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Living the Dream!

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is well known across the globe for his dream, shared on August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. He quoted from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah in the Holy Bible, chapter 40:

"I have a dream that one day, *'every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.'* This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with... **With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together... to stand up for freedom together,** knowing that we will be free one day..."

What is your dream?

What dream do you have for your family?

Do you need peace, healing or security?

More important than any of these, what is God's dream for you as an individual?

As we live out God's dream for our lives, every other dream we have either comes into alignment with God's dream or is pruned away. Then and only then may we say that we are "living the dream!" "Living the dream"

is being in that place of total synchronicity with God's plans. When you or I live in this holy place, JOY is off the charts and so is PEACE! Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Friend, our God, lived the dream that His Father in Heaven had for Him at all costs. In the Book of Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 1-2 (NRSV), we see:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

This is what Easter is about:

Jesus lived out God the Father's dream for His life, and though there was suffering and temptations of every kind, He was committed without reservation to His Father. Jesus' dream, though not ideal by our human standards, makes our ultimate dreams of Heaven reality and ushers into the here and now our capacity for abundant living by the power of the Holy Spirit

God's dream for your life is clear.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her



sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**" Isaiah 40:1-5 (NRSV)

Do you now accept this great gift from Jesus' hands of comfort in your soul?

Does your faith now increase as you are reminded that Jesus has already paid the price for your sins?

What are you doing in this wilderness that we call life to prepare the way for that blessed day when Jesus will return and rule the world literally as its Light in mercy and love, when every knee will bow to Him in humble adoration?

Your valleys will be lifted up!
The ground that is rocky will be smooth!

We will live God's dream together!
For now, set your pain and struggles in the hands of the One and Only Jesus Christ.

Even now, you are already healed, by His stripes.

Even now, though it may not feel like it at times, you are "living THE dream!"

God has you where you are. Trust Him.

Talk with Jesus.

What is your dream?

Pray.

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you till overflowing that the only dream you can live with, is God's.

In Jesus' Hands,
Right With You,

Sister Vanessa Mitchell

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel – A Home Mission Project since 10-22-11 – Sunday School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** – explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages); KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; & worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family Game Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out lifeatcbc.org for spiritual resources, events, videos, & more! Friend us on Facebook!
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Crosby – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Jim Heckman

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:30 AM, worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Visiting Ministers

Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – Bible Study every Sunday at 9:00 AM with worship service following at 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Larry Zabcik

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday with Sunday School for all ages following.
– Visiting Ministers

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:00 AM & Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday, "Tune Up" on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday. Sunday School at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
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Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg –
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday School for children at 9:00 AM; worship at 10:30 AM.
Wednesdays: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Bible Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering; 9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages; 10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's and Adult Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM; Worship – 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor – worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Sunday School at 9:30 AM., Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Pastor Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – A non-official member congregation of the Unity of the Brethren – Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday. Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
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– Visiting Ministers



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Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Keaton, and children Kim Waldrop (Rick), Todd Keaton (Beth), and Ty Keaton. His grandchildren are KaryAnn Keaton, Jon Waldrop (Erin), and Troy Keaton. His great-Grandchild is Harloe Waldrop. Leroy served in the US Army from November 4, 1954, to August 23, 1956, in Germany and France. Michael Smith gave the words of encouragement.

MACHAC, MARTIN, is buried in an unmarked grave at the Industry Brethren Church Cemetery. Born about 1833 and died 1892. Father of Frances Machac Coufal, Annie Machac Schumaker, and John Machac (buried at Bila Hora Cemetery). Husband of Annie Haslac Machac (believed to be buried at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Fayetteville) and Evelyn Roznoviak Machac (2nd wife, buried in Bila Hora Cemetery). Rev. Henry Juren officiated at Martin Machac's funeral.

