



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“My beloved spoke and said to me: Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

(11) For lo, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone. (12) The flowers appear on the earth. The time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. (13) The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!”

Song of Sol. 2:10-13

Solomon’s Song is seldom referenced from pulpits in these days and times. It is such a provocative portion of Holy Scripture. It is quite obvious that it represents a loving description -- even a heavenly parallel portrait -- of the loving relationship between the Christ of God and His Bride, the Church. When Jesus declared from Jn.6:37> “*All that the Father gives me shall come to me -- and, he that comes to me, I will in no wise cast out*” -- He delivered betrothal words of eternal value and beauty. Here is to be heard by all who are truly drawn to Christ words of the Savior’s eternal commitment and everlasting comfort and assurance. The marriage of the Lamb of God to His bride, who is arrayed in the righteousness of the saints (which indeed is none other than the very same righteousness of that same Lamb -- who is the Lord) marks the eternal union and communion between them. And, it is His everlasting love that has drawn the two of them together. Praise His Name!

This section of the Song represents the loving call of the Bridegroom to His beloved. He says, “*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away*”. After Jesus declared that He was sent into this world not to do His will, but the will of His Father who sent Him, He said, “*And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which sees the Son, and believes on Him may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*” In other words, these, that see Him and believe in Him, are the ones that will hear Him say, “*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away*”.

The barrenness and lifelessness of the winter of this life in this world is past. The foreboding rains that have threatened and harassed us are finally over and gone. Spring has come with just the sound of the Savior’s voice. Now there appears the beauty of the flowers; now there is in the air the sweet aroma of the vines and the grapes. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches in Him, and the fruit we bear is because of Him -- “*for without Him, we can do nothing*”.

This Song prompts from us hearty “*singing with grace in our hearts unto the Lord*”. In particular there is mentioned the hearing of the voice of the turtledove. This is an especially pleasant bird that is never heard in the winter, but only in the Spring. The dove, you recall, is the very form of life that serves to represent the Holy Spirit. How sweet it is to hear His still soft voice speaking to us; instructing us and leading us through the trials of this world. Even so do we immediately rejoice and rapidly respond to the Savior’s summoning of us to rise up and come away with Him.

*For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter*

Spring Prayer Request

Continued work on Lake and Water Lines

Well, dear ones, it appears that the Spring of 2008 has finally arrived...I hope. Heavy equipment and machines have reappeared on the campgrounds -- Praise the Lord! This means that the workmen we have contracted with to do the job on our lake and our waterlines are about to get back into the task. The obstacle of the precarious weather we have had to endure has forestalled getting these projects done. Please pray with us that God will cause these men to be able to complete what they have started.



The sandbox at the playground is a popular activity for our 6 to 8 year old campers during free time.

Saturday Work Days

We are officially into the Saturday work-day phase of preparing for camp. This means that each Saturday is dubbed a workday to gather together and perform the maintenance requirements in the buildings and on the grounds in order to get things ready for the children that the Lord will send our way to hear the gospel. If you, or your group, can target a time to come out and help us, just give us a call (or just show up on a Saturday) and we will be glad to receive your help with open arms. Your response will be an answer to our prayers...as always.



We are currently accepting applications for summer volunteers to work with campers, please contact us if you are interested.

Glory of Christ Bible Conference

Oh yes...June 12-14 marks the date for our 2008 Glory of Christ Bible Conference. Lord willing, we will be blessed to have Michael Pickett, Tony Buford and Steve Carpenter deliberating to us from the pulpit this year. Brother Pickett is originally from England. He has been pasturing a church here in the states in Choteau, MT for the past six years. Tony Buford, (whom we have had before) is the pastor of CrossPointe Community Church in St. Joseph, MO. Steve, who is the executive director of Word and Spirit Ministries was a vital part of our wonderful conference last year. We are really blessed to have him back. The main focus this year is, as always, the gospel of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ -- but in particular He as the eternal Son of God. It will take place at the same place as last year, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, 6820 E. Truman Rd., KCMO. Details of this event can be found on our website, www.campdelhaven.org/glorvofchrist. Check it out. You can even print out bulletin inserts for your church bulletin to help us promote it. There is no charge to attend. Please pray with us about this year's conference, and try to be there.

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise”