



Series on The Rule of Life

## Don't Put Water in Your Gas Tank



By Chuck Hornsby

For years I have taught the seniors in our high school from John Paul II's *Splendor of Truth*. It centers on our need to know, believe, and live according to objective truth. It draws on the teachings of St. Augustine, and St. Thomas Aquinas concerning natural law. In short, one lesson we can learn from natural law can be summed up by saying, "Don't put water in your gas tank." Now what does that mean and what does it have to do with our *Rule of Life*?

We are designed both as individuals and as cultures in a certain manner. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount and many other teachings from the law and the prophets in the Scriptures and other teachings from our churches points us to live according to this design. In one way, we could say that sin is not so much evil as it is stupid. If we live counter to our design, then things do not go well for us individually or communally. It is like putting

water in the gas tank of our Rolls Royce. It may look pretty, but it sure won't take us on vacation.

Now the history of mankind doesn't show that we have been all that smart in getting the message and living according to our design, so eventually the Father sent Jesus to be the Word made Flesh. We needed to see the design in skin to have any real hope of living it. Jesus lived the design, and it is through knowing Jesus that we begin to smarten up. This brings us to the 17<sup>th</sup> element of our *Rule of Life* where we are called to live in personal relationship with Jesus under His Lordship and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and open to His gifts.

In the early days of the renewal when many of us were baptized in the Spirit, there was a strong emphasis on becoming disciples under the Lordship of Jesus. We were challenged to always seek God's will in every circumstance (and thus live more in

sync with our design). The Gift of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit should never be separate from our call to live in relationship with Jesus and under His Lordship; nor should we seek to live under the Lordship of Jesus without the help available from the Holy Spirit and His gifts. In our *Rule*, we are reminded of these truths. The life in the Spirit is not simply a life of spiritual experience nor is community life simply a good life. They are designed to help us individually and as a people to live rightly in relationship to God as disciples and to one another as co-workers in a great work.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Do I still try daily to submit my life under the Lordship of Jesus? Am I seeking to form my conscience? How do I do when my emotions are negative? How do I do when I have very strong opin-

# Progressive Dinner Delights While Ushering in the Sabbath

By Dorrie Platte

God is so good. He doth provide.

On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, He provided fun and fellowship for a group of Alleluia widows, singles and single again ladies as they welcomed the Sabbath with a progressive dinner. Six homes around Center Circle in Faith Village hosted two or three other people to share a meal and perform the Welcome Sabbath Ceremony. The hostess purchased a rotisserie chicken and each guest contributed to the cost and also brought a side dish.

To close out the day, each group began by singing TAPS and then welcomed the Sabbath by asking forgiveness for ways that they had not trusted God, brought peace to situations, and failed to love as God loves. After another song, each person named a specific resolution to make the Sabbath holy for them individually. The Ceremony was closed with song and grace for the meal.

At 7 p.m., everyone moved to the Golden Life Center to enjoy dessert

and entertainment. What a clever, creative group of sisters they turned out to be. Three well-known children's tales and a basket of props were distributed among three groups who were then challenged to change and bring God's plan to the story. The rule was that each of the three groups had to use all the props in the basket and everyone had to participate in some way.

The Sabbath Day Players' productions were just wonderful. A good time was had by all as they improvised new endings to the stories and creatively used all the props. It was a real lesson on how God's provision for fun and laughter can lift spirits and build relationships.

Many thanks to hostesses Peg Barcomb, Anne Hinton, Susan Rogers, Sherry Young, Carol Pride and Kathy McKeown at Golden Life; to Luc Ceysens, Georgia Hazlewood, Susie Taylor, Bob Nestor and the office staff for their help; and to the

Sabbath Day Players and their group leaders — Liz Byrne, Susan Rogers and Nancy London.

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ions and am sure I am right? How do I do when the right thing is inconvenient? How do I do when I am called outside my comfort zone? How do I do in areas where I am tempted? Do I avoid the near occasion of sin? How do I do when choices impact my children? My money? My time? Is living under the Lordship of Jesus still the most important thing in my life? Etc.