MAREK, DR. JAMES (Jamie) HAROLD, was born April 23, 1962, in Brenham, Texas, to Clarence Harold Marek and Bernice Ruth Hueske. His siblings are Bobbie Wayne Marek and Dennis Gene Marek. He passed away on April 9, 2014. Jamie and his first wife, Karen Schiller, have two children, Casey Marek and Alex Marek. Services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cat Spring, Texas, on Sunday, April 13, and another service was held at the Schmidt Funeral Home in Brenham, Texas, on Monday, April 14, 2014. Jamie is buried in the Industry Brethren Church Cemetery.

ROSS, THERESA OLGA, was born October 15, 1916, at Willow Springs to Mary Bubela Coufal and Frank Coufal. She had one sister, Leona Wied (deceased). She attended schools at Willow Springs and Fayetteville. Theresa married Fredrick (Fred) Joseph Ross on December 8, 1934. They have two children, Fred and Terri. Theresa passed away at Loveland, Colorado, on June 6, 2006. She had many talents, including oil and china painting. Her grandchildren are Fred Ross, Avelyn Pfeff, and Kristize. She also has five great-grandchildren. Theresa had a memorial service and is buried at the Industry Brethren Church Cemetery. Her husband preceded her in death and is buried at the Industry Brethren Church Cemetery also. Rev. Milton Maly officiated at the memorial service.

SOMMERLATTE, ISABELLA COUFAL, was born May 11, 1921, at Fayetteville, Texas, to

Alvin and Adela Menking Coufal. She was baptized June 12, 1921, at Haw Creek, Texas, and confirmed on October 18, 1936. She was married to John Sommerlatte, Sr., on June 8, 1941. She has a son, John Sommerlatte, Jr., and daughters Pauline Zwerneman (James) and Frances Merkel (Delphine). Grandchildren are Scott & Crystal Zwerneman, Lisa & Randy Dobias, Delta & Richard Kolajajak, Deanna & Stephen Schaffer, and Korbin Kolajajak; brother & sister-in-law Alvin Henry & Verna Jean Coufal; sister, Earline Coufal (Lester), and sister, Madeline Movan (preceded her in death). She worked for 22 years at Woodson Lumber Company. She enjoyed crocheting, needlework, and baking pudding cakes, kolaches, and coconut pies. Services were held by Memorial Oaks Funeral Home in Brenham. She resided at the Oak Haven Nursing Home in Industry in her later years. She was an avid Houston Astros fan. The funeral service was held on March 11, 2013, at the Welcome Lutheran Church with Rev. Michael Groseclose presiding. She is buried at the Industry Brethren Church Cemetery.

BAPTISMS

HICKMAN, CULLEN CRAIG, was baptized at the Industry Brethren Church on Sunday, September 13, 2015 (Grandparents Day). His God Parents are Sherri & Joe Coufal, Jr. His parents are Joan Coufal and Craig Hickman. Rev. Kay Polasek baptized him.

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*"Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of
Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

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Once More Around the Block

- by Jim Pokorny

In my previous article, I discussed the 1927 silent movie *Metropolis*. Not only is *Metropolis* a great story, the movie itself has quite a remarkable history. My purpose in this article is to share that history along with a few personal insights I gained from it.

To begin, I must turn the clock back to the year 1982. That was the year I first saw Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner* starring Harrison Ford and Rutger Hauer. I was quite impressed with both that story and Scott's vision of the metropolitan city of the future. Some years later I saw one of the shortened versions of Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*. From the design of the buildings to the camera angles, it became quite clear to me that *Metropolis* was the model for Scott's *Blade Runner*.

I enjoy silent movies. They offer up a rather unique slice of history. For example, both actors and actresses from that era wore tremendous amounts of makeup. They must have appeared ghostly white on set. This was done in order to make their faces visible to the camera. They also wore tremendous amounts of eye makeup. Because these moves lacked sound,

they could not use their voices to convey the story. Their skills as actors depended on a combination of their facial expressions, postures, and animated hand gestures. In fact, a number of stars from the silent film era were unable to make the transition when movies with sound (the "Talkies") came into being. Silent movies also provide me with a personal historical reference point. *Metropolis* takes me back to a point in time when my mother was a very young child.

