8
- 13. Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners. Ps. 1:1
- 14. His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law meditates day and night. Ps. 1:2
- 15. He is like a tree planted by the water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Ps. 1:3

- 16. The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Ps. 1:6
- 17. Praise be to God who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me. Ps. 66:20
- 18. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. Ps. 37:7
- "Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law, 0 Lord, and obey it with all my heart." Ps. 119:34
- Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers. Ps. 141:4
- 21. Know that the Lord is God. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Ps. 100:3
- 22. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul. Ps. 94:19
- 23. 0 God, do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Ps. 51:11
- 24. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Ps. 136:1
- 25. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things. Isa. 12:5a
- 26. With praises and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord. Ezra 3:11
- 27. Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind. Ps. 107:8
- 28. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Cor. 9:15
- 29. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us. Ps. 67:1
- 30. The holy one to be born will be called the Son of the Most High. Lk. 1:35

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November 9 - Industry and Fayetteville Joint Veteran's Recognition Service, at Industry Brethren Church, 9 a.m., Contact: Liz Treybig (liztrebig@yahoo.com) or Liz Ripple (lizripple@hotmail.com).

November 15 – Annual Fall Bazaar at the Granger Brethren Church beginning at 9 a.m. For more information contact Rev. Larry Zabcik at (903) 265-2277 or email him at zabcikville@ymail.com.

November 27 – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 13 – Annual Christmas Singing at the Granger Brethren Church at 6 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Larry Zabcik at (903) 265-2277 or email him at zabcikville@ymail.com.

SAVE THE DATE . . .

January 3-4, 2015 - BYF Winter Retreat at the Hus Encampment (registrations due December 15).

Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com . Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.

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with complete joy and happiness, the girls rushed to embrace him.

Of all the lines Lewis penned in that particular book, one has made an indelible impression upon me. I confess that even at my age, I always feel a little something move inside me whenever I recall the very English sounding Mr. Beaver telling the children, "They say Aslan is on the move-perhaps he has already landed."

What is a bit strange is that Lewis admitted that his story line was floundering until Aslan bounded into it and, according to Lewis, Aslan pulled the remaining stories in with him. When Lewis was asked about the origin of Aslan, he would only say that he had been dreaming a great deal about lions at the time.

Personally, I find it more than a bit interesting that in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, Judah is part of that genealogy, and that a lion was the symbol for the tribe of Judah. Moreover, Jesus is referred to as "the Lion of the tribe of Judah" in Revelation

I must also admit to you that I greatly admire Lewis's keen wit and dry sense of humor. In the classic opening line to Voyage of the Dawn

Treader Lewis wrote: "There was a boy called Eustace Clarence Scrubb. and he almost deserved it."

The final chronicle, *The Last Battle*, was originally published in 1956 and was awarded the Carnegie Medal as the year's best book for children by a British author. It, symbolically speaking, told the story of the arrival of the antichrist and the final and triumphant return of Jesus. I wonder how many of this century's "experts" would thoroughly disapprove of this book, citing its Christian overtones and violence as excuses.

Lewis has to be considered one of the great intellects of The Twentieth Century as well as one of its most influential authors. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English Literature at Oxford University and was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University. He was also awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity by the University of St. Andrews.

He truly was one of the great defenders of the Christian faith.

Ironically, Lewis was at one time a staunch atheist.

Lewis was born in 1898 and as a



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BRETHREN JOURNAL 24/November 2014 BRETHREN JOURNAL November 2014/9 child enjoyed a very close relationship with his mother. She was diagnosed with cancer when he was but ten years old. Lewis prayed to God asking Him to heal her. This did not happen, and Flora Hamilton Lewis died in 1908.

Lewis was devastated and blamed God for his mother's death. In 1911, Lewis walked away from his young Christian faith vowing never to return to it again.

The young Lewis had given up on God.

God had certainly not given up on Lewis.

As time went by, Lewis must have felt God's tugging at his heart to return to Him. In 1929, Lewis became a theist. To quote Lewis: "In the Trinity Term I gave in, and admitted God was God, and knelt and prayed..."

Lewis had come part of the way, but his spiritual journey was not yet complete.

It was about this time that he became friends with J. R. R. Tolkien (author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*). This has been described by many experts as "the most important literary friendship of the Twentieth Century."

Tolkien was a devout Roman Catholic, and he and Lewis shared a passion for Norse mythology. The two, along with a collection of friends, would meet at a pub called The Eagle and Child which the locals referred to as "the bird and baby".

