Remember SEP and the bears of Orr, Minnesota?

This article is adapted from a chapter in the book Wilderness Son by Floyd Kielczewski as told to his daughter Marilece Kielczewski. Many in the Churches of God may remember that Mr. Kielczewski was the resident caretaker for the property of the Worldwide Church of God in Orr, Minnesota.

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TheJournal

By Floyd Kielczewski

RR, Minn.—We had been having problems with a big bear coming into camp at night. This was in the spring of 1997, when my friend, Mardell, and her friend Nel Lee had seen it on the railroad tracks when they were out walking down the camp road. She was telling me about it, and it was, I wasn’t excited. I told her, “No, Floyd. I’ve never seen a bear.”

Throwing rocks

Then she told me she threw rocks at it. I don’t think I would have done that. She also yelled at it and called it she was sure was a bear. The bear was much larger than a moose. When she stuck her head out of her kitchen next to the Dumpsters, she weighed about 400 pounds.

When Dr. Horne died, the congregation itself in a similar situation last year. Bruce E. Horne after Mr. Horne’s passing, the congregation for 2015 on Mustang Island.

Well, I had met Jody about a year before Mike. It was 24 years ago on a holy day in the spring of the year. Mike and I were both single women who had had many discussions about women, the single life, married life and the numerous opportunities or lack thereof that existed in the Church of God.

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Bill concludes by saying, “This [Roger’s] method flies in the face of the proper method of scriptural study, in which we are to seek multiple scriptures to base our conclusions of a doctrine or belief, and we come to a conclusion contradicting the preponderance of evidence. We must conclude we do not understand the single one correctly for some unknown reason.

Obviously, this one or other scriptures that support my conclusions are to be ignored. I had always wondered how important scriptures so precisely worded could be.

In case some did not catch what love are nurtured in humility and graciousness.

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By David F. Maas

The last two issues of The Journal presented some obser-
vations of four friends and some of the imagery of Hemingway’s story.

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Columns and commentary

Be on lookout for a well-lighted embassy

The writer pastors the Church of God Big Sandy and is a regular col-
umnist for The Journal.

By Dave Havir

Clean Well-Lighted Place,” haunting-

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European democracy lost!

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something cross the road near a cabin back off the highway. That family, the Longhens, had a dog and a couple of little kids. I saw the animal standing on its hind legs. Initially I thought it was a moose. Then I thought: No. That is not a moose, it is too wide. Moose aren't that wide.

Angry bear

It stood with its shoulders stopped against the fence post as if it were small to the fence post and was mainly open and the hair was standing up on its back.

I thought: I better get out of here before they make me squeal and begin honking the horn. He acted like he was going to charge at me so I backed the truck up. I dropped down on all fours. He was mad, snapping his jaws and talking to himself. He turned and headed down the road toward the Longhens' place. I believe the bear was too big for the Longhens' dog had been chasing him.

Marks of the beast on a tree

I went back to camp and told Mar- dell, "I think I saw your bear. Mar- dell is the biggest bear I have seen in a long, long time. I think he might even be bigger than the bear that broke into the camp. I think me and me at Phelps Lake, or at least me and my dog, shot up on Moose Camp Creek near Rainy Lake. It was 15 years old.

I didn't think much about it. Another family had bought some property about a half mile from the cabin on Frank and me up at Pipe Lake, and I thought it was going to be a bear bigger than the bear that broke into the cabin.

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Bible predicts another Europe dictator

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Psalm 68:1-22

For the commander of the Ethio- pian legion (Psalm 68:6) navigates rapids.

HUNTER, FISHERMAN, TRAPPER—Floyd Kielczewski (above) navigates rapids.

He had a reputation at SEP for giving rides through the rapids in his motorized boat and also for building a huge bear trap. In his lifetime he killed 238 deer, 66 moose and 68 bears. [Courtesy photo]

Game warden's problem was biggest bear Floyd had ever seen

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Accuracy shots

The bear was snarling and growling. I took good aim and asked God to direct the shot. I thought I had hit the bear, but there was no reaction. I didn't even wiggle. A few minutes later I gun again and took aim with the 35 Remington Gamemaster. I was shooting 200-grain bullets.