In some respects, *Metropolis* was quite European. Producer Fritz Lang was Austrian and he created *Metropolis* for Ufa Studios in Germany. The movie's roots, however, were most definitely American. In October 1924, Lang and his filmmaking partner, Erich Pommer, sailed to New York to attend the premiere of their movie, *Die Nibelungen*. When their ship turned into New York harbor, Lang saw skyscrapers like the Woolworth Building rising high into the sky.

Lang was overwhelmed. He later stated, "The buildings seemed like a vertical curtain shimmering and lifeless. An opulent stage backdrop sus-



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pendent against a sinister sky in order to dazzle, divert, and hypnotize.” This was clearly a defining moment, but it was night time that really sparked Lang’s creativity. Lang said, “I looked into the streets, the glaring lights and the tall buildings, and there I conceived *Metropolis*.”

Lang and Thea von Harbou, his wife and co-writer, had actually worked on a somewhat similar scenario more than a year before his trip to New York. After the New York trip, Lang travelled to Hollywood and toured several major film studios. Lang was amazed at how much technically superior Hollywood studios were to those in Germany. Lang and Pommer decided that their next production would have to be one of tremendous size and scope; one that would rival anything that the American film industry could produce. This project would be expensive, but their goal was to create a German blockbuster that American film distributors simply would not be able to resist.

Thea von Harbou, Lang’s wife, first wrote *Metropolis* as a novel. At heart her story was about the battle between modern science and the science of the middle ages. Once the

story was rewritten as a script, work on the movie could begin.

Because of Lang and Pommer’s recent success with *Die Nibelungen*, they were given free reign by Ufa Studios. This new project commenced in 1926 and continued to grow in both size and expense. Numerous craftsmen were hired to make over 500 seventy-story model skyscrapers. In addition, 36,000 extras were hired and 200,000 costumes were created. Special models of The New Tower of Babel were created, as well as elaborate sets that included the cathedral, the catacombs, and the Machine Halls. No expense was spared in creating the Workers’ City. It was primed with explosive charges and contained a carefully concealed network of water works necessary for the climactic flood scenes.

Filming took place over the course of 310 days and 60 nights while costs continued to soar. For one of the street scenes alone over 300 model cars were created. A team of men then moved each of these cars by hand a few millimeters at a time to simulate movement. This sequence took a total of eight days to capture and resulted in only ten seconds of film.

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DEATHS

COUFAL, ELIZABETH P. was born July 27, 1937, to John and Cecilia Hubenak in LaGrange, Texas. She married Jesse A. Coufal on June 16, 1957, at the Industry Brethren Church. They have two children, Karen Chapman (Husband – Ray) and Ken Coufal (Friend – Terri Benyl); grandsons Brandon Coufal (Wife – Corey), Gammon Chapman, and Konnor Chapman. They also have great-grandchildren, Lacey and Logan Coufal (twins). Her sister, Mildred Kubicek, is also a survivor. She died at home in Galveston on August 22, 2016, and had a memorial service at the Industry Brethren Church on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Steven Cuffle officiated at the service.

COUFAL, LEONARD JESSIE, was born January 11, 1945, in Ellinger, Texas, to William Jr. and Lillian Poncik Coufal. His first wife was Rebecca Anderson, and they have four children, Leonard Jr. (Barbara), Vasta Mae Cross, Eric Johnathan Cross, and Atena Cross. The Grandchildren are Tyler Coufal, Desiree Rose Coufal Sim, and Taylor Cross. He has one great-grandchild, Freyja Sim (born in 2014). His siblings are William (Billy) Coufal, Marian Branam (JB), Daniel James Coufal, Thomas Coufal (Bernadette Bauer), and Linda Lawson (Hilliard Lawson). His second wife is Marge. He died on August 4, 2009, in the state of Washington. A memorial service was held on August 22, 2009, at the Industry Brethren Church and internment is in the columbarium at the Industry Brethren Church. Rev. Henry Beseda and Rev. Milton Maly officiated.

