

# Campus Chronicles

*In Memory of  
Dr. Terry Allen Oakley, DD  
July 31, 1948 - March 6, 2011*



Dearly Loved Husband, Father, Teacher, Friend—  
the archbishop of EPIC Bible College.

Pastor T, you will be missed. Our loss is tempered by the knowledge that you are dancing in the heavens with the angels, walking with Jesus, and praising our God.

Terry's Life Verse is Philippians 1:6, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Last Sunday was the day you completed your journey in this life and now you walk in eternity.

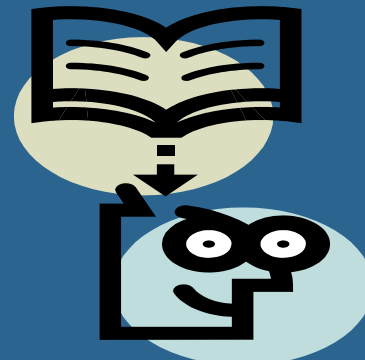
As it says in the poem "The Broken Chain":  
You left us peaceful memories;  
Your love is still our guide;  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same;  
But as God calls us  
One by one,  
The Chain will link again.



**Welcome to  
an EPIC Spring  
Quarter!**

### Tips for a Great Quarter

- ✓ Read your syllabus.
- ✓ Plan your work.
- ✓ Work your plan.
- ✓ If you turn it in early, it's guaranteed not to be late.



# What if it were God?

by Alexandra Edith Renkvist

There is a dangerous idea spinning around in the world. Evil is evil; good is good. Life is either black or white. Many people even take this idea to the extreme to say that either something is THEIR way or the WRONG way. What a statement! . . . to take such a drastic opinion as to believe that everything we do not personally think is right has got to be wrong. Now, let me take you a step further in to what I am describing. Let's think about it for a moment. Imagine the darkest moment in your life when you felt like there was no hope left, and nothing more to life. Everything you had ever worked for was wiped away. Thinking, in that moment, there was no way out--that there was no way for you to rise above yourself and prove to the world that you were okay. Through this experience, as the tears fade away, it is impossible to be the same person you were the day before. This moment has, indeed, made life different. How you will proceed in life is up to you. You can walk forward with baggage overflowing with anxiety, hurt, frustration, and anger. The other choice is to walk forward with the Lord's help and a bag emptied of these negative emotions. When that happens, God can then take those experiences and make them into some of the greatest experiences of your life.

Although it is not always easy to look at life positively, we cannot keep forcing our minds to believe that everything negative happening to us is actually bad. What if the eventual result is good? Maybe what we think is bad has purpose in God's plan. We so

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## The Sounds of a New Day, by Sonia Kotko

Some time ago a man was staying in a chalet in the Swiss Alps. It was early in the morning when he heard what sounded like an earthquake. Hurriedly he got out of bed, threw on to find out what was going on. He asked, "Are the mountains breaking up?" He was really terrified by the thundering sound that had caused him to jolt out of bed. His heart was racing with anticipation in what the response would be.

The old man at the front desk explained, "Sir, we are located on the west side of the mountain. So when the sun comes up in the east, the snow and ice begin to expand as they warm up. This expansion causes a large crashing noise. It is not the end of the world; it's just the beginning of a new day."

While there may be the rumbling of unfamiliar sounds around us, there is no reason for us to assume that it brings impending

disaster. There is no reason to fear the unknown. It may be the beginning of a new day in your life.

The sounds you hear may be the beginning of new and glorious spiritual experiences. These terrifying sounds may be new blessings unfolding. These unfamiliar sounds may be announcing the favor of God in your life. The unknown may be a precursor to the best days of your life that is beginning today.

I personally look forward to celebrating the new sounds of God's glory being revealed daily. So, take hold of those unfamiliar, frightful sounds and embrace them as never before. Prepare yourself to receive from God his favor upon you in all that you do. These unfamiliar sounds may well be the beginning of a new day.