2. Am I fully open to the Holy Spirit? Am I seeking the gifts consistently and am I learning how to exercise them? Do I regularly use the gift of tongues for my own edification and for interceding for others? Am I really seeking the Holy Spirit to lead me in the ways of truth or just going through the motions? Etc.
3. Am I putting water in my gas tank or am I keeping my Rolls full of premium?

Lord Jesus, be our Lord!!!! Holy Spirit fill us, gift us, and show us Your truth!!!

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## ACS Student Receives Commendation



**Daniel Allison, class of 2015, receives Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for placing in the top 3% of students in the country who took the PSAT test which qualified him for recognition. Pictured are Dan Funsch, Principal, presenting the letter to Daniel.**

# Life Chain 2014 Promotes the Celebration of Life in All Stages

By Barbara Harshman  
Photos by Anne Seith

The sun shined brightly in a cloudless sky as over 200 participants gathered on Sunday afternoon, October 5, to celebrate life in all its stages and pray for an end to abortion in America. Signs stating "Jesus Forgives and Heals," Adoption: the Loving Option" and "Abortion Kills Children" were among the many held by prayer warriors of all ages along Walton Way Extension and Pleasant Home Road to raise the public's awareness of this horrendous halocaust occurring every day in America.

While the Alleluia Community music ministry led prayerful songs, a number of speakers offered words of encouragement, prayers for the end to unspeakable horrors performed in the local abortuaries, and information

on the progress being made for teaching abstinence education in local schools.

Kurt Eyrich from Alleluia shared about his family of 15 children, eight of whom are adopted. He stated, "We need to have an alternative to abortion, and adoption is an alternative."

Susan Swanson of Care Pregnancy Center, Rev. Mike Freed, Wayne Rose and Rev. Mark Van Alstine also spoke on the sanctity of life, along with organizer Gary Garner.

It was an honor to be among those standing for life and praying for repentance and the conversion of hearts of those who cause so much death and destruction of innocent children.



A 3-year-old standing for Life



Susan Swanson



Rev. Mark Van Alstine



Pastor Mike Freed



Standing for Life on Walton Way Ext.



Word given by Wayne Rose at the October 9th Prayer Meeting:

My Alleluia People,

You are very precious to me — the pearl of great price — the light shining on the lamp stand. My heart is warmed by your love and dedication to Me and to one another. But tonight I am grieving for many who are being sucked into the gates of Hell, and have no one to pray for them.

Alleluia, I need you to pray more and with an intensity that you have not exercised before — it is that critical — many are being lost and may only be saved through your prayers.

Shut off the car radio or CD and pray! Get off the social media and pray! Get on your knees and pray! Pray like you've never prayed before! Your brothers and sisters are dying — spiritually — a terrible death! Will you not pray to save them?

PRAY MORE — PRAY MORE —  
PRAY MORE,  
MY ALLELUIA PEOPLE!



## Upcoming Events

Full Covenant Retreat  
Saturday, October 25, 2014

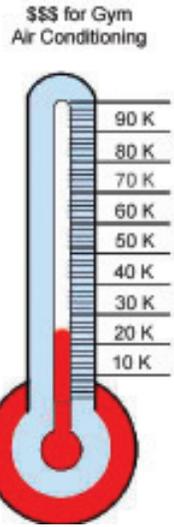
All Saints Celebration  
Friday, October 31, 2014

2nd Annual  
Alleluia Community Fall Fare  
Saturday, November 15, 2014



## Remember the Goal

The thermometer depicted shows where we are financially in our attempt to air condition the gym. So far we have approximately \$25,000 in donations. We calculate that we will need \$85,000 to provide good air conditioning. This thermometer will appear weekly until we reach our goal.



## ACS Alumni News



ACS Alumni PFC James A. Scott has finished basic training at Parris Island and will be stationed at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC as of October 7, 2014.

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