



# NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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## Dear Friends,

*How good and how pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity. It is like the anointing oil that poured down Aaron's head and beard and over his garments. There the Lord commands the blessing, even life forevermore. Psalm 133*

It is always hard to explain to people when they ask, "How was the conference? What all happened?" The answer is usually, "It was good. A lot happened." That's about all the response they get. How do you put into words what happened or how it was? I am going to try to explain some aspects of it here.

People from all walks of life and from many different parts of the country and/or world make a special effort to set aside several days for one purpose. We gather together, some strangers to each other, and some old friends, to set ourselves apart to seek the face of God, worship Him, listen for His voice, and be together in His Name. And in that atmosphere He seems to delight to come.



Some come for help with particular needs. Some come to reunite with old friends who have become like family. Many tell us they come to be in the worship that above all is the reason they want to be there. Why? We don't have a band. It's not very impressive according to current standards of staging. But we have voices that ride on the wings of the wind. We sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that come from old and new streams of Living Water, and lyrics that comfort and heal, that reaffirm ancient truth, and exalt the Father and the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. In that atmosphere hearts are mended. Lives are healed. People are strengthened. Bodies are restored. And most of all, we become, for a few days in the North Carolina mountains, the body of Christ. Upon our praises God is enthroned, and there He commands the blessing, life forevermore. Folks take that life home with them, where they are asked, "How was the conference? What all happened?" And they say, "It was good. A lot happened." Come be with us.

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## *What We're About*

Many of you have looked for us on Facebook. (You won't find us). Some of you have invited us to Tweet (or is it Twitter?) A few of you have encouraged us to join this or that endeavor. Some call it a need for us to expand our social media outreach. It just isn't what we are about. We have never been much on PR (promoting our ministry). When we married, the Lord gave us a clear picture of how this ministry was to operate. First, it was to be debt-free. (It has always been so.) And second, God Himself would be the initiator, and Clay and Mary would be the responders. Our job isn't to connect on social media. Our job is to usher folks into His Healing Presence. He leads; we follow. He directs; we obey. So we narrow our energies to that one purpose. Therefore, please note we are only available through our website, and invite you there anytime. You will find food for your soul through various teachings, and musical journeys that usher you to Him.

For all of you who have regularly or at any single time, given to help us continue the work of Nightlight, we are deeply grateful. You have helped us supply teaching and ministry aid to the US military, jails, truckers, families and individuals in need, missionaries, and direct help to pastoral care in Israel, Europe, the UK, Canada, and all across the USA. Because of your financial help we are able to make previous Nightlight messages available via mp3 on line to any who desire it.

If you have never given or have not given in a long time would you please consider helping us continue this work? We can increase as your support does too.

## *Thank You*



## Good Crumbling



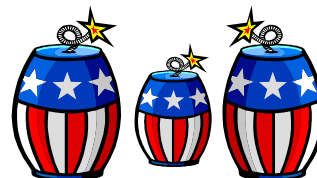
It is painful to watch what seems to be the rotting out of the core of this culture. Yet, if we keep the right perspective, it can have a strange encouragement with it. Many years ago Dr. Donald Bloesch wrote these words (from his book *Crumbling Foundations*):

In our weakness and folly we tend to place our reliance on gimmicks and programs, on techniques that can be verified empirically rather than on Jesus Christ Himself and the gift of His Spirit to the church. There is reason for hope because time and again God's grace shatters our crutches and breaks through our defenses, which betray our lack of faith in the divine promises. We believe that a strong military defense will insure the survival of Christian civilization, whereas God can keep His church alive and even vigorous in the midst of social and political upheaval...the church will never master the world until it breaks with the confusion and vacillation that reigns in the world. The church will never include the world until it excludes the misconceptions that hold the world in bondage... With the crumbling of the institutional churches and the shaking of the foundations of Western culture a new church will emerge - purified of cultural accretions and equipped to do battle with principalities and powers of our day...The darkness of the modern age is a passage way to the new world eon, when the kingdom of God will be revealed in all its glory. The end of the world signals a new beginning. Humanity needs to sink in death and despair before it is ready for a new and perhaps the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourself from the sin of despair. It dishonors God, the Cross, and the Resurrection. Jesus has already destroyed evil at its core. D-day was Calvary. V-E day is just ahead. Watch Him. Watch FOR Him.

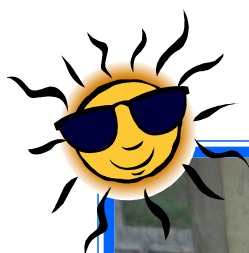


## Closing Thoughts...



There is something more to be added about the August Conference. We move out of the shallows into the deep. We remove cobwebs from abandoned places within. We get down to the heart of the matter. We lift high the Cross. We learn to bow down low. The breath of Love Himself refreshes and restores the weary and burdened pilgrim. Will you be one who makes pilgrimage this year? (More details on our website or request a brochure by mail.)

With Love, Clay & Mary



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