

"Here I raise mine Ebenezer."

Sunday, December 3, 2006

This Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, begins the 52nd year of the Ministry of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan.

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

1 Sam. 7:12.

"Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle; are they not in thy book?"

Psa. 56:8.

*In spite of peril, toil and pain,
Our course be onward still;
We sow Topeka's barren plain,
We'll reap on Zion's Hill.*

Thou tellest my wanderings. Tellest (write it down and file it away so that it may be brought forth and celebrated – recounted in full and great and infinite detail – often throughout eternal years in Heaven – told about us with joy and thanksgiving, – with praise and honor and glory – to the Captain that led the children to glory, and to the children and each of them engaged in the battle). My wanderings (flittings – all little pieces of happenstance – flittings – flying about here and there like the aimless dartings about of the little humming bird – hither and yon – not knowing that each such event is a glorious part of an eternal master plan – God working in each little bird both to will and to do of God's good pleasure).

Many flittings (experiences in the Wars of the Lord – Num. 21:14) have taken place during the 51 years gone by at WBC – many wondrous stories for the Lord God to pull out of His recordings and recount in great detail to His own praise, honor and glory – and to our own praise, honor and glory which He will pour upon us before the assembled intelligent universe – over and over again – as the years of Eternity roll. And remember what Joseph Caryl said about God doing His own editing when He recounts the marvelous stories of the flittings (experiences) of His faithful servants (as at WBC); to wit:

Caryl: "Job's good name was under a cloud, his credit was exceedingly eclipsed, and he was mis-judged by his friends an hypocrite; now as the Lord will have a time to acquit himself, and to declare the righteousness of his judgment, so he will have a time to quit the integrity of his people, and to set them right in the eye of all the world. In that day as he will destroy the veils of mis-report which have been cast upon his wayes, and the veils of error which have been cast upon his Word; so also he will destroy all the veils of reproach and slander which have been cast upon the persons, speeches or

endeavours of his people.

Caryl cont.: “He (God) will have a day in which there shall be a fresh Edition of the works of all his Saints, with the comment of their own upright and honest meaning upon them, not rackt and wier-drawn with the malice and misconceptions, either of enemies, or mistaken friends. This is the ground of that serious and needful caution given at 1 Cor. 4:5: And then every man shall have praise of God. The Apostle’s meaning is, every man that is praiseworthy, shall have praise of God; every good and faithful man, every true believer; all sincere and honest hearts, though they have been called hypocrites, and disgraced, though they have had the dirt of a thousand scandals cast in their faces, yet there is a day coming, when as all tears, so all reproaches shall be wiped away, and every man, that was called hypocrite, and wicked, shall then again have praise of God, his old certificate or Letters of commendation shall be renewed; A man perfect and upright, fearing God and eschewing evil. Job 1:1 – ‘There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.’ Read also, Heb. 13:20-21 – “Now the God of peace...Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight.”

Human history by human historians – nothing but a fable agreed upon.

Voltaire said all of history is nothing but a fable agreed upon. Meaning that those who write the history books give each story a spin that suits them and their prejudices. When God is the One “Telling our flittings,” we and our work will shine forth as “perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us (gloriously and in every instance) that which is well-pleasing in his sight.” Heb. 13:21. Also read, Isa. 43:25 and 44:22 – “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”

When God tells the flittings (i.e., when He recounts and celebrates the many exploits) of His people – count upon it, His people will be revealed as the unblemished, unmitigated heroes and champions of the faith they truly are.

Not a hint of anything less than absolute perfection. For, “I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins.” Isa. 44:22. All their tears of remorse for any possible errors are forever in God’s bottle of forgetfulness. Psa. 56:8. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more sorrow, nor crying, nor pain.” Rev. 21:4.

Beginning 52nd Year is good time to renew foundation stones of WBC's ministry.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834 - 1892): At the time of dedicating a new tabernacle in London: As for our faith as a church, you have heard about that already. We believe in those five points commonly called Calvinism, but which are in reality, the Gospel. Against all lovers of Arminian heresy we do maintain and defend pure Gospel truth.

Even so, Westboro Baptist Church believes and preaches Calvinism as being the only Gospel truth – to the exclusion of all other doctrines. To wit: Total Depravity; Unconditional Election; Limited Atonement; Irresistible Grace; and, Perseverance of the Saints. Acronym: T - U - L - I - P. Call us, Tulip Baptists, Primitive Baptists, Old School Baptists, and/or Hardshell Baptists.

