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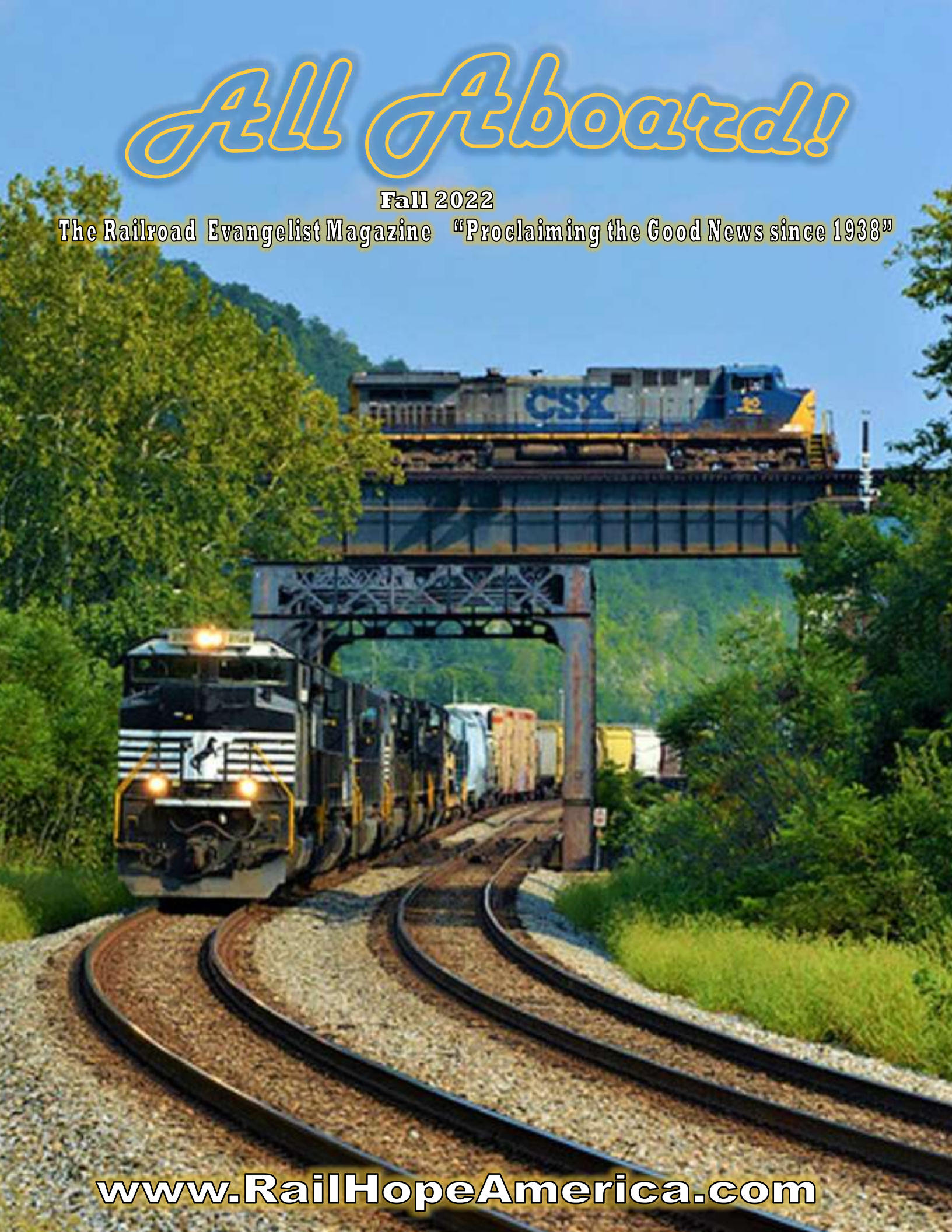

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REA President David Wiegand

NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS, BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER: AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING

Hebrews 10:25

A very troubling trend has come out of the covid pandemic. Many people have gotten out of the habit of attending church and Bible study while their churches were closed by public health order. Now that the ferocity of the covid pandemic has abated, attendance numbers at churches and Bible studies have remained down. Many congregations have closed their doors forever. For many years our society has forgotten the Fourth Commandment which directs us to set aside a sabbath and day for rest and worship. *REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.* Exodus 20:8. GOD our Creator saw fit to rest on the seventh day, a sabbath after He finished bringing the universe into existence as an example for all of us. *AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND SANCTIFIED IT: BECAUSE THAT IN IT HE HAD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH GOD CREATED AND MADE.* Genesis 2:3.

As society becomes more enamored with electronic devices and less committed to the things of GOD, "*MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO*" and arrive at nowhere. Daniel 12:4b. JESUS reminds us that "IT IS WRITTEN, (Deuteronomy 8:3b), *MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH GOD*." Matthew 4:4. When we worship regularly and nourish ourselves on the Word of GOD and prayer, we become more resistant to temptation, backsliding and life's distracting pressures. When we neglect the things of GOD, we become like the weakest in the herd and vulnerable to Satan's attack. "*BE SOBER. BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION WALKETH ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR*." 1 Peter 5:8.

Let us recultivate the habits of regular worship, Bible study, prayer and Christian fellowship. To our readers who labor on our railroads, when your work schedule does not make it possible to worship at your home church, visit a CHRIST honoring and Bible believing church at your away-from-home terminal. You will receive a special blessing. When you worship at your home church or away-from-home terminal church, invite somebody to go with you.

May GOD richly bless each and every one of you.

Yours in CHRIST,
David Wiegand

Back in the day, 1972 David worked as a Chair Car Attendant on the last Amtrak train #19 Westbound Chief from La Junta to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"*Proclaiming the Good News of His salvation from day to day.*" Psalm 96:2

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COVER: Norfolk Southern, approaching Portsmouth, Ohio. CSX crossing Sciotoville Bridge over the Ohio River. Photos courtesy of NS Railway.

