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From the Heart *Brother Gary Thomas*

“O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.”
Psalm 139:1-2; 5 (KJV)

In more of an academic context, there is a Latin word, examen. It refers to a weight indicator or a balance scale and it is an accurate assessment of a true situation. In research, you look at a situation to observe it. As you study the situation, you look for patterns, distortions, and biased interpretations. You try to separate truth and facts from a situation that has been influenced by cultural and personal beliefs.

In the Psalms, David is saying that God has a accurate assessment of who we are.

I have visited my son out in California. I have seen Beverly Hills and walked down Rodeo Drive; but on the next street over, I saw people going through trashcans to find something to eat.

Many times, we are taught

that the Christian life is an elevated life. But we need to remember that we worship a God who was born in a smelly stable, who walked dusty roads, who worked as a carpenter with sweat, and who shed His blood on a rugged cross. So, we need to come down from the stained glass window and take the halo from our heads because He knows us.

There is a type of Christianity that seeks to tame us and it leaves us bored and tired. It redefines us into something safe and manageable. Moses walking in the desert. Jacob fought with an angel. Elijah lived in the wilderness. John the Baptist lived in the woods. And we live at a computer and try to be good boys and girls.

Jean Vanier said, “Suppose I have a wounded bird in my hands. If I close my hands completely, the bird would be crushed and die. If I open my hands completely, the bird would fly away and die. The hands have to be cupped at the right place.” God knows how to cup His hands just right.

He knows you and wants to build a relationship with you. He wants to bring out the best in you and bring out what He created in you. Yes, the Lord knows you.

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March Devotion: I will Call upon the Lord

All week, this chorus has been playing through my mind. I hope it lifts you in your time of need, comforts you in your time of struggle, and blesses you in your time of joy.

“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of

my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

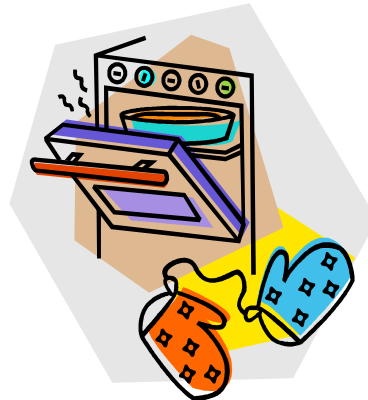
I will call upon the Lord.”

“I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.”

Psalm 18:1-3

March Recipe: Little Smokie Wraps

Pkg. of Little Smokie sausages
Bacon
Brown Sugar



Cut the bacon pieces into thirds. Wrap a piece of bacon around each sausage and secure with a toothpick. Sprinkle liberally with brown sugar. Bake at 350 degrees until the bacon is browned. Watch these closely because they will burn easily, but they are worth the time spent watching them!

Current Events

**Sunday School
Teachers' Meeting**
March 6 - 8:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall
Breakfast served

“Play Ball” Fellowship



March 27 - 6:00 p.m.

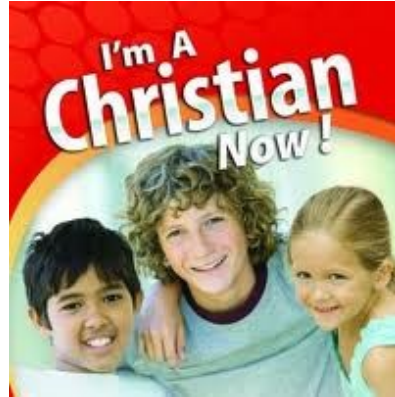
Wear your favorite team's baseball attire (or come as you are) and enjoy a night of hamburgers, hot dogs, and apple pie!

Children's Activities

2011 Children's Camp

If you have not already signed up, time is running out for children's camp. We will be returning to the CentriKid Camp in Bolivar, MO. The dates have changed and are July 11-15. Children in grades 3-6 are eligible to attend.

Please contact Penny if you are interested.



I'm a Christian Now Class

Children who have recently professed faith in Christ or who have not had this class are invited. We will meet in the fellowship hall immediately following the morning worship for four weeks, beginning March 27. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Penny if your child is interested in this class. Reservations are needed.

March Calendar

March 5 - 9:00 a.m. - Women's Committee Clean up day

March 6 - 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Teachers' Meeting & Breakfast
2:00-4:00 p.m.—Baby shower for Sarah Perdue
4:45 p.m. - Deacons' meeting

March 10 - 6:30 p.m. - VBS Committee meeting

March 12 - Outdoor Ministry Four-Wheeler Trip

March 13 - 11:30 - Upwards Volunteers' Lunch

March 17 - Lowell Rec Assoc Senior Lunch

March 21-25 - Spring Break

March 27 - 11:30 a.m.- "I'm a Christian Now" Class

6:00 p.m. - Hamburger, Hot dog, & Apple pie Fellowship

March 30 - 5:45 p.m. - Spring Visitation

Take Notice:

Check out our website
www.fbc-lowell.com

We are making a real effort to update the website with relevant information.

Also available:
FBC Facebook

Daylight Savings Time

March 13

Spring forward one hour!

Thought for the day:

"May you have the hindsight to know where you've been;

The foresight to know where you're going;

And the insight to know when you've gone too far."

Irish blessing



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broken."*

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Orchestra practice 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Wednesday meal 5:15 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m.
Youth Revolution 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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