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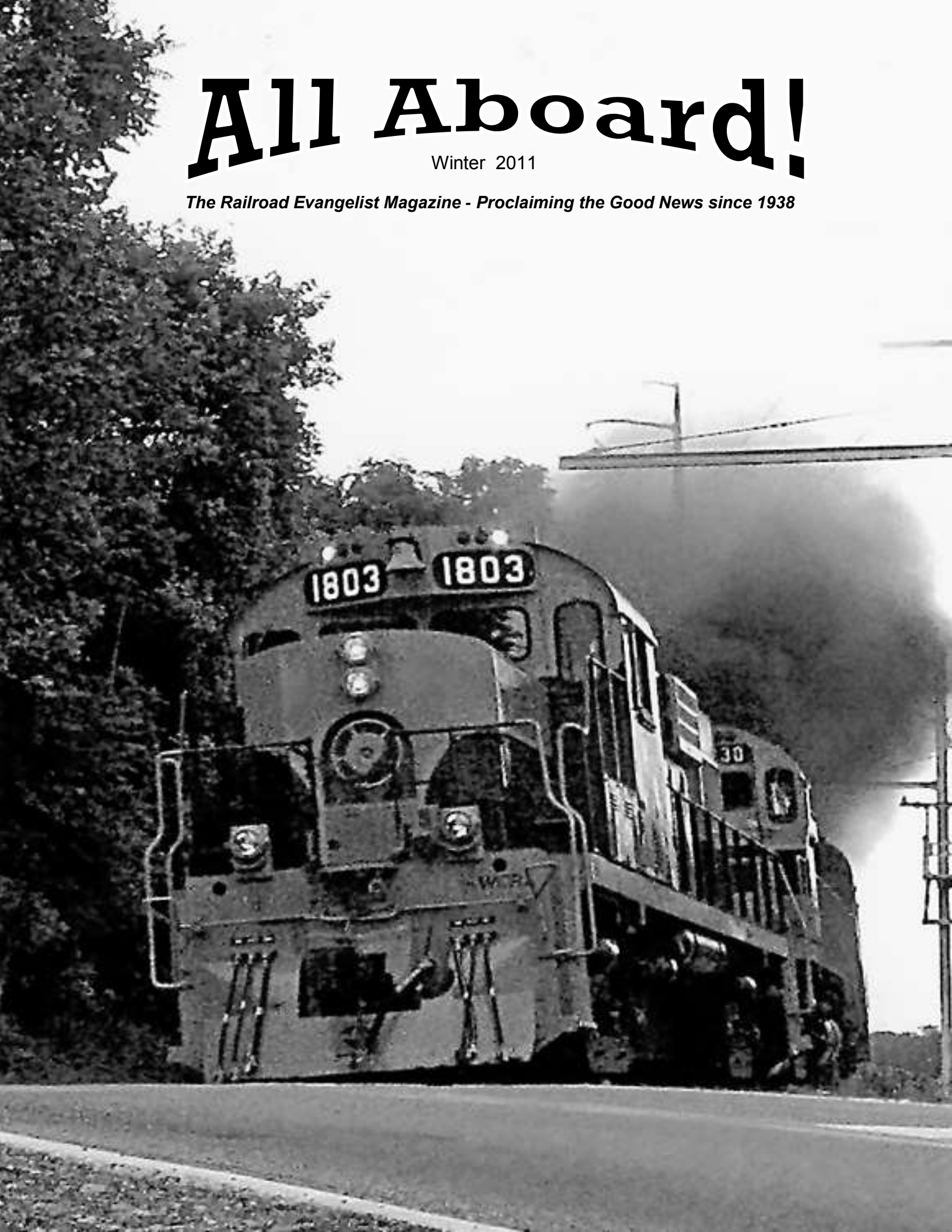

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1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
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Psalm 96:2

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MainLine

The Effect of the Birth of Christ

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:6)

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel". (Isaiah 7:14)

Modernism may deny the virgin birth, scientific knowledge may not be able to explain it, spiritual ignorance may state that it is not possible, but regarding Scripture, it is basic and vital. The whole New Testament doctrine is based on the virgin birth. If Jesus was not virgin born, He would not have been sinless. He would have been incapable of being our Savior, and would have, indeed, needed a savior Himself. The entire plan of salvation would have been of no effect. He needed to be born remaining untainted by sin.

Incarnation (God becoming flesh) was essential to the plan of salvation. According to Isaiah 9:6, Jesus was totally, fully, completely, the almighty God. God had become flesh. This fact is basic Christian doctrine.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". (John 1:1)
***"**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth".* (John 1:14)

