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Grace and Peace to all in Jesus' wonderful name!

This month I have the honor of penning a brief introduction for a man of God with great integrity who is honored highly in Heaven and on Earth. Some may say I'm biased because he is my great-uncle—but I just think he is a great uncle!

Pastor Gary Mann has been serving in Clare, Michigan for over 40 years. A faithful and loving servant of the Lord, he has diligently tended to and helped mature the flock in Clare with great care and attention.

For as long as I have known him ministerially, Pastor Gary's heart has burned for unity in the body of Christ. What he has written in the following pages is a beautiful, biblical, pastoral plea for this very thing. Please let the Holy Spirit search your heart as you read. Allow Him to shine light on any darkness that may be present in your life—any darkness, whether directed towards other church members or not causes disunity in the Church since we are one body.

As with the last offering from Pastor Caroline Holmes, I want to encourage you to reach out to Pastor Gary to express appreciation for his labor of love in writing for this month's newsletter.

On a different note, part of my responsibility as the Executive Director of Found Ministries is to oversee

the financial health of the organization. I am so thankful for all the support and generosity that has been shown by so many of you through the years. With that being said, of the ~500 people who receive this newsletter only a very small percentage of people contribute financially.

Consider this, if every person who receives this newsletter would faithfully give only \$5 a month, that would be \$2500 a month! I know that some really cannot extend their monthly expenditures that much more—trust me, I have three children who love to eat and for some reason keep growing and needing new clothes! But I am aware that some may not give because there is a perception that only giving \$5 a month won't make a difference, but I promise you **it will!**

Ultimately, this is my request: ask the Lord with an open heart if He desires you to sow into this ministry and responds accordingly. I can say with complete honesty that if the Lord does not lead you to give to us, I do not want your money. But if the Holy Spirit is asking you to give—no matter the amount—please do not withhold the blessings that God can bring to and through a cheerful giver.

There is much the Lord has put in our hearts regarding ministry in these last days, but it requires the resources of God's faithful people to make it happen. Thank you so much for

prayerfully considering a monthly gift to Found Ministries.

Blessings,

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Hebrews Twelve at a Glance

There are many teachings in Hebrews Chapter 12, but we will only look at three of them.

Perhaps the most important one is in verse 1, where we are told how to “strip off every weight that slows us down” and “run with endurance the race God has set before us.” “We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Joy and endurance is mentioned here for us to imitate. Nehemiah 8:10 tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. We should not be surprised for Psalm 16:11 tells us “In Your presence is fullness of joy.” In John the 15th chapter Jesus teaches us to abide in Him. He then tells us “I have told you these things SO THAT you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!” Joy is also discussed in John 16:24, John 17:13, Hebrews 1:9 and Psalm 119:92-93.

The second teaching is our relationship with others. Jesus, Paul and the entire Bible teaches us how to relate to others. In chapter 12, verse 10, we are taught: “So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. Mark out a straight path for your feet SO THAT those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.” Jesus put a high priority on our influence

on others. Mark 9:42 “But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck.” Chuck Swindoll states in his Study Bible: “Jesus teaches that people who hinder others faith will receive no mercy because of the great damage they inflict on those they influence.” The Apostle Paul also teaches this principle of avoiding causing our brothers and sisters to sin; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13 and Romans 14:13-21. Jesus also says: “What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting” Matthew 18:7.

The third teaching is to listen to God’s Word. The writer of Hebrews gives five main subjects:

1. Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life (Verse 14).
2. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God (Verse 15).
3. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many (Verse 15).
4. Make sure that no one is immoral or godless... (Verse 16).
5. Not only some subjects to attend to, but we are to “Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking (Verse 25).

In this chapter the voice is from Heaven through His earthly messenger, Jesus Christ. God speaks in many ways. Paul said God speaks through nature in the first chapter of Romans. Psalms tells us He declares His glory in the heavens. “The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day

they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth and their words to all the world” Psalm 19:1-4.

We are even to “obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit” Hebrews 13:17.

I watched a *Musketeer* movie yesterday and had a spiritual experience at the end of the movie. The Musketeers were all in their beautiful uniforms lined up before the King and Queen and in one spirit, they raised their swords in unity and cried out in unison, “All for one and one for all.” My heart went immediately to the will of God for all those “Found” by Rev. Helm through the Holy Spirit to be as one as these Musketeers were in their fight against evil, their struggle against the enemies of the King together in solidarity as a Brotherhood in Christ. My heart cries out for the unity with one another that Jesus prayed for in John 17. I am looking for the day we all can raise our swords and proclaim, “All for one and one for all.” The concluding words of Hebrews, Chapter 12 is in Chapter 13:1 “Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.”

Rev. Gary B. Mann

A Couple Notes from the Executive Director

- If you would like to write Pastor Gary to express appreciation for his labor of love, please send your notes to: Rev. Gary Mann, 1801 Columbus Dr. Farwell, MI 48622 or email him at gbamann@yahoo.com
- Fellowship Youth Camp is July 14-20 at Lincoln State Park in southern Indiana. If you would like to register a camper or get more information, please visit foundministry.org/fyc or email fyc@foundministry.org.
- Some of you may have seen the previous email we've sent or the social media posts, but in case you missed it we wanted to make sure you know about the RFOD Newsletter Archive. Every newsletter we had (we believe we got them all) from 1963-2006 have been digitized and are available as free downloads at foundministry.org/newsletter so please enjoy!
- As a long-time friend of Israel, Found Ministry has been presented an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters after the horrific events of October 7th. Among many needs, the first responders are in need of a new firetruck. Please follow the link for more information and to help. <https://my.jnf.org/israel-resilience-campaign/FIRETRUCK>