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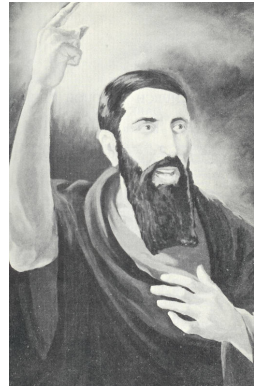
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Why Are The Shamrocks Displayed On St. Patrick's Day?

Rev. David B. Hanson

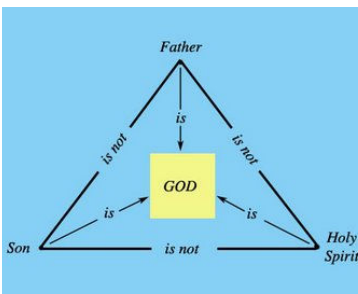


As we see many shamrocks being displayed on annual St. Patrick's Day, we have thought what the shamrocks are about. Also we have thought why we honor St. Patrick on that day annually.



In A.D. 432 Patrick, the first missionary to Ireland, went to Ireland from England. There were a few small clans of Christians. Many Irish people worshipped many pagans gods as sun, moon, wind, etc.

One of the pagan gods was The Marrigan, The Triple Goddess of ancient Ireland. It was Irish mythology. The Marrigan was the goddess of battle. It consisted three goddesses, Badb, Macha, and Nemain. Its icon was the black raven.



Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity in his sermons to represent the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—three persons in One God.

I John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Patrick preached that Jesus was sent by His Father, died on the cross, was buried for three days, and arose from the dead. Many Irish people believed in Jesus Christ. (cont on pg 3)

Agnes H Jackson



Reflections on Life of Agnes Jackson

Ms. Agnes H Jackson was born on January 4, 1937 to Maggie and Walter Robinson in Clark Florck, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents, Maggie and Walter Robinson, brother, James Johnson and sister Alice Cubit.

Agnes received her education at Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, MO.

Agnes worked at Trans World Airline as an airline caterer.

Concerning Agnes' salvation experience, she was debating with Phil Boyd on John chapter 3. After a long while, she came

to know Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in 1977. She was longing to learn so much about Jesus Christ. In 1986, she asked Pastor David Hanson about children needing Sunday School.

David allowed her to go ahead and teach Sunday School to little children. Those little children who became adults have never forgotten the Bible stories that she had been teaching in ASL with no Sunday School materials. Now some of them are serving the Lord through her example.

Three weeks before she died, she told her sister, Alpha, that she will be getting off the train and get on the plane to fly. She also told her sister to stay in the train. That was when she gave up the will to live.

Agnes left behind her memories to her four sons: Michael Jackson, Donald Jackson of Pompano Beach, FL, Major Jackson (Jan), and Mark Jackson (Lanette) of Hagerstown, MD; three daughters: Debbie Jackson, Linda Jackson, and Annette Stanley; one sister, Alpha Lewis; ten grandchildren: Antonio Jones, Charles Jackson, Felicia Jackson, Tawana Jones, Camia Jackson, Jessica Carruthers, Taron Jones, Jessica Jackson, Erma Jackson, and Cynana Jackson; 20 great-children; two nephews; one niece, a host of cousins; other relatives, and friends.

Agnes had always wanted her coffin at Deaf Liberty Baptist Church. Her coffin came that morning on March 12, 2011. The funeral processional began with the clergy and families. Rev. David Hanson officiated the funeral. Clark Corogenes and Teddy Chang read the Scriptures in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Hebrews 4:3. A prayer was opened by Rev. David Hanson.

Mark Jackson, Agnes' last child, signed "The Lord's Prayer" while the music was heard from Bill Gaither's group. Jerry Sanders then signed "Amazing Grace" which was one of Agnes' favorite songs. Rev. David Hanson read the acknowledgements and condolences. Few people shared their tributes about Agnes. Rebekah Hanson signed "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." The eulogy was given by Rev. David Hanson. He spoke about "Keep Your Mind On Jesus" which Agnes wrote the song. Charlene Hanson tried to reminiscence the way Agnes signed in that song.