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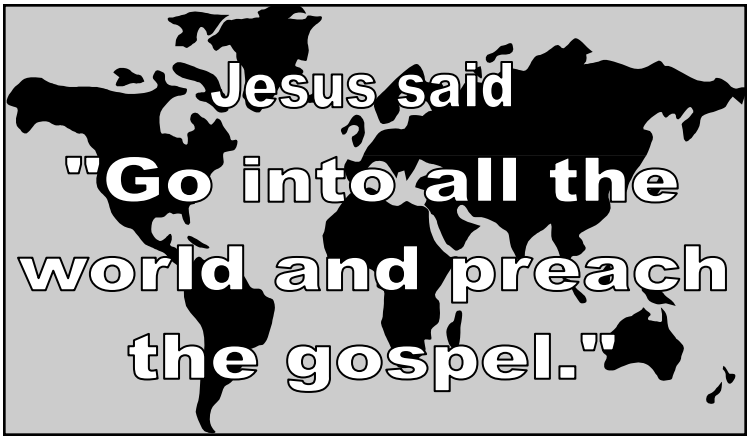

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We pray and trust God will abundantly bless you for your sacrificial giving as He ***"is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work."***

2 Corinthians 9:8

"A LITTLE IS A LOT WHEN GOD IS IN IT"
Luke 9:12-17

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Rev. Paul Campbell

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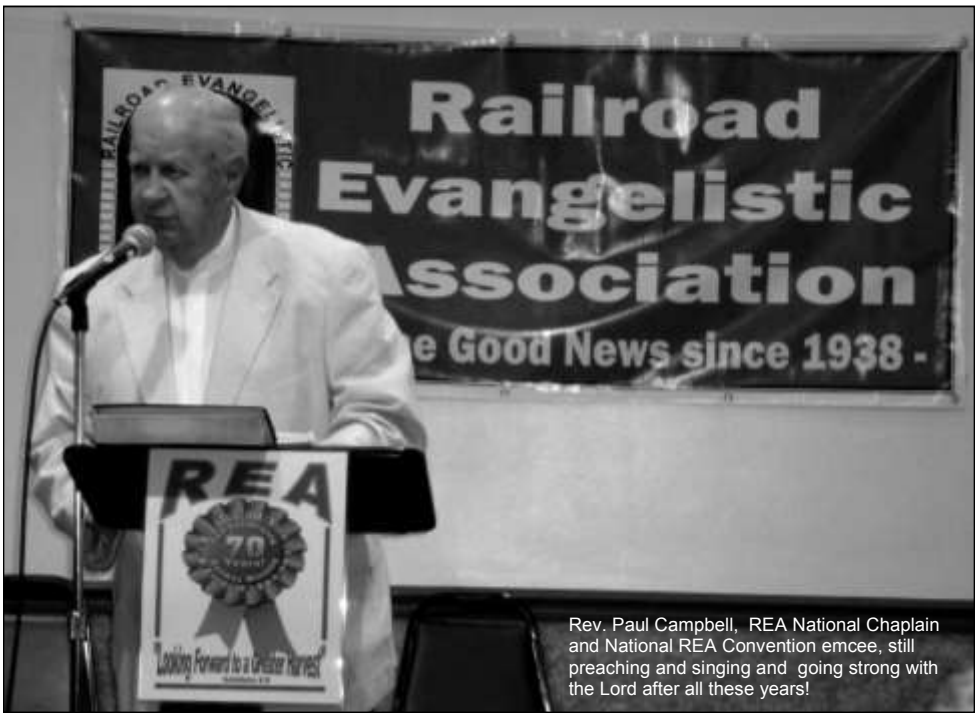
"This was going to be my last night on earth, if...



Rev. Paul Campbell, REA National Chaplain and National REA Convention emcee, still preaching and singing and going strong with the Lord after all these years!

One night back in 1966, Paul came home very intoxicated and he felt like it was going to be his last night on earth, that he was going to die that night if he didn't get his heart right with God. The impression of Paul's last night on this earth was so strong, he repented of his sins and cried out to God to have mercy on him. God heard and answered his prayer for salvation.

Paul began his railroad career in 1959 as a brakeman for the Southern Railroad out of Alexandria, Virginia. Paul worked for the Southern Railroad until 1979 when he and his company had a mutual disagreement. They wanted Paul to work on Sundays but at the time Paul was pastoring a small church and had to make a decision. Paul decided to follow Gods leading in his life, a decision he doesn't regret.

As Paul has said, God has always met their need with a roof over their heads and food on the table. Paul shred this story of Gods goodness when they were experiencing a case of "low cash flow" when one night as he was driving home through and area of some high-rise buildings, something caught his attending floating down in the air. He stopped his car a there he picked up a $20.00 and a $1.00 bill that landed on the ground next to the road. Paul picked them up, thank the Lord and filled up his car with gas and bought some bread and milk for the family!

Paul first learned of the REA one evening when he came in from a run into the Potomac yards at Alexandria and he saw a magazine it a rack on the wall of the locker room, it was the first time he laid he eyes on "The Railroad Evangelist" magazine, that was in 1966. Paul soon contacted the current president at that time, Thomas Rudderford who invited Paul to come to his first REA convention. There he met people like Rocky Argusti, Herman Rose, Bud Harkey along with many more. The REA chaplain at the convention was a man by the name of Smith Dewlen, who told Paul that he believed God sent him there to take his place one day as National Chaplain of REA. That was back in 1966 or 67. That was a "prophetic word" as that is exactly what happened. Not only did Paul eventually become the National Chaplain of REA, the office he still holds today but has also served as National President of REA at least three different times through the years. Paul also serves as Emcee and song leader at our REA convention and he has never missed an REA convention sine 1966!

