

# The Center

## When the Foundations of Life are Undermined, What Can a Righteous Person Do? Psalm 11:3

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.



But, we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father Who dwells in the Heavens.

President Abraham Lincoln  
1863

## Look What Science Has Discovered!

Contributed by Brady Moore

My name is Brady Moore. I am the Senior Organic Technologist at the Analytical Laboratory of Umpqua Research Company in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. I have worked there for 13 years, and have studied the sciences for the last 16 years, have my degree in Biological Sciences, and enjoy Organic Chemistry as a career.

Today's Technology allows us to see and detect the smallest of sub atomic particles, atoms, molecules and cells of all kinds.

I would like to share a special protein with you. Proteins are made from the building blocks of life. . . . amino acids.

Our proteins have many functions, from sources of energy, to tissue repair, and are crucial for life itself.

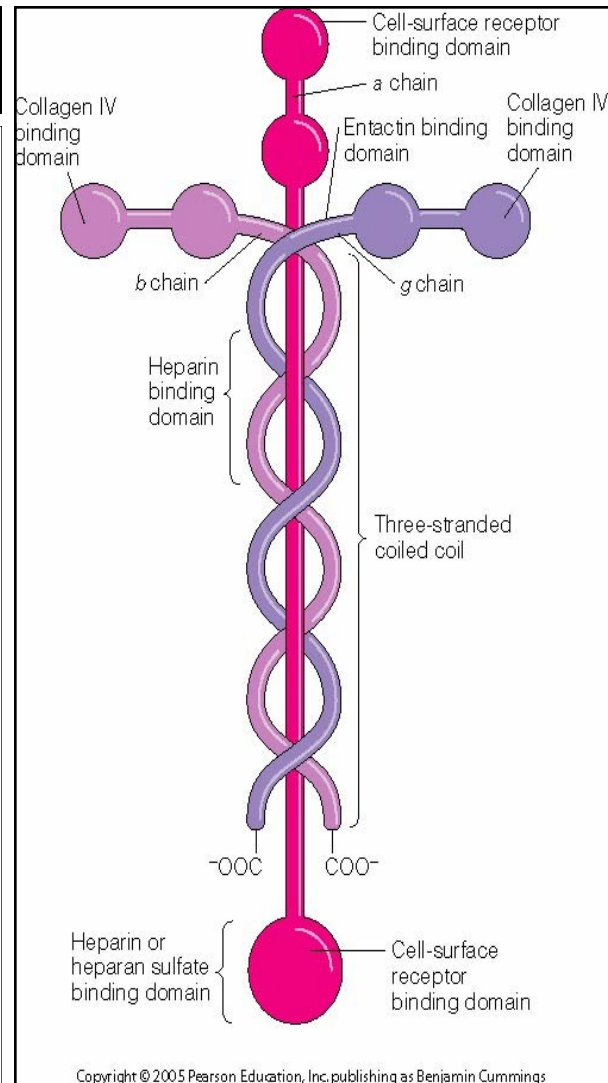
The protein's function is directly dependant on its 3-D shape. This is very important. The shape determines the protein's function. The shape of a well known protein—collagen—is in a rope like shape, its function is to form cartilage and tendons.

The shape of our antibody proteins are in the shape of a "Y". Its function is to attach to intruders of the body, like bacterial infections, etc.

I would like to share this very special protein with you today which is called Laminin. It is a reminder to everyone that the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross, was known to our God before Mankind was created.

The function of Laminin is to bind all of the cells in our bodies together. It is a binding tie to each and every cell in our bodies. The glue that holds us together. . . if you will. Laminin actually laminates our cells into the shape of a human being. **Remember**, the structure determines the function of the protein.

