

student who runs one of our folding machines part-time among other tasks assigned to him in the publishing house and in the office. He does a great job and we are grateful for his temporary help.

*Robert Feher, Publishing House Supervisor/Press Operator*

One of the most organized and efficient people I have ever known, Robert keeps all operations in the publishing house running smoothly. He has been with us for three and a half years now and we are praising God for sending him our way.



*Don Otis, Treasurer/Chairman of the Board/Administrative Committee*

As the Treasurer of LBM, Don oversees all financial matters and sets our annual budget. He also serves as Board Chairman and on our Administrative Committee, providing invaluable counsel and leadership.

*Risë Rafferty, Health Education*

As the author of our monthly Health Nugget and as a health speaker on 3ABN, Risë is a gifted communicator. Many eager readers look forward to her monthly research. Risë has been officially employed by LBM for 9 years, a role that began when God called her to stand side-by-side with James Rafferty as wife, counselor and health educator 19 years ago.



*Sue Gibson, Associate Treasurer/Graphic Design*

Besides the fact that I am personally enamored with this astounding lady, she is great with numbers. Sue serves under Don Otis as Associate Treasurer. She is also an excellent graphic designer, which you regularly encounter in our monthly newsletter, our year-end reports and other publications. I've been blessed to have Sue as my wife and fellow worker for 27 years.

*Amber Beldin, Data Entry*

Don't let the last name fool you. This is my and Sue's precious little girl all grown up and married. Amber continues to assist LBM with our monthly mailings on a part-time basis.



As our partners in this mission called Light Bearers Ministry, these are the people you employ. Thank you for enabling us to aggressively disseminate the glorious light of the gospel of Christ to the nations. We are here to serve you and the precious men, women and children the world over for whom Jesus poured out His innocent blood.

## Events Schedule

- **February 5**  
James Rafferty & Ty Gibson  
3ABN Live  
pb (618)627-4651
- **February 7**  
James Rafferty  
Myrtle Creek SDA Church, OR  
pb (541)863-3815
- **February 16-22**  
Ty Gibson  
Adventist International Mission School, Thailand  
email pfoster@aims.ac.th
- **February 20-21**  
James Rafferty  
Sutherlin SDA Church, OR  
pb (541)459-4131
- **March 6-14**  
James Rafferty  
Sabah, Malaysia  
email gabunasco@yahoo.com
- **April 9-12**  
Ty Gibson  
ACTS Youth Conference, Edmonton, AB Canada  
pb (248)840-9294
- **April 10-18**  
James Rafferty  
Mount Shasta SDA Church, CA  
pb (530)926-3348 website mountshastasda.com
- **April 24-25**  
Ty Gibson  
Tacoma Central SDA Church, Tacoma, WA  
pb (253)752-6637

PUBLISHED BY



37457 Jasper Lowell Rd • Jasper, OR 97438 • USA  
Phone: (541)988-3333  
Fax: (541)988-3300  
E-mail: info@lbn.org  
www.lbn.org

*Light Bearers is a non-profit ministry based in beautiful Oregon State.  
Our purpose is to help proclaim the gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.*

# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*



## Willful Sin

By James Rafferty

**H**ebrews 10 contains one of the most feared and misunderstood verses found anywhere in the Bible:

“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries” (Hebrews 10:26).

Recently this verse was brought to my attention by a group of college students in South Africa. “Are these verses saying that if you sin after you know you shouldn't you are forever lost?” If, for example, you are convicted not to lie, but you do, does that mean you have sinned willfully and there is no sacrifice for your sin? Is this the message in these passages?

No, this is not the message—not even close—for the Bible record is clear that willful sin is the very problem from which Christ came to save us. From Adam's willful sin in eating the

forbidden fruit to our own failure to live up to the truth we know, we have all sinned willfully. So what does Paul mean here in this context when he says, “If we sin willfully?”

In order to understand this phrase we need to consider it in the context of the chapter, book and Bible. The context of the chapter is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as compared with the sacrifice of animals. The context of Hebrews is Paul's desire to bring the Jews from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, from earthly sacrifices to the heavenly sacrifice, from the old covenant to the new. Over and over again in chapter ten he refers to the word “sin.” His point is that all of that Old Covenant ceremony, the earthly sanctuary, priesthood, sacrifices and laws cannot remove sin. This is Paul's emphasis: if, after you understand the new and living way, you keep partaking of that Old Covenant methodology, that Old Covenant approach to God, then you

are willfully sinning against God.

