

Church of the Open Bible



(Church of God General Conference, McDonough GA)

689 Adams St / Bedford Ohio 44146-3652

Email: rex Cain@gmail.com / Web Site: <http://openBible.homestead.com>

Pastor Rex F. Cain / 440.232.3970 / April 26, 2009

On The Lighter Side:

A DIFFERENT KIND OF DRUG PROBLEM

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a met amphetamine lab had been found in an old farm house in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied: "But I did have a drug problem when I was a kid growing up on the farm." I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.



I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher. Or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flowerbeds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline or chop some fire wood. And if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place today.

- Author Unknown / seen in forhardknox.com

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6 (nasb)

Our Sympathy

ANITA CAIN (70), pastor's cousin, fell asleep in death last Monday (20th) near Ruskin Florida. Two brothers and her parents preceded her in death and another brother survives, Larry, living in Springfield Ohio with his wife, Linda. Services will first be conducted in Florida and her remains will be returned to Springfield where she has asked me to do a graveside service, *"bringing honor to the God who made and sustained me."* She loved helping the poor and most of her assets, including her house, will be given to charities. We are grateful for the years she supplied us with free Christian book reviews. She now sleeps in hope of the soon resurrection! *"Come, Lord Jesus!"*

Hi Rex Things are going a bit better. I have medication for my nausea. Annabelle will be having her tonsils and adenoids out soon; most likely the 30th. She's been through too many bouts of tonsillitis and with the recent ER visit for the "adenitis" we went to follow up with an ENT and he wants to do surgery soon. So, we can definitely still use prayers. Thanks! - Susan May, 4-19-09

Rock River Christian College

Announces and Invites you to
Commencement Exercises
Sunday the twenty-fourth of May
Two thousand and nine
At two o'clock in the afternoon
Exercises will be held at
New Life Bible Church, 2285 Hoisington Road
(corner of Hoisington & Route 20)
Winnebago Illinois
Graduates: William Didier, B.A. Biblical Studies
Janet Turner Stilson, M.A. Biblical Studies

Dear Bedford Church of the Open Bible, Thank you for your financial support to Atlanta Bible College / Church of God General Conference. We truly could not accomplish this important mission without faithful partners like you. Please know that I am praying for

God to bless both the seed and the sower of every gift you send.

- Best regards, Dale Bliss / Director of Development, 4-15-09

LADIES, are you remembering your Secret Pals for their anniversaries, birthdays and for the holidays?

[We often refer to ourselves as Church of God, Abrahamic Faith](#)

Abrahamic Faith: What does that mean?

We believe that as Christians, we become heirs of the promise (Covenant) that God made originally to Abraham, in Genesis 12; 13; 15; etc. that God will give him and his seed this ***land*** (the promised land) to possess it forever (Galatians 3:29). But in Hebrews 11:8-9, 13, 39, it is very clear that Abraham died in faith, not having received the promise (Acts 7:5). This is where the Abrahamic Faith comes in. Abraham believed in the resurrection of the dead. Abraham, along with everyone who is considered a co-heir with Christ, will receive our inheritance of the land, the Kingdom of God, in the age to come, at the return of Jesus to the earth.

Our faith and hope as Christians is based on the fact that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise and we will be raised to eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:23; Daniel 12:2), to inherit the Kingdom of God, which will have its center in the Promised Land, here on a restored and renewed earth. This Kingdom is our hope, and like Abraham, we choose to believe in God's promises of a resurrection from the dead; that we will finally, one day, eternally possess the land that God has promised us; and we will believe that He will reward those who believe He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6). That's the Abrahamic Faith.

"So then those who are of faith are blessed with the believing Abraham." – ***Galatians 3:9.***

Seen at Knightstown Family Fellowship site: <http://kff.homestead.com/index.html>

PRAY FOR: Anita Cain Family, Nordstrom Family, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan & Annabelle May, Jacob Hinton, Kris Fiocca (by SBurnham), Lucinda (by ASzekely),, Sonny Koston, Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), David Krogh, Pastors Earl Poland, Ed Goit, Alva Huffer, Don Ward & Leon Driskill; Ken Cramer, Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehrich, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed, 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

APRIL 2009

26 Come to worship, leave to serve

MAY 2009

03 Communion, Elder Steve Weaver

03 Annual Membership Meeting / Carry-in dinner

10 Mother's Day

Future Dates: Jun 1-5 CWS / Jun 21-26 SUMMIT (OH) camp / Jul 8-10 G.C. in Oregon IL / Jul 19-24 National Youth Camp, Manchester College (IN)

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

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

Musicians: Doris Schuld and Frank Roper

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

4 O Worship the King

446 God's Way

Prayer / Offering

Message: Living In An Uncertain Economy

Key Verses: 1 Tim 6:6-18; Prov 23:4,5; 2 Pet 1:3; Lk 18:18-27; Deut 8:11-18; Lk 12:20, 21; Matt 16:26

(Chorus, words below) He Owns The Cattle



He Owns The Cattle on a Thousand Hills

He owns the cattle on a thousand hills,
The wealth in every mine;
He owns the rivers and the rocks and rills,
The sun and stars that shine.

Wonderful riches, more than tongue can tell –
He is my Father so they're mine as well;
He owns the cattle on a thousand hills –
I know that He will care for me.

1959 - 2009 = 50 Yrs!

To Celebrate Sept. 13th, 2009