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### *The Greatest List of Honorees*

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*. . . whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life - Revelation 21:27*

*Dear friends:*

*For more than 50 years, I have been invited to speak to leaders in the Pentagon on numerous occasions. I am convinced that there is no segment of our society where men are so highly trained, dedicated, and patriotic as among the officers of our military.*

*Many of our senior officers have master's degrees and a number have PhDs. On average, they are a very superior group of people. Most important, I find more dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Pentagon than in any other segment of our society.*

*West Point, Annapolis, the Air Force Academy, and other military training institutions emphasize basic moral and spiritual disciplines. In general, the products of these institutions, every military person stands out as a person of integrity and principle. There are, of course, many exceptions.*

*On one occasion, I was walking down the corridor in the Pentagon, I came to a large display where there was a list of the names of the most honored military men in the history of our country, going back to the Revolutionary War. Only a few were listed compared with the tens of millions of men who have served in uniform for our country.*

*They were the Congressional Medal of Honor winners -- the highest and most distinguished award for valor anyone can receive. On that list I saw a dear, beloved friend, the late Joe Foss, one of America's most famous flying aces, a World War II hero.*

*Those Congressional Medal of Honor winners who are still living are held in such high esteem that when they enter a room, everyone, according to protocol, should stand to show them honor. It is like the President of the United States entering a room, and everybody stands in respect. Whether they like the President or not, it is a matter of respect to his title.*

*But there is a list that transcends all the human lists of the Congressional Medal of Honor winners, the Nobel Prize winners, the Pulitzer Prize winners, and any other human award. It is the most prestigious list of all the centuries. Nothing can compare with it.*

*The list I am referring to is the Book of Life. The Book of Life is mentioned eight times in the Bible, seven of which are in the book of Revelation. It is the exclusive list of those throughout history who are redeemed by the blood of God's own Son, by placing their trust in Him.*

*Oddly, we cannot get on that list by our own efforts. This listing is a free gift, which we receive by grace through faith, a privilege purchased for us by our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Yours for helping to fulfill the Great Commission each year until our Lord returns,*

*Bill Bright*

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**ONE THING YOU CAN'T DO IN HEAVEN -- by Mark Cahill**

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*If God gave you a thousand dollars every time you shared your faith in Jesus Christ, would you share your faith? Let's be honest: many of us would quit our day jobs and become full-time evangelists!*

*If I threw a birthday party for you where every guest would receive \$100,000 in cash and a Mercedes convertible, and I gave you fifty tickets to your party, how many people would you have at your party? No doubt, you would have fifty people. In fact, if on the way to your party you realized that you had a ticket remaining in your pocket, and you saw a homeless man, you would give him your extra ticket.*

*Isn't that similar to what God has done for us? He has given us a pocketful of tickets, and it is our job to hand out ticket after ticket to a place called heaven. Do you realize how many Christians are going to die and stand in front of God with a pocket full of tickets to heaven? My goal is that as I am about to die, I hand my last ticket to a police officer or an ambulance driver or an emergency room doctor. And then I'll take my last breath, die, and stand in front of the throne of God with no tickets to heaven left in my pockets.*

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Nothing thrills me more than telling others about my Savior! I recently had a "unique" opportunity to talk about spiritual things. I was at a skin care counter at the mall talking to Tammy who worked there, when another woman approached her and asked: **"Do you have peace of mind?"** I thought to myself, **WOW! What a great question!** I responded by telling Tammy that **YES, I had peace of mind, and it was found in a personal relationship with Jesus.** Little did I know that the woman was referring to a product called: **Peace of Mind!** 😊 I had the joy of sharing with Tammy how Jesus had changed my life and how she too could know Him. Before I left, I gave her a booklet explaining the Gospel.



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**Precious Connections and Divine Appointments**

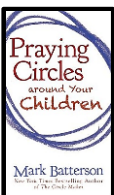
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I met Erin and her son Arlo two years ago while shopping at Target. When Erin went back to work, we couldn't meet very often. It was a joy, however, to be invited to attend her baby shower and reconnect with her and Arlo and to meet her husband, Andrew. God has blessed them with precious little Ellis!



*It was such a delight to see you at my baby sprinkle. I'm so glad that you could make it; it's been too long since I've seen you. Everybody loved meeting you. I feel so blessed that our paths crossed at Target! It is so lovely to know you. - Erin*



I met Elise last month when she gave me injections for my RA. As we chatted, she shared how so many people are going through hard times and said she thought I was doing so well because of my positive attitude. I told her it was because of my relationship with Jesus. Her face lit up with a beautiful smile, so I asked if she knew Jesus and she did! What a joy to talk about how He changed both of our lives. Her two children are the same ages as my peeps, and she loves praying for them, so I suggested she read **Praying Circles around Your Children.** I also told her about *Moms in Prayer.* It was a blessed day!



**How can I pray for you this week?** I've discovered great places to meet people at church, especially newcomers: before service while getting coffee and after service by engaging others in their prayer needs. My desire to want others to feel loved and cared for has brought many new friends into my life! It's important to be mindful that people visiting church can be at different stages in their relationship with Jesus and some may not have a relationship at all.

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## Arizona Speaker Appreciation Event for Stonecroft

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What a joy it was to spend the day with these precious women in my home as we celebrated all the Lord has done and continues to do through the Stonecroft Ministry. I've been involved in this wonderful ministry for over 40 years.