FLOECK, JOYCE, age 82, was a member of New Tabor Brethren Church, passed away on February 14, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Jesse, and three children, Chuck and Lois Floeck of VA, Eliska and Vincent Mattox of AL, and Molly and Dirk Howell of FL; eight grand children, and five great-grandchildren. Visitation and funeral were held at Strickland’s in Caldwell. Rev. Joseph Polasek officiated. Internment at New Tabor Brethren Church Cemetery.

HENSLEE-MILLER, DORIS, age 88, and a member of Industry Brethren Church, died

February 24, 2017. She was born in Willow Springs, Texas, on September 13, 1928, to Emil and Johanna (Slovacek) Coufal. Doris married John Thomas Henslee, Jr., on December 8, 1948, and lived in Angleton. After retirement, Doris and John moved back to Willow Springs. After John died in 2000, Doris married Leland Miller in 2004. Doris loved her grandchildren and attended their sports and school activities; she loved music and dancing to Polka music, and her many animals, especially her donkeys. She was a member of the Fayetteville Brethren Christian Sisters’ Society. Doris was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, John Henslee; second husband, Leland Miller; and son-in-law, Mickey Fenn. She is survived by son, John “Tommy” Henslee III of Fayetteville, and daughter, Sherry Fenn of Magnolia; two stepdaughters, Kathy (Bill) Voshalike of Columbus and Sheryl Miller of Leakey; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were on Tuesday, February 28, at the Fayetteville Brethren Church with internment in the Fayetteville Brethren Church cemetery. Minister: Rev. Michael Groseclose.

KASMIERSKY, TRAVIS JAMES, was born January 5, 1974, in Brenham, Texas. He is the son of Linda Coufal Lawson and Tommy Kasmiersky (deceased) of Fayetteville. He is survived by Linda and Hildred Lawson. He was a surveyor for Mustang Engineering in Giddings. His children are Makayla and Travis James Kasmiersky II. His brothers are Dustin Lawson and Jason Kasmiersky. He died July 27, 2010, and is entombed in the columbium at Industry Brethren Church Cemetery. Travis’s memorial service was on August 1, 2010, at the Industry Brethren Church with Rev. Henry Beseda and Rev. Milton Maly officiating.

KEATON, LEROY, was born October 17, 1936, at Bloodland, Missouri, and passed away in his home in Bellville, Texas, on February 5, 2017. His service was at the Industry Brethren Church on February 8 with burial in the Industry Brethren Church



DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for April 2017

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. 1 Jn. 2:17
2. **He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. 1 Jn. 3:8a**
3. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 Jn. 3:8b
4. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be of good courage; be strong. 1 Cor. 16:13
5. Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of Your love; in Your great mercy turn to me. Ps. 69:16
6. Be my rock of refuge, O Lord, to which I can always go. Ps. 71:3
7. Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness. 2 Tim. 2:19
8. Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Rom. 15:7
9. **Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Jn. 10:10**
10. I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. Lk. 22:32
11. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us. 1 Jn. 3:1
12. Death has been swallowed up in victory. 1 Cor. 15:54
13. "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." Mt. 28:6
14. You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. Rev. 4:11
15. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:14
16. **"I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18**
17. Whoever believes in the Son of God has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. Jn. 3:36
18. Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty." Jn. 6:35
19. "For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life." Jn. 6:40
20. "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jn. 12:32
21. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Prov. 16:3
22. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him. Rom. 15:13
23. **The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Ps. 19:7**
24. "I am the light of the world. Whosoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Jn. 8:12
25. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. Jn. 1:9
26. "Wake up, sleepers, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Eph. 5:14
27. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. Ps. 119:18
28. Say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives. Titus 2:12
29. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. Isa. 26:4
30. **Teach us to count our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps. 90:12**

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With costs continuing to mount, Ufa Studios fired Pommer before production of the two-and-a-half-hour epic was complete. In all, 620,000 meters of negative film were developed along with 1,300,000 meters of positive film. After 17 months, *Metropolis* was finally complete. The total cost was almost four times what was originally budgeted, the equivalent of 16 million USD in today's economy. This nearly bankrupted Ufa Studios in a pre-Hitler economy.

