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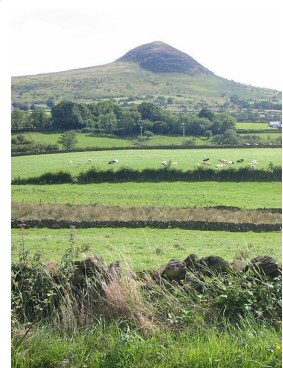
Can You Forgive Your Enemies

David Hanson



Saint Patrick's Day is observed on March 17, the date of Patrick's death. Saint Patrick was a Christian missionary in Ireland. When he was 16, he was captured in Britain by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. He worked as a herdsman of sheep. He was converted to Jesus Christ. His faith grew in captivity and he prayed daily.

Patrick had a vision: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorinus and he carried many letters and gave me one of them. I read the heading: "The Voice of the Irish". As I began the letter, I imagined at that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea and they cried out, as with one voice: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."



Patrick returned to Ireland and preached the gospel and many people were converted to Jesus Christ. He founded many churches for many years.

Luke 23:34

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."

Jesus Christ asked God His Father to forgive the Jews who hated Him and the Roman soldiers who stripped and crucified Him on the cross. Patrick followed the example of Jesus Christ—forgiving His enemies. What made Patrick to forgive his enemies? It was Jesus Christ's love.

Acts 7:59-60

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

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New Year Eve Fellowship

Jerry Sanders

The fellowship was taken place at Olathe Bible Church on December 31 on Saturday. Because it was on Saturday we celebrated until 10 pm. So everyone can go home and be refreshed to worship god on the next day. Approximately 50 people attended including some visitors. There were games to play at the arcade in the church building.

Movie was shown about a man who decided to cross the social barrier to play baseball. However, although his family was Christians, he wasn't. Through a mentor and his daughter he came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior. Because of this he reconciled to his family. Pizza supper and snacks were served. After movie Rev. Hanson shared a devotion relating to the movie. We continued to play or chat until 10 pm.

Since New Year Eve falls on Monday next year we will be able to celebrate at midnight when New Year strikes. Celebrate with us next year.



Lots of pizzas and pops

Lot of games to play at the arcade



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Enjoying their supper and chat

Some enjoyed playing basketball with friends



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Game of questionings for spouses

Sitting and enjoying their kabobs



2nd Annual Super Bowl Fellowship

Derek Harvey

For our supper we decided to have meatball subs on February at the church watching the Super Bowl. All were satisfied with the meal. Thirty people attended to this fellowship. Most of the people were not interested in watching the football game, but they enjoyed chatting and playing some games while others were watching a very good game. The score was 10-9 for New York Giants in halftime. We were excited and nervous and yet it was one of the most memorable games. New York Giants won the Super Bowl XLVI 21-17 after making a touchdown with 2:49 in the 4th quarter. New England Patriots tried to make the comeback, unfortunately it didn't work out.



Supper was served and some watched Super Bowl while others chatted or played games

Scriptures of the Month

Psalm 34:4

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. KJV

I sought Jehovah, and he answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. ASV

I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. NLT

Valentine's Banquet

David Cox

Valentine's banquet took place at Olathe Bible Church in Olathe, KS on Friday, February 10, 2012. 43 people attended the banquet. Everyone enjoyed their meals, desserts, and drinks. The "Two Guys And A Grill" cooked kabobs with a choice of chicken or steak outdoor on parking lot. After the meal, we moved to another area and saw the play of "David & Bathsheba" performed by the members of the church. After the play, we began giving out the door prizes. Also each person had to guess how many MM candies were inside candy slot machine. Kong Her got the closet number and the total number of candy was 840 in a small candy slot machine. Then Clark & Jill Corogenes took over and played a game called "Questions for Couples". They selected 15 couples and each husband and wife answered questions to match. Charlene & David Hanson, Norma & George McCarley, and Becky Olheiser & Jason Tercey won door prizes.



Drama about David and Bathsheba was performed



Kabobs for everyone. Yummy!