In the cab to the left is Luther S. Harkey, (1885 - 1949), Founder of the Railroad Evangelistic Association in 1941. His hearts desire was to reach his fellow railroad employees with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. From the first issue in 1938 until now The Railroad Evangelist magazine continues this vital ministry to the entire Railroad Community.

Railroad Evangelistic Association

Our Vision
We envision a day when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed to all men and women throughout the world-wide railroad community.

Our Mission
To reach all people connected with the railroad industry, including model railroaders and rail fan enthusiasts, with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Strategy
Working with national and international partners, we produce and distribute The Railroad Evangelist magazine "***All Aboard!"*** in printed and digital form via RailHopeAmerica.com and RHA Facebook to individuals, churches and other related organizations. associated with the railroad community. One-on-one ministry and discipleship are accomplished through the distribution of the magazine, local REA chapters and a growing world-wide prayer railway ministry network. Membership in REA is open to everyone, everywhere to join with us in proclaiming the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire railroad community world-wide***. All Aboard!***

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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.

4. We believe that man was created in the image of God: that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also Spiritual death which is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed.

5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.

6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified Body of our Lord, in His Ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.

7. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.

9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

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We want to sincerely thank each and everyone of you who committed themselves to make a special donation to publish a 16 page issue once again. We know there are many worthwhile ministries in need but because you believe this unique railroad ministry is important to God and is reaching multiplied thousands with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the printed page, we rejoice with you in your generosity for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The Most Important Man Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad

By Steve Merrill - Fresno, California

Imagine you were a historian tasked with identifying the most important man in the building of the Transcontinental Railroad. Surely there are many candidates for the enviable title.

Perhaps you'd say 'Abraham Lincoln', a tireless supporter of the railroad before ground was even broken. As President, he signed the 1862 bill that started the process. Another candidate for that honor would be Ted Judah, the indefatigable Engineer who identified the route through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Other candidates would include 'The Big Four', Colis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, Charles Crocker and Leland Stanford for the Central Pacific. Any list of important men for the Union Pacific would be incomplete without Dr. Thomas Durant, General Grenville Dodge, Samuel Reed, the Casement brothers, Peter Dey, and Oakes Ames.

It is arguable that there was no one 'most important man'. We can't forget the thousands of Chinese workers, Irish immigrants, Utah's Mormon laborers, freed slaves, and Civil War veterans, all of whom made up the bulk of the tens of thousands who did the actual building. They did the day-to-day labor, blasting tunnels, grading roadbeds, laying ties and rails, building great spans over rivers, or creating cuts that beggar the imagination. And remember; it was all done with hand tools, wheelbarrows, picks and shovels. Just to spice things up, black powder was used by the barrel, and eventually nitroglycerin! Maybe its time to reread Stephen Ambrose's definitive work, Nothing Like It In the World.

Could you pick an individual as 'the most important man' who built the railroad? Go ahead, put your selection out there on a Historic Railroad discussion board and see if some agree! I did and got a couple responses when I posed that question: "That's like asking which leg is more important; your right leg or left leg!" "I would say on the Central Pacific side, it would be Ted Judah and especially his wife. On the UP side, it would be General Dodge and Dr. Thomas Durant."

While such discussions about the most important man to that endeavor, there's a similar question that could be put forward about God's Word, the Bible.

There are many key figures in the Old and New Testaments. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon and the Prophets all demand our attention in the Old Testament. The Twelve Apostles step up in the New Testament. But who can doubt the main figure in the Old and New Testament is Jesus Christ, who claimed all things written in the Law and Prophets spoke of Him (Luke 24:25-27)?

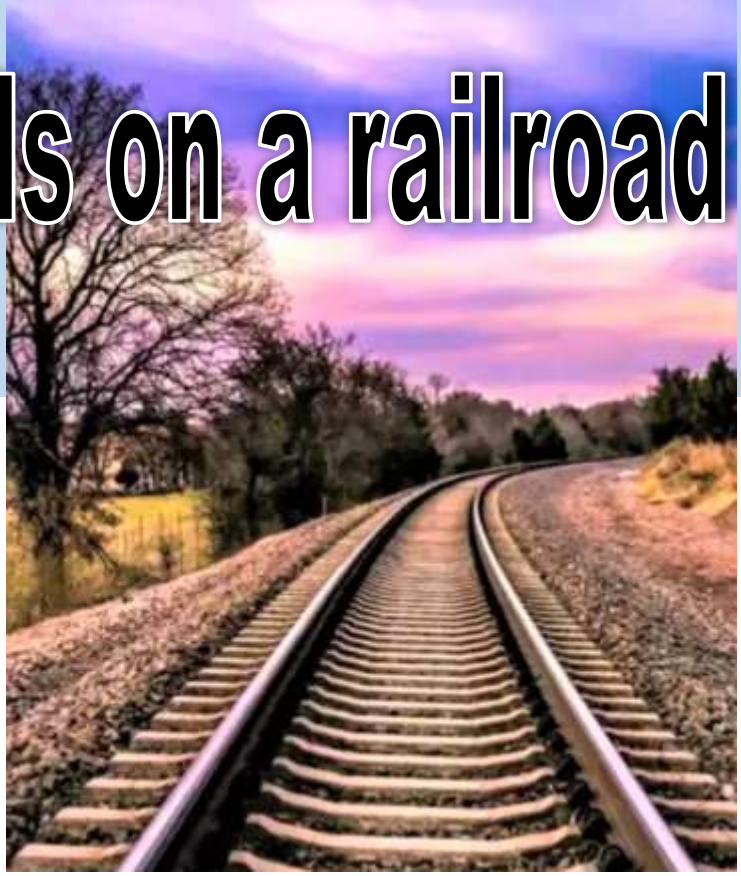
This assertion is confirmed on the next 316 Express Mile Post, marked Galatians 3:16. It says "***The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say 'and to seeds,' meaning many people, but 'and to your seed,' meaning one person, who is Christ***."

