



BLD WASHINGTON  
**BUKÁS-LOÓB SA DIYÓS**  
**COVENANT COMMUNITY**

SERVING THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

## Counsel

### Live Jesus Daily

**Theme:** We seek heavenly things when we become instruments of salvation.

**Word:** Acts 13:14,43-52; Ps 100:1-2,3,5;  
Rev 7:9,14b-17; Jn 10:27-30.

**Order:** *“Worship the Lord with cries of gladness.”* Psalm 100:2  
*“Hear my Voice and ... follow me.”*  
John 10:27

*(BLD Global Community reflection for April 2010)*

#### REFLECTION:

When I was young, my parents taught me to always make 3 wishes whenever I happen to visit a new Church. One of my wishes was that “I may know the Lord more.” I believe the answer to that prayer came through BLD. Did I fully understand what I was asking for? Not really, but I believe God is good and I know I can trust Him in everything. The Scripture assures us that He is the Spirit of truth and “he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you” John 14:26.

Like my prayer many years ago, many of us including Jesus’ very own apostles did not understand exactly what it entails to be a follower of Christ. Even James and John the beloved misunderstood Jesus’ teaching on the kingdom as both of them requested a special sit of glory by His side, with little understanding on the consequence

of such request. As for Paul, who was once the persecutor of Jesus followers, had an idea of what is expected in following Christ who is “The Way the Truth and the Life”.

Ultimately, his disciples persevered in their trials to evangelize and spread the Good News. They embraced what Christ has taught them that they must deny themselves and live a life of self-sacrifice to serve God, even to die for the cause.

Today in this modern world, following Christ takes a different turn. Unlike the early Christians none of us have ever shed blood, none of us have ever been flogged, and none of us have ever been jailed for following Christ. Although there are still parts of the globe where persecution such as those encountered by early Christians continues.

After 2000 years however, our difficulties as Christians come in different ways. Do people think that the Bible is fiction? Even our government now agrees that prayer should not be allowed in public arena. Many people have forgotten God. Blood is being shed in the form of aborting innocent lives, desecrating the dignity of marriage, disrespect of human lives, including the elderly.

Before BLD, my understanding of God was very shallow; I can say that I have also forgotten what it takes to follow God.

When I first became a member of BLD, I did not fully understand many things about our faith, our Church including Christ’s teachings. I did not understand forgiveness, power of the tongue, unconditional love, judgment and more. With God’s help and grace, He allowed me to persevere and understand and be open to many things He has in store for me. I admit that there were times I would

**God’s Promise for the Week**

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**Vocations Sunday April 25, 2010**

Pope Paul VI instituted the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (*the 4th Sunday of Easter*) on the 11th April 1964 by saying;

***“O Jesus, divine Shepherd of the spirit, you have called the Apostles in order to make them fishermen of men, you still attract to you burning spirits and generous young people, in order to render them your followers and ministers to us”***

In the 43 years since, successive pontiffs have called on the Church to focus and pray for vocations.

**To read the message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI’s 47<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, click on the hyperlink below:**

**[47th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April, 25, 2010, H.H. Benedict XVI](#)**

prefer to just be at home and hang out with friends, but I kept coming back and kept coming back. Now, after almost 18 years, we are still here, continuing to learn and seek God.

To seek God and to know Him more is to seek heavenly things. To know ourselves that we may be changed to be a disciple in His image is to seek heavenly things. To know more about the teachings of the Catholic Church is to seek heavenly things, to read and understand scripture is to seek heavenly things. To seek God is to hear his voice and follow His command that He may lead us. The Lord’s promise in the Gospel says ***“For the Lamb... will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*** (Rev 7:17)

The Lord has led us all to BLD, a spring of life-giving water because He is a good God. Through this community He allows us to encounter trials that He may build our character. He allows us to have difficulties that we may know how to call on Him and depend on Him. He allows us to suffer that we may know true happiness and true joy. He exposes our weaknesses so that those who are more mature may be able to guide us. He brings us community and personal problems that we may learn how to solve them the Christian way.

God is a very, very good God. He loves us more than we can imagine. To prove His love, He suffered and died for us that we may have eternal life. Let us continue to serve Him and seek Him, our Lord Jesus Christ our King and our friend.

***Directions:***

1. Be active in declaring the works of the Lord. Use your spiritual gifts as witness to the power of the Holy Spirit and continue to proclaim the Good news through our encounter programs and mission work.
2. Talk about God’s word. Make it your way of life that people will see and know Jesus in your person. Be the light and salt of the earth. Live Jesus daily.



**“WITNESS AWAKENS VACATIONS”**

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**Love Offering**

Mar. 26, 2010 \$ 962.00  
Apr. 02, 2010 (No P&W)  
Apr. 09, 2010 \$1,086.00  
Apr. 16, 2010 \$1,233.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**April Calendar**

Apr. 02 Good Friday (No P&W)  
09 Praise & Worship  
16 Praise & Worship  
23 Praise & Worship  
30 Praise & Worship

**Teaching Schedule**

- Apr. 23 Four Basic Truths**  
Make-up class for those attending LSS10  
After the P&W (1 hour teaching)  
Our Lady of Victory
- Apr. 24 Shepherds Training Part 1**  
For LSS7 and make-up for older classes  
9 AM - 3 PM  
McCarrick Center
- Apr. 25 Shepherds Training Part 2**  
For LSS7 and make-up for older classes  
10 AM - 4 PM  
McCarrick Center
- Apr. 30 Intro to Intercession**  
For LSS9 and make-up for older classes  
After P&W (1 hour teaching)  
Our Lady of Victory

**Community Calendar**

- May 7-9**  
Life in Spirit Seminar #10 \*
- May 21-23**  
Youth Life in Spirit Seminar #4 \*
- Jul. 31-Aug. 2**  
Family Encounter #4  
Malvern, PA
- Sep. 24-26**  
Solo Parent Encounter #3  
Holy Family, MD
- Nov. 12-14**  
Marriage Encounter #11  
Dulles Hilton, VA

**\*Time & Venue – TBD**

Please check our website [www.bldwashington.com](http://www.bldwashington.com) for 2010 Schedule of Events.

**Reminder**

Please sign in and wear your BLD IDs during Praise & Worship and Community Functions.