Again I was sure I had hit the bear, but it didn't seem to feel it. The bear was big and powerful. What I hadn't noticed was that the bear had stopped snipping its jaws and making all that rackets. He was about 40 yards away.

In the meantime, the dog was runn- ing around the tree waiting for the bear to come back down. The bear was 35 to 40 feet up the tree when he came back down.

The tree wasn't more than 10 inches in circumference. Usually bears can stand on their back paws and do that, and I don't know how he did it.

The rip marks on the tree showed that the bear flattened a large piece of bark and embedded an inch into that Norwegen pine. I wish I knew how powerful his paws were.

When he hit the ground, the ground shook. Floyd had the heaviest bear—600 pounds, and he wasn't fat. That was why he was looking for food. He had only an inch and a half of fat on him.

The bear was stone dead before he hit the ground. The two stories I fired had cut the main artery along the backbone, hacking him dead center. An animal usually lasts about 15 seconds after the main artery is cut.

Large bear rug

I told our state game warden about the killing, and he said that I should take care of it for because the bear was so big it was worth it.

"This is about the biggest bear I have seen," he said.

I gave the bear hide to Joe Tkach, my best friend. Joe had torn it up and made a bear rug out of it. When he was finished, the rug was so big that he had to hang it on his son. His son didn't have enough room for it, so he gave it back to me.

This was a blessing because my wife wanted it when she first saw it lying on the ground.

I cut the skin into two halves and half feet from the tail to the eight and half feet across the paws, which is a huge animal. My wife wanted it when she first saw it.

Oh, and the claw marks were still in that tree when I left the camp in 2000.
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The Prodigal Son

How many of us have read or heard this parable? I suspect everyone in the U.S. is very familiar with this story. We have heard about it since I can remember in the church. And the thing I remember about it was the son who stayed was the recipient of the entire remainder of the father’s estate.

I remember multiple sermons in the WCG and her offshoots about how the son who took his inheritance and frattered it away was still loved. The key was the son who was faithful was the one rewarded. Yes, the one who returned was saved, but his reward was lost.

And I have lived with that interpretation for decades. Happily, I might add. See, it fits what I want to believe: that God is just and fair and the people who profess a death-bed repentance don’t really get such a good deal.

Because as a human, it kind of grates on me to believe I work, sacrifice and put up with a lot of things I really don’t like much to then find out someone else gets the same reward.

Kind of like the parable of the landowner who contracts with a crew to harvest his fields. The first set he hires in the morning are to be paid X amount. (A penny, but in those days it bought a lot more than it does now). When he sees the work is too much for the starting crew, he hires more, and then later in the day he does the same again. All are promised the same pay.

As human nature would have it, the ones hired in the morning assume they should be paid more, for they worked all day in the heat. But they don’t get more. They get the same ‘reward.’

I’ve always had a problem with that one. Yes, I understand it intellectually. And I can pretend I understand it spiritually. But, as a union carpenter who worked in the field with many different people, I can tell you definitively when the guy next to you isn’t putting up as much concrete formwork or carrying as many 12-foot 18-gauge steel studs from the stack out in the burning hot sun, and you are busting your tush doing your share and part of his, that you are not making the same pay.

After all, we are all getting the same pay—even the lumber who spends half the day at the water cooler or is just plain lazy. Ya, it gets under your skin.

We were told the diligent worker gets a reward. Which they do. When you work and the next guy doesn’t, the reality is you’ll get better jobs and you’ll be taken care of while he’s standing in the unemployment line. But it’s not a lot of comfort when you’re tired and beat at the end of the day and he’s bragging about how he’s going to the big concert that evening while you’re too tired to hardly drive home.

So, yes, I kind of liked the WCG take on the Prodigal Son. “Yeah, he gets the party, but he also has to deal with me as the ranch ramrod when Dad’s back at the big house!”

But in the back of my mind I knew there was something else I was missing. A lot of things float around in an old half-empty skull, and one of them was the idea of ‘once saved always saved’ and how that fits to this.

So when I left I was seeing his side. But I was still left with the reality I am firmly convinced of, which is: God does not accept us ‘as we are.’ He expects us to repent and change. But then where do I draw the line? I can’t tell if the local bum on the corner is a real hard-luck situation or if he’s only looking for the next bottle of Mad Dog 20/20. (Really cheap wine from a different time, for those a bit younger than 1) Do I help them? Or am I enabling them to continue in their sins?

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Where Is the... True Church today?

Jesus Christ said, “I will build My Church.” He did not say “Churches,” denominations, “sects.” He said the gates of hell would not prevail against that Church. Somewhere that original true Church exists today. But WHERE? WHICH? . . .” (WHERE Is the True Church booklet, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong).

—The Grave Danger of Deception—

“Take heed that no man deceives you. For many will come, saying (acknowledging) ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many” (Matthew 24:4-5; 11-12).

Could YOU Be Deceived and NOT Realize It?

Dear Brethren,

I suspect many of you seeing the subject will just move on without reading the whole article and in so doing fail to grasp the possibility that what happened to me could also happened to you.

PRISON VISIT—While I was pastoring the Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a prisoner in the Angola Prison requested a visit from me. First, I had to be interviewed by the chaplain of that prison.

CHAPLAIN—He asked a direct question: “Have you ever been deceived?” I thought for a second, then answered, “Yes.” I remembered being deceived by a man who called me saying he and his family were being transferred to San Diego, where I was at the time. He had lost his wallet in a phone booth and had no money to pay for the house he had already rented and gave me the address.

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FELLED TO TEST—He came to my home and I gave him the money he had requested. When he failed to show up for Church services the following Sabbath, I became suspicious and drove to the address he had given me. Someone else lived there. Yes, I had been deceived by the man’s believable lie.

SURPRISED—The chaplain expressed surprise that I admitted being deceived. He then said, “I ask other ministers this question and they become angry! They do not believe they could be deceived.” He then told me the prisoners preyed on ministers visiting with them by asking for money to help them. The chaplain said the prisoners would use the money to pay gambling debts.

Could You Be Deceived and Not Realize It? In view of the eternal goal we all seek, I ask the same question of you that he asked me: “Have you ever been deceived?” Further, “Is it possible you may have already been deceived by your own deceived ministers and not realize it? Put them to the test as I failed to do at the time by not calling his previous minister! As the result, I cost the Church Fund several hundred dollars. Your failure could cost your life!

YOUR TEST—Scrutinize all of the doctrines your Church teaches to see if they square with the true doctrinal teachings Jesus Christ used Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as His apostle to teach all of us. How? Pick up an unedited copy of Mystery of the Ages and study it seriously with your own Bible and see if those teachings of your church matches with them.

FEARFUL—Are you fearful of what you might see by taking the test; afraid of losing friends and alienating relatives—if you should find your Church is off-track?

YOUR BEGINNING—Did your presiding pastor begin his Church with what appeared to be the correct teachings and later found he and others under him were continually going farther away from the true teachings as I found with my tenure in UCG and the COGIC?

UCG—Three years I remained with UCG hoping with each year we would pick up where Mr. Armstrong had left off at the time of his death. Coming to realize they were only going farther away from those true teachings, I resigned.

COGIC—After two years with COGIC it also became very clear that Mr. Hulme had no intention of teaching the fullness of the same truths as we had been taught by Mr. Armstrong. Again, I resigned.

FAITHFUL FLOCK—God knows my heart, I lie not! Never had I wanted to be in the position of being a pastor over an independent flock apart from all others! However, not finding any other group following fully those doctrinal truths, including God’s government, I was left with no choice.

ONE TRUE CHURCH—When one considers all of the beliefs of the many corporate Churches in view of the true teachings we had been taught, it can be easily seen they have entered the darkness of deception. It should be realized not all of them can be right, for there is only one true Church (Matthew 16:18). So which one?

TIME RUNNING OUT—Considering where we are in time with the famine and disease epidemics on our very doorstep, to be followed by the horrors of the Great Tribulation, you should be strong enough in your desire to make sure you are in the true Church of God (Matthew 16:18; Revelation 5:10).

W A R N I N G — J e s u s Christ gave the grave warning of deception (Matthew 24:4-5; 11, 23-28). And to all of the Church eras, including the Philadelphia Era, is the exhortation to prove what is written and preached by all ministers whether what is said fully matches the Holy Scriptures, as did the Ephesians (Acts 17:11). If I admit I have been deceived and also made mistakes. How about YOU? We in the Church of God, Faithful Flock, pray for you.

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How did priests ever start? Every culture or gathering of similar-minded people decided to live together or were born in a belief system of priests.

Kings and Priests

Originally, the offices of a priest and king were one being dictating forgiveness and judgment. Two kinds of priests/kings existed to serve everything there is, had been or will be.

No father or mother

The first ruler of all had no father or mother. He was named Melchizedek. His name meant “King of Salem,” which meant “King of Peace.” In Hebrew, bibli-cally you would say shalom. This priest was the Sabbath Rest eternally.

“Know therefore that the LORD [master] your God, he is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments [plural] to a thousand generations” (Deuteronomy 7:9).

God Alone

This is a perfect statement about the foremost, original Priest/King, God alone, who was without any beginning or end. God is Melchizedek, the only ever-living King/Priest.

Firstborn Son

The joyful Psalms foretold the addition to

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the Order of God, the first eternal King/Priest:

“The LORD [master] said to my Lord [a second master] sit you at my right hand, until [temporarily] I [the first LORD] make your enemies my footstool [those pleading for mercy]” (Psalm 110:1).

This declaration by God already on His throne appoints another Prince on the King/Priest’s right hand to share the throne of God. This is a holy song rejoicing in the future:

“The LORD has sworn [pledged] and will not repent [change], you are a priest for ever after the Order of Melchizedek” (Psalm 110:4).

The ending of this Psalm proclaims that this order is forever in the future. When does God crown this new priest/king?

What Peter taught

Peter the apostle on Pentecost 40 days after the resurrection of Christ explained Psalm 110 very clearly and simply. First he acknowledged it was King David who wrote and sang this Psalm, but King David was already dead. What did Peter teach?

“For you will not leave my soul [life] in hell [the grave]; neither will you suffer [permit] Your Holy One [first begotten] to see corruption [decay]” (Psalm 16:10).

Now, Peter acknowledges that Jesus, in this time period, became Melchizedek after the Order of the King/Priest. Peter makes this direct quote: “For David is not ascended into the heavens [plural]: but he said himself, the LORD said to my Lord, sit you on my right hand. Until I make your foes [refers to death—1 Corinthians 15] my footstool [pleading for mercy] (Acts 2:34-35).

Details in Revelation 5

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Your minister is “NOT” your Head/Leader.

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Can We Eat Animal Fat?

Yes, we can. Does the Word of God contradict itself? I had read it before, but this time—reading it in Nehemiah 8:10, where Ezra the priest said to them, “Go your way, eat ‘the fat,’ drink the sweet and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to the Lord”—I was shocked!

Many years ago I had been taught by the WCG that we could not eat animal fat. I’m sure Mr. Herbert Armstrong did not try to deceive us, and I’m not attacking him. If he had lived on, he probably would have corrected this teaching.

These Jews Ezra was speaking to were keeping the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. They had just returned to the Holy Land from captivity in Babylon. A careful study of Lev. 6:24 through verse 30 and Lev. 7:1 through verse 9 will prove we can eat animal fat. But first notice Lev. 7:25, “For whoever eats the fat of the beast of which man offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, that person who eats it shall be cut off from his people.”