Patrick was a missionary in Ireland for approximately 30 years and founded approximately 200 to 300 churches. There were approximately 100,000 to 120,000 people converting to Christ. He died on March 17th in A.D. 462. We remember his dedicated life and his fruitful works. When we see a three-leafed shamrock, it reminds us of the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Mission Conference



The mission conference was held at Deaf Liberty Baptist Church on March 25-27. Our theme was "Arise and Go" based on Acts 8: 26. Frank Laurent who is a native from Tanzania, Africa spoke to us. He graduated with a Bachelor of Art degree from Capital Baptist Deaf College.

On Friday he shared his testimony on how he became a Christian. In his message he encouraged us to be involved in the local church and community before the world mission.

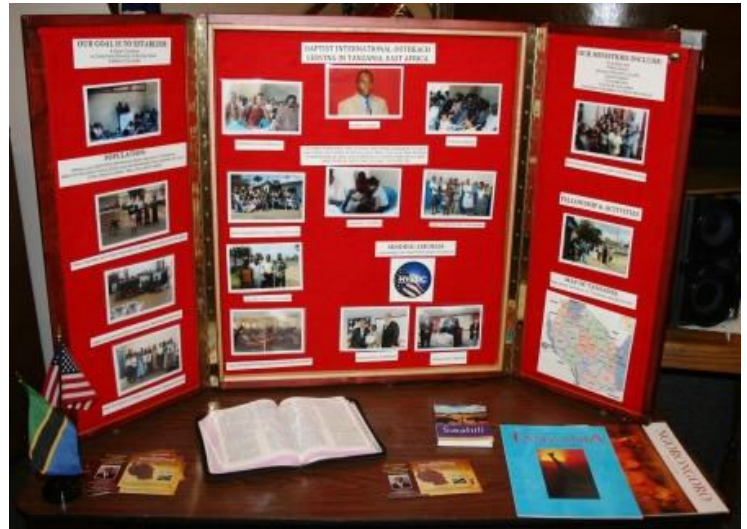
On Saturday morning a group of men gathered together at Golden Corral in Independence for breakfast and fellowship. Frank shared his devotion with us on Exodus 18:21 and 25 concerning finding able men for the ministry as well as men of truth. Afterwards, men asked questions concerning his future ministry in Tanzania. On that night our assistant pastor, Nathan Hill, shared his experiences on short-term missions in Peru and France. Afterwards, Frank shared a message on true call of God. He mentioned that we be sure that we know God calls us for the full-time ministry such as pastor and missionary and surrender to God's call. Average attendance for those two nights was 45.

On Sunday morning during the service. Frank shared the video of his works in Tanzania. Afterwards, he shared a short message on Acts 26:18. All adults and teenagers came together at the white house to hear Frank sharing the word "addicted" as seen in I Corinthians 16:15. He explained that "addicted" in this verse means to devote. The audience asked questions mainly on Frank's life in Tanzania and the culture in Tanzania. Afterwards, many gathered to Home-town Buffet" for a good dinner and fellowship with Frank.

He continues on deputation trying to make \$1,000 a month before he returns to Tanzania. As of now he has 28 %. His vision is to establish deaf church, deaf Christian school, and deaf Bible college, respectively. To know more about his works, look up



Joanne Harris and David Volk sang as duet on Friday night



Frank Laurent shared a message to the audience during the mission conference



Strawberries shortcakes were served on Friday night

Frank shared his lesson to the audience during Sunday School and answered questions concerning his life and culture in Tanzania.



Event

April 8-10

31st Antioch Conference with Bill Schutt from Chicago area

April 24

Easter Day: Sunrise service to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at approximately 6:30 am



June 4

Church picnic; we will announce the place asap

June 27-30

DBFA in Schaumburg, Ill in Chicago metro area.



August 12-14

Deaf Liberty Camp in Branson during Deaf Awareness Weekend