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(Omitted here because of size – the classical picture of George Washington on his knees in the woods praying for his soldiers and our nation.)

From the book: *The American Patriot's Almanac* by William Bennett and John Cribb come these words. "Tradition holds that one cold day, Isaac Potts, a Quaker farmer who lived near Valley Forge, was walking through the woods when he heard a low, solemn voice. Stealing quietly in its direction, he found a riderless horse tied to a sapling. The farmer crept nearer and through the trees saw a lone man on his knees in the snow. It was general Washington. Tears marked his face as he bowed his head and asked God to look after his men. At home that evening the farmer told his wife of the encounter. "All will be well, Martha", he said. "If there is anyone the Lord will listen to, it is this brave man. I have seen General Washington on his knees. Our independence is certain."

Next week we will witness the swearing in of our newest President. All citizens of this great country should go to their knees and pray. Pray for the wisdom and safety of our leader. Pray that God will protect this land. Pray that we uphold the freedoms, which have been ours for over two centuries. Pray that God will bless President Obama and the United States of America.

Joe Myers, as seen in Cornerstone Newsletter, McDonough GA / 1-12-09

IT WAS A TOUGH CALL last week with the weather, but we finally decided to cancel services. Many of our people live at a distance, and several are over 30-years old ☺ so didn't want to challenge the streets & highways packed with snow. The challenge this weekend, based on reports, is that we'll be dealing with extremely low temps – even below zero. Stay tuned – I'll try to keep you apprised on how this affects our services.

Our Sympathy

ROSALIE LEE, Susan Cain's mother, fell asleep in death last Tuesday of lung cancer. She was 67. Alan Cain conducted the funeral service in Missouri on Thursday. I had the privilege to baptize and marry Rich & Rosie and then send them off to OBC. Richard preached for several years but died of a heart attack at age 46. Then, Rosalie's daughter, Susan, married my son! Mary McCarty is another daughter. Keep this family in prayer.

ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE, of Avalon, GA, is officially in session. Jan. 12th marked the first day of classes for the 2nd semester. Part of the weekly schedule of the college is Chapel. It is held each Thursday morning at 11:20. It is held at the nearby Cornerstone church (Joe Myers, pastor) each Thursday – church members are invited to attend as well. Korean students are currently meeting at our "old" Morrow GA college building. The new ABC location in Avalon is about 15 miles south of Morrow.

THE KOREAN EXTENSION has leased a building in Duluth GA (1 and ½ hours N.E. of our new Avalon administration building). They are currently renovating the building to fit their needs. In the meantime they will continue to use the Morrow campus until July or later. The choice of Duluth is due to a large population of Koreans in that area. Many students currently attending Morrow campus drive from that area. Keep these major changes of our college in your prayers

THE FORMER ABC LIBRARY on the Morrow campus will be forced to be decentralized because of lack of space in our two new locations. If interested in a complete detailed explanation provided by Janet Turner Stilson, simple request it.

DAVID KROGH is nearing the end of his 23 radiation treatments. He wrote 1-8 that he was feeling fine, no side effects and working harder physically than normal (because of the college relocation). He won't know for 3 months after the treatments are finished whether the radiation eliminated the cancer. Keep him in your prayers.

MARK CAIN AND FAMILY are today at our Lawrenceville Ohio Church where he has been asked to speak in the absence of Alan Cain who is working this weekend with Church of God youth at Camp Mack Indiana. You are missed!

CAROL REED had a short visit to Mary Mount Hosp. this past week

because of a severe bed sore. She's home again and gaining strength.

Gideons Mark 100 Years of Giving out the Bible

USA Today reports that Gideons International is celebrating its 100th anniversary and the placement of almost 1.5 billion Gideon Scriptures worldwide since the 1908. "This is not a church-sponsored, clergy-led effort," said Leith Anderson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, an umbrella group for evangelical churches and organizations. "It's individuals that go around and distribute Bibles. It's an astonishing accomplishment." The group, comprised of evangelical business and professional men, hopes to step up its U.S. distribution of Scriptures in celebration. "We always work in the present and look to the future. We're a very low-profile organization. That's been our underlining philosophy. For us, we look to be around another 100 years," said Gideons executive director Jerry Burden.

P.S. Look at our Gideon Card rack above our tract rack – a great way to spread the Word while honoring or remembering a loved one.

PRAY FOR: Cain-McCarty Families (death of Rosalie Lee), David Krogh, Pastors Don Ward & Leon Driskill, Ken Cramer, Joyce Macy Nodstrom (M.Ellen's niece), Jenna Bryan (15 by SMay), Don Kostyo, Norman Weaver, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, W.C. Blankenship, Rosalie (Lee), Steve Henderson (14, by SMay), Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Dale Swartz, Ruth Schuld, Juanita (by SMay), Ryan (8 yrs by SMay), Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, (*by Skip), Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

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18 Enter to worship – leave to serve

25 SS staff meeting.

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Doris Schuld & Mark Cain
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer
Worship Hymns: Mark Cain
407 Faith of Our Fathers
246 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Prayer / Offering
Message: Having Faith in Faithless Times
Key Verses: Dan. 2:36-42; 7:13,14; 2:43-45; 2 Pet 3:11
256 In Times Like These



On The Lite Side:

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

-Selected from Omaha NE newsletter, 1-13-09

BOOK REVIEW - FEBRUARY, 2009 by Anita Cain

The Apocalypse of Ahmadinejad
(The Revelation of Iran's Nuclear Prophet)

Most everyone seems to agree that Iran is potentially a threat to the United States. Its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, up for re-election, has said aggressive, threatening, frightening things. Though there is some question as to how much authority and power he actually has in Iran, nevertheless, when the elected president of a country is verbally shaking his fist in a threatening manner, it is wise to pay attention. In this month's review book, we are told that the issue at the heart of Ah-

madinejad is his Shiite Islamic version of apocalypse—that it drives him, compels him, fuels him, and guides him. The author feels that far too many people today are missing the integral linkage between his Shiite eschatology (his view of the end times) and Iranian foreign policy. Without understanding his apocalypse, we will never understand the current crisis, this author contends.

The Apocalypse of Ahmadinejad (The Revelation of Iran's Nuclear Prophet) by Mark Hitchcock - One of the strengths of this book is the many direct quotes of Ahmadinejad, as well as quotes from other people—some of whom are readily recognizable—about him. The book seems to be well researched and is a fascinating read. Though the author makes no claim to be an expert in international politics and admits his degree is in law rather than political science, he seems to be well informed and his approach reasoned and balanced. Some people might feel that Ahmadinejad is being unfairly demonized, but since his own words back up much of what is said, hopefully not. He has been called the most dangerous man in the world, the new Hitler, one who makes Saddam Hussein look like he was Santa Claus. His chief strategy advisor is quoted as saying, "We have a strategy drawn up for the destruction of the Anglo-Saxon civilization ... There are 29 sensitive sites in the U. S. and the West. We have already spied on these sites and we know how we are going to attack them." He calls the U. S. the Great Satan and Israel Little Satan. Doesn't exactly sound friendly, does it? Besides that, he is very smart, has traveled extensively, is well educated with a degree in civil engineering and a doctorate in engineering and traffic transportation planning. If we're fortunate, he won't be re-elected.

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