Things were bad for the studio, but they were about to get much worse. *Metropolis* absolutely bombed at the box office. Its initial gross was only the equivalent of 18 thousand USD in today's economy. This was an absolute financial disaster for Ufa Studios. The studio immediately pulled the movie from German theaters and made extensive edits. They butchered *Metropolis* down from its original 14 reels to a mere seven.

Meanwhile Paramount Studios had already secured the American distribution rights. They immediately set to work and hired playwright Channing Polluck to oversee the American pared-down of the movie prior to its release. There were now two completely inde-

pendent edits of the same movie. In some cases, the footage deleted went straight from the cutting room floor to the incinerator. It appeared that Lang's original vision would be forever lost.

In 1933, Lang went into exile in America, where he remained even after the conclusion of World War II. As the war in Europe neared its end, the Russian army occupied a film storage area in Germany. The Russians considered these films spoils of war, and the entire lot was transported to Moscow.

After the war, negotiations between Germany and Russia opened concerning these confiscated films. Prior to these negotiations, the Russians attempted their own reconstruction of *Metropolis*. This attempt was abandoned. Although they had confiscated five canisters of film, these contained only fragments with English intertitles. Additional fragments were found in Prague at the Czechoslovakian Film Archive.

In 1961, the two archives put together an improved restoration using their fragments combined with the shortened American edition. In 1971, all fragments were returned to the



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East German Film Archive. In 1972 another partially restored version of the movie was shown at the International Congress of Film Archives in Bucharest.

In a stroke of good fortune, a box was discovered in the documentation department of the Swedish Film Institute. This box contained old censor cards from the German Censor Board. These cards were returned to Germany. Among them was the original censor card from the 1927 German premiere of *Metropolis*. This card contained the complete text of all the original German intertitles. This resource would prove invaluable for future attempts at reconstruction.

Four separate versions were utilized in yet another reconstruction attempt which premiered in Munich in 1987. By the year 2000, it appeared that the story of *Metropolis* had finally run its course. No one expected any additional footage to emerge.

The story, however, was not yet over. It took an unexpected turn in Buenos Aires at the Museo del Cine. Located on a factory site, this was not so much a museum as it was an archive for film insiders. The entire

collection of film historian Pena Rodriguez was stored in that archive. For 18 years Rodriguez suspected that a copy of *Metropolis* lurked somewhere amid the many rusty canisters that made up his collection.

In 1986, Rodriguez met Salvador Samartiano and began working for him at a film club. In May 2008, Rodriguez and an associate went through the canisters in his vast collection and actually found a copy of *Metropolis*. When the copy was found, Samartiano said to Rodriguez, "I will never forget when we showed this film in 1959. I had to hold down the film gate with my finger for two and a half hours."

This struck Rodriguez as odd as the version he was familiar with was only 90 minutes long. Much to the delight of Rodriguez, this copy of the original unaltered *Metropolis* was complete. It was, however, a 16mm negative reduction of a 35mm print. Experts had been on the lookout for 35mm prints only. No one could say with any certainty exactly when this reduction had been made.

Film naturally degrades over time. Because of the environment in which it was stored, this copy had severely

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April 1, 2017 – Fishing Retreat Registrations Due. Limited space available.

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degraded. In the words of one expert: "Never have I seen a film as ruined as this one."

