

# "Our Anchor of the Soul"

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*Six months after Dolores and I were married one of our old cars quit working. We went shopping for a newer car. We settled on a 1968 Ford Falcon in a dark blue color. But when we tried to get financing on the car, we found that we needed a co-signer to complete the deal. We were both under the age of 21, paid cash for everything we needed and had absolutely no credit in our name. We had no phone, no credit cards and no checking account. But we paid all of our bills on time! My father-in-law had to be called in to co-sign for us, which he graciously did. He not only had pity on us, but probably wanted his daughter to be driving a newer, safer and more reliable car. And Dolores drove that car around for the next 15 years! But someone with good reliable credit had to vouch for two helpless kids with no money and no credit.*



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### "God's Word – Read it!"

Eat God's word. It is likened unto bread. It's likened unto milk. It's likened unto honey. It's likened unto water. There's a lot of good food in there so God says, "Come on and eat!" We starve ourselves, don't we? We wonder why we get into trouble. We get into trouble when we fail to read God's Word. It takes time to read the Bible. It takes time to pray. These are eternal things for your good and for my good so we will grow in Christ. They will pay off in eternity. In 2 Cor. 5:10, He says, we are all going to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive the things done in the body whether they are good or bad. We are all going to stand there, so we need to accept the challenge to read the Bible and see what God wants us to do! Then do it!



3 whole Chicken Breasts – boned and skinned

6 slices of Swiss Cheese

1 Can of Cream of Celery, Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken

2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice - 4 Tbsp. Mayo  
¼ Cup of Water

4 Tbsp. Melted Butter

2 Cups Stove Top Stuffing

Arrange Breasts in Greased Shallow Pan – Cover with Cheese Slices. Mix Soup, Lemon Juice, Mayo and Water. Pour over the Cheese.

Sprinkle Stove Top Stuffing on top. Pour Melted Butter over the top and bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

Delicious! By Winona Kuypers



But our God is willing to do something very similar for us. While we are spiritually bankrupt and without strength, Christ, our Savior died for us – Romans 5:6. It is now Christ, our Savior who vouches for us (a co-signer with His own blood). In Hebrews 6:18-19 the author tells us that just as Abraham's faith in God was real and God made an oath to him in God's own name, so our character and solid reference rests on the hope of the promise based in these same two absolute objects:

- 1) The *NAME* of God – Guarantees that His Word is magnified –Psa. 138:2.
- 2) The *OATH* of God–He keeps His promises (Impossible for God to lie).

This "hope" we have is called in verse 19 "...an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that which is within the veil." The writer uses the term, "anchor of the soul" because of the practical and life-saving use an anchor serves. Let us review just what an anchor does:

1. An anchor keeps a ship from drifting. We will drift aimlessly without Him. With Him we have stability. Our God is able "to keep us from falling (drifting) and to present us faultless (glorified) before His presence" –Jude 24. Our God is able to save us completely through Christ –Heb. 7:25.
2. An anchor is invisible, but we sure know and are relieved that it is there. When we feel we are alone, we can be assured that His invisible presence "will be with us always even to the end of the age" –Matt. 28:20, and Jesus has said He "...will never leave us nor forsake us" –Heb. 13:5.
3. An anchor grips the solid rock. Jesus is the rock of our salvation. He stated to Peter that He would build His church upon that rock, Peter's confession that He was "...the Christ, the Son of the Living God" –Matt. 16:16-18. Our anchor (our promise and oath of the Living God) is gripping into the Rock of Ages. What better stability can we have than an anchor gripping the word of the eternal God of the universe? (Col. 1:16-17) And it enters within the *veil* – the holiest place in heaven, in Jesus' blood.

4. An anchor is a protection in stormy waters. We are certainly living in a turbulent world today. While this year's shooting rate in Chicago has decreased slightly, the murder rate has still gone up. Just this past month we have seen a killer earthquake in Mexico, while unprecedented hurricanes have ravaged the costal waters of Bahamas, Cuba, our Gulf and Atlantic States. We know that our God is absolutely in control, and that He will see us through in stormy waters. But what can those folks do who do not know about our anchor when they face the storms of life?

