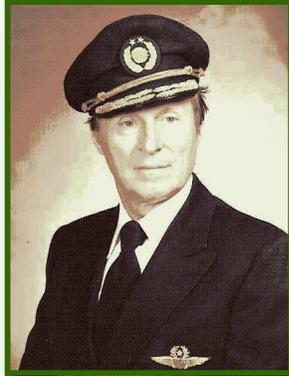


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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The principal made a note, and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE . God is watching.' Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples..' Courtesy of Maurice Wright. UCC



Life at Altitude

Paul Barnes, our brother in Christ, started life's journey in the rural community around La Junta, CO. As a son in a dry land farming family, he became acquainted with the demands of farming early in life. However, he also discovered an inner passion for flying ignited by a "Barnstorming" exhibition featuring aircraft technology of the time. After moving from La Junta to Arkansas then Missouri, the Barnes family arrived in Boulder, CO. During that journey, Paul gained valuable skills and knowledge of vehicles that served him well in several Colorado assignments in the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). While at Boulder, he enrolled at CU but after Pearl Harbor, enlisted in the Army Air Corp. He went to boot camp in St. Louis before completing several months of rigorous training in Minnesota and California. This training resulted in a flight assignment to the Air Transport Command (ATC). During military service, Paul made air passage from the US via C-46 to Dominican Republic, Brazil, Ascension Island, the Gold Coast, Morocco, Cairo, Karachi, to extensive service in the India and Burma theater. His military flight experiences include a number of exciting adventures not the least of which was bailing out of a disabled C-46 and being harbored by a village known for their headhunting history. Following his military discharge, Paul applied to commercial airlines and became a commercial pilot with Continental. For the next 33 years Paul flew many different US routes in a variety of commercial planes the last being the DC-10 (pictured), one of the first "jumbo jets". During this service, Paul again experience some exciting moments including a "Sully" type adventure. Engine fire silenced both engines of his twin engine airliner over Pikes Peak. The crippled plane's surprise, unannounced landing startled emergency crews at Peterson AF Base in Colorado Springs but the incident was quickly controlled without injury. Paul recently celebrated his 94th birthday with his family. What a tribute to an avid pilot who walks with Christ and spent 27,250 hours of Life at Altitude. AMEN?



*Choice, not chance,
determines destiny.*





Elder's Corner

HOLY GROUND

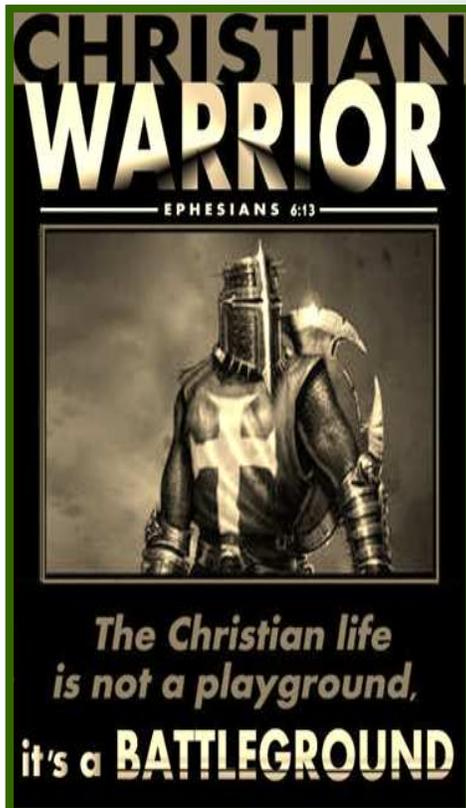
“Then He said, ‘Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground’ (Exodus 3:5).

Moses was told that the ground by the burning bush is holy ground, ground made holy by the presence of God. We sing two songs both called “Holy Ground.” They can convey the idea that where a group is gathered is holy ground and this is true. However, have you ever thought that as a Christian where you are is holy ground? It doesn’t matter whether you are alone or in a group, you are standing on holy ground.

“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you. If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are” (I Corinthians 3:16-17). Paul said. “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). Peter tells us to be holy in all our behavior because, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (I Peter 1:13-16).

We are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God in Ephesians 4:30. When we do not try to resist temptation, when we do not try to become Christ-like, we grieve the Holy Spirit. We grieve Him by failing to acknowledge that we are on holy ground.

Let us, as we go through life, remember that where we are is holy ground. Ed Wittlif. UCC Elder



Men's Retreat 2017

The Christian Warrior's Soul

Location: Covenant Heights Near Estes Park,
Colorado

From Friday May 5th Dinner 5:00 p.m.

through

Saturday May 6th Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Speakers and Sessions to be announced.

Time for fishing, hiking, Frisbee Golf, or Saturday Afternoon

Cost

Adult \$65

Sons 12 and under \$50

Sheets, Blankets, towels available \$6

Scholarships available