

# GRACE And GLORY

Our Mission: To get as many people as possible, using as many means as possible, to KNOW and SHOW CHRIST

## The Outreach Ministry of GRACE F W B CHURCH



Sunday "Soccer" Service ..... 9:00am  
 Bible Study Hour ..... 10:00am  
 Worship (WHYM 1260AM) ..... 10:45am  
 Wednesday Prayer Service/Family Night ..... 7:30pm

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And so we enter the 16th year of publishing this Newsletter. During that time we have grown from a few families in our flock to a nationwide mailing of nearly 1000 addresses. We began as a newsletter to keep people informed about our Church and our weekly Radio Program. Time, and God's Blessings, have continually expanded the Outreach Ministry until now it involves Newspaper Articles, Publishing and distributing devotional and Bible Study Books, numerous Radio programs each week, producing and distributing audio and video tapes, helping those in need, promoting Bible Study Classes, and assisting other Churches. Soon, the Lord willing, we will also be on the World Wide Web so many many more people will be able to obtain our help, use our literature resources, and hear the wonderful story of the marvelous saving Grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Truly, God is to be GREATLY PRAISED for His Blessings on this work and on this unworthy servant whom He has chosen to direct this effort.

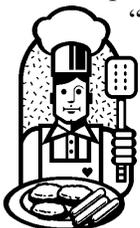


Last January as I prayed and sought God's directions for this work I felt impressed to ask God for **\$50,000** in income because of the great needs I saw at that time (Almost all of our books were nearly out of print and demand was continuing to increase). This took a lot of faith since our income in 1995 was slightly over \$15,000 and that was one of our best years ever. Well,

as you will see from our Financial Statement later in this newsletter, we received over \$42,000 last year for the Outreach Ministry, nearly \$5,800 for the Helping Hand Ministry, and over \$4,000 in donated equipment; bringing our total income for 1996 to over \$50,000! (Glory, Glory, Glory!). That income came from the Lord through a little over 50 individuals, families, or organizations. To each of them I express my heart felt THANKS and pray God will greatly Bless you because of your willingness to share in reaching people for Christ. (You should have already received your tax receipt. If you have any questions then contact me).

I am typing this on a Wednesday of an EXTREMELY busy week. I have had to do a lot of counseling this week, I've had to make up and mail the post cards for our local Minister's Meeting (Tuesday, Jan 21 at 8:30am at Prossers- This month's subject- "How to handle the Pressures of being a Pastor"), meet with our Assistant Pastor for several hours to plan our upcoming sermons and activities, copy tapes for a church that wants to use one of our study programs, help another church with their financial program, Work on Sermons (This Sunday at 11am

"Dealing with Family Problems") and develop this week's Sunday School Lesson ("Handling Communication Conflicts"- 10am, be here!). And, of course, daily radio programs, weekly newspaper articles, visiting the hospitals and nursing homes, and normal duties had to be done. But tonight I GET TO SOP SYRUP. We will have Prayer, some activities related to "Handling Family Rivalries" and then dip those home made biscuits in Cane Patch Syrup with some butter stirred in! Who says Hard work is not rewarded!!



Other Activities this week include:

FRIDAY- Gleamers (9down) will have GOG (Gobs of Games) at the Fellowship Building beginning at 7:00pm. An exciting time so don't miss it.

SATURDAY- Young Adult Class get together at Don and Kathy Lewis' home.

SUNDAY- Church beginning at 9am. We will continue with this month's theme on "Help for the Family"

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** (10up) will be Sunday Night at 7:00pm at the home of Mike McGee.

This month's topic "Living as a Christian in an UnChristian World". We had a great get together with this group last Saturday night for their activity and we look for another special time this week as we study God's Word together---and then eat Mike McGee's Groceries!

TUESDAY- Still time to join the new Precept Class on "Daniel, What in the world is God doing on earth". Classes meet each Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Building. See Mrs Jan for details.

**LOOKING AHEAD-** We have majored on the "Family" during January with all our Messages and Sunday School Lessons offering help for every area of family need. During February we will "shift gears" and accent MUSIC as we try to improve our relationship with the Lord. The Sermons and Studies will point toward drawing into a more intimate walk with the Lord. One way that is accomplished is with a heart full of Praise and Adoration for the Lord. During February the Choir will sing numerous songs, special music will be highlighted, instrumental music will be featured, and congregational music will include Praise and Revival type songs.