The German news agency *Die Zeit* got wind of this discovery and contacted a German film expert. He informed the agency that experts knew of the Buenos Aires find but there was no call for excitement. One expert interviewed later stated that their pride had nearly gotten the best of them. When they heard that it was a 16mm negative rather than a 35mm print, they simply assumed it was merely a copy of an edited version.

When experts finally did follow up, they learned that, although in very rough condition, this was a complete copy of the 1927 original. A new and better attempt at a complete reconstruction was at last within reach. A copy of the 16mm Buenos Aires discovery was made and sent to Germany.

In the meantime, Gottfried Huppertz's original handwritten score for the movie also turned up. As this was a silent movie, this music was meant to be performed live while the movie was shown. The score coupled with the German censor card would prove invaluable for the correct sequencing and timing of shots.

In 2009, a duplicate from Buenos Aires arrived in Germany, and it was immediately scanned frame by frame into a computer. The images were terrible, to say the least. Using specialized software, these images were digitally cleaned up as much as was possible. Although these images were of a different size, almost 30 minutes of film thought to be forever lost was successfully reintegrated into the new reconstruction.

Sadly, two scenes were deemed too badly damaged to be salvageable. This included the monk's sermon which I mentioned in my previous article. The other was the pivotal struggle between the master of the city Joh Fredersen and the inventor Rotwang. Thanks to the German censor card, these two scenes were summarized in newly created intertitles for the benefit of the audience.

On a snowy night in February 2010, sixteen hundred people packed the Friederichstadt-Palast theater in Berlin. At the same time, 2,000 people braved the elements and gathered below an enormous screen erected at the Brandenburg Gate. The newly restored *Metropolis* was shown si-



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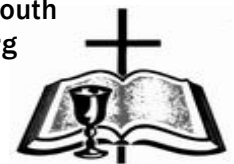
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multaneously to both audiences while the 65 piece Rundfunk-Sinfonie-orchester performed Gottfried Huppertz's original score. After more than 80 years, these audiences were the first to be able to experience Fritz Lang's futuristic vision the way he created it a lifetime ago.

As stated, I find the history of this film as fascinating as the story it tells, and I have taken away a few insights from it.

First, *Metropolis* was once one of the biggest box office flops of all time. It is now considered one the most important and influential works in the history of cinema.

Second, what was once carved out and treated as disposable has been almost completely restored by individuals with a common passion driven by a united purpose. Individuals from different nations and eras success-

fully put aside their political differences and even a war to make what was once broken as whole as their abilities allowed.

Finally, although success was achieved in the end, human pride nearly stood in the way.

As such, more than a few parallels can be made to our Christian walk.

Sometimes people are looked down upon, dismissed and discarded even though they are made in the image of God. Even when they are cast aside by society, God wants them to be restored. He often uses caring people to help them along the way. Finally, we must never say that any person is beyond help. So long as one continues to draw breath there remains hope. We dare not allow either our pride or prejudice to attempt to place limits on an omnipotent God who has none.



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- That sounds pretty hopeless, doesn't it? Well, Isaiah didn't think so. He knew that if people would turn back to God, He could mold them and shape them into what He wanted them to be. Isaiah continued talking to God, "Oh LORD, You are our Father. We are the clay, and You are the potter. We are formed by Your hand. Please don't be so angry with us. Look at us and see that we are Your people." Isaiah knew that even though the hearts of God's people had become hard, He could still mold them into what He wanted them to be. Just like the people in Isaiah's day, we sometimes stray away from God and our hearts become hard. All is not hopeless. If we will turn back to God and ask Him to forgive us, He can mold us and shape us into what He wants us to be. He is still the potter and we are still the clay!
- He shapes our lives into something amazing like this candy once was. Then sad or unexpected events occur and we are left feeling all gloopy and melted, like this melted peanut butter cup. God's Word promises us that God will reshape us and make us into something wonderful, like this peanut butter cup (show a new one). We just have to be patient.

Potter and Clay Written by Carolyn Warvel (Sing to the tune of "I'm a little tea pot".)