This group was composed primarily of literary academics from the University of Oxford who valued narrative fiction and encouraged the writing of fantasy. Along with Lewis and Tolkien, it's members included Owen Barfield (Lucy's father), Charles Williams, Adam Fox, Hugo Dyson, Christopher Tolkien (J. R. R. Tolkien's son), and Warren "Warnie" Lewis (Lewis's elder brother), to name but a few.

This group adopted a unique and rather humorous name for themselves, "The Inklings". They continued to meet into the 1950's.

In 1931, Lewis became a Christian, and he credited two of "The Inklings" in particular with playing a major role in this transformation. The seeds were planted one particular evening when Lewis had a long talk with J. R. R. Tolkien and Hugo Dyson. That conversation resulted in what Lewis recorded concerning the following day.

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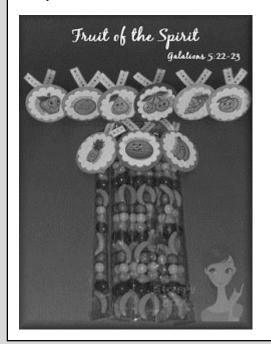
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TELL Which Fruit?

For this fruits of the spirit object lesson you'll need to make some comparison. You'll need a basket of fresh fruit, overripe fruit, and fake fruit. Arrange three plates of fruits on a table. Present the lesson to kids, then use the plates to discuss how our lives are like the three plates of fruit. Some people's lives offer fresh fruit like love and joy to the people around them. Others have rotten fruit like hate and jealousy that makes them and others around them sick. The fake fruit is people who don't want to grow in the spirit. Their lives may look good at first, but people quickly realize that their fake fruit isn't good for much of anything.

PLAY or MAKE Fruit of the Spirit Treat Bags

Place Runts candy in treat bags. As you do, talk about the fruits of the Spirit.



The Fruit of the Spirit

SING:

The Fruit of the Spirit's not a watermelon. (What 'cha yellin?) The Fruit of the Spirit's not a watermelon. (What 'cha yellin?) If you want to be a watermelon, you might as well hear it, You can't be a Fruit of the Spirit.

Chorus:

'Cause the Fruit is Love, Joy, Pease, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

The Fruit of the Spirit's not a kiwi. (Whee)
The Fruit of the Spirit's not a kiwi. (Whee)
If you want to be a Kiwi, you might as well hear it,
You can't be a Fruit of the Spirit.

Chorus

The Fruit of the Spirit's not a banana. (Nana)
The Fruit of the Spirit's not a banana. (Nana)
If you want to be a banana, you might as well hear it,
You can't be a Fruit of the Spirit

Chorus

The Fruit of the Spirit's not a cantaloupe. (Nope!)
The Fruit of the Spirit's not a cantaloupe. (Nope!)
If you want to be a cantaloupe, you might as well hear it,
You can't be a Fruit of the Spirit!

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Lewis wrote: "When we [Warnie and Jack] set out [by motorcycle to the Whipsnade Zoo] I did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and when we reached the zoo I did."

It was through the friendships he developed among The Inklings that God brought about in Lewis the final transformation to Christianity that he needed.

God had already gifted Lewis with a logical mind and a mastery of literature. He also blessed him with some very special friends. It was through these means that God took a former atheist and transformed him into one of the greatest literary and oratory defenders of the Christian faith.

All of which brings me back to where I started.

Mere Christianity, whether heard on BBC Radio or read in book form, was more than just a defense of the faith. It was a journey.

It was a journey that began with the question, "Is there such a thing as a real right and a real wrong?" and concluded with the reality which we know as Christianity. Along the way, Lewis meticulously proved to his audience that Christianity was the only faith that logically made complete sense.

Lewis was able to guide the listener or reader along this journey because this was a journey he himself had personally taken. And just as Lewis had friends to help him in the final stages of his journey, I think Lewis himself wanted to be that kind of friend to the radio listener in England who may have been both unsure of his faith and weary of a global conflict that had no visible end in sight.

Without realizing it at the time, Lewis continues to offer to be that kind of friend to today's reader even fifty years after his death.

In my last article, I closed with a quote from C. S. Lewis. I think it bears repeating here.



"In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few vears' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting – any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ. who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others"

It is easy to see that within these words Lewis recognized the impor-

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What about us?

Can we be that kind of Christian friend that someone needs to help them turn the corner and develop that all important relationship with Jesus that they so desperately need?

I have an inkling that we can be. One final thought...

Lewis wrote that when he arrived at the zoo he believed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God.

I cannot help but wonder if there happened to be a lion at that zoo.

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Sunday School Helper



This month we continue with our lessons based on Sunday School Songs. This month the activities are based on the Fruits of the Spirit. A few activities are shared here, but there are plenty of activities that this topic could cover in 4-6 weeks of Sunday School lessons. Additional links to other resources are on the blog page! Be sure to check it out for the direct links!