Back in the heyday of passenger rail service, many trains included sleeper cars, allowing you to slumber while awaiting your destination. But then, of course, you'd miss some of the most remarkable scenery. Be careful as you journey through the entire Bible; don't slumber through the high point of the travels from conversion to maturity, seeing Jesus on every page. He is what it is all about!

Don't get side-tracked into thinking that the Bible is a book of rules, and that your duty as a believer is to do more and try harder. Those are the hallmarks of man-made religion. In contrast, the beauty of the Gospel is this; it's about "…one person, who is Christ."

"two rails on a railroad track."

By Pastor Rick Warren



You might enjoy the new incites that Rick Warren has with his wife now having cancer (2006) and him having "wealth" from the book sales. Rick Warren is the author of "Purpose Driven Life" and pastor of Saddleback Church in California who retired in June of 2022.

He was interviewed by Paul Bradshaw. Rick said: People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body-but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act - the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense.

Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer. I used to think that life was hills and valleys you go through, a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good for which you can thank God.

You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems. If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, "my problem, my issues, and my pain." But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others.

We discovered that in spite of the prayers of thousands of people, God was not going to heal Kay or make it easy for her. It has been very difficult for her, and yet God has strengthened her character, given her a ministry of helping other people, given her a testimony, drawn her closer to Him and to people.

You have to learn to deal with both the good and the bad of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder. For instance, this past year, all of a sudden, when the book sold 15 million copies, it made me instantly very wealthy. It also brought a lot of notoriety that I had never had to deal with before. I don't think God gives you money or notoriety for your own ego or for you to live a life of ease. So I began to ask God what He wanted me to do with this money, notoriety and influence. He gave me two different passages that helped me decide what to do, II Corinthians 9 and Psalm 72

First, in spite of all the money coming in, we would not change our lifestyle one bit. We made no major purchases. Second, about midway through last year, I stopped taking a salary from the church. Third, we set up foundations to fund an initiative we call The Peace Plan to plant churches, equip leaders, assist the poor, care for the sick, and educate the next generation. Fourth, I added up all that the church had paid me in the 24 years since I started the church, and I gave it all back. It was liberating to be able to serve God for free.

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)? When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, "God, if I don t get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better.'
God didn't put me on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

SOO LINE RAILS & TRAILS

I grew up in the northern territory serviced by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie (MStP&SSM) Railroad. Using the phonetic spelling of Sault, this Granger Railroad was known as the **SOO LINE**. We could flag down "The Laker" going to Chicago if we could get it to slow down in Hawthorne Wisconsin, but if that did not work, we would race it further south to the little town of Gordon. If we craved railroad action, we would go into the Twin Ports of Duluth MN and Superior WI where depots awaited on both sides of St. Louis Bay. Our favorite haunt was the classical, large, **SOO LINE** Depot in Duluth, better known as "the Hole-in-the-Wall" depot. It was so named as the **SOO** came over from Wisconsin on the Great Northern High Line, tunneled for several blocks through the granite escarpment of Lake Superior to fan out into 6 tracks below street level at the depot. Many hours were spent in the **SOO** Belknap St yard terminal, watching action in and around the roundhouse. In those days it was the beautiful maroon and gold paint scheme on the motive power, later to be replaced with the classic red and white with bold black lettering. Little did we know then that the **SOO LINE** would disappear into the Canadian Pacific. As we rode, chased, photographed and loved the **SOO**, little did we know about the earlier history of those who blazed the **SOO LINE TRAIL**. We depart from our normal article fare, to share with you one story of an original, upper Midwest railroad pioneer.

MEMORIES OF WHEN THE TRAIL WAS NEW from Lake Superior to the Twin Cities, Narratives of Early Day Travel in PRIMER 338 - Copyrighted 1912 by W. R. Callaway General Passenger Agent, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The following story is from a reprint of a small booklet published by the **SOO LINE** in 1912. It contains recollections of what travel was like between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Duluth-Superior before the **SOO LINE** rails were laid along the route described. The cost of the booklet in 1912 was two cents along with stamps to cover the postage. We're grateful to John Gjevre for making this item available to the Archives of the **SOO LINE HISTORICAL & TECHNICAL SOCIETY** which allows us to reprint a few pages in this and following issues of the **SOO *MILEPOSTS***. Ken Soroos, SLHTS Associate Editor has granted gracious permission to print this article in ***ALL ABOARD.***

The LITTLE LADY of the LONESOME TRAIL. Did you ever hear of "The Little Lady of the Lonesome Trail?" Probably not. She is not given to telling of her achievements.

To learn the reason why, one must go back almost to the middle of the last century. The story is one which naturally falls into three chapters named for the three graces--Faith, Hope and Love. It was the faith of the Little Lady that led her a thousand miles across the country to a land where the wilderness closely hedged the small and scattered settlements; it was hoped that she might help the cause of Christian civilization in the new land that gave her courage for the journey, and it was love of the good and love of a devoted young husband that upbore her on the journey. In those days, the Little Lady was Mrs. James Peet. It was in 1856 that she gave her hand in marriage to the young missionary whose name she was to bear, knowing all the hardship, the privation and the obstacles to be met in the field on which she had set her eyes.

Mr. Peet had been a missionary among the slums of the big city, but on their honeymoon, they had talked about the need of the Indians and settlers in the far-off Lake Superior country. And she had said: "I will gladly go to do what I can."

It was a long, hard trip. From New York to St. Louis by boat. Then to St. Paul by steamer. Young, dark and very pretty, the bride was the life of the boat's company. Day after day as the steamer ascended the Mississippi, the stream grew narrower and narrower, the bluffs lifted their rocky crests in picturesque wildness and the towns passed became srnaller and smaller. At Wabasha they saw the first Indians and there was a rush to the side as the boat slid by the smoking teepees, the grazing ponies, the sprawling dogs and babies, and the Indian women. The Little Lady did not join in the jeers at the filth and crudities of the Indians. She could see souls amid the squalor. These were the people she would help.

There was a short stay in St. Paul where they were joined by their guide, the Rev. E. F. Ely, a Presbyterian Elder, and then came the Lonesome Trail. It is not lonesome today, though it is still a trail following the old route taken by trappers and couriers du bois in passing between Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the head of the lakes at Superior, Wisconsin. Like the trails of the early days, it was the shortest possible route, but where it was then marked by blazed trees and the vague prints of moccasined feet, it is today blazoned with telegraph poles and laid with the 90-pound rails of the Soo Line's new extension. In 1856, when Harriet Peet traversed the trail, as the first white woman to make the trip, it was a matter of days. In 1912 it requires less than five hours to be whisked from the Falls of St. Anthony to the cool and shimmering waters of Allouez Bay.

At the distance of 56 years the Little Lady recalls her first trip through the winter wilderness. She tells of the first day when the path was broad and easy and a hotel awaited them at Danbury, as a mere pleasure trip in spite of the cold and the snow. But the day after, as they left the signs of civilization, the trail narrowed.

Then she tells of the silent, silent woods, the grim shadows by dusk and the velvet blackness of the night. Tells of the starlit skies, when, wrapped in blankets, the young girl lay by the side of her husband and looked up through the pines into the face of the world and listened to the murmur of the forest life about her.

She tells of the Indians that slipped silently and grave faced along the trail, of the trappers, strange bearded men who had not seen a woman in many months. She remembers singing old fashioned songs as she tramped along through the snows, of laughing with glee as the squirrels frisked about the trees, of kneeling in prayer and reading aloud from the Bible when their journey halted for the Sabbath.

She remembers with a shudder the time the sleigh slipped and turned and she was hurled out with a packing case across her breast, while her husband wild with fear, worked to remove the weight. Nine days they struggled on in their lonely way. Night after night they slept beside the roaring camp fires while the wolves prowled about the circle of light.

The lakes are full of Black Bass

The road was poor at best in outline, although the snows made the going less difficult than one would think. The cold was softened by the mantle of forest that shut out the cutting wind. The beauty of the summer woods was past and the gaunt, gray trunks of the countless trees made an endless monotony of scene that with a maid less brave or of fewer joys would have spelt horror.

But she only sang the louder when the gloom approached. At meal time she could scarcely wait for the fire to be built so that she might put her little iron kettle to singing over the flames. She has that kettle yet and it rests in a place of honor in her parlor. All day she sat in the sleigh moving only at times when she got out to run by the side of the slow-moving vehicle. She had a perfect trust in three things, God, her husband, and her own ability. She was quite sure that none of the three would desert her and this helped her in keeping a light heart.

Long and hard the journey and Harriet Peet came through well and happy. The trail, for all its toil and hardships, had been a happy one. And she had won the distinction of being the very first white woman to make the journey.

The Beautiful Dells of the St. Croix River

She is 85 years old now and ... when she makes the trip again it is doubtful if she even guesses how great the change will be.

Where forest glades once reigned will be broad farms and tilled acres. The ancient hills that ringed in the wilds will bear towns and villages. The forest path will be the trail of glittering rails and the clumsy sleigh of long ago will be superseded by all that is modern and wonderful in railroad construction. The places she remembers for a great rock, a tall tree, or fantastic-shaped mound, will now be marked with newer, man-built monuments and only the skies and the river will be unchanged and eternal.

Search the Scriptures.

Read God's Word.

Memorize the promises.

Practice His commands.

Share the Gospel with others.

Support the REA.

Spend time in prayer, for one another, your church and your country.

. . . and until we meet again,

HAPPY SOO TRAILS TO YOU!

REA 81st National Convention

Carlisle, Pennsylvania August 22-26, 2022

Don Howell, Vice President of Outreach and REA's International Representative for RailHope International presided in place of our REA President David Wiegand. who was unable to make the Convention this year.

Rev. Paul Campbell, REA's National Chaplain and Convention emcee is always an inspiration to all in attendance. Rev. Paul has been part of REA for nearly 60 years and still going "Full Steam Ahead!"

The 2022 81st, Railroad Evangelistic Convention was held again this year at the Bongiorno Conference Center (BCC), nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and featured a week of great Bible review, testimonials, and dedicated prayer. The scenic backdrop at the BCC offered outstanding reflection time on the Convention theme, *Joy and Wisdom is from the Heart*, which was reinforced throughout the week of activities. The Convention was officially opened by Outreach VP **Don Howell,** serving on behalf of **REA President David Wiegand**, and offered the Opening Message and Welcome with the Convention's Theme: *Joy---and presented a beautiful message on canvas: Joy* CONTINUOUSLY. This was based on the scripture from 1 Thessalonians, 5:17. Some of the keen insights provided by **David Wiegand** in the prepared message, included: "Serve the Lord with Joy" and remember to Pray, Praise and ask God for Protection, Provision and while praying, remember and reinforce our understanding of God's Promise for Salvation and Eternal Life."

As the Convention progressed with amazing fellowship, some of the highlights included the daily morning devotionals, the daily evening service worship time and featured a special memorial tribute to Brother **Dan Burk** who attend the Convention last year and to **Pastor Alan Harkey** Alan, who served many years as a REA Board Adviser. Both of these men went to be with the Lord. The tribute, reflected on Brother Alan's service to REA. **Alan Harkey** and his family are long-standing REA supporters of the RR ministry and his son, **Chris Harkey**, Vice President, serves as one of the key leaders in REA. We are in difficult times, losing key people, we also need to invite others to take up the RR mission.

The REA Convention was also greatly supported with outstanding music. This was from singing and praising and music specials from Brother Jim Bliss, who played the electric guitar, and his wife, Evie, who played melonic flute. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music programs and having musical support during the devotionals and worship services. Pastor Paul Campbell, REA National Chaplain, who is a renowned vocalist, also provided continuous spiritual musical connections to the services. **Brother Paul**, Pastor of Abundant Life Church, in Stephens City, Virginia, is a unique and incredible talent. His wife **Geneva** was unable to attend, and we missed her greatly. Pastor Paul led every day in some regard for religion program and activities and he was a great blessings to this Convention---Thank YOU. The music is the source of great testimony and expressed Joy and love for the Lord.

