



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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Calendar of Events

The Piedmont Outpost Veterans Life Group meets, at 1830 hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Journey Life Center, 5415 Highway 557, Lake Wylie, SC 29710.

April 2014

Apr 1st Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Apr 15th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Apr 20^h Sun.....Happy Easter

May 2014

May 6th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
May 11thMothers Day
May 20th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
May 26thMemorial Day

June 2014

June 3rd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
June 14thFlag Day
June 15thFathers Day
June 17th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

Quotable

“Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.” – David Elton Trueblood (1900-1994)

“Never put a question mark where God has put a period.” – Joel Osteen

“The best proof of love is trust.” – Joyce Brothers (1927-2013)

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” – Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983)

“Few delights can equal the presence of one whom we trust utterly.” – George MacDonald (1824-1905)

Recommended Reading

Ruthless Trust - Brennan Manning (1934-2013)

“For we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us...” II Corinthians 1:8~10

Warrior's Witness

I was browsing around a lumber warehouse waiting for my friend, Don, to select some red oak for making furniture, when I spotted an exotic beauty, less than 5 feet tall, leaning against a large stack of lumber. This exotic beauty goes by the name of Sapele and comes from tropical Africa. Sapele is among the most prized of exotic woods. I asked the lumber yard worker what they were going to do with it. He told me, because it was badly warped, it was useless and would be thrown out. However, I still wanted it. I was thinking how much Harvey was going to love this warped piece of Sapele.

Harvey is another friend of mine and he is also a master knife maker. He uses scraps of discarded wood to make handles and old sawmill blades to make knife blades. Beneath the rust and pitting on the old sawmill blades lies the hidden treasure of high carbon steel, which Harvey shapes, sharpens and polishes. When he joins the scraps of wood with the repurposed steel the completed knife is a truly beautiful work of art.

Genesis 1:27 tells us we were created in the image of God. But we chose to trust ourselves rather than trusting God, which separated us from Him and distorted our image. Our decision to live independently from God, rather than in dependence on Him, left us scarred and warped. Yet, Revelation 21:5 tells us God is making all things new. This promise to make all things new includes those who have repented (which simply means to change your mind) and chosen to trust God.



Rusted metal and scrap wood?

When the master knife maker looks at rusted metal and scrap wood, he sees beyond the flaws to the finished knife. When God looks at us He sees us as His completed work and His desire is that we see ourselves, as we truly are, through His eyes. For, through grace, we are once again made...in His image.

Semper Frateri
Bud Strope