Paul has seen REA survive year after year, even during difficult times. Some have said over the years, it is time to shut REA down, it won't last, no one is interested and we don't have any money. But there has always been a voice that would cry out, "one more year!". After all these years, by the grace if God, REA is still hear, and Lord willing will continue until Jesus comes!

At 70 plus years, Rev. Paul Campbell is still on track, "Railroad with Jesus" after all these years. He pastors, Abundant Life Church of God at 39041 E. Colonial Hwy in Hamilton, VA. Not far from a the Dulles airport outside of Washington DC., if you are ever in the area, stop by for a visit, they meet at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoons.

REA thanks God for the faithful men and women who have serves the Lord through REA over the years and still today. We may be a "small" missionary agent of the Church but we know, what we do through REA is important to God, and it is for this reason we will continue proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community worldwide until He returns.

Rev. Paul Campbell being presented, by former REA president Ann Grissom, with a "50 Years of Railroading with Jesus" plaque in appreciation for Paul's many years of faithful service.

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2011 REA Convention Highlights

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Gil A. Stricklin, Chairmen and CEO of Marketplace Ministries that includes, Railway Chaplains opened our 70th Annual REA Convention on Monday evening. With humor and inspiration Gil informed us of this very important ministries that comes along side in time of need to help family who have suffered tragic loss or injury relating to railroad incidents. For more information about Marketplace Ministries see their web page: www.marketplaceministires.com

We were blessed to have Pastor Alan Harkey with us. Alan is the grandson of our founder, L.S. Harkey. To the right Alan is wearing a tattered jacket the his grandfather wore as an engineer, a priceless piece of REA memorabilia that is very dear to Alan's heart.

To the left is the REA praise and worship team. Left to right is Lillian Edwardson, Allan Carpenter, Rev. Robert Glass and Rosalind Ragonese on the piano.

To the right is the Ladies Night Q&A roundtable. Left to right is Ann Grisson, moderator, Dorothy Spooner, Geneva Campbell, Marlene Simpson and Susan Deane.

Left are REA members and friends singing a rousing hymn before the evening mes-

Model Railroader

This page is dedicated to **The Model Railroader** who wishes to share their skills with the membership. Send your photos and story along with personal information to the Contributing Editor's address on page 2. Material will be returned upon request.

Railroading with the Gospel at a Pastor's Open House

Trains have been part of Pastor Louis Showers' life almost from the beginning. The Erie Railroad and its' trains ran past his childhood home in New York. He used to love to listen to them as they passed through at night - the sound of the wheels on the tracks and the slight vibration one often felt living so close to the rails. On the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, Louis' first grade class took a 15-mile trip from Kennedy to Jamestown, NY, to experience passenger travel before it totally died out. In third grade his father took a Church further East in New York, and the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad was still present. It was a frustration to his parents at times to have to wait for the trains to pass, but Louis enjoyed every passing (pun intended) minute of them.

Pastor Louis Showers, Grace Baptist Church

Louis' interest in trains was in his genes as his great grandfather, the first "Louis Showers", worked as a fireman and an engineer on the steam locomotives for the old BR&P. His father would go down to the tracks in the afternoon and wait for his grandfather to come up the line. He would blow the whistle as he passed by. His grandfather's RR watch was given to his father, who recently passed it into Louis' happy possession.

One of the first toys Louis remembers receiving at Christmas was a toy train that you pushed along the floor. His favorite toy during Kindergarten recess was a wooden train set. That same year he received an HO train set for Christmas, however it was too fragile for such young hands. Louis was given a used Marx O Gauge Train, and then graduated to Lionel the Christmas he was in 6th Grade. From 7th Grade on he had a subscription to a model train magazine and regularly checked out model railroad books from the Library dreaming of the day when he would have the room and the money to build his dream layout.

Trains were put on hold until college and seminary were completed. While waiting upon the Lord to lead him to his first Church, Louis decided to change to HO Scale model trains. Tiring of the "toy-ish" look of the O Gauge trains and with a limited budget, Louis could buy much more in HO. In his first three pastorates he had basements of various sizes in which to put up layouts, but never much in the line of scenery. These were times of learning how to improve cars, lay and ballast track, and build realistic buildings. Louis' last church gave him a basement room so small that he converted for a time to N scale. However, he held on to building his dream HO layout.

Many months before moving to Indiana, God suddenly impressed upon Louis, "wouldn't you like a nice sized basement to put up your trains?" This was not something that was rooted solely in a personal desire, but he sensed that it was going to be part of God's future program for his life. He had no clue as to when and how God was going to do this until He was called to pastor in Southwest Indiana. This involved the first-time purchase of a home, and Pastor & Mrs. Showers decided they had to have a basement. Yes, it would be a great place for a train layout, but most importantly, it is the best place to go in the event of a tornado. They were almost to the point of giving up looking when the realtor suggested one additional house. Louis had serious questions about its' size, but as they entered the house they discovered a large add-on living room. The basement under this living room was the room that God had told Louis about a year and a half earlier. With some work it would be the perfect room for that "dream" layout! The rest of the house would meet their needs and the price was right. Though it took two years to convert the basement into a hobby room, Louis now has a HO layout that measures 18' long and 12' wide, with a double main line, and one secondary line making up about 200' of track. Not surprisingly, the railroad he models is the Erie Lackawanna in the time period between1960-1976.

