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Why Are Some People Called the Protestants?

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Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

We are wondering about the word, Protestant. When did this word, Protestant, appear for the first time? Who produced this word? Why did it appear?

A Protestant is a person who denies the universal authority of the Pope and the Catholic Church and supports the justification by faith alone, the priesthood of all believers, and the Bible as the only authority.

The Protestant Reformation was born when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. He was excommunicated on January 3, 1521 from the Catholic Church. He opposed the selling of indulgences for forgiveness of sin. The Lutheran members of the Diet made a protest on April 25, 1529 against the decision of the Diet of Speyer intending to suppress the Lutheran movement. Their action created the term "Protestantism."

Read Acts 5:12-42. The apostles preached the Gospel and healed people in Jerusalem. Many people became the Christians. The high priest and the Sadducees were filled with indignation and put the apostles into the prison. Then the angel of the Lord freed them and told them to preach in the temple. They went and preached but they were brought to the Sanhedrin (the Council in Jerusalem consisting of 71 men). The high priest asked these apostles, "Why did they continue to preach Jesus Christ when they were commanded not to do?" Peter answered him that he and other apostles rather obeyed Jesus Christ preaching concerning Him according to Acts 5:29.

Today we have Halloween trick and treat on October 31st, but we should remember about Martin Luther's and his followers' boldness for Christ's sake.



Rev. Hanson's Birthday

Relatives and friends came to Rev. Hanson's daughter's apartment where the clubhouse is located and used for Rev. Hanson's birthday party on August 11 celebrating his 60th birthday. All of his children including Tabitha's family were there celebrating with friends. Food and drinks were served as well as cake and ice cream. All of his children including his son-in-law shared their memories about their dad. Friends had opportunities likewise to share their memories and appreciation. Rev. Hanson shared his thoughts on his birthday.



Deaf Prophecy Conference

Charlene Hanson

Deaf Prophecy Conference held its 13th year on Labor Day's weekend. This Apache Creek Deaf and Youth Ranch is a 400-acre ranch located in the Apache National Forest. It is always great to be surrounded by beautiful mountains covered in pine trees. There were 30 deaf people gathering together in studying from the books of Islam.

During those times, there were four main speakers named John Ritter, David Hanson, Mike Langin, and Otto Albrecht.

David Hanson spoke from the book called "Jesus and Muhammad" by Mark A. Gabriel. The Muslim teachings taught us how they described themselves, how they responded to challenges from Jews, the hearings, and miracles they performed, guidelines for acceptable prayer, when to fight an enemy, and what they taught about women. That prepared us to understand their teachings. Other men taught from the book called "Chrislam" by Fred DeRuvo. We know from the Bible that the end times will create a falling away. How can Christians reduce Christ to be a servant of Allah by saying the two are on the same page?

Trip to Branson

Sharon Petersen

Ten members from DLBC went together to Branson on September 14-16 for Deaf Awareness Weekend at Silver Dollar City. We ate lunch at Lambert's where they threw the rolls. We stayed at Branson Inn for two nights. We went to watch "Joseph" with two other members from our church. It was interesting and good. On Saturday we went to Silver Dollar City from 10-3:15, but it rained all day. We enjoyed and no one complained. That night we watched Shanghai Circus with all the acrobats with different skills. On Sunday ten of us went to Hillcrest Baptist Church in Springfield for worship service. Then we ate at Famous Dave's at lunch eating delicious B-B-Q before heading home.

Jason and Becky's Wedding Reception

The ladies from Deaf Liberty Baptist Church hosted the wedding reception on August 18 for Jason and Becky who married recently in Oregon, Becky's home state . Jason and Becky shared how they met before they were married. Food and drinks were served. They received many gifts showing they were cared for. We are happy to have a couple in our church. Jason continues to work at Kansas City Police in KCMO while Becky studies at UMKC. Both serve as youth leaders at DLBC. Welcome aboard!



Jason and Becky shared how they met



Becky and Jason received a gift of the family Bible to cherish in their home



Jason and Becky with his brother, Jeremy and mom

Dundore's Moving

Few men from Deaf Liberty Baptist Church were able to help the Dundores loading the trailer and truck with friends and relatives from Denver for they moved to Denver. Mary and James came back to Olathe for we wanted to provide a brief party on July 30 for them saying goodbye to them. We will miss them. Currently they live in Monett, Mo.



Speakers

We had several speakers in September and August. Adam Wells and his wife share their report and he preached a message on September 26. Adam and his wife graduated from Sword Deaf Bible College headed by Fred Adams.

Philip Goldberg stopped in Kansas City and shared a message to encourage us to share God's Word with unsaved friends on September 23. Phillip is born again Jew and resides in San Antonio. Some of the members knew him from Gallaudet University for he was there aiding Rev. Bruffey during 70's. During Sunday School session he shared his testimony about his life and how he became a Christian and answered questions from the audience concerning his life or Jewish doctrines or traditions.

Rev. Jim Sloan and his wife, Joyce, came to our church to share the report about his works with the Deaf on September 30. We were happy to have Maria Prodberski over to sing to us. She sang three uplifting songs during the service. During Sunday School session Rev. Sloan taught how to handle anger.

It was good to see all of them, especially Goldberg for some of us for it had been a while before we saw him again.



Phillip Goldberg shared God's Word



Maria Prodberski expressed in songs



Rev. Jim Sloan taught the audience in Sunday School on how Christians should handle anger

New Members

David Vctor, Ellen Bradford , and Donte Darrington desired to join Deaf Liberty Baptist Church. They shared their salvation testimonies. They desire to belong and worship God as well as learning God's Word and serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome aboard!



David Vctor



Donte Darrington



Ellen Bradford

Mary & Martha's Deaf Retreat

Leslie Sanders

On October 19, fifteen ladies gathered to make a trip to Branson where they spent a couple nights. The theme of the Mary & Martha's Deaf Retreat was "The Pursuit of Joy". Three speakers based on the Scripture of Psalm 92:4, "For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy."

Friday evening started with comedy moments performed by "Looney Lucy Kick". Then, Charlene Hanson spoke on the story of Abigail from 1 Samuel 25. Her name means "source of joy" or "father's joy".

On Saturday morning, Sandra Chang spoke on the subject of JOY, using the Biblical characters from the book of Esther. After Sandra's lesson, a Bible character, Dorcas (Tabitha) gave the narration of her life story, she had joy serving others.

After that morning break, Leslie Ann Sanders gave a lesson on "...This Is My Story..." about Fanny J. Crosby, excerpt from the song "Blessed Assurance" for she experienced joy in her life.

The ladies also had fun at Silver Dollar City.



Leslie Sanders portrayed as Tabitha giving a narrative of her life