We have recently done a great deal of work in our Audio- Video Room as we turn it from a "junk room" into a Showplace; as well as the new Church Office. Special Thanks to Eric Hanniford for his invaluable help. His physical condition limits his activities but he grits his teeth and does a great job. What a blessing he has been since he gave his heart to the Lord.

What a wonderful time it is to serve the Lord. The worst the world gets the more I see the need of Christians letting their light shine. That is our privilege; and our responsibility. Pray that God would allow us to use EVERY Opportunity He provides to reach every person we can with the Gospel. Also continue to Pray that God would meet our needs and give us the wisdom we need in order to accomplish His purpose for this work . . . . . Preacher Mike Ps 16:11

## NEED DIRECTION???

I remember going to church the first Friday night in December. I was amazed at the amount of traffic that was on Lawrence St. It was like traveling from D.C. to Richmond at 5:30 in the afternoon. I couldn't believe it. I asked my wife, "What in the world, The only people that travel this street is the people that go to Grace and the people that live on it." We proceeded towards the church and noticed cars backed up for a long way on a side street. Then I noticed several cars coming out of where the church is. The road in front of the church dead ends just three houses down from the church. There were six cars coming out of the dead end. We went on in the church still wondering what was going on and the cars just continued to pile in and right back out of Lawrence St. Then it hit me! It was time for the Christmas parade. And all of these cars were trying to beat the parade by taking a short cut. When they realized that the side road was backed up too, they proceeded to come down in front of the church, not knowing that it was a dead end road. The end result was a 6:00 traffic jam on little ole Lawrence St. at the end of a dead end road, with the people in such a rush waiting until the whole parade was over to get out on Main St. to get where they were going.

I thought to myself. Self!! That is exactly how a lot of people live their lives. They are in such a hurry to get where they are going that the old adage "HASTE MAKES WASTE" really applies. Some people even wonder through life always taking shortcuts when they have no idea where they are going to end up. Is it important to you to know where your next move will be, or what God has in store for you? Then don't do as these Christmas parade avoiders tried to do, but rather look to Jesus for your guidance. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Look to Jesus. Don't go around life wandering aimlessly, but have a purpose and direction by allowing God to direct thy path. . . . . Assistant Pastor John Keen

# FINANCES

I am thrilled to report that the Annual White Christmas Offering from the Church totaled nearly \$9,700 this year. That brought our Building Fund up over the \$90,000 mark (Praise the Lord). Thank the Lord for the faithful support of the People of Grace Church.

## 1996 FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRACE AND GLORY OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Balance 1-1-96 \$ 354.52

Income 1996 \$42,036.63

Total to Account \$42,391.15

Expense 1996 \$34,262.22

Balance 1-1-97 \$ 8,128.93 (\$2,300 is owed on bills that did not come in by Jan First. I have learned to charge things on my charge card and pay later. Last year this allowed us to earn nearly \$160 in Interest on our money!) (Books that are presently being reprinted (Nehemiah and Prayer Book) obligate us for \$2000 (1000 copies each)). Miracle Message Volume 6 is supposed to go to the printer the last of this month- \$2500 for 2500 copies. Grace Gleamings Volume 3 is in the working stage and is due to be published in February- \$2500 for 2500 copies. That puts us in a negative Balance but we trust God will provide what we need to do our normal work and still publish this in February.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY EXPENSES FOR 1996

GG RADIO EXPENSE	\$ 3,859.94
GGBOOKS EXPENSE	\$12,996.66
GGEQUIPMENT EXPENSE	\$ 2,259.03
GGINTERNET EXPENSE	\$ 195.14
GGMEMO EXPENSE	\$ 205.97
GGNEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$ 442.42
GGPAPER	\$ 747.59
GGPOSTAGE EXPENSE	\$ 1,976.51
GGPROMOTIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 297.13
GGTAPES	\$ 1,277.39
GGTITHE	\$ 3,459.53
GGVIDEO	\$ 5,142.85
GRACE BOUGHT FOR	\$ 225.62 (Repaid)
HEAL HURT CLS EXPENSE	\$ 1,176.44

Total Expense \$34,262.22

## HELPING HAND FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1996

Balance 1-1-96 \$ 242.20

Income 1996 \$5,731.53 (includes \$4.03 in interest)

Total to Account \$5,973.73

Gifts 1996 \$5,783.72

Balance 1-1-97 \$ 190.01

THANK THE LORD for each of you who gave so generously last year. We reached thousands of people with the Gospel through the books, newspapers, radio, prison ministry, audio and video tapes, and various other means. Thank you for your help. Continue to Pray that God would give direction as the Ministry continues to expand as an astonishing rate. Time pressures and health pressures are a great concern to me but since this is God's Ministry then I know He will work everything out.

# THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

Life "drops us down a chimney of some house, lands us in the middle of a group of people, and then says, 'Get along with them the best you can'!"



## I. WHAT PARENTS OWE CHILDREN

A) Religious Instruction Deut 6:6-9 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. What have YOU taught your children about God this week??

B) Moral Discipline Prov 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. The child must be given both Physical and Mental Instructions-

1. Physical: Discipline means to "keep in order". Guidelines must be given. Limits must be set. Obedience must be taught.

2. Mental: The Lessons of Proverbs- clean living, temperance, and industry must be stressed. Challenge the Mind but give it a foundation to hold to when negative and spurious thoughts attack.

C) Spiritual Nurturing Ep 6:4 And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1. A Negative Admonition- parents are not to nag, bully, or browbeat their children so as to provoke them. Negative comments usually do not bring positive results (If you continually tell your child they're bad, unable to learn, or without merit; they may prove you right)

2. A Positive Admonition- Bring them up: Give them time to Grow but give them something to grow with (Give them work until eventually 1/7 of their time is for leisure and the rest for work). "A home should be a place from which the child is equipped to go out, and to which he will always return. Some parents find it hard to grasp the fact that their basic duty is to enable the child to leave them and to live his own life. Smother love and Mother love can be very easily confused. If we bring up our children in such a way that they are eager to go out and glad to return then our task will be well done."

D) Material Provision II Cor 12:14 the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

1. Enough for now 2. Plans for the future (inheritance)

E) Caring Love Tit 2:4-5 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. A good home is more caught than taught. Love is not a word you say; it is a way you live.

## II. WHAT CHILDREN OWE PARENTS- A Child has a Responsibility to:

A) Listen to their Parents- Prov 23:22 Harken to thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Harken means "To pay attention to". Having ears to hear you must hear.

B) Obeys their Parents- Ep 6:1-3 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. We are not just to hear but also to obey

C) Show consideration to Parents- Prov 23:22b Despise not thy mother when she is old. That will involve Love, thoughtfulness, and the sharing of material wealth.

# FAMILY PRINCIPLES

When I went to the Bible to try to pick some "ideal" families to draw Principles to preach on I found myself "in a Pickle". Adam's oldest Son killed his brother and then lived like the world. Noah's son brought a curse on all his family. David's children were spoiled rotten. Moses' grandson became a heathen priest; and nothing is said about the children of the main characters in the New Testament.

There are however, numerous things said about the family life of Abraham; and from these we are able to gain 3 very important Principles to guide Families. Each of these principles comes from a situation where God liked what Abraham was doing so much until he made a "Covenant" with him or expanded on the covenant He had already made. And that makes them VERY IMPORTANT. Let's examine these principles so we can put them into practice in our own lives.

## I. GOD HONORS TOTAL COMMITMENT- Gen 12: 1-3



*And the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house; unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Abraham was asked to leave his old way of life and, by faith, commit himself to God's plan for his life. God honored his commitment to do so. This Total commitment is also:

A) Required in marriage- Gen 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* We are living in the day of "trial" marriages and "live in lovers"---and wonder why God has allowed the plagues of Divorce, Disease, and Disobedience to wreck our families. God expects us to commit to each other until "death do us part". That kind of Commitment in marriage is something God can, and will, honor.

B) Required in Serving Christ- Mark 8:34 *And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.* Most people today think a Christian home is one in which the children are sent to Church every now and then and the parents aren't murderers and robbers. There must be total Commitment to Christ if Christ is to be the Head of that Home so that home can head in the right direction.

II. God honors Training- GEN 18:17-19 *And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*

A) You reap what you sow- In Training, as well as in Affection and Relationship. We ought to determine that our Children will get the best Bible training possible; in the Home, in the Church, and in every day living. We ought to train our children to be affectionate; while warning them of the dangers of a sin sick world misusing them. And we ought to teach our children to build and maintain relationships so they can function in society and be the example God wants.