Key Activities also included the Talent Night presentations, with great testimonials, skits, devotionals, and tributes to the REA ministry. The traditional REA Auction Fundraiser was not held this year--and that event helps generate some additional revenue for the REA business year. This year, several items were donated to the auction table and donations were received for all the items! Overall, the 2022 REA contributions, including significant support from REA Chapters in New Jersey, Virginia, and New York, and New Mexico, helped ensure the future was secure for continuing the publication of the *ALL ABOARD!* magazine in 2022 and 2023. 2022 contributions can be made to REA: Attention **Jim Bliss, 255 State Route 49, Cleveland, NY 13042.** Thank You REA Members and Supporters!

As a keynote message, **Pastor Magead Salloum** presented a featured sermon, titled *Essential Prayer.* This informational and professional approach to prayer was well received and made a huge contribution to the Convention theme of *Focus on Prayer*. **Pastor Salloum** also challenged each of us to go to God with our prayers---with solitude, purity, and humility to ask the Lord for blessings, protection, and guidance. The message was clear---America needs prayer and we, as leaders from REA, should be out front with the prayer effort and to encourage others to also turn to God in Prayer. His sermon for us to Focus on Essential Prayer was tremendous and inspiring. **Pastor Salloum** leads a congregational church, The New Testament Church, in Rome, New York. Also, a special thank you to his wife, **Beverly**, who orchestrated the REA Convention program, as

she is the key person to renew the BCC Contract for the years ahead and arranged for accommodations and the food services. Thank YOU both for all your efforts and to keep REA on track.

The Convention also agreed to continue with renewed commitment--by each attendee and each Chapter-to continue with outreach ministry in the USA and connection to the RailHope International Railway Ministry. REA International Representative, Don Howell, and International Minister, **Pastor Arul Raj**, presented the latest information from RailHopeInternational and the RHI Convention information for 2022. The RHI leadership, with President, RHI, Ueli Berger, provided a video that offered support, prayer and encouragement to the 2022 REA Convention. The RHI is also published the 2022 Calendar, with plans for the 2023 Calendar already underway----the calendar is produced in 7 languages! For copies, contact Don Howell *RailHopeAmerica@gmail.com*

The REA Convention also held an incredible ROUND TABLE Theological Discussion—led by our REA Pastors: **Magead Salloum, Paul Campbell** and **Arul Raj**. At this discussion, they answered many questions that were submitted to them and moderated by **Don Howell**. In all, the incredible insight, historical knowledge of Biblical text and passages were delivered in a wonderful way so that everyone got the answers they were looking for. This ROUND TABLE Discussion was a great way to close out the last day of the Convention. The evening service also included dedicated prayers for Railroad employees and their families, to the RHI ministries world-wide and a tribute to God for the dedicated efforts of international ministry. The prayers also focused on our challenges ahead--- as we all go through difficult times in the school year challenges due to the COVID pandemic and the challenges that America faces in crime, politics, diplomacy, economics and in sustaining American religion programs and its churches. Everyone agreed---America needs prayer. America needs God. America needs to seek God for continued Provision, Protection, and Promise and to REJOICE IN JOY as God provides and protects us.

This year's Convention was successful for many reasons---The Bongiorno Conference Center was superb in meeting the needs of the attendees. This included the daily meals, room and board accommodations and the use of the main Conference Hall for REA meetings and services. The Conference Center team was just outstanding in all facets of providing quality accommodations, services and to ensure safety and health measures were in place.

This is an edited edition of this REA report. If you want the full version that contains the REA Business Meetings contact Don Howell at RailhopeAmerica@gmail.com or the editor at rrjoe@comcast.net

REA Registrar Beverly Salloum and her husband Pastor Magead who is also a former REA President .

Evie and Jim Bliss, both are wonderful musicians and Jim is our National Secretary/Treasurer for REA.

Always smiling is Sally and her faithful REA coffee maker husband Bryan.

Faithful REA supporters are Bob and his wife Shirley Herr.

Barbara Nesheiwat, (R is Beverley Salloums sister), with her daughter Maha, attending REA once again.

FRIENDS OF REA

Friends of REA is for those who are incarcerated or confined to a facility who receive REA's Railroad Evangelist, "All Aboard!" and would like to correspond with other REAers.

Please Note

NEW RULES in writing inmates. 1. Write only on white paper with black or blue ink, (no gel). 2. Envelopes must be white and have complete address from recipient and sender. 3. Address labels are not allowed. 4. No art work except for pencil drawings. 5. No postcards or greeting cards are allowed. 6. Photos permitted but not Polaroids. Be patient in writing our railroad related inmates. Be consistent in writing to them as they need our encouragement, prayers and support. Mail your letters direct to them. If your letters are returned, there is probably no use in re-sending them as addresses change without getting new ones.

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If you need prayer for yourself or a friend please call REA at the number above. You can also go to the RailHopeAmerica.com web site to leave your confidential request there as well. You can also:

> Request a complimentary copy of the Railroad Evangelist magazine, "***All Aboard!"*** for a friend.
> Have any questions about REA.
> Listen to some great train songs
> Make a donation to REA.
> Explore the RHA web page.
> Read a inspirational message.
> Share the web page with a friend.

REA Chapters

Alexandria, VA Chapter meets the 3rd Monday of the month. For more information contact Geneva Campbell at (540) 869-7019
Malaga, NJ Chapter meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. For more information contact Marlene Sampson at (1-609) 561-6922

If you are interested in beginning an REA Chapter or a RailHope Fellowship contact the editor.

