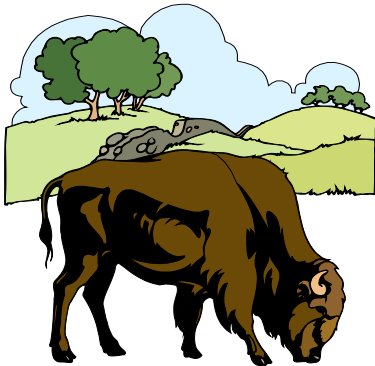


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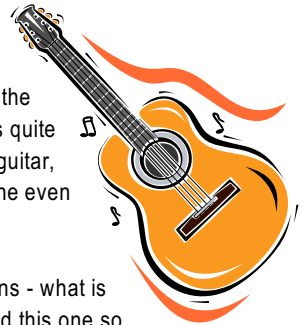
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## *God's Music Store*

by Pastor Sam Renfro

I had the privilege of spending some time with my son Daniel recently. He was able to stop by for a short visit. His job has him constantly on the go from one place to another, so I was glad when he worked out the details to swing by for a visit. While he was here he said he had an errand to run so I decided to ride along. He had recently purchased online a Washburn acoustical guitar, one that plays into a sound system. After receiving the guitar and examining it carefully he found a crack in the back. The place he bought it from is about an hour away from Buffalo Ridge, in Butler, Missouri. So I went along for the exchange or return. I mention all of this so that you will have a picture in mind of what it is that the Lord showed to me while we were in the music store.

While we were waiting, Dan and I began to walk around and look at all the other instruments. Let me pause, to help you understand. I know absolutely nothing when it comes to different instruments. I don't know names, brands, types, purposes or tones, and as the old joke goes, the only thing I can play is the radio. Now my son on the other hand knows quite a bit. He plays several instruments semi-professionally (the guitar, saxophone, piano, lap guitar, base guitar, well you get the picture) and he even knows about those he doesn't play.



As we were walking in the store looking around, I begin to ask questions - what is this, what is this for, can you play this, why is this one so expensive and this one so much less, have you ever seen one of these, etc., etc. My son answered my questions, showed me the reasons and basically gave his dad a brief lesson in all that is musical. What happened next is the reason for this writing.

The young man behind the counter brought out a replacement for the cracked guitar and my son began to, as he put it, "jam for a while." I stood there and watched and listened. First my son began to examine the outside, then he tuned and tightened a couple of strings, he played notes, cords and then parts of scales. Once he seemed to have it where he wanted it, he began to play. Some of the songs I recognized and some I didn't, but one thing I can tell you is that I enjoyed every one of them.

As I was standing there listening, I looked around and started thinking, as preachers do. I began to think that the world is a lot like that music store. It is filled with those who are broken, out of tune and used. Once the pride and joy of someone, but now marked down, some second hand, some brand new and not yet appreciated, some with so much potential that if handled properly they would really become a star, some that were ignored or overlooked and some with minor flaws that seem to make them of no value.



As I stood there, I thought it just takes the right person to come along and make all the difference. In the case of the music store, it takes a person of talent, experience, knowledge and desire to make wonderful music, someone like my son Daniel. In the case of the world it takes Christ, first and foremost. He is the only one who can take all of the different people in all of the different situations in all of the different parts of the world and make a beautiful, harmonious melody in their daily lives.

In the case of Buffalo Ridge, I like to think that God is using us to help those in the music store where we live. Some come here not sure if they can still be used, some come here a little out of tune, some come here looking for a new direction, a new owner, some come here just looking to be polished up, fit with new strings and anxious to get back into the songs of life. I am so glad God has given us the privilege of serving here in our "music store," Buffalo Ridge.

If you feel you need a visit or if you would like to be a part of what God is doing here, please write, call or e-mail and let us know when you would like to come or in what way God is leading you to support this ministry. God bless you.

## Guest Feedback

My wife and I really enjoyed our stay. The accommodations were very comfortable, beyond what we expected. Thank you and may God continue to bless you all.

It was the most wonderful, spiritual atmosphere we have ever been too. May the Lord bless you all.

It was a wonderful time for all of us. It was a beautiful environment, great food. We appreciated you all so much. I look forward to being able to come back. What a ministry you have. Thank you for being there for all of us who are able to come.

## Worth Underlining

One hindrance to hearing a word from God may be our own wisdom. Wisdom, like success, can delude us to think we should take the role of teacher rather than student. Our knowledge lulls us into thinking we have sufficient wisdom to meet any challenge. Believing we are wise tempts us to evaluate the shortcomings of others, yet be unaware of how much growth is still required in ourselves. - Henry Blackaby

### ☺ Goofy Bison Humor ☺

What did the father buffalo say when it started to get cloudy? "Bye, sun"!



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