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When I Say 'I Am A Christian' ...

by Dr. Maya Angelou

**But for
the
Grace
of God.**

When I say... 'I am a Christian', I'm not shouting 'I'm clean livin', I'm whispering 'I was lost, Now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian', I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... 'I am a Christian', I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say.. 'I am a Christian', I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say... 'I am a Christian', I'm not claiming to be perfect, My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say... 'I am a Christian', I still feel the sting of pain...I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say... 'I am a Christian', I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

— Submitted by Anita Cain, 11-27-08

Celebrating 50 Years!

CONGREGATION: We are now in our 50th year here at this location and plan to celebrate Sept. 13, 2009 with Pastor Steve Bolhous (Canada) as our guest speaker with a dinner following. Steve pastored here for four years from 1969 to 1973.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS TO HELP IN THIS CELEBRATION,
WE ARE ALL EARS!**

I know this is early, but if anyone would like to email or write a few lines to us for our celebration, we will keep them until September to be read at that time (or write later – you'll hear from us again). Pic-

tures are being collected as well (if you have them digitally, send them to us by email).

We'll also have an "anonymous guest" that has already agreed to be with us – but it's a secret until that day! ☺

RUTH SCHULD has been having itchy skin rashes because of her treatments. She had a scan 1-22 to observe the progress of treatments and will have her 4th round of chemo today. Keep this family in prayer.

SPEAKING OF 50TH ANNIVERSARIES, it was last Thursday – 50 years ago – that we rented lower rooms of a Masonic Temple to meet in. We didn't move into our current building until 10-16-1960.

Remember Systematic Theology ...,

a book by Alva Huffer written in 1960 (sixth printing in 1987)? It was later made into 29 FREE lessons for home or group study (**still available!**)! The book contains 589 pages of the major themes of Bible theology regarding God, Christ, Israel, nature of man, meaning of repentance, salvation, baptism, kingdom of God and much, much more!

WE LIVE IN TRYING TIMES!

I BELIEVE CHRIST'S RETURN IS NEAR!

SHOULDN'T YOU MAKE TIME NOW TO UNDERSTAND GOD?

THE 29 LESSONS ARE FREE! I'LL GRADE THEM. IF YOU COMPLETE THEM, YOU GET A CERTIFICATE, YOUR NAME IN OUR NATIONAL MAGAZINE ... AND AS A BONUS, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT TO DINNER! Free education in theology (Bible) & free dinner! That's hard to beat. ☺

Churches Mark 25th Sanctity of Human Life Day

Churches across the nation observed the National Sanctity of Human Life Day Sunday with speakers, marches and other pro-life events, the Christian Post reports. The day came just two days before the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama, who has promised to sign the Freedom of Choice Act early in his term. President Bush marked the 25th anniversary of National Sanctity of Human Life Day as a special holiday to recognize "each person, including every person waiting to be born, has a special place and purpose in this

world." He continued, "We also underscore our dedication to heeding this message of conscience by speaking up for the weak and voiceless among us."

Gideons Stepped Over The Line?

AP, 1-17-09: Americans entering the military often receive Bibles, courtesy of the Gideons International. But the Gideons have been told that while they can leave complimentary Bibles at most military induction stations, they cannot stay there to proselytize or preach to the recruits.

Daniel Trew, public information officer for the Military Entrance Processing Command, says the policy was recently established after concerns were raised by the American Civil Liberties Union. "Our legal person went with a representative from the ACLU to one of our stations, and we actually found where the Gideons' individual at that station was getting up and talking to applicants who had just enlisted," he explains. "We could not allow that to go on because the applicants could perceive that this talk was given under the auspices of the Department of Defense." Trew says the Gideons have agreed to abide by the policy.

CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

Christian Contemporary music is one of the top three fastest growing genres, according to the National Religious Broadcasters. Other formats, such as classical, oldies and even rock, declined over the last decade while religious radio showed steady growth. Christian Contemporary format is the second most popular music format following Country radio (which has lost more than 350 stations since 1998) and ranks No. 4 among all radio formats (31 in total). Twenty-eight stations were added in 2008, doubling its numbers from a decade ago. [christianpost.com]

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

PRAY FOR: Bill Marsh, 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 Faehrich, 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

JANUARY 2009

25 SS staff meeting.

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

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

Musicians: Doris Schuld & Frank Roper

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

208 How Firm a Foundation

155 Love Divine

Prayer / Offering

Message: Will The Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

Key Verses: Jn 1:1-3, 14; 1 Cor 15:26-28; Matt 28:17-19; Jn 17:1,2;

1 Cor 15:21,22; 1 Tim 6:16; Matt 15:6-9; Jn 12:48-50

239 Only Trust Him

On The Lite Side:

STORY OF ELIJAH The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"