



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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Calendar of Events

The Piedmont Outpost Veterans Life Group meets, at 1830 hours, at Goshen Glenn, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

February 2014

Feb 4th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Feb 14th Fri.....Happy Valentine's Day
Feb 18th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

March 2014

Mar 4th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Mar 9th Sun.....Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 18th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

April 2014

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

New Outpost

The Point Man Ministries, Union County Outpost meets in Waxhaw, NC. Contact Art Spurr (704) 582-1541 or Kevin Tillet (704) 574-1987 for meeting details.

Quotable

"Grief knits two hearts in closer bonds than happiness ever can and common sufferings are far stronger links than common joys." – Alphonse de Lamartine (1790-1869)

"He loves his bonds who, when the first are broke, submits his neck into a second yoke." – Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

"If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got." – Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

"When the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail." – Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Warrior's Witness

In the October 2013 edition, I wrote about Terry Adams being killed by friendly fire. Some years ago, I discovered where his remains are resting and I began annual visits on his birthday. I spend a few minutes with my fading memories, cleaning the overgrown grass away from his marker and, just before I leave, I render honors. I do this because there is a warriors' bond, forged in fire, between those who served together in combat. Although it has been broken by death, I deem it my duty to maintain this bond. So I felt very sad when I missed last year. For we always feel guilty when we fail in our self-imposed obligations. When we do, we break a vow, which is simply a law that we make for ourselves.

In **Matthew 5:33-37** we are admonished not to make a vow or swear an oath and in **James 5:12**, we are again told not to swear, "so that you may not fall under judgment." In the Old Testament we find the old covenant wherein God promises to bless, if we will but trust and obey Him. This is a bilateral vow, or covenant, between mankind and God. However, although God is always faithful, mankind is not. We can never perfectly perform our part of the vow. This is the inevitable result of living under obligation to religious law. Yet this covenant did not fail in its purpose to reveal our inability to keep it and to prepare the way for the new covenant.

Therefore, God created a new unilateral covenant, which He perfectly keeps. For the new covenant is not between mankind and God. It is between the Father and the Son. It is actually a covenant God made with Himself. The new covenant is fulfilled in Christ and, according to **Ephesians 1:4**, "...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world..." making those in Christ party to this new covenant, which He is always faithful to keep, and creating an unbreakable bond. **Romans 8:38-39** tells us about this bond. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Unlike the warriors' bond, which is forged in fire, this unbreakable bond is forged in...grace.

Semper Frateri
Bud Strope

"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