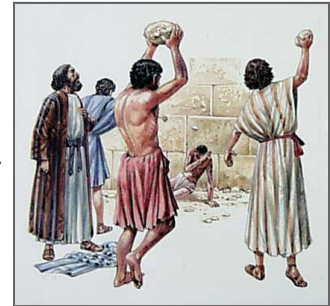
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60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Stephen was selected as one of the seven deacons and he preached to the Jews. He was stoned to death by them under the authority of Saul. He asked God to forgive Saul and the Jews just before he died. Saul later became a Christian, and his name was changed to Paul. He became one of the great missionaries.

Matthew 5:44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.



Mission Conference

Jerry Sanders

5th annual mission conference was held at Deaf Liberty Baptist Church on March 16-18. Jimmy Tsoukalas was asked to share with us the messages of the mission and his work. He was a missionary to South Africa with his family. However, in June his family will be in Zambia, Africa.

On Friday he shared the message "The Worth of a Soul" explaining the soul as a person having the value. 53 people attended that night. Afterward, there were refreshments and fellowship.

On Saturday morning some men attended a café in Independence to eat together. Jimmy shared a devotion with few men attending. That afternoon Irish dinner was served to celebrate St. Patrick's day. On that evening Jimmy's wife, Julia, sang a song in American Sign Language. Afterwards, Jimmy shared a message "The Worth of Jesus Christ" describing how much we should worship and serve Him due to who He is. 51 people attended.

On Sunday Morning Jimmy preached on "Worth of Giving" describing why we should give like an example of Macedonian churches. During the Sunday School he was able to show PowerPoint of his future work in Zambia. The people in the

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audience asked questions to understand the works in Zambia. Tsoukala's family will fly to Zambia in June to work among the deaf people there. One of Jimmy's goals is the train the leaders. After Sunday School most of us went to Westport which is the part of Kansas City, ate Indian food, and fellowshiped with others. 73 attended that day.



Tsoukalas' Family



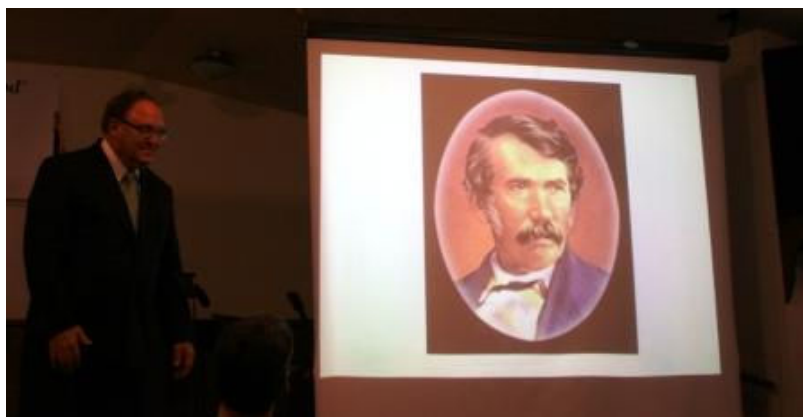
Clark Corogenes shared the works of Andrew Foster who was the "Father of Deaf Education in Africa" and missionary there



Jimmy Tsoukalas shared the messages on "Worth"



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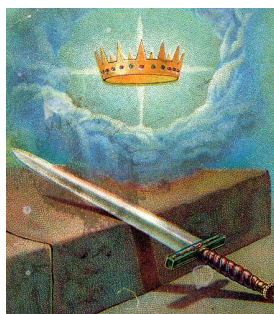
David Hanson shared the works of David Livingstone who explored Zambia and was a missionary in the heart of Africa

Irish dinner was served to celebrate St. Patrick's Day



Events

April 6	Movie Night
April 8	Sunrise Service @ 6:30 am and breakfast afterwards at church before the service
April 22-25	Deaf Senior Citizens Fellowship at San Antonio
April 27-29	32nd annual Antioch Conference with John Olson, pastor to the deaf in Jacksonville, Fla
June 1-3	Elijah Men's Retreat
June 16	Church wide Picnic
June 10-15	Camp for the teens in Missouri
June 25-29	Deaf Baptist Fellowship of America at Ringgold, Ga.
July 29- Aug 4	Harvest Deaf Camp in Tennessee



I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7