Life's Journey

Life is like a journey,
taken on a train,
with a pair of travelers
at each window pane;
I may sit beside you
the whole journey through,
or I may be seated elsewhere,
never knowing you;
but if fate should place me
to sit at your side,
Let's be pleasant travelers,
it's so short a ride.

Laugh Track

>Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No, darling, he must pay for his mistakes. I am coming to live with you.

> During labor, the pain is so great that a women...can almost imagine what it feels like when he has a cold.

> I hate it when I see some old person and then realize we went to High School together!

> A wise man once told his wife nothing, because he was a wise man!

> I woke up, got out of bed, and had a cup of coffee. I think that's about enough for one day.

> Why do eggs come in a flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open?

> I don't aways go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

> I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...she gave me a hug.

> Just saw three people jogging outside and it inspired me to get up and close the blinds.

> Old enough to do anything I want. Just too tired to actually do it.

> I visited a monastery and as I passed the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him, "Are you the friar?" He replied, "no, I'm the chip monk".

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

Begin planning to attend
the 82nd National
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Convention - Everyone is Welcome!

August 21– 25, 2023

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430 Union Hall Road Carlisle, PA 17013

Room rate for the week - including meals & tax:

Double occupancy....$340.00 (each)
Single occupancy….$375.00
Children 5-12 years old $150.00
Children 13-17 years old $200.00
(Prices subject to change)

NOTE: All Conference fees must be paid no later than JULY 30, 2023 to our REA Registrar. Thank you!

REGISTRATION: Receive name tag and room key on Monday August 23rd from 4-5 PM.
Dinner at 5:00 PM.

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NOTE:
Day guests $20.00 plus any meals

AREA ATTRACTIONS
Located within driving distance are:

>**NEW!** MUSEUM of the BIBLE. Washington DC.
>Historic Carlisle - US Army War College - 15 minutes.
>Gettysburg - About a 30 minute drive.
>Hershey - About a 45 minute drive.
>Strasburg RR community - A little over an hour drive.
>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! -

Chaplains Corner

REA National Chaplain
Rev. Paul Campbell
Rev. Paul has been serving the Lord
through REA for nearly 60 years.

STAYING THE COURSE

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

Acts 20:24

A sovereign God is in charge of our lives and we are committed to remain faithful unto the task he has called us to do until He comes.

The Apostle Paul is talking about the race of life, many people start the race, but because of dangers, obstacles or discouragement they drop out, but God has called us in REA to stay the course and finish the race.

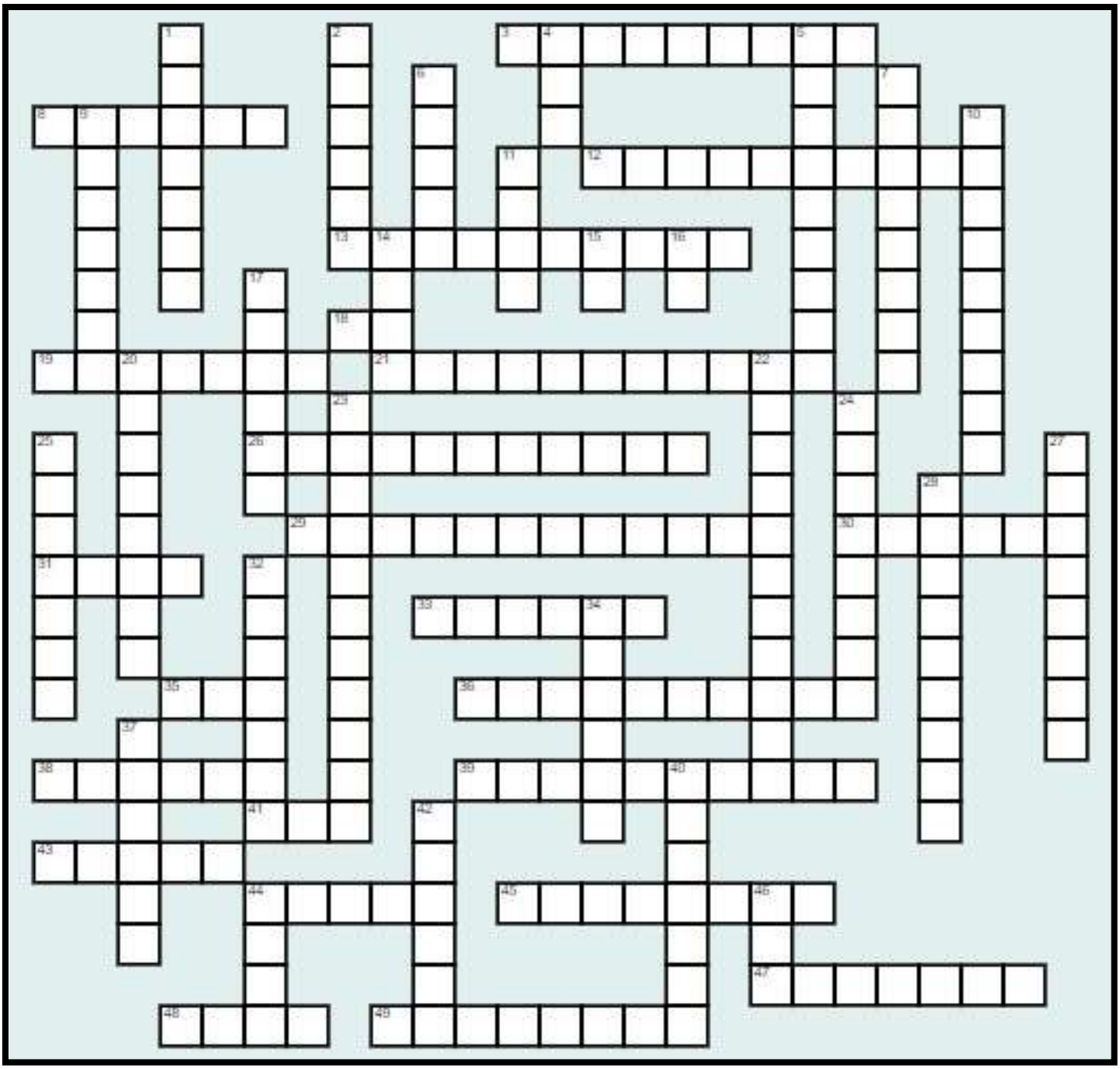
God wants us to publish the Good News (Gospel) and to share the word daily with someone and help fulfill the vision He gave Luther Harkey of staying the course. God helps us to reaffirm our commitment to the mission.