**Behold! The structure of Laminin! A CROSS!**



## Letter of Update from the Millays, Missionaries to Malawi



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We started a building program on the property we purchased four years ago in Malawi. Our ongoing plans are to move out of the rented house in the next few months into the rooms under construction. The initial phase will have two large bedrooms and a sitting room (they will be a separate addition to Yohane's house) and can be used to house the existing children (up to three per room) until we can build a separate house for them. Since these two rooms will be added to Yohane's house,

he will be able to supervise the children and be their "dad" in addition to his two children and wife. Then we will build two new homes on the property in addition to this additional building project. We had been waiting for the necessary funds to build, but have decided to use the few funds we have to begin the process now. Our current funds will not fund the entire initial building project, but we are trusting that the rest will be supplied as we go along. We sent an initial \$2500

to begin, and will need an additional \$5,000 or so to complete this phase. After that, it will take about \$12-15,000 per house to build the additional houses plus about \$3,000 to connect to water and sewer. When the homes are built, our plans are to use the initial rooms as a place for us to stay when we return to Malawi in a couple of years (after Kaylie graduates). In the meantime, we still have the expenses of maintaining the current children and any additional children we add at the existing rented home. (Cont Pg 6)

## Feeding the Hungry - Food Bank

We are beginning to gather a variety of canned and dry foods for our Food Bank, however, it is important to remember that as we give out, we still need to be gathering in so that the continued blessing to others is met.

Items that are needed include:

**Canned Goods:** Beans, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, olives, tuna, chicken, spam, broth (beef and chicken), soups and stews, chili, chili mac, 3 bean salad, hash, tomato sauce, tomatoes, fruit, refried beans, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jams, juices, mushrooms, etc.

**Meal Mixes:** Hamburger helper, tuna helper, flavored rice mixes, macaroni and cheese, etc.

**Staples:** Flour, sugar, baking powder, powdered milk, coffee, pasta, rice, dried beans,

soup mixes, barley, pancake mix, bread mixes, dry cereal, hot cereal, crackers, Jell-o, drink mixes, tea, cake mixes, brownie mixes, pudding mixes, etc.

**Frozen Foods:** Meats, Vegetables, Fruit, etc

**Perishables:** Fresh milk, eggs, butter, fresh produce (veggies and fruits), cheeses, etc.

**Non-food items:** Toilet tissue, paper towels, household cleaning products, dish soap, hand soap, garbage bags, laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, bleach, feminine hygiene products, etc.



If you have a need, do not hesitate to take advantage of this resource, Participation in the program will be kept absolutely confidential.

Information needed will be the name(s) and contact information for the family requiring groceries. We will then prepare a box for that family and make certain that they receive it.

Once again, thank you for all that you have already contributed and all that you will continue to provide for this needed program.

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## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

In November, we will be preparing baskets to present to those whose holiday will be rewarded with a loving gift of hospitality from South Umpqua Christian Center.

Turkeys, hams, and roasts can be contributed as well as other perishables. Simply give me a call so that we can freeze and refrigerate food products until delivery dates.

If you know of a family in need, this would be a wonderful gift. Linda Jones

## The Store House Malachi 3: 8-12

Don't look at the circumstances surrounding our nation today and become fearful. Be a peculiar people and follow the example of your God. He is generous beyond measure; and as His children we follow His example. Although we physically live on earth, our true spiritual citizenship is in Heaven. In faith, live abundantly, give abundantly.

*Malachi 3:8-12. . . Will a man rob or defraud God? Yet you rob and defraud Me. But you say, In what way do we rob or defraud You? You have withheld your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with the curse, for you are robbing Me, even this whole nation.*

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts. If I will not open the windows of Heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And, I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of Hosts.*

*And the nations shall call you happy and blessed, for you shall be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. THIS IS A PROMISE!*



## Think About It . . . .

into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

“Now” said the professor as the laughter subsided, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—the Lord, family, children, church, friends, health, and favorite passions (things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full).”

“The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else (the small stuff).”

“If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.”

“If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have time for the things that are important to you.”

“So, pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with you children. Be involved with your church. Take your partner out to dinner. Laugh often. Take time to get medical check-ups. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the dripping tap.”

“Take care of the golf balls first (the things that really matter). Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there is always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.”

### Subject: GOLF BALLS

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle; when 24 hours in a day is not enough; remember the mayonnaise jar and two cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items on a table. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and started to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agree that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly and the pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous ‘yes’.

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents

## RETHINK THE SEASONS

### OCTOBER

A time of gathering.

Revelation 14:15 . . . Put in Your scythe and reap, for the hour has arrived to gather the harvest, for the earth’s crop is fully ripened.