Let us probe into the story within the story. Louis Showers was born in Jamestown, NY, the first child of a Baptist pastor. The gospel was regularly shared with Louis, but it was not until the age of 7 that he finally prayed the sinner's prayer. Though his salvation took place at 7, his call to fulltime ministry began at the age of 4 through the influence of a visiting missionary. It was something he never seriously questioned. Upon graduation from high school, Louis headed to a Bible College. In 1971, his father took his third church in the city of Goshen, IN, and a year later Louis enrolled at Grace College in Winona Lake, IN. He graduated in 1976 with a double major in Biblical Languages and Bible; graduating with a M. Div. degree in 1980 from Grace Theological Seminary. In 1978 he married Wanita and God has blessed them with two children, Jason and Meredith. After serving Churches in Iowa, New Hampshire, and New Jersey, Louis has ministered at Grace Baptist Church of Washington, IN since February 2003. His passion is the study and teaching of the Word of God, as well the work of building strong, healthy churches and believers. In the last few years God has expanded his ministry, allowing him to teach for the Institute of Jewish Studies Internet Bible Institute. God has also given him the ability to write concerning the Scriptures with a large number of articles and letters published in local newspapers. God has expanded on this through an interactive Church web site www.gbcwashingtonin.com which continues to grow monthly with local and international visitors.

Photos courtesy of the Washington Times Herald

The fall of 2010 brought on an urge that Louis needed to find better ways to connect with the community. Sometimes pastors are so involved with the care of their God-given congregation that they can be isolated from those in the community where they minister. He wanted to reach the community on a new and more personal level. Louis had been of the conviction that all that we are and possess has the potential to be used of God to reach others, and that includes our hobbies and interests. March 2011 - he considered opening his model trains to the public during the annual Rail Fest. The Rail Fest was started about 4 years ago by the Daviess County Historical Society and is designed to draw attention to the town's railroad roots. It usually involves rides for the kids and club layouts in community buildings. Louis saw this as a great way to get some positive publicity for the Church and to provide opportunities to personally meet people by handing out gospel literature. As he started on this path, little did Louis realize what God was going to accomplish.

He started his quest by contacting his local paper and suggesting a story on his layout to help advertise the Rail Fest. To his email, Louis attached several color pictures of his layout. Within 15 minutes the editor responded to his suggestion with, "that's a great idea!" The next step was to get in touch with those in charge of the activities. They warmly welcomed him, and were excited that someone locally would be willing to get involved. In the meantime, Louis purchased some gospel tracts, printed some literature, along with special church business cards, and then went to work getting his trains ready. He did not want any derailments with the visitors present. (continued on page 13)

Model Railroading is know as
"The Greatest Hobby in the World"

What a wonderful way to connect with the community. God has provided Louis with many opportunities to share the gospel. The first day he went to the historical museum to meet with the planners, he discovered that the man at the door was a disabled rabbi who had lived in his hometown. Louis found him open to the Gospel, and interested in what he had been doing in teaching at the Institute of Jewish Studies. The rabbi asked him to supply him copies of some of the materials he had written for the Institute. The head of the Museum along with three other men were there a week later when he stopped to drop off the requested material. Just as Louis walked through the door God opened the skies and sent a heavy downpour. They suggested he wait until it stopped, so he started talking about the Bible, the Gospel, and other biblical things. Not one of them knew the Lord, and when Louis came to a point of needing a Bible, God already had 3 Gideon Bibles lying on a table behind him. Louis has gotten to know the head of the Historical Society well enough that, though he is a Catholic, he has been willing to read a couple of spiritual books. Louis is looking for more opportunities to witness to him.

One week before the open house, the local newspaper did an article on Louis Showers' layout that filled half of the front page in color and a quarter of the second page with a black and white photo. The paper also had a third picture that they used along with the article on their web site. This immediately started a lot of stir in the community as the paper shared he was the pastor of Grace Baptist Church. People in the church found themselves talking with their friends and family about it. The number of visitors per day to the church web site jumped by 20, and that number has held, if not increased ever since. This means that many from their community were coming to the web site to get a better look at who they were, to listen to the messages available, and to read the Bible Answer pages. During the two days of the open house, Louis met many people and passed out gospel literature to everyone as they left. Even the Mayor of Washington, Indiana, stopped by and stayed awhile. That gave Louis a personal opportunity to talk with him about the right **track** to heaven.

May 7, 2011

Model trains carry pastor away

Since the open house, several have called about coming and visiting the layout at other times. Louis looks forward to these opportunities. One lady said that several of her co-workers came to see the trains and were surprised at the pleasant, entertaining, and…youthfulness of her pastor. This opened the door for her to talk with them about her church, and she gave them an invitation to attend. The gentleman who is in charge of the museum has requested that Louis meet with him, the mayor, and another man about starting up a hobby shop in their town. It might even involve building a layout in the Historical Museum. Though this does not fit the strict qualifications of a "pastor", Louis is convinced it is a proper door God is opening to further impact his community with the Gospel. "**RAILROADING WITH THE GOSPEL"** is more than a statement – it is our mandate to use our hobby, passion, and testimony to share salvation in Christ to a needy world!