If you willfully forsake all of these new covenant realities there is no more sacrifice for sin. This is no arbitrary punishment, but the stark reality of the gospel. The context of the Bible is that Jesus Christ is the only sacrifice for sin. Turn from Him to animals or any other sacrifice and you are lost. There is no other remedy. You are not going to find salvation anywhere else. The blood of bulls and goats cannot cleanse you. Your own works will never take away the feelings of guilt or purge your conscience from dead works. There is nothing that is sufficient to cleanse us from sin but Jesus, the Son of God. The blood of Jesus Christ is ever there for us, ever ready to save us. But if we turn from Jesus there is no more sacrifice for sin. Nothing else in this world, not your merits or even your self-inflicted suffering is a sufficient sacrifice for sin. Jesus only. Amen.

## CONSIDER THIS . . .

Believe Jesus loves you, and in your efforts to obey the truth, if you err, don't feel that you must worry and worry, give up your confidence in God, think that God is your enemy. We are erring mortals. If we sin, "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). You cannot cleanse yourself from impurities. Carry all your burdens to Jesus. He will help you. He wants you to not wait and expect through your good deeds to make atonement for sin or to make yourself righteous. Trust in the merits of the blood of a crucified, risen Savior.

Ellen G. White,  
*The Upward Look*, p. 376

Act your part in helping yourself, as all must do who would be blessed. Believe that Christ helps you. Refuse to speak a word of unbelief. When the enemy tells you that the Lord has forsaken you, tell him that you know He has not, for He declares, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13).

Ellen G. White,  
*The Upward Look*, p. 132

I am glad indeed that our feelings are no evidence that we are not children of God. The enemy will tempt you to think that you have done things that have separated you from God, and that He no longer loves you, but our Lord loves us still, and we

may know by the words He has placed on record for just such cases as yours. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1).

Ellen G. White,  
*The Upward Look*, p. 212

Peter denied his Lord in the hour of trial, but Jesus did not forsake His poor disciple. Although Peter hated himself, the Lord loved him, and after His resurrection, He called him by name and sent him a loving message. O, what a kind, loving, compassionate Savior we have! And He loves us though we err.

Ellen G. White,  
*The Upward Look*, p. 212

Just as you are, come to Him, and trust yourself in His hands. Believe that He does accept you as He has promised. Do not try to do some great thing to recommend you to God, but trust in Him now, just now. . . . Come by humble faith to Him who has never said to the needy and suffering, "Seek ye My face in vain." We know that we are sinners and that we often err and are frequently overcome with temptations; but this should not lead us in our great need to keep away from the only One who can help us and save us from the power of Satan. This is the enemy's work to discourage and drive to despair.

Ellen G. White,  
*The Upward Look*, p. 328

# THE LIGHT BEARERS TEAM

*To carry forth this mission LBM employs a relatively small staff of very efficient, hardworking followers of Jesus.*



By Ty Gibson

Since moving to Oregon, God has blessed LBM with some excellent new team members. Each year you, the supporters of LBM, enable us to put a massive amount of truth-filled literature into circulation, to conduct teaching events nearly every week of the year, and to produce television programs that proclaim the gospel over the airwaves. To carry forth this mission we employ a relatively small staff of hardworking followers of Jesus. I thought you'd like to meet them, both the new and those who have been with us for years.



Stephanie Erick,  
Reception/Secretarial

Just a few weeks ago the Stephanie Erick joined the LBM staff part time. Her job is to receive and direct calls, mail and email as well to assist with the processing of financial contributions to the

ministry. She has been an immense help.

Meranda Beerman,  
Reception

A recent graduate of Lauerlwood Academy and an aspiring college student, Miranda is currently occupying a part-time role doing reception and secretarial work for LBM. If you call the ministry you are likely to encounter her pleasant personality. You can't help but smile when coming into contact with this young lady.



Joshua Herrington,  
Press Operator

For nearly two years we had been earnestly praying for the Lord to lead an experienced webpress printer to our door. At times it almost felt desperate—"God, please act on our behalf because we need someone

NOW!" Then came Josh. As soon as the interview was over James and I said almost simultaneously, "He's the guy we've been looking for."

Brent Hinger, Folder  
Operator

Vital to the publishing work of LBM is the operation of our folding machines. It is a precision technical job that requires attention to detail and the physical stamina to fold millions upon millions of tracts. Brent expresses high satisfaction in the privilege of flooding the world with gospel literature.



Stephanie Van Kotten-Hinger,  
Administrative Assistant/Publishing Projects Coordinator

What a Godsend this precious sister is! We needed someone who could keep multiple projects organized and make sure they all get executed:

to comprehend and coordinate our worldwide literature work, to maintain all our communications with Church leaders and missionaries and to do a whole host of other tasks. Stephanie has now filled this position for a full year and we could not be more pleased than we are with her performance.

Cindi Strange, Resource  
Center Manager

We are blessed to have Cindi working with us. She receives and processes all orders for books, study guides, audio messages and food items by phone, by mail and through our website. You can expect to be assisted by her with cheer and efficiency.



Jason Gibson, Folder  
Operator

As you might imagine I love this guy immensely. Jason is a college