

Marion Gordon "Pat" Robertson 1930-2023

Today, June 8, we received word through numerous headlines that Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), passed on to be with God. And why should this mean anything to me, or anyone reading this commentary?

That is a good question. To answer, I must give you a little background. In my personal quest for spiritually meaningful articles and videos, and especially videos about Israel, which I love, I naturally ran into CBN. This was years ago. Over time, I enjoyed the programming, especially "Jerusalem Date-line" with Chris Mitchell, the news shows, and then the other CBN-related ministries. These include Regent University, American Center for Law & Justice, Operation Blessing (an international relief ministry), and more. We personally give monthly to several of those outfits.

I admire Mr. Robertson for all that he has done, or rather, for all that God has done through him. He is a great example of the different gifts, talents, or callings that God gives each of us who care to commit our lives in obedience to Him. Mr. Robertson's talents led to the creation of these megabusinesses. Others' talents may lead them to appliance repair or well-drilling in a small desert town in Southern California. Still others may serve their communities with a store and shopping center dedicated to service, not to profits or personal enrichment. Is any of them more "holy" than the others? Only God knows the answer to that!

I personally am VERY grateful that God put us in Lucerne Valley, away from the noise, the busy-ness, the pace of urban life. Sometimes I wish that it were somewhere other

than the People's Republik of Kalifornia. But then we wouldn't have each other here in Lucerne Valley, would we?

May God rest Mr. Robertson's soul, and may each one of us develop the talents He has given us!

Linda Gammel

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. —John 11:25-26

Dear CBN Family,

Today, June 8, 2023, my father, Pat Robertson, has gone home to be with his Lord. My dad was at home, surrounded by his family when he entered glory and met his Savior face to face, whom he loved and served with his whole heart, mind, and being.

My father was an extraordinary man by any standard. He was an evangelist, a humanitarian, an entrepreneur, an educator, an author, a statesman, a television personality, a man of global influence and tremendous vision. Perhaps most important though, he was a dearly loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and

friend. For many of us he was also a spiritual father, guiding us and teaching us to love the Lord and live lives worthy of the Gospel.

In his final days, he often talked about heaven and his desire to be with Jesus. During one of these times of reflection he shared this with his two daughters and three of his granddaughters:

*"I tried to listen to the Lord.
I loved you all.
I walked with the Lord.
I hope I've passed that on to you."*

We can only imagine the rich welcome my father experienced as he stepped into eternity. Perhaps millions from many tribes and nations came to greet and thank him for his part in sharing the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. And I imagine my dad said to them the same thing he has said to us

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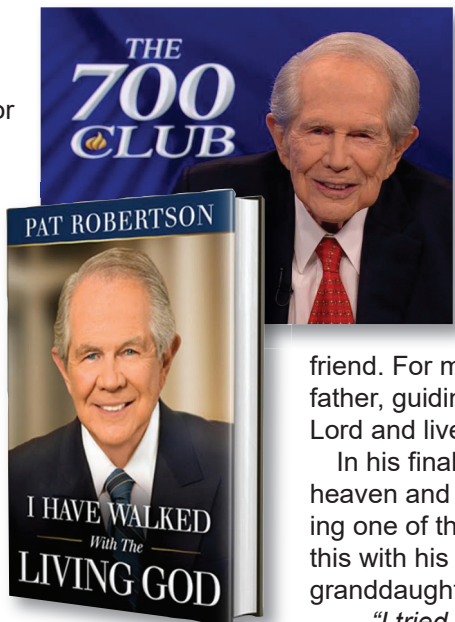
many times, "I was just an unworthy servant and have only done my duty. The Lord did it all, not me."

My family and I thank you immensely for your prayers during this time as we grieve. We will always treasure the way my father encouraged us to trust in the Lord, no matter our circumstances. He recently recorded a message to share with his 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, and I know it is one that he believed with all his heart. "I want you to know that you can always trust in God. He will never fail you. He's never failed me in my whole life, and He'll never fail you. So, I want you to know that you can trust in Jesus Christ all the way through. Don't ever doubt His goodness because He will always be there for you."

We are strengthened by this message and the eternal hope that we have in Christ. Though we will miss him, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. As 1 Thessalonians 4 reminds us:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the trumpet of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. . . .

Yours in Christ,
Gordon Robertson



On The Lighter Side . . . from the Web

WALKING ON THE GRASS

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you."

Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

Gentlemen, remember - you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room became very quiet as the men absorbed and pondered this information. After a few moments a man at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" asked the instructor. "I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carried a golf bag?"

This level of sensitivity just can't be taught!

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. To be read with suitable reverence:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up: The associate minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

PETS

If your dog or cat needs to be spayed or neutered, and you live in an unincorporated community



in San Bernardino County, you can request a voucher for \$50 toward the cost of spaying and neutering.

To request a voucher, call the Pet Over Population Coalition (POPCO) at (888) 767-2550 or email info@popco-inc.org



LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

Monday, June 26
(No longer the first Monday of the month)
5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge
on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

- Reports from our County, State and Federal representatives.
- Cal Fire's survey.
- Town clean-up in July (?).
- Status of "no truck" signs for Camprock and Northside Roads.
- Sienna Solar project 'open house' at Moose Lodge in July (?).
- Round-table on whatever anyone wants to talk about - including:
 - Is there a demand for care providers who can take residents to doctors' appointments, shopping, etc.
 - What County/State/Federal services are most important for Lucerne Valley - and how can we help their efforts.
 - What are the good, bad and ugly experiences we've had in Lucerne Valley recently.
 - What are our priorities - what do we want to change for the better - what is LVEDA's role?

ON THE PORCHES

Purchase VIP Seating Tickets For Sat., July 1 Fireworks

Sat, June 24
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wed, June 21 & 28
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Experience fireworks like never before! You have seen them from afar, now experience them up close and personal with VIP seating. With colors so vibrant and the booms so loud, you can feel them!

JULY 4TH PARADE
TUESDAY, 9:00 A.M.

FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
SAT, JULY 1
5 P.M. - 9 P.M.
AT PIONEER PARK

Parking at Lucerne Valley Market & Hardware with FREE Hay Ride or bus to event.

FIREWORKS
9 P.M.

ENJOY A FUN FILLED DAY OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

- BEER GARDEN
- CAR SHOW
- FOOD
- GAMES
- VENDORS