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God Is Just A Prayer Away
Radio Broadcast Around the World

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50,000 Watt Stations Every Sunday

WLW	6:30 AM	700 Dial	Cincinnati, OH
WLW	8:00 AM	700 Dial	Cincinnati, OH
KXEL	10:30 PM	1540 Dial	Waterloo, IA
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WRVA	9:30 PM	1140 Dial	Richmond, VA
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AFRICA:

Monday 7:00 PM
(1800 UTC) 7190 kHz on Dial

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Sunday 8:00 AM
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Happy 50th Birthday GIJAPA

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Celebrate with us 50 years on the air! Hear the history of GIJAPA, Remembering Ed and his Legacy and the future of GIJAPA - KEEP ON KEEPING ON broadcasting. Bob Stevens, Kerry Allen, George Faull and Lee Mason will be speaking.

Ed Bousman Legacy

On November 18, 1962 Ed Bousman responded to God's call and started the God is Just A Prayer Away radio broadcast. Upon his death May 16, 2011 it is estimated that Ed's broadcast could be heard on any given Sunday by over a billion souls worldwide. As we kick off the 50th year of the GIJAPA ministries, we the trustees would like to introduce another vision for the future. We are excited to introduce the "Ed Bousman Legacy Fund". The plan is simple; to set aside in a special trust enough revenue to cover the cost of at least one 50,000 watt broadcast using interest only. This would guarantee that whatever materializes with GIJAPA ministries in the years to come, Ed's voice proclaiming the Gospel will be heard perpetually for generations.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Sermon from Ed Bousman's 1980 collection

In the Gospel according to Matthew, the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus asking to see a sign from heaven. I don't know what they were looking for. Jesus had fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes; He had cast out demons; He had raised the dead; He had restored the sight to the blind and many other miracles had been done by Him, and yet, they asked for a sign from heaven. What more could they want? When people look for signs, they are never satisfied. They want more and more and more. Since Jesus never worked miracles to satisfy curiosity, He did not work one for them at this time.

He reminded them that they were good at meteorology.

They could tell when a storm was coming, the wind chill factor, snow, a front, rain or whatever. His words were, "Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven. At night, you say it will be fair weather for the heaven is red, and in the morning, it will be foul weather for the heaven is red and lowering."

They could read the signs of the heavens but they had missed the biggest sign of all — the sign that was right before them. We are good at the same thing. We can predict the course of planets and the moment an eclipse will come and the moment it will be over. Some people will believe anything but the Bible. Jesus tells us something of the character of people who look for signs. He says, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." Evil people then look for signs.

Every time a leader in the middle east burps, sneezes,

coughs, throws up, itches, scratches or belches, that is looked upon as a sign mentioned by Daniel, Ezekiel or John. It provides grist for the sermon mill for at least six months. Books are written on it and many are excited about the new sign until another leader itches, sneezes, burps, and scratches, throws up, or belches.

Show us a sign from heaven. That is the purpose of this message at this time. Perhaps you say, "Surely not. After what you have just said, how could you?" As contradictory as it sounds that is exactly what I am going to do. Here are some of the signs of the times — some signs which have come to us from heaven. I might point out before I begin that you will hear nothing that is sensational, nothing that you have not heard before and nothing that will appeal to the thrill-seeker. **SHOW US A SIGN FROM HEAVEN.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The first sign is the sign of the Lord's Supper. Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians in the eleventh chapter, "I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you." He says that this which He is about to say is something that He got from heaven. He is talking of the Lord's Supper. One of the things he tells us is, "As oft as ye do this ye show forth His death till He come." This is a sign from heaven. It is a sign that was conceived, concocted, planned, devised, invented and formulated in the mind, heart, brain and conscience of the Lord Jesus Christ. When you see a person in the services on the Lord's Day raise the loaf and the cup to his lips you are looking at a sign from heaven — a sign that reaches back to Calvary and forward to the resurrection.

Try telling someone that you will show them a sign that Jesus is coming again and their ears will prick up and they will want to know what it is. Tell them it is the Lord's Supper and you will see how quickly they will lose interest. It isn't sensational enough.

Recently, several people have asked me, "Have you heard the news? They have found the Ark Of The Covenant." Some of the people who tell me this are not too excited about the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day. In fact, I have been surprised that some of them even know what the ark of the covenant was. Just let someone come up with a sensational bit of news and they are all ears. Show us a sign from heaven. I have just shown you one — **THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

THE LORD'S BAPTISM

Another sign of the times is the Lord's Baptism. In the twenty-first chapter of Matthew, Jesus asked the chief priests, "The baptism of John; was it from heaven or from men?" They said among themselves, "If we say from heaven, He will say, why then did ye not receive Him, and if we say from men, we fear the multitude for all hold John as a prophet." Therefore, they answered Him, "We know not." His question indicated that the baptism of John was from God. If the baptism of John was from heaven, how much more the baptism of Jesus? The baptism of Jesus is a sign from heaven. It is a sign that was conceived, concocted, invented, planned, and devised in the heart, mind, conscience and brain of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The burial in water, according to Paul in Romans the

sixth chapter, signifies the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. A sign from heaven.

If the headlines would appear in one of the tabloid papers in the rack at the checkout lanes of the supermarkets that reads like this: **SIGN DISCOVERED INDICATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**, then that paper would, no doubt, sell a record number of copies. Think of the disappointment of the readers when they discovered it was immersion for the remission of sins. The sign of this heaven-sent instruction is not sensational enough. Show us a sign from Heaven. I have shown you two — the Lord's Supper and the Lord's Baptism.

THE LORD'S CHURCH

Another sign from heaven is the sign of the Lord's Church. Jesus said in Mark 9:1, "There are some of you who stand here who shall in no wise taste of death till ye see the Kingdom of God come with power." If a Kingdom comes from God, it must be from heaven. It is a sign of the times. In Acts 1 Jesus told the Apostles to tarry in Jerusalem till they received the power from on high. The Kingdom of God will come with power — "Ye shall receive power." Put them both together; what else could it be but the establishment of the Church on the day of Pentecost? The Church of Christ is a sign that has come down to us from heaven. The Church is the only divine organization in the world. Paul told the elders of Ephesus that the Church had been purchased by the blood. The Church is the only blood-bought organization in the world. It is truly a sign from heaven. It was conceived, concocted, invented, formulated and planned in the heart, mind, and conscience of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am not anti on clubs and lodges. Some people are radical either way. It is no big issue to me as far as others are concerned. However, I belong to no club or lodge. The reason is that I have a certain amount of money to spend on the moral and saving good of mankind and I want to spend it all through the only divine organization in the world. Some will say that they can also club it up or lodge it up, and I say, "To each his own." That is your affair. I have a certain amount of time to spend and I want to use it all within the framework of the Church of Christ. Some may say that they can serve as well in the lodge or club and I say again, "To each his own." But for me I will use my influence in the only blood-bought organization in the world. Every idea for moral advancement in any philosophy, club or lodge was borrowed from the Bible and the Church that Paul says is the pillar and ground of truth. There is where my influence will be felt.

When I die, it will be stated in my obituary that I was a member of the Church of Christ. No other organization will be mentioned. If anything I have done will be worth remembering for even five minutes, I want them to remember that I did it as a Member of the Church of Christ. All glory will go to the only divine organization in the world. All glory will go to The Lord through His Bride. No club or lodge can be classified as the Bride of Christ. The Church is a sign from heaven. Show us a sign from Heaven. I have just shown you one, **THE LORD'S CHURCH.**

THE LORD'S WORD

Another sign from heaven is the Lord's Word. In John 14 Jesus told the Apostles that the Holy Spirit when He is come will guide you into all the truth and bring to your remembrance all things that I said unto you. This statement was for the Apostles only. The only way it could apply to us would be if you could quote from memory the entire New Testament, without ever having heard it, read it or known of it in any way. Unless God has communicated to you personally and told you all that the New Testament says, this promise does not apply to you.

Jesus did not trust the memory of the Apostles in something as important as our salvation. He knew they would either forget or expand something that He said so He told them the Holy Spirit would remind them of the message from heaven. The Bible is a divine book. It was devised, concocted, conceived and invented in the mind, brain, conscience and the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ. Think of all the books in the world — on film or scrolls or whatever. The Bible is the only divine message the only communication from God, truly a sign, from heaven.

Show us a sign from Heaven. I have shown you four — THE LORD'S SUPPER, THE LORD'S BAPTISM, THE LORD'S CHURCH, and THE LORD'S WORD. None of these signs would stir up much interest if headlined in the tabloid papers at the checkout lane in the supermarket, but to the elect, they are most interesting - these signs of the times.

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I followed the Bible Study course of yours and received immersion baptism 9/5/10. I always listen to your radio programme on Sunday morning on Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corp. I listened to your exhortation on Jesus at the well with the Samaritan Woman and would like to receive a printed copy of same if possible. May the Lord bless your ministry?

Thanks Wilson P. from Seeduwa, Sri Lanka

Dear Bousman Ministries,

Hi, just wanted to write you and thank you for the beautiful large print Bible you so graciously sent me. To be honest I had almost decided that maybe you were doing so much in your ministry of correspondence courses and giving out reading material that you were not able to offer Bibles any more. I was floored when I was called at mail call and given a Bible from you. First of all thank you, thank you, thank you !!! Such a blessing I couldn't believe it; it was an answered prayer for sure. I was so happy I got it yesterday and couldn't put it down after I got it. I read 50 chapters of Psalms before lights went out! I can read it without my glasses it's great! I got your GIJAPA paper today and thought it was great. I learned that Mr. Bousman had died last May. I had no idea. I've heard his broadcast before and could tell he was strong and knowledgeable in the scriptures. I enjoyed reading about his years of perching and steadfastness in the gospel. I now see the schedule from paper you sent me of radio times. I can pick up Sunday on KAAZ at 9:30 PM and will for sure listen from

now on. I look forward to hearing from you and studies you might provide. May God continue to bless your work and the effort and expense you put into spreading the gospel to even those of us in prisons. I just pray I can be worthy of your kindness through study and good stewardship of resources you have provided me with.

Sincerely Christ F. Cummins Prison Unit, Grady, AR

The following reception report was recently received from these two listeners regarding the "God Is Just A Prayer Away" Bible Voice shortwave broadcasts: Istvan Hegedus from Hungary was listening in Yinchuan, China and Vidmantas Stilius from Klaipeda, Lithuania.

To the Ministry of Brother Ed,

I'm so glad I can listen to Bro. Ed and be blessed each Sunday morning after he has gone home to be with the Lord. Enclosed a check to share the gospel with others. Have a blessed day and week ahead.

Annis C. from Beavercreek, OH

GIJAPA,

Greetings in Christ's name. I sometimes hear your broadcast on Bible Voice-Europe on Sunday mornings. My condolence on the passing away of Brother Ed Bousman. Please send me a book of Bible Studies and a Bible and your statement of belief.

Yours Sincerely, Emeka A. Leyton, England

Dear Brother,

You are the only person on the earth that preaches about "Heaven and Hell - only 2 choices". Please I am born again through listening to your sermons on Radio Africa. Kindly send me a Bible.

Bunmi from Osun, Nigeria

Dear Naomi and Family,

My deepest heartfelt sorry to the family for the loss of Ed from this world. When I read he has passed on to next world, my tears did not stop for hours. Ed has touched me deep through words of the heavenly Father, and the Son Jesus Christ for without Ed's teachings through the correspondence lessons, and sermons I'd still be lost. For Ed showed me the right road to be a Christian. If I can share with another lost one what Ed showed me I will do it in his memory of God's work. I write to people beyond these concrete walls, that I sit in at the present time. In God's love,

Your Friend, Lawson J. from Brickey, AR

It's been raining here and it's raining as we getting this report done. The weather is a bit disturbing for our work as many are indoors whilst many are off to their farms. Nevertheless, we are still going through the cat-and-dog rains (thanks to Ed and Naomi for the rain ponchos). We have also re-started the Ed's Sermon Translation Program to let the many who do not have access to radio or can't get the transmission or understand English to also hear these unadulterated life-saving sermons.

The church at Finako has seen numerous marital prob-

lems than all the other churches planted by us. This has put a lot of pressure on Brother Ekow Richard (the leader) that he has to quadruple his visits to the village and extend his working time there solving marital problems, but PTL these are very confidential and many new souls are joining the church. Bewuranum is a small village about 9 miles away from home. Lee and I were there to mount a small soul winning campaign in the market square where preached on marriage, re-marriage and divorce directing it to salvation. Attracting about 50 plus audience, we had 15 people baptizing and now travelling back home to worship with us. We need to plant a church here for the brethren but who to lead and how to support that leader has been our headache. We must also get a place of worship. Pray for us. Words cannot express our gratitude to what you are doing for the Lord and the poor souls in the villages and towns here through us. May God bless you all.

Ike & Lee Pertey from Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Teacher in Christ,

Greetings to you sir along with your family and listeners all over the world and members of the Churches of Christ. I was very happy to have received the gift of the Holy Bible and Bible Lessons 30 of them, but after completing them I would not afford to send them back at once. They were very educative and informative, I worked very hard and saved money to afford the postage. Thank you sir, after doing all kinds of odd jobs I was able to afford the post office stamps. For sure we need your radio programme here in East Africa. We are still a developing nation and I am still looking forward to study in the Book of Acts from your radio Bible School and any other Bible lessons you are able to send. It's a blessing you have been preaching and teaching for more than 68 years and radio broadcast for 50. It is my prayer that your Bible Sermons and your books be read here in East Africa for many Kenyans can read and write English and listeners can study with GIJAPA Bible School and Churches of Christ be started here in our villages. I do invite you here in Kenya to

open a Bible School. Thank you and God bless you all. I just read the book of Acts, and I know I will learn more from you sir; looking forward to receiving it. God bless.

Robert N. from Kenya, E. Africa

Brother Ed,

Please find enclosed the second part of "The Foundations of Faith" Bible Study course. I would just like to thank you with the utmost sincerity of my heart for your Bible studies and sermon books. I was in prison and you provided the light of the gospel to me. However I was given your address and that was a year ago, I used that time to learn and grow in the grace of God. Thanks be to God for His love that is in the hearts of men like yourself. I am home now and I enjoy going to Church. Truly, I found myself in the belly of the whale, but God has delivered me from much bondage and now it's my joy to witness to others about the saving power of God. Thank you so very much for everything! May God bless GIJAPA more abundantly so many more can become converted as followers of Christ. Know that you are loved and appreciated for your servant hood to the spreading of the gospel. God Bless,

Sincerely your brother in Christ, Michael from North Judson, IN

Dear Sister Naomi,

Greetings from the Churches of Christ in Liberia. I received the 3 boxes of used clothing you sent earlier. This time around I will give them out to the less fortunate children and women in our neighborhood next week when we will be celebrating our country's Independence Day on July 26, 2011. Praying for you always.

In Christ, Mike Foday

Peace of God to you Naomi Bousman.

My name is Haben T. from Khartoum, Sudan. I'm Eritrean but because the situation in my country, I can't live as Christian so that I'm here in Sudan. If that is okay I want to start lessons of the Bible a new. May God bless you richly and abundantly.



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