Pam Emily Linda

We were so blessed to have Pam Hage, Emily Firnstahl, and Linda Parmer challenge, encourage, and inspire us in our walk with the Lord and in our roles as speakers. We had a precious time sharing how God had faithfully worked in each of our lives in and through this ministry. We learned so much from Pam, Emily, Linda, and each other!

**Pam Hage - Stonecroft Regional Speaker Trainer:** *Our speaker appreciation meetings are a wonderful opportunity to share how much we appreciate every woman who is willing to share her story for the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to work with each one.*

**Emily Firnstahl – Serves on the Board of Stonecroft and is a Consulting Speaker Trainer:** *We had a great day together as we renewed friendships, traded stories of sharing the Gospel, and learned new techniques for more effective speaking, all within the lovely setting provided by Sara, our gracious hostess.*

**Linda Parmer – Served (1971-2009) as a National Representative and later as National Speaker Trainer:** *I was moved to share how my life has been impacted by the ministry direction of reaching others for Christ and thrilled (as Mrs. Baugh would have expressed) to again hear y'all's similar walk with the Lord. The day was a God experience for me. Meeting such faithful servants of the Lord never gets old.*

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***“The story of Stonecroft Ministries began simply—with one woman—Helen Duff Baugh - a woman of unshakable faith, a woman of prayer, a woman with a deep concern for the eternal destiny of others. From that simple start in 1938, similar groups for businesswomen were established across the country. Stonecroft’s founder Mrs. Helen Duff Baugh started 24 prayer groups that asked God to reveal effective avenues by which to share God’s love with others.***

***And at the end of her autobiography, **The Story Goes On**, Mrs. Baugh wrote, “Constantly, I stand amazed at the leading of the Lord . . .” Then she lists the various avenues of evangelistic outreach God led the ministry to establish—from Christian Business and Professional Women’s Councils to Stonecroft Life Publications to Christian Women’s Clubs to Friendship Bible Coffees (the original name for Stonecroft Bible Studies), and more.***

***Stonecroft continues its call to evangelism. We continue to ask God for effective avenues by which to reach women with the Gospel! We want to discover every effective avenue of outreach so that—for years to come—many more women will begin a relationship with Jesus because God used Stonecroft to spread His Gospel! To God be the Glory for His leading, for all He has done—and will do through Stonecroft!” - By Stonecroft 04/01/2015***

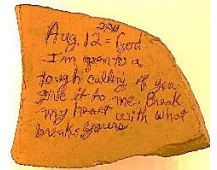
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## Trusting in God's Plan



I had the privilege in August 2011 to attend the *Global Leadership Summit* here in Phoenix. During one of the sessions, we had the privilege of hearing Mama Maggie Gobran, known as the Mother Theresa of Cairo. She had devoted her life to helping the poorest of the poor in Cairo's Garbage City through her ministry called *Stephen's Children*. At the beginning of the session, we were each handed a chunk of a broken clay pot and would know what to do with it at the end of the message.

My heart was truly touched by Mama Maggie's pure devotion to serve Jesus no matter what the cost. After she spoke, we were asked to search our hearts and if we were willing, we were encouraged to write, ***God I'm open to a tough calling if you give it to me*** on our piece of clay and date it **August 12, 2011**. I also asked the Lord to ***break my heart with what breaks yours***. I keep this broken piece of clay on my kitchen counter to remind me of my commitment.



The very next day, Sunday, our pastor at Scottsdale Bible Church introduced the new church plant pastor for North Valley Community Church, Ryan Rice. I was impressed with Ryan's heart for the Lord, but I had **NO INTENTION** of becoming part of that church--after all, I **LOVED** where I was at. I decided, however, to get information about this church for some friends who lived in that area of town where they were meeting. The Lord whispered to my heart, ***maybe this isn't just for them. Maybe I want you to go there***. My immediate reaction was, ***NO! Please don't make me leave Scottsdale Bible Church!*** I reminded the Lord that I was very content there. It's interesting how quickly and conveniently I dismissed the commitment I had made and even written on clay the day before. ☹️

I remembered how Gene taught on what he called **OLT - Obedience Lag Time** - from the time God tells you to do something, how long does it take for you to do it? Gene shared how partial obedience and delayed obedience were still disobedience. These were not things I wanted to be reminded of on August 13!



Pastor Ryan and his family

Fast forward to February 2012 and you will find me exactly where God wanted me-- at North Valley Community Church! When I struggled to embrace HIS plan for my life I prayed, ***Lord I'm not willing to go in that direction, but I'm willing to be made willing***. He answered my prayer, changed my stubborn heart, and has blessed me in wonderful and unexpected ways. The people at North Valley are an incredible blessing in my life and I'm thrilled to be part of a church that is passionate about reaching the lost. I'm grateful for Ryan and Leslie Rice! I love them and their precious family. God always blesses obedience! 😊

***Leave room for God to send you on detours because the blessings may come on the paths that you didn't expect to take.*** – Redemptions Touch

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### ***Meadview Baptist Church - Evangelism Conference - April 20***

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Please pray for my time in Meadview, AZ where I'll be teaching four sessions on evangelism. May those who attend leave challenged, motivated, and burdened to share Jesus with others. My sessions are entitled: **Let your light shine; Your Hope Story; Speaking up for Jesus; and Be encouraged! God can use you!** I'm thrilled that Jennifer will be making this four-hour trip with me! 😊

*EnJOYing His Perfect Plan for my Life,*

Sara