BIRTHS

July 11, 2015

To Dustie and Kent Wilson of Cottage Grove, a son.

July 13, 2015

To Haley Flansberg of Creswell and Kacy Foster of Springfield, a daughter.

O'Neil completes Navy boot camp

nthony J. O'Neil, son of ABrian and Myrna O'Neil of Cottage Grove and a 2013 graduate of Cottage Grove High School, graduated from Navy Boot Camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center on Lake Michigan on July

14. O'Neil is now deployed to Charleston South Carolina for 18 months for advance schooling in his chosen field of nuclear power. He attained a grade of E3 and won a marksmanship ribbon.





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IN MEMORIAI

Philip W. Sannes 1943-2015

Philip W. Sannes, 71, of Cottage Grove passed away July

13, 2015. He was born Sept. 7, 1943 in

Phoenix, Arizona to Lvle and Mildred (Sikstrom)

Sannes. On Nov. 22, in Har-City, bor Calif., he

and Alberta "Bert" Smith were married.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta Sannes of Cottage Grove, three sons, three daughters, four brothers, six sisters, 17 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

A memorial service will be

held Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund for Philip has been set up at Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage

Memorial Service

Leslie Jolly Patten, 53, of Cottage Grove was born April 9, 1962 and passed away July 17, 2015. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ on Sixth and Gibbs in Cottage Grove.

William "Jim" James Brownfield

1951-2015

William "Jim" James Brownfield, 63, of Drain, Oregon passed away July 11, 2015.

He was born Sept. 18, 1951 in Camp Carson, Colo.

William and Beverley (Grimes) Brownfield. Jim graduated from

Yoncalla High School in 1969.

He worked for Weyerhaeuser for 13 1/2 years. He was then a log truck driver, and then also worked as a heavy machinery operator for his brother-in-law.

He enjoyed fishing and camp-

ing, riding dirt bikes, and racing his racecar at the Cottage Grove Speedway. He liked working in Dena's flower garden and enioved driving to the Rhododendron Festival in Florence. Most of all he enjoyed tinkering on

Survivors include his partner of 25 years, Dena Shields, a daughter, Bekki Brownfield (Alan Bunce) of Umpqua, Oregon, two sisters, Sharon Gilham of Oregon and Kathy Wickens of Oklahoma, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Theresa and a son, Kenneth.

A service will be held at a later date. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

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D omans 8:37 says that **K**Christians are "more than conquerors" in this world. But do we really know what it means to be more than a conqueror? I know it took many years for me to learn what it means and how to live the victorious life Jesus died to give us as believers.

I remember many years when I went to church faithfully every week, yet my private life was pathetic. It was so frustrating because I really loved God and was a born-again believer, but I wasn't experiencing victory over the problems in my life so that I could really live for God and help people.

As I eventually grew in my personal relationship with Christ and spent time studying the Word, I came to understand what it means to be more than a conqueror and how I could get there. And if I can do it, so can

To be more than a conqueror means that before you ever get a problem, you already know that whatever problem comes your way, you can overcome it through Christ. You live with confidence that God loves you no matter what and He will never leave you nor forsake you. And when you have this kind of relationship with Christ, you aren't constantly afraid of bad news or of things that may happen that aren't in your plan. When the unexpected happens or you're disappointed, you won't be devastated by it.

See, when you get a revelation of who you are in Christ, you know that with Christ on the inside of you, there is nothing that can happen that's more than you are because there's nothing that's too much for Him! First John 4:4 confirms it: "Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world" (AMP).

It's so important for us to get this truth down in our hearts and see ourselves as more than conquerors through Christ Jesus because if we don't, then our enemy, Satan, will be able to confuse us and keep us from victory. And all the enemy wants to do is kill, steal and destroy what God wants us to have (see John 10:10). He wants to diminish you - make you small-minded and small in spirit so you'll live a small, frustrated life.

But we don't have to live that way. Every person who confesses that Christ Jesus is Lord, repents of their sin and gives their heart to God is a child of God and belongs to Him. And in Christ, we are made right with God, we are His righteousness, and we have the power of Christ in us to live right.

Do you realize what this means? It means that as we spend time with God in prayer and studying the Bible, we can access the wisdom and strength

The reality of being more than a conqueror in life

we need to make right choices and behave right. It doesn't happen all at once or overnight, but we will make progress every day that we seek God this way.

I really want you to get this revelation of who you are in Christ as a born-again believer so you won't be frustrated or discouraged or feel like you're always under attack and just trying to get through the day. God has more for us than that!

When you make a mistake and the devil comes and tells you, "You're no good," you don't have to take on the guilt and condemnation he wants to put on you. No! You can immediately confess your mistake to God, thank Him for forgiving you and cleansing you with the blood of Jesus, and move forward in the victory of His grace and forgiveness.

Here's a scripture that has helped me take hold of who I am in Christ and live with victory over the hardships of this world: "In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us...because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17 AMP).

I encourage you to learn who God really is. Get a deeper understanding of His character and His heart for you. Spend time with Him, read His Word, and let Him love you. Know that He loves you unconditionally. He is good. He wants to bless you and help you. When we know this truth, we don't have to be tormented by doubts about whether God cares or whether He will take care of us.

Whatever your situation is today, God knows about it. He sees you and hears the cry of your heart. And if you will give

Him your problems and do what He tells you to do, you will access His overcoming love, grace and power and be more than a conqueror. Because in Christ, as He is, so are we in this world!

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