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Ken Smith, Director

CSM Calendar

June 10

Golf Marathon

Reception

Army Navy Country Club
Fairfax, VA
6:30-8:00 p.m.

July 11

**LMS Leader's
Training Workshop**

CSM Office in
Fairfax, VA
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Early September
Formation of
LMS Classes**

Washington Metro,
Virginia Tidewater,
Atlanta metro,
Pennsylvania, Arizona,
other areas

Sept. 18

**CSM Annual Golf
Marathon**

Fairfax National Golf
Course
Fairfax, VA
6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Ken Smith's Principles in Practice

Joyful Suffering

Do you believe God has a plan for your life—a plan that contains every little detail? My entire life and ministry is based on the premise that He does.

Now for a harder question. Does God's plan, God's perfect plan, include suffering? If so, why?

We know that Jesus suffered terribly—not only in death, but during his life. He suffered rejection, ridicule, anger, resentment and disloyalty as well as crucifixion. Yet, in spite of persecution, the Bible tells us that He was joyful. What do the scriptures say of our suffering?

Peter reminds us that we follow in Christ's footsteps:

"Therefore, since Christ suffered in His body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin." I Peter 4:1

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that

name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" I Peter 4:12-17

Reasons for Suffering

The above verses clearly indicate that God's plan for our lives includes suffering. But why? There are at least three reasons that God gives for our suffering: 1) to demonstrate to ourselves that we are done with sin by choosing to suffer rather than sin, 2) to show others that we belong to Christ and 3) to grow stronger in our faith.

It is possible to rejoice in the midst of suffering. Paul sat in a cold, dark prison cell near the end of his life, knowing that he was going to die, and wrote to his friends, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice," (Philippians 4:4). God alone can enable us to rise above the pain, to rejoice in the midst of it.

Suffering with a Purpose

That is the distinction between our suffering and that of unbelievers. God gives us the opportunity to suffer for a higher purpose. We can rejoice in that higher purpose when we have the assurance that the pain we are experiencing is the result of our obedience to God in some area of our life. Then we can know that the suffering we endure is for His sake.

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In the United States, we seldom suffer for being Christians. There are two reasons for this. One, our culture is still at least nominally Christian—it is legally and socially acceptable to be a Christian—though that may not be the case for much longer. And two, most of us are such lukewarm Christians that we never speak out for our faith in any way that could lead to suffering for it.

When I was a very young Christian, a close friend of mine crashed his car while driving drunk. He never regained consciousness, but lingered for six long months before he died.

His wife, a Christian, urged the pastor to speak the truth at his funeral to discourage others from drinking and driving. The pastor explained that this man, a prominent attorney, had been an alcoholic and that his drinking was responsible for his death. Until that time his intoxication had been carefully concealed—even by the police.

The pastor then invited those at the funeral to share memories of this man. As others addressed the hundreds gathered for the service, I began to tremble. I knew that God wanted me to speak. But I wanted to refrain because I knew what I would say would instantly discredit me in the eyes of many present, whose respect I coveted. Yet to remain seated would constitute gross disobedience.

I found myself standing and saying that I, too, was an alcoholic. I testified that God had healed me of alcoholism a few months before and that He had the power to heal others of the same disease.

Talk about suffering! That was 33 years ago, and I remember it as if it were yesterday. With that testimony I was labeled forever by the legal and business community as a Christian. People I considered friends began to cross the street to avoid me.

At the same time I knew I had been obedient. I was able to rejoice in my suffering. And you know what? There were other people at that funeral whose esteem I valued, some whom I did not even know, who began crossing streets to congratulate me on my courage.

Ever since then I have been able to boldly proclaim Christ. There was nothing left to lose!

Drawing Near to God

Nothing brings us close to God's heart like suffering, whether it's physical, emotional or financial. Twenty years ago, CSM's financial situation deteriorated to the point where we nearly closed the ministry.

We had cut every possible corner—letting staff go and halting publication of this newsletter. I had not drawn a salary for 14 months. The Board of Directors agreed that we would not borrow money. Further, if all expenses, including my salary, could not be paid at the end of any month, we would take that as God's direction to close the ministry.

Pat and I had no idea what we would do if the ministry folded. After five years of full time ministry, there was nothing else I wanted to do. But I decided that my attitude must be "not my will but yours be done."

This decision brought me to trust in God in a deeper way. I was no longer "hanging on." Instead I was beginning to anticipate what God was going to do. I began to get excited about the future, whatever it might prove to be. I applied myself to the day's tasks and did not try to come up with answers I did not have. I can honestly say I felt joy instead of suffering.

Gradually, just enough money came in to make payroll and pay expenses. We began to accept advertisements to fund the newsletter. Long time supporters rallied around us. We gained new supporters. Slowly, but surely, the severe crunch was behind us. And I had grown spiritually stronger, wiser and closer to God.

Facing Pain Today

Two decades later, CSM and many of you face a similar challenge. The economy has imploded, and with it the ability of many of our supporters to support us at the level we need to operate. We don't know what the future holds. Veletta Hall, a friend who was on staff during those dark days 20 years ago, recently wrote to encourage CSM, declaring that, "Whatever is coming, I stand firm in the knowledge that God is in control and I will exult in him." She reminded us of the following scripture, which I commend to you:

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights..." Habakkuk 3:17-19

As we learn obedience to God, He will teach us to suffer joyfully, and, in fact, how to abide without suffering even in situations which have all the trappings of pain. Won't you join me as we move forward together, suffering joyfully?

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Ministry News

Many thanks to those of you who joined us for our annual Fellowship Dinner in April. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal spiced with the remarks shared by political commentator Fred Barnes.

Northern Virginia Christian Academy in Fairfax, Virginia has completed the pilot for our Life Management Study Curriculum for high school and college students. We'll offer new material to Washington-area Christian high schools for next year's students.

If you'd like to work one-on-one to resolve budget or time management issues or you want to form a board of accountability, CSM can help. We offer personalized assistance on an affordable sliding fee scale—in person, by telephone and by email. Let us know if we can help ease you over a difficult spot or aid you in getting organized once and for all.

Don't forget to visit CSM's website at www.csmin.org. We're updating it regularly to keep you abreast of details on upcoming events like the golf reception and marathon. You can also purchase materials and view past *Glad Tithings* articles on the website.



Ken Smith, at Advisory Council meeting, presents plaque to Bill Pile recognizing him as the longest-serving CSM volunteer.



Outgoing Ministry Coordinator Sheryl Kenoyer receives a plaque acknowledging her excellent service from Ken Smith and CSM Board Member Jack Maier.

LMS Course Continues Strong

If you've benefited from CSM's Life Management Study course, help others get organized by facilitating an LMS class in your church. The next half-day training session for leaders is scheduled for July 11 at the CSM office in Fairfax, Virginia, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Call 703-591-5000 for more details.

New LMS classes will be forming again this fall. As kids sharpen their pencils and open their books, you can join them in getting your life organized—or encouraging your friends and neighbors to take the Life Management Study.

If you're eager to get started during the lazy, hazy days of summer or if there's no LMS class nearby, you can sign up to take the course on line. Registering for the Internet LMS gives you the flexibility to begin at any time and still receive guidance from a trained facilitator at ilms@csmin.org.

We're excited about licensing LMS to an organization with a presence in 203 countries and which has translated materials in 361 languages. They intend to translate and localize our materials for a variety of languages and cultures.

September 18 Golf Marathon Win \$1,000,000 for a Hole in One

If you have an eagle eye and a strong drive, maybe you'll head home from CSM's September 18 Golf Marathon with \$1 million for a hole in one. Join CSM for a special reception on June 10 at the Fairfax Army Navy Country Club to learn more about playing 50 holes in one day to benefit the ministry and have a lot of fun with others who support CSM. Maybe you'll get lucky and snag the big prize or some of the other prizes.

Our June 10 golf reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a delicious buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres. We'll have attractive door prizes, plus a putting competition that could put a new Ping Putter in your golf bag.

First time CSM golfers who participate in the September marathon will receive an attractive, high quality leather duffel bag emblazoned with the Christian Stewardship Ministries insignia, valued at \$100. Repeat CSM golfers will receive a CSM golf shirt. Players will also be eligible to win additional prizes such as a Toyota Highlander, golf equipment, free rounds of golf and more.

The CSM Annual Golf Marathon at the Fairfax National Golf Course offers ministry supporters at every playing level a day of fun with a purpose—raising funds for Christian Stewardship Ministries. Following breakfast at 6:30, golfers take the course at 7:15 a.m. so they can finish 50 holes by 1:00 p.m. hitting two balls per hole. CSM provides free food and drinks plus complimentary golf carts to keep everyone headed toward the goal and that final hole and then lunch. So round up your friends and join us at the June 10 reception where you can get all the details on this fun-filled fundraiser. Call 703-591-5000, and we'll put you on the list for the reception.

Chet Arnold: Seeking to Reflect Christ to Others

Chet Arnold gained a broader understanding of stewardship—focusing beyond money to include time and life priorities—when Ken Smith spoke at a Barcroft Bible Church men’s retreat several years ago. That experience encouraged him to take the 13-week Life Management Study class and to train as a facilitator.

“The LMS charts and forms helped me organize so I could see very clearly where I was overcommitted,” Chet says. “I now know I need to be obedient in organizing my time and then trust Him for the results.”

Today, Chet assists with ongoing LMS classes to help fellow Christians recognize the value of stewardship and “doing our work as unto the Lord” to reflect Christ to others. Additionally, he and other elders at his church are finding the LMS useful as a leadership development tool as they work to identify and train emerging church leaders. He’s also helped CSM with the spring Fellowship Dinner and serves on the Golf Marathon Committee.

Chet works for Overlook Systems, which provides technical and policy support for both civilian and defense agencies. He and his wife Michelle are committed to fostering children with special needs, including two boys now part of their family who they are planning to adopt. They have three birth children and have adopted two additional children. They live in Vienna, Virginia.

CSM Holds Successful Fellowship Dinner

Many thanks to all who joined us for our 27th Anniversary Fellowship Dinner. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship and sharing on April 23. CSM supporters and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and an inspirational message from political commentator Fred Barnes.

We particularly appreciate Spencer Brand for serving as emcee; Ray Padron and Ericka Brown for sharing their testimonies; and Dr. Harry Greene for his presentation and remarks. We also thank Pastor Larry Andes for giving the invocation and Pastor John Speight for offering the benediction along with Gerry Edwards for playing the piano and Pastor Rob and Linda Seagears for sharing their musical talents.

Special thanks to our dinner sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyer; AREAS Appraisers; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Craven; The Gaskins Team; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gillespie; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hazel, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Padron; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Chet Arnold; Mr. Lowell Baier; Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chadwick, Christ Chapel; Christ Chapel (Mountaintop); Ms. Layla Dillow; Col. and Mrs. James Fields; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Groux; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewark; Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Luc Lezeau; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel March; Peterson Family Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. John Reyle; Ms. Emily Shaffer; Col. and Mrs. Ernest Wakeham; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Watson; Mr. and Mrs. Lang Atwater; Mrs. Margaret Bell; Mrs. Nan Blissett; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Coleman; Mr. and Mrs.

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We also wish to recognize Layla Dollow as a table host who was inadvertently omitted from the printed program.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who assisted with the dinner: Chet and Michelle Arnold, Lang Atwater, Tom Atwood, Diane Bell, Spencer Brand, Ericka Brown, Christine Buchanan, Alex Budd, Seth Campbell, Milt and Karen Clary, Charlene Cosairt, Dan and Hanneke Dearborn, Jim Dempsey, Mario Dorado, Gerry Edwards, Dennis Egan, James and Janice Fields, Kathy Gammill, Betty Graves, Harry Greene, John Grimsley, Otto and Jan Guenther, Jocelyn Hamilton, Danny Johnson, Barbara Kelley, Sheryl Kenoyer, Frank and Wanda Lewark, Jack Maier, Sharon Meisel, Rod and Jeannie Nielsen, Ray Padron, Brandt and Tien Pasco, Randy Peeler, Bill Pile, George and Sandy Quillin, Kimberly Rattley, Wes Sanders, Rob and Linda Seagears, Ken and Pat Smith, Emily Shaffer, Derek Showers, Scot Small, Craig Tenney, Dan and Lynda Thompson, Herb and Roycea Watson, Constance Willingham, Erich and Ashley Windmuller and Wayde and Shari York.

Needs & Blessings

Are you the one God is calling to join Christian Stewardship Ministries as ministry coordinator? We need someone to replace Sheryl Kenoyer, who is moving to Georgia, and we’re interviewing qualified candidates now. The position pays \$12 per hour part-time, minimum 32 hours, or \$25,000 full-time. It’s an ideal job for someone who wants to return to the workplace and make a difference for God’s kingdom on earth. Key requirements include: knowledge of the Bible, especially a clear understanding of John 3:5-7; intuitive computer, website, online management and organization skills; ability to multi-task and enthusiasm for learning new skills and office procedures. Email your resume and qualifications to ken@csmin.org.

Or perhaps you have time to give and administrative skills to offer as a volunteer in our Fairfax, Virginia, office? We could use your help with word processing, website maintenance, computer maintenance, meeting preparation, telephone answering, mailing preparation, errand running, supply ordering and proofreading. Email ken@csmin.org to let us know when you’re available and what you’d like to do to help.

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