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quickly get into the mindset of classifying many things in our life as bad when actually from God's point of view they produce healthy spiritual growth. Yes, it hurts that you've lost a loved one; it hurts that you've been abused; it hurts that you can't financially support your family; it hurts that you don't have any close friends or family in your life; and, it hurts that sometimes you feel as if you're not good enough for anyone or anything. Indeed, it all hurts, but it still happened and may even continue to be present in your life. Unfortunately, life may not always work out how we expect it to. Actually, let me rephrase that, life NEVER works out the way we expect it to.

What if, when we've climbed this mountain we call life, we get to the top and realize that indeed ALL is good. Scripture says that God works all things together for good, to those who love God. So, many tragic events of life may have really been from God. Remember, "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10).

What if God meant your brokenness for good? In moments of brokenness, as life hits us in the so-called 'wrong' way, God is helping us to become the strongest person we could ever be. He is forcing us to pull strength from only Him. We come to a point when we find the only thing to keep us up is truly just the strength and love of God. Instead of looking back in sadness and disparity at all the horrible, tragic moments that we've had to face, it is time to look at them with the understanding that God is indeed good. When tragic moments hit, don't immediately jump to the conclusion that evil is at work, and instead realize that maybe God is trying to do something greater than you can imagine. Look for God in every event and aspect of your life and ask yourself, "What if it were God?!"



# This Week in Church History With Pastor Charlie

## **March 13**

1687: Father Eusebio Kino, an Italian Jesuit in the service of Spain, began missionary labors eventually establishing 25 Indian missions in what is now Arizona and northern Mexico.  
1904: "The Christ of the Andes," a bronze statue of Christ located on the Argentina-Chile border, was formally dedicated.

## **March 14**

1879: Birthdate of German physicist Albert Einstein, who won the 1921 Nobel prize in physics: most famous for deducing the twentieth century's best-known equation:  $E = mc^2$ . He became a US citizen in 1940.

## **March 15**

1875: In New York City, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Archbishop John McCloskey became the first American to be named a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

## **March 16**

1190: The Jews of York, England, committed mass suicide rather than being forced to submit to Christian baptism.  
1882: Charles Darwin, the English naturalist, died at age 73. His theories of evolution and natural selection were enthusiastically embraced by non-Christian scientists. (Unlike

Jesus, Darwin's still dead...)

1952: The first religious program on TV, "*This Week in Religion*," was broadcast.

## **March 17**

461: Probable date of death of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The first Saint Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held on this day in 1762.

1673: Lord Berkeley of England sold his half of the American colony of New Jersey to the Quakers.

## **March 18**

1861: The Metropolitan Tabernacle opened in London. Built to house the preaching of the great Baptist preacher Charles Spurgeon, this first "mega-church" could hold 6,000 people.

## **March 19**

1641: The Colony of Rhode Island adopted a constitution granting religious freedom to all its citizens.

1937: Pope Pius XI declared in the encyclical *Divini Redemptoris*: "There would be neither Socialism nor Communism today if the rulers of the nations had not scorned the teachings and warnings of the Church."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EPIC INDOOR SOCCER

Come on out Saturday nights and cheer on your EPIC Indoor Soccer team to their next victory.

**Saturday, Mar 19, 5:45 pm**

**Saturday, Mar 26, 7:15 pm**

Games are played at ISA2000, Aldona Lane off Auburn Blvd, between Orange Grove and Myrtle. [about 5 minutes from EPIC].

### WANTED:

Bible study teacher needed for retirement home.

Day: Saturdays or Sundays

Time: To be arranged

Location: Eskaton Roseville Manor  
1725 Pleasant Grove Blvd. Roseville (Near intersection of Fiddymont and Pleasant Grove)  
Please help with this MUCH NEEDED ministry opportunity.

Contact: Linda Stevens or Joleen Anderson  
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