The mission of WBC has never varied and is the mission of all prophets and servants of God from the beginning of the world, and is set forth succinctly throughout the Bible – in such places as Isa. 58:1; Jer. 25:15-16; Ezek. 16:2; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:1-3; and, Tit. 1:9-11.

Isa. 58:1: “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

Jer. 25:15-16: “For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.”

Ezek. 16:1-2: “Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abomination.”

1 Tim. 5:20: “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.”

2 Tim. 4:1-4: “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; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 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; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

Tit. 1:9-11: “Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses,

teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.”

Our new bodies are on the way.

And all creation waits with us with keen anticipation for that glorious event to take place. Because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. When we get our new bodies, that event is called “the glorious liberty of the children of God.” Rom. 8:21. Because now we groan in these old bodies: “Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” Rom. 8:23.

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” 1 Jn. 3:2. Our citizenship is already now in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” Phil. 4:20-21. It is the essence of our inheritance. Read 1 Pet. 1:4.

We already know so much about our new bodies. Whether we realize it all the time or not, EVERY GROAN in these old bodies is a loud cry for our new bodies: “Even we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” Rom. 8:23. The old preachers thought, talked and preached often on the subject of our new bodies. They identified clearly five distinct attributes of those bodies.

The other day we conducted a little pop quiz on those five attributes. The class consisted of three of our young loved ones – members of this church. Beloved, it was pitiful. A shocker. Only one of them knew anything – and that one knew only one.

Here they are again. Look for more pop quizzes. Five attributes of our new, soon -to-arrive – glorified bodies: They are: Beautiful, Powerful, Agile, Impassible (immune from pain), and Spiritual.

The “God Hates Fags” phenomenon.

(Phenomenon. Any fact, circumstance or experience that is apparent to the senses, but unbelievable to the senses; it can be scientifically described or appraised – but is so extremely unusual, so supremely rare and extraordinary as to be scarcely believable notwithstanding undeniable proof)

What better word could describe this little flock, especially the fully documented adventures of this little flock since our letter of July 18, 1989, complaining to the officials of Topeka about the sodomite takeover of Gage Park, and Mayor Harry Butch Felkers reply letter to us acknowledging the merit of our complaint and the City's promise to clean up unlawful homosexual activity at Gage Park. From that time to now, WBC has become nationally and world famous for the cause of God and truth about sodomites.



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July 18, 1989

To the Honorables
Mayor, Council Members, and Chief of Police
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Dear Friends:

A malodorous sore with the scab off is open and running at the extreme southwest corner of Gage Park. It is a wooded area with foot paths and bush-shrouded coverts affording privacy for indecent conduct. "At any hour of the day or night," a park official told me, "male couples may be seen entering and exiting the area." He regularly passes along citizen complaints to his superiors, in vain. My children, grandchildren and I are offended and embarrassed by this flagrant situation as we bike and jog in the park.

Gage Park is officially touted as a wholesome family place, home of a "world famous zoo" and a newly-refurbished carrousel. To which we should all say, Amen. Gage Park also appears on a nationally-circulated clandestine "list", as a homosexual "rendezvous point" and "safe house." Out-of-state plates on the cars perpetually parked by the wooded area testify to the existence of this undercover "list." To which we should all say, Shame.

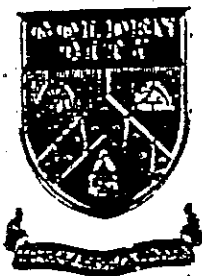
When President Reagan visited Governor Landon a while back, his motorcade passed by this wooded area. In preparation for the presidential visit -- and lest the national media focus on the shameful running sore of Topeka's Gage Park -- the area was purged of its unnatural visitors for about a month prior to and including the day of Reagan's visit. This proves two things: Our local leaders know of the situation, and they know how to clean it up when they want to. State police powers aplenty exist to fix it.

My question: Do you think Gage Park's running sore could be permanently fixed? Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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July 21, 1989

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Dear Fred:

Thanks for your colorful letter concerning Gage Park. We are well aware of the situation. We cleaned it up when I was Park Commissioner, but it was allowed to return over the last four years. We are in the process of putting together a program to bring the situation to a halt.

Keep us posted.

Sincerely,

Harry "Butch" Felker
Mayor

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