5. An anchor is the only thing that remains sure and steadfast when we are tossed about. Even if we are to go through the storm, we are assured of God's love –John 13, His power –Matt. 28:18, His faithfulness of salvation –Heb. 7:25 and the assurance of our salvation –Heb. 5:9. Our guarantee is because of the Cross of Christ, knowing that "...He who spared not His own Son, but freely gave Him for us all will also with Him freely give us all things" –Romans 8:32. We need to flee to Him as a "...refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us" –Heb. 6:18. Jesus is our refuge in this stormy life and this hope we have as the anchor of our soul within the veil of heaven, promised by the oath of a God who cannot lie!

Are you trusting in the absolute promises of Almighty God?  
Have you fled the present storm to take refuge in Jesus, our Savior?  
Have you committed your life to the Savior who died and arose again, so that you will one day join Him in heaven? –Philippians 3:20-21  
Is Jesus the rock of your salvation and His hope the anchor of your soul?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened in the Rock that cannot move,  
Founded firm and deep in the Savior's love.*

*"We Have an Anchor" -Priscilla J. Owens*



## Helpful Hints

To clean and deodorize children's toys simply wipe them off with a damp cloth dipped in baking soda.

To keep mildew off your shower curtain, wash it in the washing machine with a cup of vinegar.

In cleaning pewter, would you believe that the very best way to clean pewter is to rub it with cabbage leaves.

Use silver polish on the chrome around your kitchen stove, toaster or any appliance. It will shine and cut through grease.

To remove a rust stain, rub with lemon juice and wash. Never use bleach as it will set the stain.

To remove water spots from fabrics, sponge entire stained area with white vinegar; allow to stand for a few minutes. Rinse with cool clear water and let dry.

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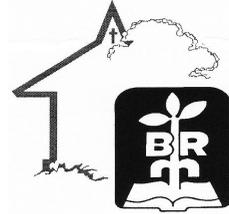
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*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."*

*—Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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## Rev. David Bauer October Itinerary



- Oct. 1 Visiting Supporting Churches
- Oct. 8 Visiting Supporting Churches
- Oct. 17 Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL  
12:00 noon
- Oct. 21 Summit Bible Church, Summit, IL  
11:00 a.m.
- Oct. 30 Visiting Supporting Churches

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### The Lighter Side - Typographical Aid

A pastor called a newspaper and wanted to thank them for their error.

"My sermon topic was 'What Jesus Saw in the Publican.' But your newspaper had printed 'What Jesus saw in a Republican.'"

"Thanks! I had the biggest Sunday attendance in many weeks."

A young pastor told the great preacher, Charles Spurgeon that he couldn't understand why God allowed him so few people, maybe only 50 or so. Spurgeon reflected, "Probably about as many as you might want to be accountable for at the Judgment seat of Christ." Sobering - 2 Cor. 5:10.

## BRM Field Report #Ten

Many calls, emails and contacts as we have worked our way through September and into October, pressing on in the world of keeping churches centered in doing God's business in a Godly manner.

Should I stay or should I go? That is the question put to us by several pastors in the last couple months. We cannot answer for a pastor, as we should not put ourselves in God's stead. However, we many times counsel a pastor to get apart from the ministry for a short while and seek God's will on this matter (It is best to pray and fast, staying in God's Word). We are told in James 1:5 to ask God for wisdom - and He will give it!

One church searching for a pastor has reviewed resumes of two possible candidates at the same time. We at BRM submit resumes to the churches, but they must make the final choice. Again, churches must ask God for wisdom in these things. It is a usually a good idea to look at only one potential candidate at a time until that possibility is totally exhausted. Then move on to the next one.

Congratulations to Jenison Bible Church, Hudsonville, MI, on the final selection of the new pastor, Rev. Mark Bauslog. Mark and his wife hail from the Baltimore, MA area. We pray for great ministry opportunities for the new pastor. Amen!

Congratulations Tony and Stephanie Pindozzo, on the healthy birth of Caroline, new granddaughter of our BRM Board member Fernando and Cindy Garza. Stephanie and Tony have been blessed with three beautiful Garza grandkids.

We have heard just a short time ago that Gordon Comstock went to be with the Lord last March 20. Gordon & Carol have been faithful BRMers from our earliest BRM days. Pray with us for Carol and the changes this has made in her life. -Psa. 16:11

Thank you for prayers and support for our ongoing ministry to churches, board members and pastors.

In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Isaiah 41:10