

Attention!

**Upcoming Gospel Meeting:
October 23-26...Danny Linden
Reminder: Hand out meeting flyers**

“We’re a Little Old-Fashioned”

Excerpt from article by Bill Brandstatter, “Bulletin Gold”

AN OLD-FASHIONED RIGHTEOUSNESS. In an age when people without moral anchors are crying, “What’s in it for me?” or “I’ve got to look out for myself”; we need emphasis on the righteousness which God reveals. Our purpose in life is clearly stated in Ecclesiastes 12:13. There Solomon wrote, “*Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.*” Why do right? Because that is my purpose in life. Instead of expecting something back for doing right, we ought to do right because it is right.

September Birthdays

11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales 16 Jim Burruss
30 Dortha Gentry 30 Kurt Hoffman

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Now Safe Am I

By David A. Sargent

Four children, ages 4-11 and related to one another, were playing on a frozen pond on a Sunday, last January, in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, when suddenly three of them fell through the ice.

Thankfully, a 23-year-old neighbor, Dusti Talavera, saw it happen from her window. She sprang into action. “Before I even realized it, I was out there in the middle of the pond pulling two kids out,” she later said during a press conference. “And that’s when I fell in.”

Talavera was able to pull a 4-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy out of the icy pond, but having fallen into the pond herself, she struggled to get a 6-year-old girl out of the water. About that time, the little girl’s 16-year-old male cousin threw a rope to them and was able to pull Talavera and the little girl to safety.

At one point the little 6-year-old girl was unconscious and had no pulse, but Arapahoe County sheriff’s deputies and South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) officials performed CPR on her and rushed her to the hospital. She is now in good health and reunited with her family.

When discussing the details of the rescue with sheriff’s deputies, Talavares told them she “wasn’t concerned for her safety because they were babies and they needed help.”

When we were drowning in sin, God saw our need and sent His Son to rescue us. In order to save us from sin, Jesus had to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption (Ephesians 1:7).

James Rowe described what the Savior did for him and for us in the words of a beloved song, **Love Lifted Me**:

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

Love lifted me!

Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me!

Rowe wrote this song in the early 1900s, but his lyrics remind us that the Savior's offer of salvation is still available:

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.*

God will lift from the angry waves of sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Struggling soul, look to Jesus and accept His offer of salvation on His terms. Then joyously join in singing the refrain, "Love lifted me... now safe am I!"

Newton's Model

By Kyle Butt
"Design Demands a Designer"
The Apologetics Press)

The story is told that he had an atheistic friend who did not believe in God. Sir Isaac devised a plan to try to convince his friend that God did exist and had created the Universe. One day, he went to a carpentry shop and asked the owner to make a model of our solar system. This model was to be to scale, intricately painted, and designed to resemble, as closely as possible, the actual solar system.

Several weeks later, Sir Isaac picked up the model, paid for it, and placed it in the center of a table in his house. Sometime later, his atheist friend came over for a visit. When the friend arrived at Dr. Newton's house, the model of the solar system caught his eye, and he asked Sir Isaac if he could inspect the model more closely. Of course, that was fine with Sir Isaac.

As the atheist inspected the model, he stood in awe of the fine craftsmanship and beauty of the various pieces. After some time, the atheistic friend asked Dr. Newton, who had crafted this wonderful model of the solar system. Sir Isaac promptly replied that no one had made the model; it just appeared on his table by accident. Confused, the friend repeated the question, and yet Newton stubbornly clung to his answer that the model had just appeared, as it were, "out of thin air." Finally, the friend became upset, and it was at that point that Sir Isaac explained the purpose of his answer.

If he could not convince his friend that this crude replica of the solar system had 'just happened by accident,' how could the friend believe that the real solar system, with all its complexity and design, could have appeared just by time and chance?
