



The Monday Memo

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

The Second Coming: Who Cares - Really?

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How much passion consumes us regarding the fourth tenet of the Four-Fold Gospel: Christ Our Coming King?

Does this aspect of the Alliance message burn within us, eliciting some thrill of emotion, or is it simply some academic doctrine, hanging somewhere on the horizon, disjointed from the practical realities of life and ministry?

The fact is that A. B. Simpson's doctrine of the Second Coming affected all other aspects of his theology. He saw it as the pinnacle of all the Alliance taught. For Simpson, his eye was fixed on the return of Christ.

His enthralment with this event was demonstrated by this incident recorded in the November 8, 1919 issue of *Alliance Weekly*:

He (Simpson) was returning from St. Paul on his last extended tour, when in Chicago, he picked up an "extra", telling of the capture of Jerusalem. He immediately hurried to his hotel, and falling on his knees by the bedside, burst into tears of joy, because of the culmination of his life-long hope. He wired to New York that he would preach on the great theme of Jerusalem's fall and its meaning. In spite of unutterable weariness, he delivered his marvelous address, which has been an inspiration to thousands.

The capture of Jerusalem indicated to him that the stage was now set for the return of the Jews to the land—and that now the return of Christ was indeed imminent.

In an earlier sermon on the Second Coming, Albert B. Simpson powerfully declared:

"That is the goal, that is the outlook, that is the perspective of faith and hope – not the cross, not even the resurrection, not the work of missions, not even the blessed presence of the Master and the power of the Holy Spirit. All these only lead up to that transcendent and eternal hope, that one far off event to which the whole creation moves."

So where does the truth of Christ's return fit into our personal worship and ministry?

Like Simpson, is it a truth that carves on our ministry every day? Does it mold our walk of faith and our mission of evangelism? Does it thrill our anticipation and cause us to dream of that appointed day?

Fellow servant, if this is a truth that we honestly believe as we said we did at our ordination/consecration, may it take on life and be born anew within us so that our life, our preaching, and our mission flow from it!

Special points of interest:

- Please submit all articles for The Monday Memo to info@cmamad.org

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- All articles will be reviewed and approved for inclusion. Some editing may be required.



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The Weeks Past

Since I last wrote, it has been my privilege to interact with several of our pastors, church leaders, and congregations. They have included Atlanta Road Alliance Church Staff (Seaford, DE), New Hope Christian Fellowship leaders (Virginia Beach, VA), The Alliance Church Centre Board (Oakton, VA), and Great Commission Community Church Leadership (Pentagon City, VA).

It has been my joy to visit several events and worship services: The C&MA Men's Retreat (Fredericksburg, VA), Calvary Alliance of D.C. (Beltsville – Robert and Jonnifer Lennon), District Grain of Hope Youth Event (First Alliance, Silver Spring, MD), Rosemont Alliance Church (Brunswick, MD - Tony and Dawn Casas),

and Addis Kidan Christ's Church (Silver Spring, MD – Mulugeta Abate).

This past Sunday morning, Andy and Marilyn and Linda and I had the great blessing of participating in a commissioning and dedication service for our new Fredericksburg church plant held during the two morning worship services at our Staunton Alliance Church. It was a combined farewell/commissioning for Kipp and Jenny Purath who are joining the planting team and a dedication of the project. Lead planter Matt Guentner, with his wife, Michele, and daughters were present as well. The Staunton church did an outstanding job hosting this and arranging the service.

The Week Ahead

Our District Prayer Team will be gathering via conference call to pray for a variety of district needs. Should you have any special concerns you would like the team to remember, please email them to Linda Corbin (LCorbin@cmamad.org) no later than Wednesday.

Travel this week will include D.C., Arlington (VA), Culpeper (VA), and Chesterfield (VA). I am looking forward to visiting several pastors and church leaders.

Please continue to anticipate our District and Prayer Conference set for May 24-27 in Seaford, DE. Be sure to invite your church leaders to consider attending as well. Information can be found on our web site (www.cmamad.org).

May the Lord give you a fruitful week!

Living the Call With You!

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Prayer Request

Karen Harper, wife of Official Worker, Jim Harper, is recovering from surgery for cancer. Please pray for her recovery and wisdom regarding follow-up treatment that might be needed. The Harpers live in Rhodesdale, MD.

Equipment Need

Our Ethiopian church in Catonsville, Maryland, The Emmanuel Evangelical Church, is in need of speakers for their sound system. If your church has an unused set of speakers, or is considering replacing existing speakers, please contact Daniel Berhanu at (443) 760.5193.

Alliance Women's Retreat @ Ocean City, MD

Hurry! Early Registration Discount Ends March 18th!

Registration and reservation costs:

QUAD* \$ 103/PERSON (\$93 EARLY)

TRIPLE* \$111/PERSON (\$101 EARLY)

DOUBLE* \$129/PERSON (\$119 EARLY)

SINGLE* \$186/PERSON (\$176 EARLY)

COST INCLUDES ROOM FOR ONE NIGHT, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ON SATURDAY, GRATUITIES, TAXES & REGISTRATION
(REFUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE)

How's your salt supply? Are you salty? Have you been "Passing the Salt" this year to the women in your sphere of influence? It will be exciting to meet together at our District Retreat to refill our "salt shakers", to be seasoned with the salt of His Word and to share stories with one another of lives changed through the power of Jesus Christ as you have been faithful to "Pass the Salt" to your world. See you at Retreat!

This year's Silent Auction will go to Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, West Africa.

To Register: Follow this link to the [information brochure](#), print it out, fill out the registration and send it to Danita Hogue. For more information, email Danita at eugohatinad@aol.com.

Who: You, Family, Friends, Neighbors

What: C&MA Mid-Atlantic District Women's Retreat

When: April 23 - 24, 2010

Where: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland