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*By Penelope Kauffman*

## Abbott Putnam - A Quiet Disciple



At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus instructs the 11 remaining disciples to "Go and make disciples of all nations...and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:20, NIV) While I was reflecting on the life of Abbott Putnam as a servant of the Lord, I began to think about the disciples. Peter, James and John became famous for big things they did for God after Jesus returned to heaven and they received the Holy Spirit. Thomas became famous for doubting, though after he felt the scars in Jesus' hands and feet, he may have also gone on to do great things. There have been things written about the other disciples which are not included in the Bible, so we don't know whether they are true or not. But I believe that the others certainly did go on to "make disciples" perhaps in a quiet way. And that is what I believe Abbott did, I will remember him as a "quiet disciple."

Abbott became a Christian as a young man and never wavered in his faith. Some of his experiences of life may have helped develop his steadfast devotion to Jesus Christ, like the miraculous recovery he had from a brain hemorrhage when he was in his late twenties. But it seems to me that Abbott became a fruitful disciple by serving in the best way that he could when given the opportunity. Shaking hands with people who were coming into church and offering them a big smile were things that Abbott became famous for, but he did more when it came to making disciples. While he was teaching Sunday school, he told me that he read his lesson and prayed about it every day during the week. He took it seriously and others in his class saw that. When his co-teacher, Oliver Winfield was no longer able to help teach the class, Abbott encouraged Glenn West to become his assistant. I can remember how excited Glenn

was when he had taught the class and felt it had gone well. Glenn realized that the teacher of a class is the most blessed. I am sure that Abbott probably mentored many others over the years in teaching or in his job at Battelle. He was making disciples.

Abbott knew how to have fun with his disciples, too. One of my fondest memories of Abbott was the day I took

my 9 month old daughter, Katrina, my 11 year old niece and Abbott to swim in the heated pool at the new house his friend Glenn had just moved to. We had so much fun visiting and laughing together that we got Abbott back to Oakleaf Village Seniors Community late for dinner. Abbott seemed to enjoy all of life, including friends, and Glenn West once told me that Abbott was the best friend he ever had. I wouldn't be surprised if others felt the same way.

Abbott was not just a disciple at church, but he was making disciples at Oakleaf until near the end of his life. When I would visit Abbott, he would even teach me about how to be a better disciple. He enjoyed sharing about his life but he also wanted to hear about mine. He made friends with a lot of people at Oakleaf this way but one group of people were of great concern to him; those he was not sure if they had trusted Christ. One time when I was visiting Abbott, he asked me if we could go down and visit a woman who lived at Oakleaf who seemed to be angry at God. He thought maybe if I talked to her, she might relate better to a woman and we could see her finding peace with God. Peace with God was something Abbott had truly found. I was amazed at his trust in God at the time of Anne's (his wife) death in 2000, and I know others were too. He had experienced God as faithful in the past and knew God would continue to be faithful to him until they met face to face. *continued on page 2*

### Bird's-Eye View - continued from page 3

*Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."*

The Bible mentions various birds as metaphors for God's character. A dove symbolizes peace and the Holy Spirit. Eagles suggest strength and deliverance. Jesus chose a lowly sparrow to remind us of God's provision and protection.

Sparrows don't plant their own food, store food, or know ahead of time if food will be available. Yet as a worthy part of his creation God takes time to provide for them. These unpopular and often hated birds merit God's favorable attention. He has promised not to forget them and will single one out from the flock to meet its individual needs. Will God not do the same for you when you are attacked by spiritual warfare or confronted with the unavoidable train wrecks of life? He cares about what happens to you. He won't leave you defenseless to fly solo. You matter to God.

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows fall?  
Why should my heart be troubled when all but hope is gone?  
When Jesus is my fortress, my constant friend is He.  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free.  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

**"His Eye is on the Sparrow"** (traditional Gospel hymn)

### The Tax Man Cometh - continued from page 3

Perhaps you're thinking all of these goals are just too lofty. Not to mention that gasoline is at record high prices, food costs are increasing, the housing crunch has many people living paycheck-to-paycheck. That could be the circumstance of many and our Lord understood the plight of those oppressed by financial worries. That is why he spoke so often on the topic of money. If that is your case, start small with prayerful consideration of a tithe on the refund. (See Numbers 18:16) Once you have given God 10 percent of what is already his 100 percent, spending the remaining 90 percent that he allows you to keep may be easier.

How you decide to use your tax refund and rebate is between you and God. If you're a good steward of your resources, you probably have already prayerfully considered this topic. But if you struggle with money, like so many do, perhaps this "windfall" presents a great opportunity to apply biblical principals to money management. Who knows? Maybe tithing your tax refund will be the first step in godly money management! That's a result the US government didn't forecast but one that will do you more good than going to the mall.

