### It Pleased God

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

to have the gospel preached. He entrusted the preaching to men and calls who He will to do His work. People sometimes think that they know what the preacher should say and do, as well as how he should conduct for his ministry. (**Hebrews 13:17**).

God could have had angels to preach the gospel, but He chose to have men to do His work on earth. If you look through the scriptures you see that most of the people that were called by God, would not be the ones that man would have considered for the work. Paul was a persecutor of the church, Gideon was fearful, Jonah was rebellious, Moses was not willing, and many others had excuses to not serve. Yet God used them, showing that the power was not in the mes-

changed.

**1 Corinthians 1:21**, "For after that in the wisdom word and to be saved by obeying it. Some think that the church. When a person, or a group, seeks to please themselves worthy in the eyes of God. All anyone has people grow in the Lord. to do is to hear, and believe, repent of sin, confess those This verse tells us that it is God's design and plan sins and that Jesus is the Son of God, and be baptized pel emphasis on social activities instead of the word for the remission of sin and live for the Lord. This is of God. They are busy with dinners, trips, and other what God has ordained that a person is to do, to be functions, but it is those things that have people com-

his ministry. Each minister will give account unto God save souls until the Lord comes back. It is hard to imagcult to understand by adding man's ideals to it. God the early church. It is a part of the message of the scripdoesn't need our thoughts or what we think would tures whether anyone wants to hear about it, or not. be good added to his message. The Lord's gospel is great the way that he gave it. All a person needs for it all the counsel of God," Acts 20:27. If we would please to change his life for the better is to hear, believe and to God we will use God's word and not man's doctrines. walk in it. If you have noticed whenever man adds to it We can only come to God through Jesus and we can by his traditions and rules, it only causes trouble and only come to him by faith. Where does faith come keeps people from a right relationship with God.

Why is there trouble in a church today? It hap- ing, and hearing by the word of God."

senger, but in the message of God. When God's Word pens when God's word is not followed and people try is proclaimed and believed by the hearer, lives are to do their will instead of the will of God. The result is that there is division, hurt feelings, some folks trying to Some seem to think that it is too easy to hear the have his, or her, own way, and harm to the witness of they have to do something great, or something to make God instead of themselves then the Lord can bless and

Some churches seem to have replaced the gosing, not the love of God. As we have noted before, some The preaching of the Word of God has, and will, churches have ceased to mention hell because many of today's church folks don't want to hear about it. Jesus ine why anyone would want to make the gospel diffi- talked about it, the apostles talked about it, and so did

Paul said, "I have not shunned to declare unto you from? Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hear-

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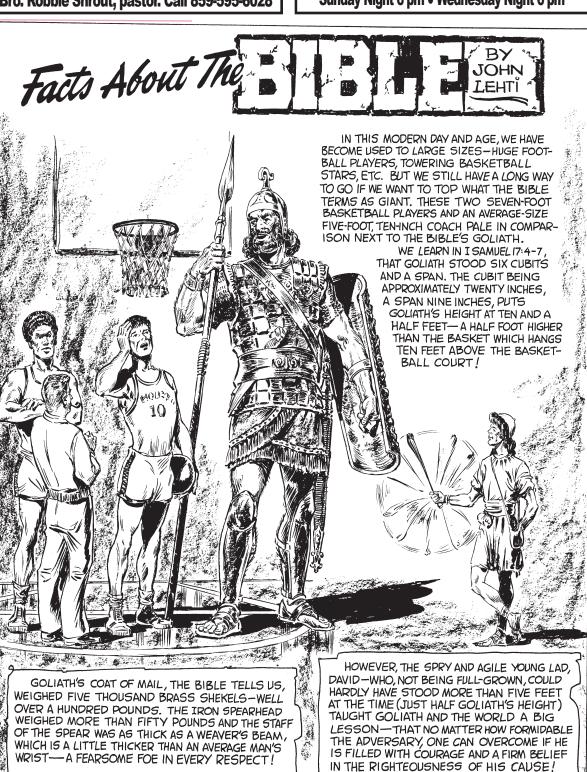
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