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Crosby Brethren Church Quilt Blessing



Sunday September 21, 2014, the Crosby Brethren Church conducted a service which included the blessing of a total of 22 quilts.

Hand knit and crocheted afghans and bedspreads were included, as well as three blankies, the loved possessions of children. One had been made larger as the child grew. A handcrocheted tablecloth covered the altar.

Cards were handed out after the ceremony with the date and the statement "This quilt has been blessed at Crosby Brethren Church."

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Members of The Community Christian Church of Rosenberg gathered together to honor the retirement of Rev. Larry Butcher.

On August 30, 2014, the Community Christian Church of Rosenberg honored Bro. Larry Butcher with a retirement banquet. Bro. Larry served the church for 18 years.

Speakers for the event were Rev. Jim Heckman of Cade Lake Community Chapel of Caldwell, Tom Hendrix of Galveston, and Rosenberg Mayor, Vincent Morales, Jr. Mayor Morales proclaimed August 30, 2014, "Larry Butcher Day".

Brother Larry was presented a rod and reel for his "fishing retirement". Carla Butcher was presented a check for her favorite charity, "The Heifer Fund"

Many friends and relatives enjoyed a delicious catered meal.

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Saturday, September 20th, brought folks from all over the Unity together at the Ocker Brethren Church to enjoy fried fish, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, hushpuppies, desserts, and tea. And – if the food wasn't blessing enough – fish tales and fellowship flourished.



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SBC began this ministry by making blankets for the sick children at Scott & White Children's Hospital in Temple. It has since expanded to a ministry which gives blankets to sick children around the community and beyond, to foster kids in the Bell County area and in College Station and Longview, also to the disabled, and to the elderly.

This is an ongoing ministry with a group of dedicated people who wish to show the love of Christ through the making of blankets; after all, everyone loves a soft, comforting blanket.

As the blankets are tied each is prayed over, as well as being prayed over by the church during a worship service. The latest special project for this ministry is in process now in making 160 blankets for Christmas for the Veterans at the VA Nursing Center in Temple.

God has used this ministry in great ways as we enjoy the testimonies of comfort that come back to us. We give praise and thanks to God for letting us be a part of showing His love and grace, and, as always, praise to Him forever and ever.

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gram for people with "hurts, hangups and habits." We serve a supper and Mike Stone leads the program. Mike also works at Area 3:16 church during the week and leads Celebrate Recovery there on Tuesday evenings. There are several folks who attend both sessions.

Last week we began tutoring again. We tutor on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-6 p.m. We have had 26 different children attending so far, with average attendance of 23. One of our tutors from last year has accepted a position in Snook so is unable to join us this year; however, another volunteer has stepped up. We still need tutoring help. I've again asked the National Honor Society at Caldwell High, but have not yet heard from them.

In God's Hands Ministry

In March 2014 we went from having four distributions a month to two. However the weight distributed increased from 92,265 in FY 2012/2013 to 104,583 in FY 2013/2014 an **increase** of 13%.

At the same time the cost of our orders went from \$4404.85 in 2012/2013 to \$4078.34 a **decrease** of 7%. This was due to sound management and utilizing to a great extent the nocost items of the Brazos Valley Food Bank. The current wholesale value of the food distributed was \$179,882.59 (based on a value of \$1.72 per pound of food).

Working with the Chapel, we helped in the distribution of school supplies this year.

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October, 2014

Thank you, dear Brethren members, for your faithful lives and efforts in supporting missions at home and around the world. Anne and I are very privileged to be part of your life, and we especially like how we know so many of you, and even most of the other missionaries. We feel a part of your family. We know there are diffi-

culties in raising all the mission budget, and we appreciate every dollar that even the smallest donation provides. We have all been blessed so that we may bless others, and we trust that God is faithful both here in Mexico, in the other places you have missionaries, and in Texas.

We are deeply indebted to you.

Your servants, Robert & Anne Thiessen

... from the Home Mission Field

From Cade Lake Ministries...

Editor's Note: The following is taken from the report by Rev. Heckman to the Synodical Committee meeting in October at the Hus Encampment.

Cade Lake Community Chapel

We have been averaging 35 attendees a Sunday during 2014, with 41 in attendance last Sunday. Attendees are usually equally divided be-

tween adults and teens/children.

Our biggest ministry need is still someone to work with the youth.

We had a very successful camping season, sending 16 children/youth to camps. We also had 9 youth and 3 adults attend the Fishing Retreat in 2014.

For the past several months Friday nights are devoted to Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-based 12-step pro-



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