My Damascus Road Experience

By Esther Peterson
Former Editor of the Railroad Evangelist magazine
and BN Railway Agent-Telegrapher (retired)
Gildford, Montana

"I had to be carried off the job as a Burlington Northern Railroad Agent-Telegrapher"

Esther is getting ready to board AMTRAK's Superliner to head for home after her layover for a few hours in Portland, Oregon. She had been visiting relatives in the Seattle area.

Before becoming a Christian I was NOT a Bible reader, nor did I believe in Jesus Christ. I KNEW there was a God, but I did not allow for Him or religion in my life. For many years, I went my own way, doing my "own thing". Life was good to me at times, but -1 made my own share of mistakes, and had many grief's come my way. Life held no real meaning or purpose for me. Once I even tried to commit suicide, rather than face life and its' problems. Then - Jesus entered the picture, and life took on new meaning, new purpose. I like to compare my conversion, my new birth, to that of the Apostle Paul (read Acts 9:3-9, 18; Acts 26: 12-18). Saul was no longer spiritually blind! He had met the Lord on the road to Damascus, and his life was never the same from that time on.

I, too, once journeyed on My Own Damascus Road! For many years, I, like Saul, had persecuted the Lord, simply by rejecting Him, and living a life of sin! He had to "strike me down", bring me to my knees, before I, too, could look up and see that Great Light, Jesus Christ! I was "struck down" in October 1972, suffering from my 3rd breakdown, (And this time the doctors labeled it "mental breakdown"). I had to be carried off my job as a BN Agent-Telegrapher. My speech by this time was very bad (stuttered and stammered, as tho drunk); and my coordination was way off (my legs were black and blue, from running into furniture that I tried so desperately to avoid). I was but a shell of a woman I had once been. That was before legalized drugs and booze had taken their toll on me. I was desperately ill - physically and mentally. I spent 26 days in the hospital, undergoing many medical tests. They found very little physically wrong with me, and I was then placed under a psychiatrist's care. All this, tho, was of little help, and my problems were still there.

Then, as with Saul, some of "those around me", some Christian women in Gildford, saw my spiritual blindness, the need of Jesus in my life, and they began to pray for me, to nurture me in the Word of God, and literally "took me by the hand" and led me to Jesus. And, "something like scales fell from my eyes", and I beheld Jesus. I met Him on my own Damascus Road, face to face! And - my life has not been the same since then!

As I knelt and asked Jesus to come into my heart and life that February 7th, 1973, and asked His forgiveness, He Lifted the burden of sin from me (which was the cause of all my mental and health problems}, and He touched me and made me whole! Physically, mentally, spiritually! body, soul, and spirit! He took away my addiction to drugs and booze, and cleaned up my mouth. I became a new creation, reborn, a child of God! I went "from darkness into the light, ! turned from the power of Satan to God"!

My friend, God "… saves us and calls us with a Holy calling, not in virtues of our own works, but in virtue of His own purpose and Grace . . . thru Jesus Christ." We, in turn, are to preach the Word . . . be unfailing in patience and in teaching. We are to do the work of an evangelist (2 Timothy).

Let's remember that, as we daily go to our jobs, watching for others traveling the Damascus Road. Let's be ready to witness, and help them to "See the Light", as we share Christ with them.

> My wife treats me like a god, she feeds me burnt offerings.

> When you mind goes blank, don't forget to turn of the sound.

> A monk took a vow of silence. He could only speak two words every 10 years. After the first ten years, he came to the chief monk and said, "bed hard". Ten years later he came and said to the chief monk, "food bad". Ten years later he came and said to the chief monk, "I quit". The chief monk said, "that doesn't surprise me, all you have done since you have been here is complain"!

> A man went into a bar and ordered a drink. After he was served the bartender pulled out a bowl of nuts and placed them on the counter. The nuts began speaking to the customer saying things like, "You are looking very handsome this evening...that sure is a nice suit you are wearing...you sure have your hair combed nice and things like that. The man said to the bartender, "hey, these nuts are talking to me". The bartender said, "well yes, their complimentary".

> I looked up my family tree and found out I was the sap.

> Be yourself. Everyone else is taken.

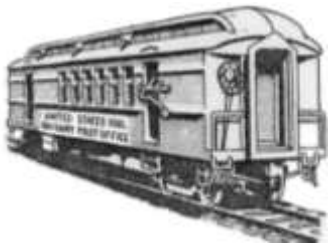
> Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.

> Go ahead and eat what you want. It takes off the bad years at the end.

>Did you hear about the man who fell into a buzz saw and cut off his entire right side. All they could find what was left.

> Another guy cut off his entire left side but he's alright.

