



Chaplain's Minute

But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it. II Kings 6:5-7, NKJV

"The axe-head seemed hopelessly lost, and as it was borrowed, the honor of the prophetic band was likely to be imperiled, and so the name of their God to be compromised. Contrary to all expectation, the iron was made to mount from the depth of the stream and to swim; for things impossible with man are possible with God... beloved reader, what is thy desperate case? What heavy matter hast thou in hand this evening? Bring it hither. The God of the prophets lives, and lives to help His saints. He will not suffer thee to lack any good thing. Believe thou in the Lord of hosts! Approach Him pleading the name of Jesus, and the iron shall swim; thou too shalt see the finger of God working marvels for His people. According to thy faith be it unto thee, and yet again the iron shall swim."

Charles Spurgeon

On September 29th I was taken to the hospital by ambulance,

having lost the ability to walk. I had herniated my L5 disk and the hernia was placing pressure on the sciatic nerve. By far, it was the worst pain of my life.

On October 4th I was operated on, and a hernia the size of a quarter and as thick as a poker chip was removed from my back. Within an hour of my surgery, I was once again walking.

My doctor, Christopher Barry (whom I had never met) is a committed Christian. In spite of a very busy schedule, he took my case and operated. For the first time in 21 years, I am free from back pain. I shall ever be indebted to Dr. Barry and his nurse, Robin Justice for their kindness and care.

When I left the hospital, we were more than \$35,000 in debt. My insurance company did not cover this injury, due to a previous back injury. The chaplain for Midwest Regional Medical Center, Richard Chew, championed my case, and the hospital reduced my bill to \$11,600. In turn, all of my medical bills were reduced by the same amount, 60%.

The congregation I am privileged to pastor, took up my case and donated more than \$6,400 to assist my medical bills. We were left with a debt of \$7,100. Last week,

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- **Monthly Meeting:**
Our monthly meeting location may be changing each month through the fall. Be sure to check the website for each month's location!
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A Parting of Friends

We wake up every day thinking we have lots of tomorrows. Tomorrow... to run an errand, mow the yard, visit a friend or the multitude of other things that make up our daily lives.

Since I last saw many of you, I was reminded that we don't always have tomorrow. We have lost two dear members in our chapter since the March issue of our newsletter. Art White and Jack Carnes both went to be with our Lord and while we rejoice in the fact that both of them are in heaven, we will grieve our loss and miss them in this life.

Art was a quiet man and sometimes you had to look around at an outing to make sure you didn't miss seeing him there. He and Beth joined the chapter a couple of years ago, serving faithfully. Beth, we thank you for the time spent together with the two of you and hope to see you still. Be assured that you are in our prayers.

Every time I see or eat watermelon, I will think of Jack. He brought watermelon to the July Fourth Car Show every year for the

spectators; this was typical of Jack's nature. He was an active member of the Heartland Chapter almost from the beginning, supporting the ministry any way he was able. I know of at least one occasion in the past year where his and Leslie's generosity enabled our group to be well represented at a Christian Rods and Customs National Officers meeting.

If there are hotrods in heaven, I am sure that Jack is looking for one to work on, and I would not be surprised to see him slicing watermelons for the saints when I someday arrive there. Leslie, I will miss seeing Jack and the twinkle in his eye that appeared whenever he talked about something humorous. Jack touched many lives and I am sure he is, and will continue to be, a part of our lives in our hearts and memories.

My life is richer for having known both of these godly men; may God Bless both of your families.

Larry

Gus Wilson and the Model Garage

"In July, 1925, a gruff, gray-haired mechanic appeared feet-first on the pages of Popular Science. His name was Gus Wilson, and his feet were protruding from beneath a car on which he was "examining the brake rods." Sliding out from under the car, Gus Wilson emerged both into the light of day and into an extraordinary career.

In the years that followed, he has become the best known and most respected auto mechanic in the world of fiction. All dimensions of the Gus Wilson saga are of heroic proportions; Model garage stories are among the longest continuous fiction features ever printed in any magazine.