Clearly, God is speaking of the fat from animals being sacrificed and not animals being killed for food. Lev. 7:1 through verse 8 is telling these priests who have killed and are burning (cooking) the trespass offering that they can eat the flesh with its fat.

For better understanding, we need to realize the priests belong to the Lord. That’s why they could eat the offering but the general population could not.

Let’s take a close look at Lev. 7:3-6. “And he (the priest) shall offer from it all its fat. The fat tail and the fat that covers the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks and the fatty lobe on the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove, and the priests shall burn (cook or roast) them on the altar as an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a trespass offering. Every male among the priests may eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It is most holy.”

Don’t be confused when you read Lev. 3:17. Here it is stated that you shall eat neither fat nor blood. But look at verse 16. The priest shall burn them on the altar “as food,”

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The letter below is my reply to some letters of rebuttal to my article “Can We Eat Animal Fat?” that was printed in issue No. 169 of The Journal. See the top of this page for a copy of that original article.

Thank you for your well-written rebuttal letter regarding my letter “Can We Eat Animal Fat?” You really had me scrambling for a little while.

In my opinion, eating animal fat, except perhaps for health reasons, is an unimportant issue or it would have been included, along with the blood statute, in the “necessary things” for the newly converted gentiles to keep (Acts 15:28-29). It becomes problematic and harmful only when church leaders demand that their congregations keep this old covenant statute.

There are now hundreds of these C.O.G. groups. Even though we Anglo-Americans are a part of Israel, the laws “necessary” enough (Acts 15:28-29) for the gentiles are also good enough for us Israelites.

To some degree, we Bible students have to rely on unconverted scholarly translators of the Bible, and those include the Hebrew and Greek dictionaries. Sometimes when the scriptural subject is confusing or appears to be confusing, we have to rely on the entire contextual message, and this is one of those times.

The enclosed article “Can We Eat Animal Fat?” will be published in The Journal with an added footnote. [See the article and footnote above on this page.] Notice especially in the footnote that the English word “fat” used in Ezekiel 34:3 is the same Hebrew word used for “fat” as in Leviticus 7:25 (cheleb, Strong’s 2459). Strong’s 4924 defines “fat,” Hebrew word mashman, as fat, fatness, a rich dish, a fertile field, a robust man, and then again the word “fat.”

The Hebrew word qatar (Strong’s 6999) translates into the English words “burn, burned or burnt (meaning the idea of fumigation in a close place), to smoke, turn into fragrance by fire.” It simply means to roast or cook. The expressive term “burned up” is not in the book of Leviticus. “Up” in English is an adverb that is not in the original Hebrew. Now, the expressive term “wholly burnt” is recorded in Leviticus 6:22-23. This English word “wholly,” translated to the Hebrew word kaiyliy, means completely, the whole (specifically a sacrifice completely consumed), fully, all, etc.

This is the only place in Leviticus where this word “wholly” is used, and then it’s describing wholly burning up as a grain offering and not fat.

The Bible plainly states you shall eat neither fat nor blood (Leviticus 3:17). What is marbled fat, except fat? The first ten chapters of Leviticus are about sacrificial offerings, and it plainly follows that the command to not eat fat stated in Leviticus 3:17 is connected to these offerings. Since animal sacrifices are unlawful under the new covenant, it’s totally meaningless, other than for health reasons, if we eat fat or not, and what about the fat from chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese? For health reasons, I trim most of this fat off and discard, and it’s certainly not for any religious reason.

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The 6,000-Year ‘Theory’ is Running out of Time

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The 6,000 years: 1,656 years to the flood—Gen 5:3, 7; 427 years to the death of Abraham—Gen 25:18; 10 years (a full 11 years do not have to pass from Abraham at age 75 to his age at 86) to the birth of Ishmael who was Abraham’s descent—Gen 21:13; 400 years to the exodus—Gen 15:13; 480 years to Solomon’s 4th year—1 Kings 6:1; 5 years to the remaining years of the reign of Solomon—1 Kings 11:33; 50 years to Zedekiah’s 11th year—2 Kings 25:2; 7 years to the Babylonian exile—2 Kings 25:20; 62 years are allotted to Josiah’s reign counted after Uzziah’s death—2 Ch 32:25; 2,538 years (585 BC to 2014 AD, no 0 BC/AD).

A second listing of the 6,000 years: as above, 3,382 years to the end of the 7 years/7 cycles of 19 years each; 3,382 years to the crucifixion in 33 AD on Friday, Nisan 14 (note: the primary meaning of ‘aphiemi’ here is not talking of divorce at all. The NKJV uses the word in seven or eight years of seven each—TNT 24 AD; 432 years to the end of the 7 years/7 cycles of 19 years each; 432 years to the crucifixion in 33 AD on Friday, Nisan 14 (note: the 3 days/nights were a few minutes of darkness Friday afternoon to a few minutes of daylight Sunday morning, Sunday being the third day from Friday—Luke 24:1, 13, 19, 21; Note: the women left home when dark and arrived at the grave at sunrise—Mark 16:2. Note: after Jesus was buried—Luke 24:2—darkness began to leave the land—and of Luke 24:34—which is what Luke meant in Luke 23:54 which should read “... and the Sabbath began to grow light.” The Sabbath, Nisan 14, is the first day of unleavened bread—Ex 12:6 with Deut 16:2, 22. So let us for the one time mentioned of men to look into this for you. Develop your own relationship with the real purpose of the passage of God—concerning the churches of God. Don’t assume this is the only chunk of the iceberg of mistakes that the churches of God make. Don’t assume this is the only chunk of the iceberg of mistakes that the churches of God make.

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of prophetic images. If we were to
consume withnegativity, we cannot re-
frame our life experiences: pain, suf-
tenance, tranquility, love, joy and
comfort)—of the Kingdom of God.

“For the Son of Man is not come to
prepare. He is come to bring forth
people.” (Matthew 11:28, KJV) Since
Jesus’ Second Coming, an event for
which we won’t know the day or the
hour, we should not be overcome by
darkness.

True state of character

Appearing within the same month as the 1930s is a period that
many call the Great Depression. In “The
Fireside Chats” (a magazine published by the
Forerunner Club, Inc. and previously titled Watch What?!” by Pat Higgins)

Pat maintained that some have been disoriented by the parody
of watching. In Luke 21:36 Jesus says, “Watch therefore, and pray always; that you may be counted worthy to escape all
these things that shall come to pass, and stand before the Son of Man.”

There are those who believe this verse by 2 Corinthians 5:1, 2, a message
and prophecy. Because of that, they
spend much time on those activities,
believing they are properly preparing for the return of our Savior to earth.

We have seen this, when Christ talks about watching. He is speaking all
about spiritual preparation, not physical
preparation.

What value would it be if, after countless hours spent intensively
by year after year, we were right about
world events and prophecy but, because
of neglecting to check the true
state of our character?

Additional reinforcement

On June 28, 2015, Charles Reg
Kilgling published an article on the
website of the Church of God Big
Tidings, a monthly newsletter called
“Reg” essentially focused on the
same theme.

On May 5, 2015, Martin Collins
taught in six U.S. states to prevent runs
on banks.

In that sermon he added yet another
dimension to this developing theme:

Martin mentioned that until Christ
returns we must serve our brethren,
using spiritual gifts. In Ephesians
3:14 he says, “Ah! How I long to see you professed
ly delayed His coming.

Many have concluded that Heming-
way’s, often identified with the:expraet generation of the 1920s
was well aware of a deeply sensed need
for light, order and peace in the wake
of Paul von Hindenburg appointed Adolf
Hitler as chancellor.