We must be faithful to our calling and the purpose God has given each of us and be faithful in the service of the Lord. Look forward seeing you at the next REA 82nd Convention!

Rev. Paul Campbell

Thank God for the faithful men and women who are leading REA into the future until Jesus returns!

RailHope Puzzle #4 25 RR Museums in America



WORD CLUES

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Hidden Message: _____ __ _____ John 6:35

RailHope Puzzle #4

ACROSS

3 The Scranton, PA _____National Historic RR Museum has a roundhouse, turntable, & many RR Yard exhibits.

8 The area where a train may exit the main line to uncouple cars or to clear the track for a priority train._____

12 This spectacular non-profit _____ RR Museum is near Champaign, Illinois and hosts an annual Train Fest in Sept.

13 The Northwest RR Museum, located near the town of Snoqualmie in King County ____ features several miles of Heritage RR used by Northern Pacific RR. You must see this huge museum!

18 RR crew logs show Late Arrival (LA) times and _____ entries for On Time entries for each depot stop.

19 The _____Southwest RR Museum is located in Campo, California and has a large number of locomotives and rail cars. Also know for great train excursions for museum attendees.

21 The _____National Museum of American History offers incredible exhibits of locomotives and RR equipment on display in the Nation's Capital

26 Danbury _____ has a great museum & RR Yard local train and buildings that were in Alfred Hitchcock movies.

29 The Strasburg _____National Museum features a great observation deck overlooking the Rail Yard and has a great gift shop, café and is very close to Hershey Park and Carlisle….near where REA meets annually.

30 The Chiloquin ____ Train Mountain RR Museum, features the largest miniature RR in the world!

31 A Train Caboose is also called a crumb box or _____.

33 The _____County National RR Museum is also located in California and is named after this county!

35 Navigation system now used for with Positive Train Control (PTC

36 The California State RR Museum is located in _____and is home to more than 20 restored locomotives and RR cars—some dating back to 1862 and features at "Sierra Scene" miniature RR Exhibit

38 The _____ Empire Railway Museum operates in Pennacate Station in Perris, California and features the largest collection of Pacific Electric RR equipment.

39 The Laws RR Museum, in Bishop _____has a #9 Southern Pacific Steam Locomotive and an 1873 Turntable! Another must visit RR museum!

41____Signal Indicator: STOP! Do not proceed past the signal!

43____Signal is a GO-----Proceed at Authorized Speed Signal

44 Baked _____is prepared for meals—in many forms. 1st part of Hidden Message (John 6:35)

45 The Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum in _____West Virginia has an impressive collection of toys and model trains—got to visit this museum!

47 The sound from the train ____ is what the Engineer uses to signal with.

48 Not dead—the living person has _____ ! 3rd part of the hidden message (John 6:35)

49 The B&O (Baltimore and Ohio) RR Museum is located in Ellicott City _____ near Washington

DOWN

1 Located in Union, Illinois, near _____ this RR Museum features 11 storage barns and over 3 miles of track in the yard and has two train rides!! Wow!

2 A ____Signal indicates advance approach—be prepared to stop at next signal

4 A RR ___ holds the track in place and serves as a spacer.

5 The Mid-Continent RR Museum is located in North Freedom _____ and has a large collection of wooden passenger cars!

6 The ____Canyon RR Museum, very near San Francisco Bay in Sunol, is home to the engines that were once part of the Transcontinental RR built in the 1860s

7 There are many interesting engines and rail cars in Galesburg _____RR Museum & features a Mail Car and a Pullman "Meath" rail car. A must visit!

9 The National New York Central RR Museum is located in Elkhart _____ (not in New York City!)

10 The person who manages the RR Crew and keeps all RR directions and Consists in order

11 The Lake Shore RR Museum RR in ____ County PA has a viewing area for high traffic live RR Track operations. This is a great getaway with the kids!

14 The ___of the Apostles, written by St. Luke (presumably)

15_____RR running from St. Paul MN to Seattle WA; the Reporting mark is ____.

16 Be __ Good Cheer !! 2nd part of the hidden message (John 6:35)

17 The Museum of the American RR and also known as "Age of Steam" RR Museum is located in _____ Texas.

20 The track area going over a road intersection

22 This National RR Museum in Green Bay, Wisconsin has the Union Pacific Big Boy Engine # 4017--one of the largest in the world! It also hosts the Polar Express Train Ride each year. It is named after a Native American Village there.

23 The _____RR Museum in Church Creek, Maryland, is now open and offers excellent exhibits that tell the story of northward escape for American slaves during the Civil War era—a must see new museum.

24 This non-profit museum is located in Golden _____ and is offers many train rides and is always fun at holidays

25 A _____ identifies Hazardous or Oversized freight cars and is displayed on the train cars.

27 RR Yard/Station in _____ VA that hosts an annual Train Fest in September—with model exhibits and our REA display! Definitely visit!

28 The _____Valley RR Museum is located in historic Chattanooga and features a 6-mile train ride.

32 North Judson, Indiana, has the "____" Valley RR Museum, with RR Engines from the Chesapeake and Ohio RRs

34 A _____ track is a gap or break or misalignment in the rail that the direction of the train is moving.

37 A Job _____ Briefing is held to make sure the RR crew is alerted to all conditions and assignments.

40 At the RR siding, the Industry is responsible to _____the freight upon delivery.

42 This RR Museum is located in _____NY-- near Buffalo and displays historical firefighting equipment and hosts a Thomas the Tank Engine train ride each year.

