



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications; because He has inclined His ear to me. Therefore, I will call upon Him as long as I live.” Ps.116:1-2

Answers to prayer, to those of the family of God, are always a source of great praise for their wonderful Savior. Indeed, the fountainhead of the true believer’s joy is the repeated response of the Lord unto them when they call out to Him. The Father’s response is an activity of His love, and this, in turn, causes His children to love Him back all that much more (1Jn.4:19).

Prayer from us seems to have originated with us, but then when they go to our God in His heavenly habitation in eternity where no time even exists, an amazing transition comes to pass. When God responds by answering our prayers from where He inhabits eternity (Is.57:15), it is a truly monumental occurrence to us here in time. Our prayers, then, obviously become a part of God’s plan in accomplishing His own will and purpose in our lives. Phil. 2:13 says, *“For it is God that works in us both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”* Therefore, while time and timing remain to us an enigma, to our sovereign Lord God they are seen as nothing but tools that He uses to work out His perfect plan for our lives. Praise His Name!

Some recent observations from the preface of Reese’s Chronological Bible lend some support to this premise. Biblical chronology is an interesting subject. For example: The Jewish calendar begins with the month Abib, which is the same as our April. Hence, April, the first month of the Jewish year surfaces on a repeated basis as a significant month. April 15, 1562 BC, which was on a Friday, has been researched out as being the date of the slaying of the firstborn in Egypt -- the very first Passover in Israel’s history. Likewise, Friday, April 15, 29 AD has been determined to be the day that Jesus died on the cross at Calvary and became our once-for-all Passover Lamb of God. Sunday, April 17, 1562 BC was when Israel miraculously crossed the Red Sea on dry land. They went into the midst of the immense wall of water on Egypt’s side as a slave people and emerged on the other side as the newly formed nation of God. In like manner, on Sunday, April 17, 29 AD the Lord Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God, was raised from among the dead because of our justification. We who were nothing but slaves of sin have, through Christ, become the holy nation of God (1Pe.2:9-10).

April 1st is also significant. Biblical researchers have concluded that it was the 6th day, Friday, April 1, 3975 BC when God created Adam. Then moving forward to April 1, 1461 BC we are told that this was when the veil of the first tabernacle was raised up (compare what He.10:20 relates to the veil). And then, it has also been concluded that it was April 1, 5 BC which is the actual day of Christ’s birth, when God, Himself, was manifested in the flesh. God truly is a God of order and time is the stage upon which He proves this, and timing is simply a tool in His hand.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

Del-Haven Memorial Chapel Paid In Full

Dear ones, what great news we have to report to you! Within the sovereign providence of God's able leading of this, His ministry, on April 1st we were able to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the Chapel. The response, which we see as coming from the Lord through all of you, has been phenomenal. Earlier in March when we had \$4000 left to pay on the note we received enough designated donations so as to be able to pay another \$2000 against it. This thrilled our souls immensely! But then toward the very end of the month we received another influx of funds. And, finally there came in a special gift that was of an odd amount which, when we received it, we knew that it was a special sacrifice from this dear Brother in the Lord. The amount of his gift was just what we needed to put together the final payment on the loan.

It was a gift from Mr. Chuck Hudson who was a camper at Del-Haven's very first camp back in 1952. Chuck's testimony as to how the Lord found him at Camp Del-Haven has been a source of unending encouragement to us over all these years. And, this occurrence is just another testimony to the Lord's marvelous timing. Here we see that the last amount that we needed to pay off the note on the Del-Haven Memorial Chapel would be supplied through a man who as a boy was exposed to the gospel at the very beginning of this ministry. Things like this just makes my heart do back flips for joy to the Lord!

My friends, while we rejoice in the events and circumstances that pertain to the final payoff of this project, we in no way want any of you to think that your prayers and gifts are any less significant. We remember when the Chapel was just an idea and we received our first gift that was designated to go toward its construction. And then from there all the ups and downs that become a part of the journey to the final destination. The times that we were overwhelmed with uncertainty and doubt and then the Lord confirmed His leading through your prayers and gifts over and over again. We love you all very much and without ceasing we thank the Lord for you.

Ongoing Work at Del-Haven

Now, we have many other things to report to you that the Lord has been doing as far as the necessary preparations for the up and coming camp season is concerned, but they will fill up our next newsletter. We have workdays every Saturday up till camp officially begins on June 20th. Any and all are welcome to come and help.

The fact is, the battle for souls rages on and we must not let our guard down. Please continue to pray for us -- for summer staff help; for all the children that will be coming to the camp sessions; for the supplies that we continually need to keep on being replenished; and especially for the Lord Jesus Christ to be glorified in all that we do. We have our annual Glory of Christ Bible Conference scheduled for June 16-18 that we will be promoting really soon. This year it will be held at Summit Woods Baptist Church in Lee's Summit, Mo. We hope that you will be able to attend.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" Ps.23:6