Jan. 30: Hitler formed a govern-
ment in the new cabinet. He began to
work and create a national will.

Mar. 21: A Russian campaign
began-21 year run on ABC radio, giving
young people a role model to bring jus-
tice to the world.

Feb. 15: President-elect Franklin
Roosevelt survived an assassination
attack.

Feb. 27: The German parliament
began voting to come to a decision
by fire.

March 1: Bank holidays were
declared in six U.S. states to prevent runs
on banks.

March 3: Mount Rushmore was
dedicated. It was intended to serve as a
landmark, a perpetual emblem of
democracy.

March 4: FDR was inaugurated as
described president, pledging to end
United States out of the Depression.
He promised, “Every
time of life, let me assert my firm
belief that the only thing we have to
fear and fearless is fear itself.” This was
one of the most memorable statements
of the decade of the ’30s, perhaps one of
the most encouraging utterances to come out
of the Great Depression.

The fireside messages, inspiring sac-
ficile acts of devotion, were
seen, and evidently filtered down into the public psyche in the
decade of the ’30s.

Hollywood’s role

Believe it or not, Hollywood in large
part in the 1930s served as a beacon of light with its didactic mission of safe-
warding and defending the public morals.

From The Shadow, Phil Murphy, New
Walt Disney, Charlie Chan, The Advan-
tures of Sherlock Holmes and The
Challenges of the Yukon, the perennial
tHEME THEMED drummed into young people was that
crime will never pay.

Roosevelt’s Liberty Bell

John Wayne, Gene Autry, Hopi-Long Cas-
sby, Bob Steele, Ken Maynard, Hoot
Gibbons and William S. Hart, provided
enables of enclaves of stability during times of
financial hardship and dreadful rumors of

Mr. Roman’s life, see his obituary on

We have progressed 82 years since
the dialogue between the young hiring
world and the shepherd-like water
recorded in Hemingway’s A
Great:Well-Lighted Place and FDR’s series of
Fireside Chats.

The war to end all wars and the
reality of all wars did not really end any wars.
Increasing the size of government did not really make democracy safer from
terrorism, hence in the refugees.

As the size of government seemed to
loom out of control, some leaders, includ-
ing Ronald Wilson Reagan, believed that
the greater danger to the citizenry was an
uncontrolled, overregulated government.

Our current government believes that
the way to transform this country is to increase the bureaucracy, ex-
change and tax the regulations, as well as
through blanket amnesty, rendering bor-
ders and laws irrelevant.

Home fires burning

For one hundred years, we will be
lamba up to another people’s feet when we
quietly modeled God’s law by exemplify-
ing the great commandments (Mat-

We were liable

in the temple of His Holy Spirit.

For example, I was attempting to
derive insight as to how people found
post war, the moral pulse of the nation was the week-
ly faith
Christian’s kindly exploits.

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of Medicare, ObamaCare or Blue Cross
and FDR’s series of
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Come to Mustang Island for the Feast

HOUSTON, Texas—The independent Houston Church of God has big plans as part of its outreach mission to play host to a site for the 2015 Feast of Tabernacles. The congregation’s Feast will take place at Port Aransas, Texas, on Mustang Island beginning the evening of Sept. 27.

The conference center

Feastgoers will find “an easy stroll to Bible studies and services each morning,” and “every evening night owls can share the day’s experiences over coffee and snacks until midnight in the conference center on site,” Ms. Hughes said.

Special rates

Make reservations directly with Sandcastle at 1-800-727-6201. Mention the code HOOG15 to identify yourself as part of the Feast group and to receive a 10 to 15 percent discount off list prices.

You can select your condo at sandcastleconferencecenter.com by clicking “Accommodations” at the bottom of the page.

Ms. Hughes suggested inquiring about the “free night for every six you reserve.” To stay informed of plans and events, let the Houston group know you are coming. For more information visit houston-churchofgod.org.

“Your congregation or ministry is interested in hosting this coast,” Ms. Hughes said, “please let us know.”

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