



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. VLG is suspended for the summer and will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd.

July 2014

July 1st Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG
July 4th.....Independence Day
July 15th Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG

August 2014

Aug 5th Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG
Aug 19th Tues 1830 HrsNo VLG

September 2014

Sept 1st.....Labor Day
Sept 2nd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Sept 16th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

Quotable

“A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.” – Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900-1944)

“This perfection is the restoration of man to the state of holiness from which he fell, by creating him anew in Christ Jesus, and restoring to him that image and likeness of God which he has lost.” – Adam Clarke (1760-1832)

“Thank the Lord for using each person as a tool in your life to deepen your insight into His grace and conforming you to the image of His Son.” – Charles Stanley

“The true identity theft is not financial. It's not in cyberspace. It's spiritual. It's been taken.” – Stephen Covey (1932-2012)

Recommended Reading

Psalm Twenty-Five & PTSD – Robert Scholten

Warrior's Witness

1967 Vietnam: As I sat in my tent looking through one of the few American magazines we had available to us, like a typical 19 year old, I was drooling over the glossy photo of a shiny red car pictured in an advertisement. I promised myself I would get one when I got “back to the world”. The desire was strong but the means were not and it did not happen as I had envisioned.

Recently, I was driving down a familiar street when I saw an old red car rusting away in someone's front yard and the forty-seven year old desire returned or, much more likely, it had never left. It seems old desires often surprise and overcome us when we are on familiar streets and least expect it to happen. I stopped and within minutes I owned a rusty car with a broken windshield, bad brakes and a dead battery. But, I didn't care what it looked like. I knew it could be made beautiful again. However, since I had acted on impulse, I had not considered the cost. After a major assault on my wallet for body work, paint, headlights, windshield, tires, shiny wheels and shinier chrome, the old car was indeed once again beautiful. A new throaty exhaust system even made it sound good or at least it sounded like my memories of what sounded good when I was a teenager. But, it only looked and sounded good. Inside there was still a need for a fan belt, battery, ball joints, brakes, bushings, spark plugs, shocks and the list goes on. In other words, all the work required, to make it safe and functional, still had to be done. I had gotten the process backwards. When restoring a vehicle, the right sequence of events is to make it operational and safe and then make it look good.

As a young Christian, I tried to look and sound like what I thought a Christian was supposed to look and sound like. At the same time, I knew I was not living up to the image I was trying to project. I did not yet know that our transformation into the image of Christ is an act of grace and not the result of our own efforts. It is only as God works on the inside that we appear as Jesus on the outside. **Philippians 2:13** tells us “...it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure” and His good pleasure is found in **2 Corinthians 3:18** where we are told “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” and again in **Colossians 1:27** we learn that Christ in us is our hope of Glory.

God knew the infinite cost to remake us in His image and He found us to be worth it. Only by looking through His eyes are we able to see what He sees in us. For He sees us as His completed work, which is the perfected image of Jesus.

Semper Frateri
Bud Strobe

“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