More than 500 Gus Wilson stories have been published. Some of the best of the latest are included in a collection located at <http://www.gus-stories.org/index.html>, all dealing with the problems of modern cars. You may be

driving one of them. What you learn in reading these entertaining tales may help you solve a future problem. The above article came from the Model Garage site and is the sole property of that site.

Take time to check out the stories, I feel sure you will enjoy the bit of history.



Jack and Leslie Carne's '41 Ford Panel Truck

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after reviewing our case, the hospital told us that if we could come up with \$1,200 they would forgive the remaining debt. The money came in and, tomorrow, we will give them a check.

My axe head floated. The God of the Prophets lives; not just in an exhortation by Charles

Spurgeon, but in my life also. I would like to say that I have great faith, but that would not be true. Yet even in time of doubt and uncertainty, He remains the same.

Randall Slack

Members Corner - "Don & Wilma"

Don was raised on a farm in Geary, Oklahoma, attended school there, playing on the football team and wrestling while in high school. Wilma grew up near Lookeba, Oklahoma, and graduated from Lookeba High School, where her favorite sport was basketball. She and Don met in Binger, Oklahoma, married and raised two sons. They are blessed by having their sons and daughters-in-law living nearby, as well as their four grandchildren.

They made their home in Oklahoma City until they moved to the Tuttle/Newcastle area about fourteen years ago. Their home is situated on two acres, a large part of which is taken up in gardening.

Don retired from CMI after working for them more than thirty years, and Wilma retired from the Putnam City School System. They are both longstanding members of Cherokee Hills Baptist Church.

They own several classic cars, including the 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado pictured here. Don is currently working on a 1963 Fairlane 500 Sport Coupe with one of his grandsons.

They are active members in the Heartland Chapter and look forward each month to the dining and fellowship with other believers.



Summer Safety

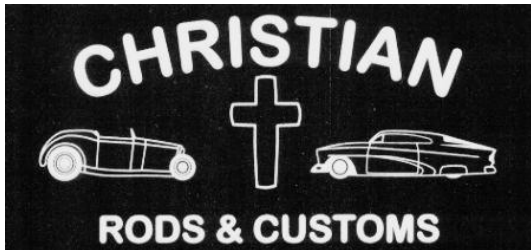
Where I work we are reminded every year about the "101 Critical Days of Summer". This period starts on Memorial Day and runs to Labor Day. During this time, we all head out for vacations and spend more time outside doing all of those typical outdoor summer activities.

We are encouraged to take "safety" home with us more so during this time than at any other time of the year. All too often we don't think about little things, such as ear and eye protection, at home like we would at

work. I read recently on a discussion forum about a fellow working under his car with a cheap trouble light. He somehow cut a fuel line, causing gas to flow onto the light which shattered, setting his shop, his 1940s Ford and him on fire. He was severely burned over a large part of his body, and the car was a total loss, all because of a cheap trouble light.

I have put a cordless LED trouble light on my shopping list; the old light is going in the swap meet pile. Take that extra minute to be safe and enjoy your summer.

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Coming Events and Activities

- July 4th* - Daily Oklahoman Freedom Festival at Eldon Lyon Park in Bethany, Oklahoma
 - July 19 - Coit's Cruise-in, NW42 & Penn., OKC
 - July 25-28 - KKOA Lead Sled Spectacular Sallina, Kansas
 - August 16 - Coit's Cruise-in, NW42 & Penn., OKC
 - August 17 - Community Christian Church Open Car Show, NE20 & Eastern, Moore, OK
 - September 26 - First Baptist Church, Norman, OK, Open Car Show 1-4 PM
 - October 16-18, 2008 - Chickasha Oklahoma Fall Swap meet
 - November 1* - Harrah Helping Hearts CMA/CRC Car and Motorcycle Show
 - December (TBD) - CRCHC Christmas Party
- * Shows hosted by Christian Rods and Customs, Heartland Chapter. Activities subject to change; please check our website for the latest up-to-date information and activities.



Chaplain's ride. It looks just as nice in person!