Evangelize

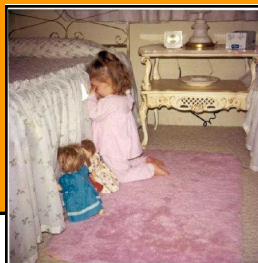


### NOVEMBER

Give thanks

Psalm 100:4. . . Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and a thank offering and into His courts with praise! Be thankful and say so to Him, bless and affectionately praise His Name.

He alone is worthy of our praise



### DECEMBER

Experience His Love Gift

John 3:16 . . . For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

Cherish the BEST gift



## God's Light is Upon Us

Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life] **Shine! (Be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! (Isaiah 60:1 Amplified)**

Let our LIGHT so shine that it reflects God, so that all mankind can see it in a darkened world.

This amazing photo was taken of Susie as she walked down a darkened, wooded pathway.

*Photo taken and submitted by Brady Moore. He has named this photo his **Forest Angel**.*



### Relocated to California

Doug, Heidi and their family have joined their son, Isaiah, who is attending college in Redding, California. The Jacobs have served in worship ministry and ministry with the Children's Church here at The Center.

When we know a forwarding address, we will post it for all those wanting to keep in touch with this incredible family.

### UP and AWAY for a Season

Frank and Mary Condon, who have faithfully served as Cell Group Leaders for many years here at South Umpqua Christian Center, will be in Vancouver, Washington for a season with their children and then returning home after a time. They would like to keep in touch with their family and friends here at the church. Please share your wonderful adventures with them at:

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## LORD OF THE RING

Submitted by Carl Simpson

On August 23, 2010, we were putting our kids to bed; and as we were praying, I realized my wedding ring was gone from my finger. We had been swimming earlier that day and had a thought that it must have fallen off my finger into the river. So I immediately said, "Lord, I want my ring back!! I don't care if You manifest it right now or you show me where it is, but I want my ring back!"

The following morning I went to the first day of work after summer break, shared the story with a few co-workers and could not wait until I got home to go look for my ring. We had been helping change irrigation pipes with my wife's family down by the river. A half hour before irrigation, I went down to the river, with a clear picture in my spirit of where my ring might be to look for my ring.

I got to the river bank where we had been playing the day before and started looking around. I looked in and out of the water closest to the bank and up and down the area of where we had been. At that part of the river, there is about a fifteen foot rock diverter to help feed the irrigation pump. It moves the water into a seven foot channel where the water moves fast over the rocks creating multiple swift rapids. After looking on the bank, I took my scuba mask and fins and crossed over the seven foot channel to look in the deep water for my ring. I slowly started searching, swimming upstream of the rock diverter. As I came near the end, I heard the Lord say that I needed to turn around and go back to the fast moving channel. All the while, I kept seeing in my spirit this one spot in the channel where I felt like God was saying that it was the place where I had lost the ring. As I swam down to that area, I continued to look all around; but as I approached the swift channel underwater I peered over the end of the rock diverter into the rapids of the seven foot channel and there was my ring, neatly laid between two rocks just waiting for me to pick it up! It was absolutely amazing, I was



so thankful and excited that not only had I gotten my ring back, but also that I had heard the Lord and saw His goodness in the land of the living. I should mention that the morning of the day that I lost my ring, **I was challenged and prayed asking the Lord to show me how much He loved me; and I got my answer beyond what I can imagine or comprehend!**

### Malawi Report (Continued from Page)

The grocery bill has been reduced somewhat, but the rent, utilities, salaries, etc. are still the same. All of this costs about \$650 per month plus school expenses every three months (about \$60 per month now). In general, rent is about \$110 per month, food about \$250 per month, utilities run about \$75 per month, and the rest goes for a variety of expenses like clothes, medical, salaries, etc. we can guarantee that the children's lives have been positively affected for Christ.

We are asking each of you to pray over this matter and decide if you wish to continue partnering with us in this endeavor. We will understand regardless of the decision you make. We would appreciate a response from each of you as to your intentions so we can assess our next steps to further the plans for EFC. Whichever way you decide, we want to thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts for your support over the past few years. You have been faithful and generous. Your reward in this life will be great, but not as great as your bank account in heaven. We trust you will decide to partner with us as we move into the future to make a difference in lives of those who have no hope. May our loving God bless each and every one of you. Thank you so much for being faithful.

Ron and Joan Millay

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