"A cheerful heart does good like a medicine"
Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible



LETTERS

From our REA

MAIL BAG

PO Box 5026 Vancouver, WA 98668 E-mail: rrjoe@comcast.net

Dear REA
I am a retired BNSF Locomotive Machinist, (30 years, retired Sept 2005). I worked in the Argentine Shops in Kansas City Ks as the Lead Machinist/Planner for the last 10 years prior to retirement. I was a long term member of the REA at that time. Recently I started volunteering for the Midway Railway Historical Association in Baldwin Ks. Which maintains a tourist and educational Railway between Baldwin and Ottawa Ks. As a committed Christian this has brought back many fond memories of the REA as well. I am sending you a check to reestablish my REA Membership. I hope in time to also establish a "Fellowship" among Railroad Retiree's who are active at the Midland Railway Historical Association.
In Christ,
Richard J. Keeney
Olathe, Kansas

Dear friends,
I wanted to write and say "thank you" for the gift subscription to "All Aboard!" I am a former crew van driver for Union Pacific Railroad. I am a life-long rail fan as well. For a brief time I helped restore to operation an Atlantic Coast Line E9 as well as a Pacific passenger car. I believe the Iron Horses will be in my life until I die.
Looking forward in hearing from you soon.
Jay Glenewwinkel
San Antonio, TX

Dear REA,
Just a note to let you know that I am still in the race as I turned 90 this past year, I have to use a cane to help stable myself. Marion and Lois is with us here at Camp Point and we pray for REA, for Ann, Paul and our dear friends from Syracuse, New York. We would love to come to REA but the kids won't let me drive anymore. We have so many fond memories of our many friends in REA. May God continue to bless REA.
Love to all,
Bill Mosley & sisters
Pennsville, NJ

Dear REA friends,
Great to see everyone at the REA convention what a wonderful Spirit filled time! When our train arrived in Philadelphia we had the same "Red Cap" to who we gave an "All Aboard!" to. He gave it to a friend of his who said he really enjoyed the REA magazine.
Looking forward to the next REA convention already!
Love,
Carol & Mary Clifton
Millville, NJ

Dear REA,
I am so glad you had a good REA convention. Jake, (Dorothy's late husband who was also an REA president) use to enjoy the REA convention with all the singing, preaching and fellowship was excellent. The last "All Aboard!" magazine is the greatest. It is so colorful and attractive and the contents were such a blessing. My sister Era celebrated her 100th birthday and I was also able to attend at the community center ands the place was filled to capacity!
In Christ,
Dorothy Steffen,
Minot, ND.

God is blessing us. I have been able to make several more REA presentations - 3 this past Sunday in a neighboring town. I have several more scheduled for November. This leads to a problem - handouts are a necessity to attract and hold attention. However, my supplies are very limited at this point. I could use some more labels, a supply of Laugh Tracks, and any other material you can spare. If you have some surplus copies of past issues of ALL ABOARD, I could use them in my display rack. Maybe I give them out too freely, but it is a sure way to get the Gospel into waiting hands and hearts. Please send me whatever you can reasonably spare. Thanks so much, in advance.
Railroading with the gospel
Rev. Stephen Seidler
Owatanna, MN

Dear Rev. Campbell
Enclosed is a gift for REA. I particularly enjoyed the last issue which had a picture on page 10 of the Jersey Central RR Station in Jim Thorpe, PA, the town in which I was born. It was from that station that I and many young men departed by train for military service. It was also from that station that I traveled to my first job on the railroad as a laborer to dig ditches for cable.
Sincerely,
J.F. McGinley Sr.
Lovettsville, VA

Dear brothers and sisters of REA

The REA calendar is standing on my desk since the beginning of this year and reminds me of the 70 year anniversary of the REA. Anniversaries always are days of memorials and help not to forget how much good the Lord has done to us. Seventy years ago God filled hearts of believers with the vision and the courage to found the Railroad Evangelist Association. The annual REA-meeting for all members and the magazine "All Aboard" still are living witnesses about this founders spirit nowadays – not only to America but to the whole world.
According to the word in Exodus 13:8 I send my greetings:

"We celebrate this day in remembrance of what the Lord has done to us!"

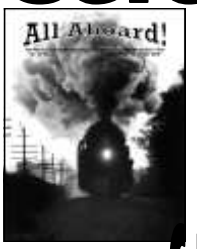
If God wants, I plan to visit you during an annual meeting in USA one day. In the name of the umbrella organization "International Railway Mission" (IRM) I send my best regards and wish wisdom of God, strength and spiritual inspiration to you for the coming 70 years. May many more people within the world of railways be blessed through you and may they experience Gods changing and healing power!
Yours
Ueli Berger, president
International Railway Missions
www.railway-mission.eu
(Switzerland)

English Railroading boatman shares his story

Peter Brookes, on his 7 ' wide and 47 ' long boat as he travels the canals of England.