I'm like a little clay pot, made by God.
When the Lord made me, He had a plan.
He asks that I obey him, I know I can.
Molding me into a great woman or man!

The Lord is the potter, I am the clay.
Molding and making me every single day.
when I get all grown up hear me shout.
"I belong to God, there's no doubt!"

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Object Lesson: The Sweet Covering

- For this object lesson, you'll need an unwrapped Reese's cup, preferably one of the "Big" cups. Use a plastic knife to cut the peanut butter cup in two.
- Show the kids the candy and say, "You see this delicious and sweet treat? Who loves Reese's?" (Allow kids to respond.) "Inside this candy is what? Yep! It's peanut butter. If you take away the sweet outer covering, you just have peanut butter like the kind you probably have in the pantry. We are like this peanut butter. Without God, we are just plain peanut butter like all the other peanut butters."
- "However, when we invite Jesus into our heart, something changes! We aren't just peanut butter anymore. God covers our lives with the Holy Spirit and we become something sweet! Who wants to be plain peanut butter? Who wants to be like a sweet, delicious peanut butter cup?"

Bible Story: Potter and the Clay

- Before the class, melt a peanut butter cup for a few seconds on a microwave-safe plate. Place the plate on a table in the classroom. Say, "Oh no guys! Look at my candy! It's all gloopy and melted."
- The melted candy reminds me of a Bible story. Did you know that God is like a potter or a chocolate worker? I'm sure that all of you have made things from clay or Play-Doh. Do you know what you call someone who shapes things from clay? He or she is called a potter. Let's be a potter and see what we can make of this piece of clay. We could make a bowl, a cup, or we could even mold it into the shape of an animal. Sometimes you might start out to make a bowl and change your mind, and you can easily reshape the clay into something else. What happens to a piece of clay if you forget and leave it out for a long time? It dries up and gets hard doesn't it? That makes it very hard to mold it into what we want it to be.
- That reminds me of what was happening to God's people during the day of the prophet Isaiah. In our Bible lesson today, Isaiah is very upset and is begging God to come down and change the hearts of his people. "We have sinned and turned away from You. How can we be saved? No one calls on Your name or pleads for Your mercy. You've turned away from us."



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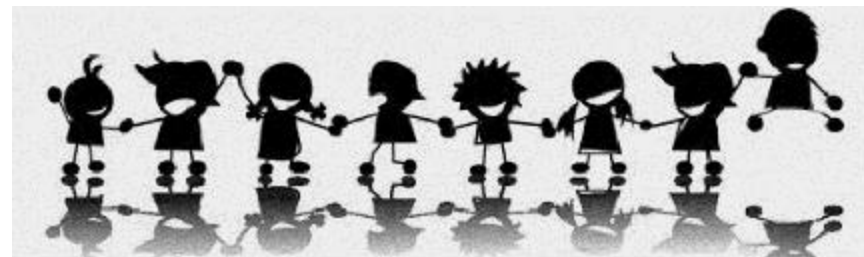
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We are the clay, You are the potter;
we are the work of Your hand.

Isaiah 64:8

Lots of people love Reese's Peanut Butter Cups! This candy is so popular that it shows up in new incarnations every holiday as the Reese's Peanut Butter Egg or the Christmas Tree. If you break out peanut butter cups in kid's church, I can promise you, you will grab their attention. It's a good idea to bring some mini cups for kids to snack on afterwards.

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In Christ's Love . . . from the Foreign Mission Fields

From the Woo's in the U.S.A.

March 13, 2017

Dear Friends,

First...Thursday Caroline had to go to the emergency room because she was blacking out several times that morning. She only could make it to the front door before Michael had to call the ambulance. She stayed the night and was released Friday afternoon with an increase in her medicines. Then on Saturday morning she continued to have blackouts, so we were back in the hospital only 20 hours later. They have been observing her and she has continued to have small episodes of her brain swelling. The cause is inflammation in her brain, not actual seizures (so the doctors believe).

