

MEDITATION

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Although I haven't seen them anywhere lately, the letters WWJD seemed ubiquitous for a while, appearing on hats, t-shirts, bracelets and other items. Most of us know by now that those letters represented the phrase "What would Jesus do?" and they were designed to help encourage people to make ethical choices that faithfully represented Jesus to the world.

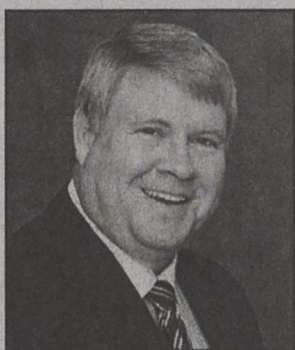
Composer Johann Sebastian Bach was also known for sporting four initials, but he didn't wear them on his clothing; he scrawled them on his musical compositions. These initials were not the same ones we saw on the garments of our youth a few years ago, but they were similar in that they exhibited a message of faith to all who saw them. The letters were AMDG, which stood for the Latin phrase "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam," which means "To the Greater Glory of God." Bach felt so strongly that his music was meant to glorify God that he put those initials at the top of his manuscripts.

There was a time when initials like those would have been found carved on church build-

ings, inscribed on organ pipes, and etched into both stained glass and furniture. Although Latin phrases are not our forte these days, and I suspect that few of us know people who utter them often, there is still a widespread desire to inscribe the things that we produce. We may not typically use Latin phrases to do this, but we still like to display some unique mark that reflects our views.

What I like about the phrase that Bach chose to employ with his work is that it is a reminder of what all believers should be doing with their lives. We all ought to be living and working "to the greater glory of God." This is really why we were created; so as to share life and living with our Creator, or to live our lives for the sake of our Creator - to live for the glory of God - and to do so because we love God and we know God loves us.

This kind of shared love seems wonderfully illustrated by the story of a pastor who noticed that there was a specific father who always came to church accompanied by his small son. One Sunday morning the boy began to cry loudly and un-



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comfortably. The father lifted the boy caringly, carried him to the back of the sanctuary, and stood there rocking him tenderly and speaking to him gently until he quieted down. There was no sign of embarrassment or frustration on the father's face. There was only love for the hurting child.

Telling the story of this incident later, this pastor said, "In that moment, while I was preaching, I was preached to, for in that incident I heard God speaking to my heart and saying, 'That is the way I love you.'"

When we have experienced that kind of love, we want to live Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, or to the greater glory of God.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Gospel singing Sunday

A gospel singing featuring "His Anointed" will be held Sunday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at Cherokee Street Baptist Church. For more information call 704-718-9341. The public is invited.

Concert Sunday at Westover

The Royal Quartet will appear in concert Sunday night, Jan. 29 at Westover Baptist Church, 114 Westover Drive. Pick-up refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the service.

'His Anointed' youth benefit at Cornerstone Jan. 29

"His Anointed" will provide the service Sunday, Jan. 29, at Cornerstone Church of God, 202 Margrace Road. A spaghetti dinner, including breadstick, salad, dessert and drink for \$5 will be served at 4:30 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the youth group. At 6 p.m. "His Anointed" service will also include special singing. A love offering will be taken at the evening service. The public is invited to the dinner and special church service.

Chicken Pie Supper

Dover Baptist Church, 1501 Polkville Rd., will sponsor a chicken pie supper Saturday, Feb. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Take-out available or enjoy fellowship in the dining area.

The public is invited.

Chicken stew Feb. 4

A chicken stew and hot dog sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, beginning at 11 a.m. at Antioch Community Center, Antioch Road, near Grover. The public is invited.

El Bethel Breakfast Feb. 4

El Bethel United Methodist Church will serve the traditional country breakfast Saturday, Feb. 4, from 6:30-10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Carry-outs are available by calling 704-739-9174. Plates are \$6 and include eggs, grits, bacon, country ham, sausage, gravy, homemade biscuits, coffee and juice. All proceeds benefit the church.

Giving to the needy

A local church - Miracle Tabernacle International Ministries - gives warm clothing to the needy of all ages every second and fourth Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pastor Frances Smith says the church welcomes consignment items, which they offer for sale and use the money to buy new purchases for the needy.

"It's all free and a project that we began sometime ago," said the pastor. She said that Apostle Theron and Kathy Feemster oversee the project.

Miracle Tabernacle is located on East Gold Street - across the street from the American Legion Post 155.

Fellowship & Faith

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Mt. Olive Baptist Church Compact School Road 704-739-4516	Proclaiming the Word Ministries 7011 Cleveland Avenue
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 220 N. Watterson Street 704-739-8354	Progressive Church of Our Lord 1001 Cleveland Avenue 704-734-1070
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New Camp Creek Baptist Church 863 New Camp Creek Ch. Road 704-487-7128	Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church 201 N. Piedmont Avenue 704-739-7466
New Life Family Worship Center 428 Oak Grove Road	Second Baptist Church 120 Linwood Road 704-739-4216
	Shady Grove Baptist Church 339 Shady Grove Road 704-739-8920



Featured Church of the Week: First Church of the Nazarene

St. Paul United Methodist Church N. Cansler Street 704-739-1256	GASTONIA Bethesda United Methodist Church 3714 S. New Hope Rd
Sunrise Baptist Church 208 Mail Road 704-692-3007	Grace Community Advent Christian Church 206 West 3rd Avenue 704-739-9230
Temple Baptist Church 612 N. Cansler Street 704-739-4716	GROVER Bethany Baptist Church 423 Cleveland Avenue 704-937-3010
The Favor Center Church 602 Slater Street	Carolina Praise and Worship Center 201 N. Main Street 704-937-7541
True Gospel Holiness Church 1608 Shelby Road 704-739-6764	First Apostolic Church of Blacksburg 205 E. Cherokee St. Blacksburg, SC 704-937-7390 or 864-839-1873
Unity AME Zion Church 948 Unity Church Road 704-228-0328	
Vestibule AME Zion Church 2175 Vestibule Church Road 704-739-7961	
Westover Baptist Church 114 Westover Drive	

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