\Peter Brookes, Secretary to the British Transport Christian Fellowship and retired railwayman, has traveled the English canals since 2006, living on board his "narrowboat". A boat of the Narrowboat class is 47 feet long but only 7 feet wide, allowing it to fit in the narrow locks of the English canals. The canals, built more than 200 years ago to carry freight, are now used primarily by leisure boats. In the very compact space inside the boat are a main day cabin, galley (kitchen), bathroom and bedroom. In the main cabin Peter has an HO gauge model railway, normally put away in a specially built cabinet on top of some bookshelves. When opened up the cabinet reveals a typical English branch line terminus Peter calls Burford Bridge, named after a small town in the Cotswold Hills area of England. The line, equipped with sidings for cars, runs through a tunnel under the television shelf and onto a fold-away section fitted across the steps leading down from the back deck. To date only the tracks have been laid to allow the trains to run, but Peter plans to complete all the scenic details during the next few winter months while living on his boat docked at a marina near Derby. The very compact layout includes a country station complete with goods yard and a small locomotive shed, and shows how a model railway can be built in even the very limited space available on a canal boat. In April of 2011, Peter, along with some members of the local group The Boaters Christian Fellowship, visited a home having a 7" gauge miniature passenger line complete with steam and battery powered locomotives running through the home's yard. Peter moored his boat next to the house, on the canal near Derby, so that visitors could go for a ride on the garden train and also see his "model railway on a boat". He was thrilled to be allowed to drive the miniature steam locomotive, hauling cars full of visitors around the yard at 10 miles per hour. Back on the boat, his bookshelves are crammed with books, videos and DVD's about trains, trams (streetcars), buses and of course canals and boats. During his travels around the country he regularly visits many of the scenic railways of England. Peter says "I was born in the railway town of Derby, spent my childhood near a major railway freight shunting yard, and in my adult life worked for British Rail for 36 years. I have built several model railways, and in the 1960's I helped build and run a narrow gauge line in a local park. Railways are in my blood. In retirement I enjoy trains, traveling the canals, and telling the many people I meet about the love of Jesus."

Celebrating



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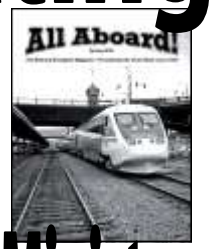

years of Railway Ministry

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September 10-14, 2012

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If at all possible please have your convention expense paid in full two weeks prior to the convention. Thank you!
REGISTRATION to receive name tag and room key is on Monday Sept 10th from 2-5 PM. Dinner at 5:00 PM.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Located on the conference grounds: golf, tennis, basketball, hiking, volleyball, playground equipment plus a whole lot of peace and quiet and wonderful Christian fellowship.

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>Gettysburg - About a 30 minute drive.
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>Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
>The heart of the Amish in Lancaster - A little over an hour.
>National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg - About 30 minutes.
>Washington D.C. - About 2 1/2 hour drive.
>Valley Forge / Philadelphia - About 3 hours

-PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE! -

Jesus said...

"I AM the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

"I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

"I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

"I AM the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved…" John 10:9

"I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11

"I AM the true vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?." John 11:25,26

Think about this for a moment; either Jesus was a complete fool or He was in total deception, believing a lie, telling people He was the only way to God. Or, He was who He said He was.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 2:16,18

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My words and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." John 5:24

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17

The Bible says:
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to clean us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him form the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." I John 5:11,12

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Please consider the words of Jesus carefully as your ultimate conclusion and decision will have eternal consequences.

"God be merciful to me a sinner. Jesus come into my life and make Yourself real to me, fill me with Your Holy Spirit to help me live for You all the days of my life. In Jesus name. Amen."

CROSS OVER

For a donation of any amount the Cross Over Memorial page is a place where both God and your loved ones will be remembered and will help us to continue publishing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the worldwide railroad community through the Railroad Evangelist magazine. All donations are tax deductible.

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joy of the Lord"

Howard Sanford by Ruth Lounsberry
Leroy Zahn by his wife Nellie Zahn
David E. Brock by his family
Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield by Gary Gianotti
Senator Hatfield supported National Rail Passenger Service and was the key man to obtain one billion dollars to bring Light Rail to Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
For many years my father has been receiving your publication, for this I thank you. He has since passed away. I know that he always enjoyed your publication. While looking through your last publication I noticed the "THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWS NEAR" gold foil train stickers. My father loved this one. It was on the outside of his Bible case as well as many other places.
My God bless your ministry.
David E. Brock, Sr
Newtown, PA

If there is a WILL...then there is a way you can help to continue to keep the gospel of Jesus Christ going into all the world through the Railroad Evangelist magazine. Please consider including REA in your will.

NEW REA MEMBERS and/or subscribers since October 2010.
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Thank you for your on going support in helping to keep the gospel of Jesus Christ to be published and proclaimed through the printed page.

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Colossians 2:9
"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily".

Because Jesus brought the fullness of God to humanity, WE can now experience the fullness of God in us.

John 14:17 … *"for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you".*

The fall of man made incarnation necessary. When Adam (all humanity) sinned, he/we came under God's death penalty, and, therefore, we needed someone to redeem us from this judgment.