44 One of America's largest freight Train Companies and serves the great Northern Plains—serves Fargo ND!

46 This RR Museum, located in ____ Haven, Kentucky (not Connecticut!) features a 3000 square foot model train exhibit----an incredible exhibit and experience!

Malaga REA Chapter

Christmas in July

Erma, Craig, Bonnie, Pat and Pastor Jack.

Richard, Nancy, Armand and pastor Jack. Christmas in July REA meeting & luncheon, Richard riding his bike from N. Cape May, NJ. Nancy & Armand really got into the Christmas spirit in July.

Ann Schaser, Ruth Lounsberry looking like twins in their pink REA

Marlene Sampson, President of the Malaga REA Chapter, NJ. with her brand new lamb. Jesus is our Shepherd as we are His lambs.

Bonnie and Pastor Jack Schaser, proudly wearing their blue REA shirts.

I shutter to think of where REA would be today if it wasn't for the faithful, praying and giving of themselves for the cause of Christ. GOD BLESS the women of REA!

Holly Harris has been a faithful REA attender for many years.

Best group of people you would ever want to be with!

Don Howell with Arulraj from India.

RAILROAD EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

Jesus is the light at the end of the Tunnel

"But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"...Christ died for our sins...and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day…" I Corinthians 15:3,4

"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation". Romans 10: 9,10

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

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

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be save." Acts 4:12

"But as many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:12

"...he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life." John 5:24

SUGGESTED MODEL PRAYER

God be merciful to me a sinner, I believe you died on the cross to forgive me of all my sins. I believe You were raised from the dead on the third day victorious over death, hell and the grave. I now receive You as my Savior and Lord asking you to forgive me of all my sins. Fill me know with Your Holy Spirit to enable me to live for you all the days of my life. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving my soul, in Your name I pray. Amen.

FIRST 7 STEPS in your new life in Christ.
Get a Bible and read as soon as possible.

1.Ephesians chapter 1
2. II Peter 1:1-11
3. I John chapter 1
4. Romans chapter 8
5. Matthew chapters 5,6,7.
6.The Gospel of Mark
7. The Gospel of John

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(Pocket Testament League).

With a visit from our International Railroad Evangelist **Arulraj** from Chennai, India to Vancouver, WA. We drove over to Gresham, Oregon to have lunch with my long time prayer partner of 25 years plus, **David Boulware**. We had a wonderful time of fellowship.

Traveling on my knees

By Sandra Goodwin

Last night I took a journey to a land across the seas' I didn't go by boat or plane, I traveled on my knees. I saw so many people there in deepest depths of sin; and Jesus told me I should go, as there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go and work with such as these." He answered, "yes, you can - by traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray; I'll meet the needs; you call, and I will hear; be concerned about lost souls of those both far and near!"

And so I tried it, I knelt and prayed; and gave up some hours of ease; I felt the Lord right by my side, while traveling on my knees.

As I prayed on, I saw lost souls saved, and twisted bodies healed, I saw God's workers' strength renewed while laboring in the field.

I said, "Yes, Lord. I have a job! My desire, Thy will to please, I can go and heed Thy call, by traveling on my knees.

PRAYER IS THE RAIL FOR GOD'S WORK

Indeed, prayer is to God's will as rails are to a train.
The locomotive is full of power;
it is capable of running 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

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

John 9:4

We may feel old and rusty at times and yes, there is coming a day that both you and I will no longer be able to do the work the Lord has called us to do while we are here on planet earth. At my age, how true Psalm 102:11 becomes a daily reminder that says, "***My days are like a shadow that lengthens***", Most of us probably have lived the better part of our lives here on earth. But while we still have breath and strength enough and while we are able, we must do all we can while we can because the night is coming when we will no long be able do what God has called us to do. For the day is soon coming that we will hear Him say, "***Well done My good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of the Lord,***" (Matthew 25:23) Praise God!

There are three people I am aquatinted with that are somewhat older than me who are an inspiration and encouragement to me as I get older and I want to introduce you to them for the same reasons.

The first one is a pastor and REA Chaplain **Paul Campbell** at 89 who is still pastoring Abundant Life Church in Stephens City, Virginia and drives 80 miles, one way, to host the Alexandria chapter of REA once a month. Pastor Paul has been involved in REA for 60 years PLUS! Still on track for the Lord Jesus Christ!

The second one is **Bob Leidigh,** who at 88, still plays his fiddle with a group or alone at numerous functions plus Bob and his two friends, Bill and Patrick still go out to fairs; they went to seven different fairs last year to hand out gospel tracks. Bob also hands out the Railroad Evangelist magazine "***All Aboard!***".

The third person is **Myrna Wegner**. When her daughter, who took care of died, Myrna at 94, moved into a retirement center. After a short time Myrna joined with some of the resident (about 8) who had formed a prayer group to pray specifically for everyone's salvation that resides there. They meet every Wednesday after lunch.

When there is nothing more you feel you can do because of your age and are no longer mobile, you can PRAY! As long as you have breath you can pray for your loved ones, friends, school children, your neighbors, your city, county, State, our Nation and the entire world with out leaving your couch or even your bed, YOU can PRAY and there is no other ministry greater than an effective prayer ministry from your heart to your Heavily Fathers heart, He will hear and answer your prayers, prayed in faith, believing that He is able to do "***exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us…….by Christ Jesus***…" (Ephesians 3:20-21)

— Joe Spooner

Publication Guidelines for the Railroad Evangelist magazine

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

Norfolk & Western retrieved Y6 #2156 (currently inoperable) on loan to St. Louis Transportation Museum, returning it to Roanoke where it was built, placing it alongside A Class #1218 and J Class #611. Of special interest, Pastor Steve (Associate Editor), as he acquired the headlight and engineer's seat from sister Y6 #2145 before ir was scrapped in 1960. Photo courtesy of Norfolk & Western Railway photos.

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