

**PREPARE**  
ministries

# THE CAMEL COURIER

"JESUS' SECOND COMING"

WINTER 2014

## JESUS CAME & IS COMING!

Christmas is such an exciting time. What a celebration! There is simply no other celebration in the history of the world that engenders such joy, excitement, and good will as the Birth of Jesus Christ. The humble Savior coming to die, rise from the dead and redeem mankind – what a story! But that is not the end of the story. He is coming again! There are about 300 Biblical references to His first coming but 1500 to His second coming. A lone star on a silent night will be replaced by a blazing appearance and a trumpet blast. The greatest celebration is yet to come. May your Christmas be filled with the joy of His first coming and the great anticipation and preparation for His second coming. – Gary Gilbertson, *Prepare Founder*



✓ **GARY'S BUCKET LIST**  
discover more below!

## PASSION & PURITY

We thank God for supplying us with a grant for scholarships to the 13th annual college Passion & Purity conference! Young adults engaged with speakers and a panel on topics such as singleness, marriage and living for Jesus in all stages of life.



This November, David Olson & Danny Lewis led our third Passion & Purity for high school students. Prepare college students led discussion small groups, worship, and gave personal testimonies of God's work in the area of romance and following Jesus. It was great to see the high schoolers interact with our college student leaders.

## GARY & MAX IN EGYPT!

From November 4 - 14, Gary Gilbertson and I traveled to Cairo, Egypt in order to translate and publish Gary's new book and Bible study, *Draw Thru the Bible*. Here we are pictured with Sameh Maurice, senior pastor of Kasr el-Dobara, an established 24/7 house of prayer and the largest evangelical church in the Middle East.

Kasr el-Dobara agreed to translate and publish *Draw Thru the Bible* in Arabic.

Praise the Lord!"

–Max Mayrhofer  
*Prepare Intercessor & Volunteer Staff*



## NEW VOLUNTEER STAFF:

### NANCY HASSE

NANCY HAS BEEN HELPING IN THE FINANCIAL ARENA OF PREPARE. SHE IS A DELIGHT TO BE AROUND!





# WAKE US UP, LORD!

It is easy for us to get caught up in a routine filled with work, meeting the needs of family and friends and, in this season, getting ready for Christmas. Most of these things are a great blessing from the Lord. But are we missing something? Are we so caught up in the busyness of life that we are unaware of what God is saying? Are we spiritually sleeping?

In Romans 13:11,12 Paul says, "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed...Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light."

Scripture often connects the instruction to "awake" with believers coming out of darkness and into the light. As Christians, God desires to sanctify and cleanse us so we can be presented to His Son Jesus as a pure and spotless Bride when He returns (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Jesus' second coming will be the most glorious event in human history as He returns for His beloved bride in the midst of the darkest of days known as the great tribulation. We are warned by prophets, messengers, and apostles in the Bible to wake up and arise spiritually and be prepared. As we seek to know Him by meditating on the Word and praying without ceasing, He will purify our hearts and give us the strength to stand when trials and tribulations come. After all, God loves us too much to let our hearts slumber." - Amanda Johnson *Prepare Staff*



## DARLENE'S PEANUT CLUSTERS

STELLA'S FRIEND DARLENE DAVIS  
SHARES A HOME RUN HOLIDAY TREAT!

- 2 to 3 18-ounce jars salted, dry roasted peanuts
- 2 16-ounce packages white bark candy, broken into chunks
- 1 16-ounce package milk chocolate bark candy, broken into chunks
- 1 12-ounce package good quality semisweet chocolate chips
- Sheets of parchment or waxed paper

In large (6 to 8 quarts) mixing bowl place two jars of salted peanuts. In large microwave safe container place bark chunks and chocolate chips. Microwave on high for 45 seconds; stir. Keep microwaving 45 seconds at a time and stirring until chocolate is melted and smooth. Do not overheat. Pour over peanuts; mix well. If it looks "runny" mix in the last jar of peanuts. *Working quickly* drop by heaping teaspoons onto parchment or waxed paper. Allow to firm up at room temperature. Store in containers or freeze for up to 3 months. Makes at least 7 to 8 dozen, depending on size.



## SAVE THE DATE!

*Romance of the Ages*  
*Friday, February 13th*

Prepare's Annual Banquet

City Hill Church  
Eden Prairie, MN

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