The only man that could redeem us had to be sinless. Since no one qualified, God Himself (being sinless) had to become a man, and in doing so, had to remain sinless in the process, thus, necessitating a virgin birth.
In becoming a man, Jesus did not cease to be God. He was God before, during, and after His incarnation. At the incarnation, God added human nature to His already existing divine nature, making the provision for us also, to add divine nature to our already existing human nature. **2 Peter 1:4 "** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Because Jesus took on our nature, we can put on His nature. 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
Have a blessed Christmas
DR. Rev. Magead Salloum

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ALEXANDRIA REA CHAPTER. AUGUST 2011

We had forty-one people in attendance for our annual watermelon festival. After Rev. Paul Campbell opened our meeting with prayer we sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Following the song we took prayer requests and prayed for the need requested. Don Robey read from his rendition of "The Station", that is now available in a tract form. Brother Paul Campbell encouraged us from the word that we should keep our hearts with all diligence through prayer, worship, Bible reading and fellowship. We closed our time together with singing the chorus, "God is so Good".

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God bless the USA & God bless the REA

REA Alexandria chapter presents an award to Geneva Campbell for her many years of faithful service to her local chapter as Secretary-Treasurer. The award was present by Juanita Bragg, to her right with Geneva's husband, Rev. Paul Campbell, looking on to her left.

REA Malaga, NJ chapter visiting Camp Halawasa, NJ.

REA Malaga, NJ chapter "Indian Branch Party" this past September.

Dear REA,
Our REA Malaga, NJ chapter is growing not only in numbers but also in God's wonderful love.
George & Marlene Sampson
Winslow, NJ

A Prayer of Commitment

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power I am sustained, and by whose mercy I am spared, look down upon me with pity. Forgive me that I have until now so much neglected the duty which You have assigned to me, and wasted the days and hours of which I must now give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish Your will. Make me to remember, O God, that every day is a gift, and ought to be used according to Your command. Grant me, therefore, to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from You, and pass the time which You shall yet allow me in diligent performance of Your commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Joe Spooner (to the left) laying new rail in the late 1970's near Cheney, Washington

Prayer is the Rail for God's Work

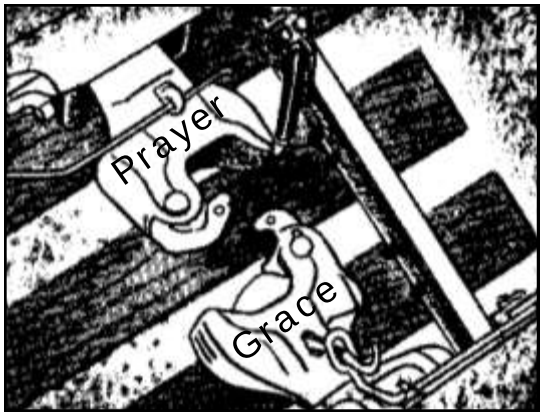
Prayer is to God's will as rails are to a train.
The locomotive is full of power;
it is capable of running a thousand miles a day.
But if there are no rails, it cannot move forward a single inch.
It may be able to travel great distances, yet it cannot go to any place where no rails have been laid.

W. Nee

The scripture tells us clearly, ***"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one gives as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly, out of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you…"*** (II Cor 9:6-9)

In applying this verse of giving ourselves to increasing prayer we can expect to see God grace not only abound towards us in our individual lives but also in our families and the REA ministry in an on going and increasing measure.

Between our prayers and Gods grace when coupled together with the mission of REA guarantees that Gods will for us will continue to go forward in the new year and the years to come as we continue to keep our hands to the gospel plow. Its true, we are living in troubling and turbulent days with great uncertainty, but the one thing we can be absolutely certain about is that Gods love, grace and purpose for each of us is more than enough to carry us and REA through to the end.



Gods word tells us to ***"redeem the time, because the days are evil"*** (Ephesians 5:15-17) I feel as I am getting older, the very best I can give God is to spend more time in seeking Him with a primary focus on lost souls. The following quote should really speak to each of us, that in reality, our life on earth is but a vapor, we are here and then we are gone and the time God gives us should not be wasted. The quote says, *"The less a person values time, the bigger fool he becomes, the more he values time, the wiser he becomes. Time is the most valuable thing God offers us in this life to fulfill His will and purpose."* Psalms 90:12 says, ***"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."***

Help us Lord to use what time we have left wisely. - Joe Spooner

Publication Guidelines for the Railroad Evangelist magazine

We are always looking for original railroad related photos, drawings or paintings. We also are looking for stories, articles, personal testimonies (300 - 800 words) or poems that would be of interest to our readers of the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine. Currently the **Railroad Evangelist** magazine is published three times a year. Typed material is appreciated. Material received will be returned upon request. For further information or questions contact the editor.

Photo by Rev. Stephen Seidler who also sent along the following information. This three-car streamliner was built in 1935 by the Budd Co. for the Maine Central - Boston & Maine Railroads. It was the third stainless steel streamliner Zephyr built as the #6000. Its official name was the "Flying Yankee." It had a Winto 201, A Diesel Electric motive power. It helped the MC-B&M out of financial difficulty and operated into the 1950s. It made its last run on May 7, 1957 when the B&M donated it to the Edaville Railroad. The picture is from its days at the Edaville. It was purchased 40 years later by Bob Storey. It was completely restored and made a new inaugural run at Operation Railfest 2009. I believe it is still under private ownership.

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