

# Bright Eyes



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**NEW  
IMPROVED!**

## CRUMBAUGH WEBSITE

by Eric White

Here is a brief introduction to our new website. For those of you who don't know, our website is...

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brought to you by the Communications Committee. The current and updated site includes information on the following:

- Lyceum
- Main Service
- Special Events
- Declaration of Principles
- Directions
- Additional Links

As we advance, audio recordings will also be available on the site along with the monthly newsletter, history of the church and our committees and their activities. We look forward to building the website to not only inform, but to present a way for our Pastor, ministers and board to interact and communicate with our website visitors.

***Keep checking the site  
for more additions  
over the coming months.***

## SURPRISING FACTS

by Student Judy Tittle

While studying my ministry lessons, I learn things that constantly surprise me. Some things are fairly new to me but not so surprising. For example, we know about the beginning of the raps and communication in Hydesville, NY as though this is where it all began but at I studied the material, I found that there were actually many incidents prior to those happening to the Fox family. But it was the Fox sisters that brought the phenomenon of spirit communication to the attention of the world back in 1848.

There were plenty of "Spiritualists" prior to 1848 and many had made enormous strides with spirit in their studies. These were talked about openly and by many highly respected people in their communities. Everyone who was interested in communication seemed to know who to see and where to go, often traveling a great distance to meet with that person to connect with loved ones.

Andrew Jackson Davis, while not technically a Spiritualist, made a discovery that surprised me and that is that all disease has its origin in the soul not the physical body.



**Kate, Margareta and Leah Fox**

Later in my readings, I found that many of the psychics and mediums were being persecuted by the doubters. Many had to sit naked in chairs while being observed to "prove" they were not trying trick people. The Fox sisters were literally put on stage in front of scores of people with hands and feet tied to show they were not "cheating". Yes, there were fakes. Many would claim to talk to loved ones in order to make money making it that much harder for the real mediums to be able to practice without prejudice. They had to prove they were not just a dog and pony show and it was not easy.

As I go through these lessons, I am sure I will find out a lot more that will surprise me and maybe even astonish me. I will gladly share my findings with you.

## THE SIDEBAR

### WHAT IS GOD

Along the highway,  
I see the sun, a giant bright disc  
Setting behind a mountain crest of clouds.  
The sun is covered but it's magnificence  
explodes around the clouds  
Like an explosion, an aura of glory  
As it shoots it steams of light across the  
evening sky  
Before it goes to sleep.  
God?  
God-  
Is  
An art form

## RUMBLINGS from the President

by Butch Tull, Board President



### ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM

I believe we are all meant to achieve our dreams but the path can often be rocky. When times get tough, what gives us inspiration to keep going? Where do we get the motivation we need?

Often we look at successful people and believe that their success and wealth came easily to them. But in most cases, this could not be further from the truth. We can easily see the rewards they reaped for their efforts but we are not aware of the many struggles they had to go through to get where they are today.

As you know, Connie and I had a rocky year last year when our business burned down. I had just added on to the shop and we had to face some tough



### AND NOW A WORD... from our Pastor

#### Scripture, What is it Good For??

In teaching someone a lesson, it is important to present the information in an understandable and relatable format. It must come in a way that the person will identify with and be able to visualize. The lesson, then, becomes meaningful, and is able to be put to practical use in their lives.

This format of instruction was used during ancient times, as well as it is today. Scripture and the Bible stories are prime examples of this teaching method. The Bible stories were written for people of that time period, using themes that everyone at that time, could relate to and understand. Many of the stories and instances in the Bible therefore are less historical as they are instructional.

If the same lessons were trying to be taught to us in this day and age, the stories would be different. They would contain different themes and characters

and offer us different heroes that we can identify with to be able to understand the true meaning of the story in our lives.

So we could ask the question then, "What are scriptures good for in our lives today?"

Even though the stories and characters are of ancient times, the basic truths of behavior and spirituality are still very much relevant to us in this time period. We can still glean the knowledge of what was trying to be taught and still use it in our lives today.

The Bible is like a classic encyclopedia. The information is valid and timeless. However, it is not a historical record as it is a teaching tool. We must remember to be able to take form these stories the meanings that are relevant to us personally. We can then use these truths to guide us through our human lives and spiritual adventures.

Blessings and Love,

*Pastor Bob*

decisions after such a huge loss. Did we really want to rebuild? Was it time to go to work for someone else? What should we do?

After much soul searching and prayers, we knew that we wanted to continue our relationship with our great customers and open our own business again. We were guided to a new location and while older, a much bigger shop. This would mean a mortgage and starting over again. But soon I could envision what the new shop would look like and how I could expand and grow. My dream began to form in my head.

I knew we would face some trials, challenges, and frustrations along the way and yes, a bit of fear was thrown into the mix as well. But we knew that we could realize the dream of this larger shop with more employees by overcoming the adversity of the original

shop loss. It takes courage to realize one's dream but don't throw in the towel. Here are some steps to follow and I hope they help you realize your dream: Have a positive attitude: "I can do it!"

- Take Action even when you are afraid.
- Have courage to move towards your dream.
- Keep going no matter how many hurdles you may face.
- Realize that failure is part of the road to success.
- Never give up until you reach your goal.

Remember the words of Frank A. Clark: **"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."**

Blessings!

*Butch*

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