WATCHMAN'S HIGHNOTES

Since arriving home in early April, the Byrd family members have stayed frantically busy, though the break from travel has been a wonderful time of restoration after all these years. We thought this article would be a good opportunity to share our homefront activities with our readers to give you a clearer understanding of how we spend our time.

Those of you who have been receiving our newsletter for a while know that we have been in the process of trying to purchase a 500 acre parcel of land known as Marble Flat on the Columbia River that is 1/4 mile from our home for several months. God has put a wonderful team of investors and planners together to pull this off, and even though we have run into yet another hitch in the deal, we feel certain that God will deliver the land to us in the near future. The adversary is, no doubt, pulling out all the stops to try to prevent this incredible Kingdom endeavor that is obviously ordained by God, but we are confident that He will clear the way.

In the context of the land deal, our home has been like Grand Central Station with almost constant company as these wonderful investors have come to see the land, in addition to several other guests who are intrigued by what God is doing. We are actually scheduled for a long, busy summer of constant company as God leads families in this direction. We are not in a position to host everyone who wants to come, and are discouraging those who are just curious at this point from coming until we have the opportunity to build enough facilities to accommodate that kind of traffic. Right now, we are strictly in a planning and seeking mode, but we are believing God that we will be able to bless multitudes in the future as God enables. Please be patient with us until that time.

In addition to our company, we are in the process of establishing a local Church -- The Stevens County Covenant Church. Again, because we are in the very earliest stages of building, this is a most awkward as our small band of families come together several times a week. We are meeting now in our home on Sundays for a day of praise and worship, teaching and food and fellowship and are bursting at the seams! We are meeting in other homes for our weekly prayer meetings and our business meetings. Barry and Anne are teaching weekly foundational classes to the families who are commited to covenant together in this embryonic Church.

In addition, we are working on a covenant and constitution for the families to sign when it is done. We are not interested in "playing" Church, but are determined, with God's grace, to establish a wineskin that can contain the glory of God and the inevitable Harvest that will bring. We are very excited about what God is doing, but would appreciate your prayers as we are stretched to the point of the ridiculous at this time.

We are so blessed by the small group of families that have "signed on" for the long haul with us. They are all old friends, some of whom we have known as long as 17 years. This is a gift from God, for old friends are the best of friends. We know one another intimately, and are still excited about working together to build as God prospers.

The Byrd family is also working hard to build relationships and bridges with other individuals, ministries and churches with whom we will be working in unity in the future, and are very pleased about the divinely appointed times we have shared with other leaders in the larger body of Christ. As Dannie's article indicates, there is also a lot of "politicking" going on on the county level. We also continue to work to

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try to get our place in shape after all these years of neglect, and have planted a large garden. We are eager to see God's covenant blessings once again on our agricultural efforts. And, as usual, Barry has spent many hours working on vehicles. The transmission has had to be pulled out of our van three times now, with another visit to the shop scheduled for tomorrow.

All of these additional responsibilities are interesting combined with our already full WATCHMAN schedule, so needless to say, we are quite behind on our correspondence and other duties. Please forgive us, and continue to pray with us that God will quickly send us the help we need so desperately. While we labor, we wait on His timing, and are grateful for the volunteers who do what they can here on the home front. We are now preparing to leave on a 3 week trip to Colorado and Texas next week, with company coming before we go, and company waiting for us when we get home. Your prayers are deeply appreciated. We just thank God for the opportunity to serve Him -- Lord of All!

WATCHMAN'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

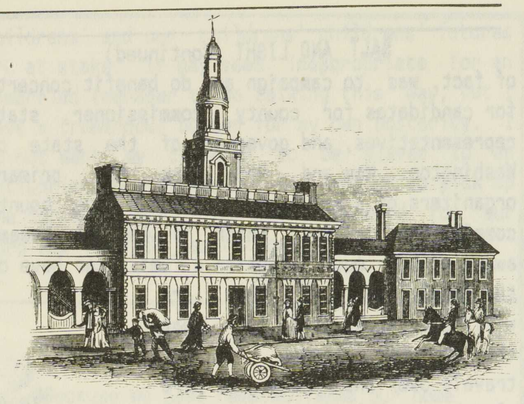
June 24 -- Spokane, WA -- Harvest Church for 2 morning services to join Dennis Peacocke for a fun time in the Lord!

June 26-30 -- Cedaredge, CO -- Family camp sponsored by "Scriptures for America."

July 3-10 -- San Antoinio, TX -- Call (512) 742-4403 for scheduling information.

July 4 -- San Antonio, TX -- July 4th celebration co-sponsored by Faith International Outreach Center and David Davidson -- (512) 742-4403.

July 27 -- Colville, WA -- Benefit concert for Republican candidates for state legislature.



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HOW TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

by Dannie Byrd

These past few weeks as we have had some time at home, I have had the privilege of being involved in the newly formed "Young Republicans" of Stevens County. It is the first time since I have lived in Washington that the club has been active.

As usual, I want to direct this article to the young people on our mailing list. I am going to try to stress how vitally important it is for our young people to become politically involved in their own communities, with an agenda totally dedicated to serving God's creation. The young people in my community who have become members of the "Young Republicans" are commited to hard work and responsibility, and we are making a difference for the candidates in whom we believe.

My family has been politically active in our home county for many years, although the last 2 years found us away from home as we traveled full time as LEGACY and then as WATCHMAN. The only time we came home during that time, as a matter

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