Now for the good news... We got some of the results from an MRI back this morning. They said the largest tumor is the same size as in January the previous MRIs had shown grown. The second largest one is slightly smaller. This is really encouraging. Praise the Lord.

Right now we opened up a discussion with the doctors again about using a Gamma Knife radiation procedure. We are asking if it is possible to zap a few of the bigger tumors. The doctors have a tumor board meeting on Wednesday to talk about new cases. Pray that they have wisdom and that we have wisdom in how to proceed.

Also pray for us:

Inflammation to go down.

Tumors to shrink.

Our boys as they saw their mommy pass out and have to be taken away in an ambulance.

Wisdom and favor with Gamma Knife options

Strength to continue in all of our natural treatments. We do believe they are working.

Caroline is still very weak, dizzy, and a little fearful of these episodes continuing. May she grow stronger.

Michael, strength in the journey.

Praise God for He is good.

Thanks for everything,

Michael and Caroline

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Calling All Fisher-Youth!

The youth fishing retreat is scheduled for May 5-7 in Port O'Connor. This retreat is VERY LIMITED! Registration deadline is April 1. Your place is not reserved until your form **and** fee are received and there are no refunds. Youth must be at least 12 years old and anyone over the age of 16 must have a valid SALTWATER fishing license. Contact Jennifer Chervenka for more information at jennchervenka@farm-market.net or (254)983-1002.



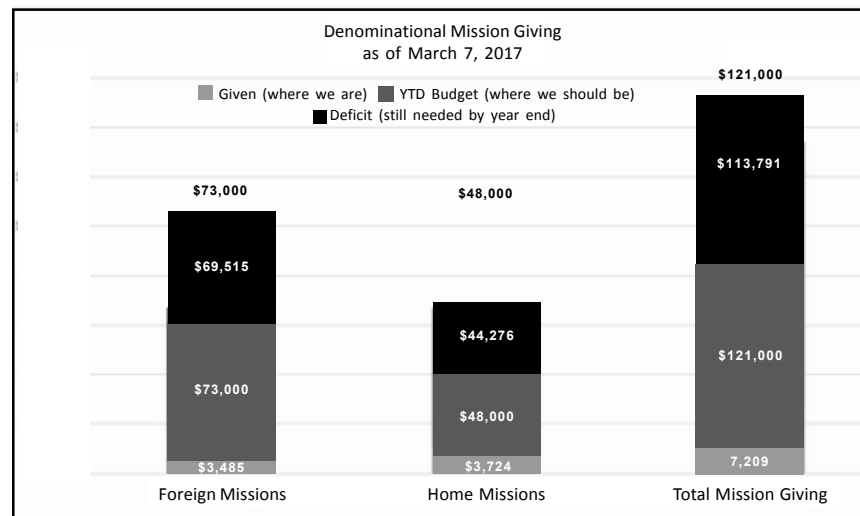
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Prayer Service and Bible Study

Youth Minister: Position open

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Lord's Army State Children's Rally February 25, 2017



Children ages 3-11 gathered at the camp on a beautiful Saturday morning to learn what it means to be a soldier in the Lord's army. The first Bible study session covered the Armor of God and how we must rely on God's truth to protect our hearts and minds. The second Bible study session talked about what it means to be strong and courageous and how we can stand firm in God's truth with our family and friends.

Other activities for the day included singing, dancing, playing games, and eating delicious food and snacks. The children also decorated their own armor using shaving cream and food coloring and proudly showed

it off for the day's final music celebration. They also made camo-colored necklaces and photo frames.

Thank you, parents, for allowing your children to come and fellowship and grow in God's grace. If your kiddos are ages 7 and up, be sure to prayerfully consider sending them to one of the summer camp programs this summer where they can reconnect with friends made at rally and dig even deeper into God's Word. Summer camp information is available at www.huscamp.org.

For more photos and information for children's and youth activities visit , or contact jennchervenka@farm-market.net.