## Foor Family Travels to Ethiopia

by Lori Foor



Dr. Steve operating



Hannah & children playing



Cooks with new aprons



Sarah with new baby

In February 2008, four members of the Foor family (Steve, Lori, Hannah and Sarah) had the opportunity to travel to Soddo, Ethiopia for a medical mission trip. Steve worked in the Soddo Christian Hospital and had a very busy two weeks, performing 35 surgeries and helping to train the Ethiopian medical resident doctors. One of the highlights for Steve was performing the first abdominal aortic aneurysm repair ever done in Soddo. God's providence was shown for this patient two-fold. A vascular surgeon was available when he arrived at the hospital and the graft needed to repair his aneurysm was found in the storage room. God is good!

Hannah observed a few surgeries and even scrubbed in and assisted on one. She also went to the hospital wards with the chaplain and told Bible stories and shared the Gospel using the flannel board. The girls and I enjoyed coloring with the children who were patients. This was new to many of them. We were able to share the Gospel with some of the parents as we sat and colored with the kids.

Hannah, Sarah and I spent a lot of time at the orphanage in Soddo. We loved the children! The girls told the kids Bible stories and taught them songs and clapping games. Sarah made muffins for the children one day. Sarah's class back home had donated Legos which we took to the orphanage. Hannah and Sarah had to show the kids what to do with them...but once they caught on, they loved them! The KRBC Pinprick Sewing Group made aprons for the cooks at the orphanage. (Pinprick love travels to Africa!)

It was a blessing to our family to work with the missionaries in Soddo and share in just a small part of what God is doing in Ethiopia.

## Abbott Putnam - continued from page 1

Some people might think that it is hard to be a disciple like Abbott was. Not all people can be teachers but most people could become an assistant teacher. Not all people can pray out loud but all Christians can pray silently. Not all Christians might be able to share the gospel but all Christians can be a friend. Not all people can write books and journal articles as Abbott did but almost everyone can send a note to someone who needs encouragement. I felt so blessed just two months ago to receive a Christmas card from Abbott signed in his own hand.

When I remember Abbott, I will remember him as a quiet successful disciple. He touched the lives of many with both the love of Jesus and His truths in a way that drew people closer to God. I believe that because he trusted in God's strength and guidance every day, many people will be able to say they met Jesus Christ through Abbott Putnam.

Editor's note: Penelope (Hamilton) Kauffman is a former associate minister at KRBC. She was very involved with the Prime Timer's ministry and was a close friend to Abbott and Anne Putnam. Abbott went home to heaven March 5, 2008. Since joining Linden Baptist Church (now known as Karl Road Baptist) in the late 1950's, Abbott served faithfully through the years as an usher, deacon, Sunday school teacher and greeter. A weekly fixture in the church lobby, we will all miss his sweet smile and hearty handshake on Sunday mornings. Abbott's walk with God continues!

## Ministry Fair Coming April 12-20 in Church Lobby

from the Mission Committee

Want to "walk across the room" with familiar faces and people you know at KRBC? Looking for a way to be the hands and feet of an existing outreach group? We can help!

The Mission Committee is hosting a poster and people outreach opportunity event in the church lobby April 12-20. There are various groups within our congregation that actively serve the Lord by serving others. These activities are often unbeknownst to others. This event will highlight close-to-home ministries and provide information on ways to get connected.

Perhaps you are unaware of the Campbell soup labels that the Kim Brown Circle collects. Or the used Bible/book depository for ABC Ohio that Wilma Vail and Corene Grube hold dear to their hearts. Jody Mitchell would appreciate your help in providing CD's to the shut-in ministry she oversees. These are just a few of the ministries available for you to become involved.

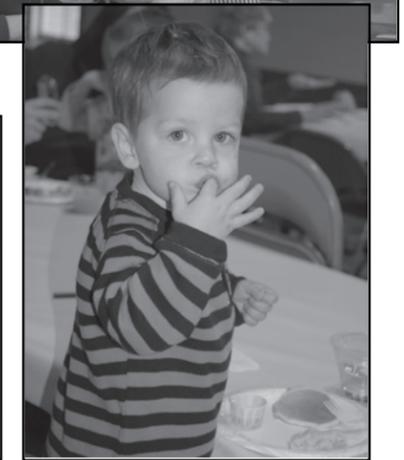
Do you or your small group have an outreach activity you would like to promote at the April event? Please contact Gayle Sheahan at (614) 818-2680 if you have questions or need more information.

Come and see how you can make an impact — large or small — and make a difference in our mission outreach to serve God and others.



Dianne Whitaker and Mandy Putnam and families on the death of their father, **Abbott A. Putnam**, who passed away March 5, at the age of 87.

## Easter Egg Hunt 2008



**Pregnancy  
Decision  
Center Baby  
Bottle Offering  
Received**

**\$690.73**

## Steps of the Apostle Paul Cruise & Tour

November 5 - 15, 2008 9 Nights, 11 Days

Come grow with us as we venture on this fascinating biblical journey presented by Travel Escapes and escorted by Bill and Arlene Kinnell. Pastor Rick Breusch will provide the spiritual leadership. Contact Pastor Breusch 885-3929 or Bill & Arlene Kinnell (480)641-0609



## The Tax Man Cometh...Bearing Gifts?

by Kim H. Finley

Typically the coming of April 15 is dreaded by many Americans. Filing personal income tax returns feels like children about to get a shot or weary voters having to stomach one more presidential debate. But this year might bring some joy to the majority of tax payers in the form of a rebate from Uncle Sam.

In an effort by Washington to shock a stagnant economy into a healthy monetary rhythm, many taxpayers will receive a tax rebate of \$300 to \$600 for individuals; and \$600 to \$1,200 for joint filers. Taxpayers may also receive \$300 for each qualifying child. So what's a Christian to do with all this new found wealth? Obviously, thoughtful consideration and prayer should lead to God's will for this provision like any other, but here are a few possibilities.

Let's start with the most Christ-like position: Give it all away. You could plunk it all into the offering plate or parcel it out to favorite missions or charities. In that way, you'd be doing as Jesus directed and "store

up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6:20 NIV. Jesus' admonition can be achieved in other uses of the tax refund. You might consider using some of the money for spiritual workshops or in-depth Bible study materials. There are weekend workshops for couples that use scriptural principals to strengthen marriages and restore families. Stop by any Christian bookstore and you'll find books, CD's, study Bibles, and more, that encourage your faith and build your God knowledge. As the Psalmist wrote: "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalms 25:5. Maybe you can send your kids to church camp this year or sponsor a week of camp for under privileged children in the church. "...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 NIV. (Contact the church office for more information on church camp.)

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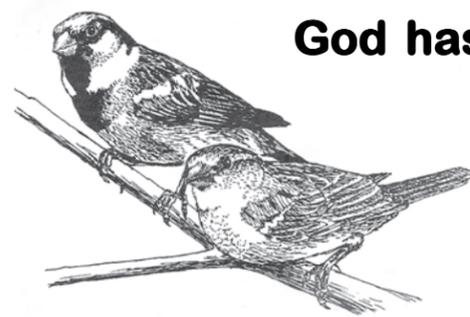
## Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed

from Answers in Genesis website  
[www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)

*Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* is a new movie scheduled to be released to theaters nationwide on April 18. The documentary's host, actor/economist/lawyer Ben Stein, does a masterful job of exposing the persecution suffered by many professors and researchers when they don't believe in evolution. This very entertaining movie isn't about biblical creation, but it does have the potential to wake up millions of people to the ways the secular scientific community can mistreat and expel credentialed individuals who suggest the possibility of intelligent design—or even just question evolution. The film documents how some "Darwin doubters" are losing their jobs. Visit [getexpelled.com](http://getexpelled.com) for more information and watch trailers and an interview with Ben Stein.



# Calendar



## God has a Bird's Eye View of You

by JoEllen Landman

I enjoy bird watching. The feeders and birdbaths in my yard reward me with a front row seat to some of God's most beautiful creatures. Red-bellied woodpeckers, cardinals, blue jays, goldfinches, purple finches, black capped chickadees and others paint a rainbow of color in flight. One bird that doesn't get much of my attention is the house sparrow, a small, dull brown aggressive bird that drives away more desirable song

birds from the feeders. Found all over the world, sparrows live and nest together in noisy flocks. They are prolific with each pair producing up to four broods a season. Their unsanitary droppings kill vegetation and damage cars and buildings. They can carry disease, parasites, fleas, ticks and mites. Farmers detest sparrows because the menacing birds eat crops and ripening orchard fruits. This unpopular bird doesn't have many redeeming qualities.

In Jesus' time, sparrows were trapped and tied together to sell in the marketplace. For Jews who were required to make sacrifices at the Temple, sparrows were the most

insignificant and least expensive offering. In fact, they were known as the leper's offering...a cheap offering from a poor, outcast beggar. Jesus referred to this practice in Luke 12:4-7 when he said, "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear. Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

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