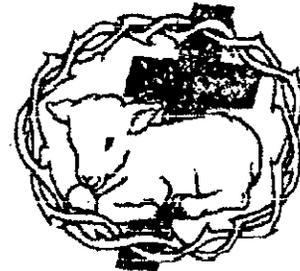
B) The Example of Jesus is very important- Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Jesus developed MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, SPIRITUALLY, and SOCIALLY. God honors a training program that develops such a "Four Square" Person.

III. GOD HONORS TRUST- (Gen 22:-) When Abraham was called to Sacrifice Isaac he was brought to a moment of ultimate Trust. And this act of Trust delighted God.

A) WE must have Faith to trust God with our Children's life- Heb 11:17-19 *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.* Abraham was willing for Isaac to die if that was what it took for him to be in God's Will; yet how many parents push their children to accept THE PARENT'S plan instead of God's Plan for the child's life. Sadly, this is often done because the Parents don't believe God's Plan will be Profitable or Pleasurable.

When a Parent is unwilling to trust their child to God's Plan then they are inviting trouble for themselves and for their child. You see, When Proverbs 22:6 says *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it;* it is referring to training up a Child to understand what God wants them to do (And that means a Parent must learn the differences in their Children. One will long to read a book while the other will want to dig in the dirt. The book reader would probably make a poor farmer while the dirt digger would probably not enjoy being a full time student). When they find "The way they should go" then they will realize that that's the only place they will find Peace and contentment in this life and they will have no desire to depart from it.

B) A Parent must have Faith to Trust God to do what you can't do- When Isaac asked Abraham where the Lamb for the sacrifice was Abraham said, *My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:* (Gen 22:8). You may not always understand How God will do what He wants to do but your confidence in God will inspire the obedience of your family. You may make honest mistakes as a parent but because you are dedicated to God's will and determined to obey God completely you know God will provide what you can't.



Sometimes the most difficult, but the most needful, action a Parent can take is to wait on the porch while the prodigal wallows in the Hog Pen! Too many Parents today rush down into the mud and drag the child back home; but when they get them home they find the child has not yet "come to himself" so he goes back to the far country at every opportunity---and destroys the heart and home in the process.

Three Basic Principles: 1) God Honors Total Commitment. 2) God Honors Training. and 3) God Honors Trust. Yet when applied they will change you and your family.

The Application can only take place, however, after you Dedicate yourself to God. If you're going to use these principles to build your family then you must get on the "Rock" so the storms of life won't destroy your work. That Rock is Jesus, Do you know Him as your Personal Savior today?

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We had the privilege of having Rev Michael Cameron as our guest speaker on the first Wednesday in February. He gave a most encouraging report about how our literature is being used of the Lord in his prison ministry and then brought a good message from the Word of God to challenge our hearts and encourage our Faith. We probably average sending 3 boxes of books, magazines, old Sunday School Literature and Daily Breads and audio and video tapes each month with Brother Michael to his prison work. God has tremendously used our meager efforts and we praise Him for what He is doing in the lives of men behind bars (We also help several other prison ministries with our literature as well as send numerous packets of our books to prisoners that request them). This is possible because you prayed and helped.



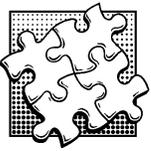
Several times in recent weeks I have had the great privilege of helping some people out when they were in extremely difficult financial situations. If you could have seen the look on their face as they realized God was meeting their need it would have done more for you than any medicine you can name. It might even have driven you to the same tears of joy that flowed from their eyes. This too was made possible because you prayed and helped--- (Mat 25:37-40) *Then shall the righteous*

*answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? {38} When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? {39} Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? {40} And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

That is what I really like about this ministry; it is not about publishing or promoting, it is about showing people that Jesus is the answer for EVERY need of their life. It is not just preaching about what God CAN do for you; it is actually putting feet on our faith and doing something of eternal value. If we didn't already have Glory in our name I would have to put it there!!!

God is really moving in our Church also. After going through a "dry spell" during all the holiday activities, people are beginning to come back to the altar where they are renewing fellowship with the Lord and committing to His work. And that is vital as we head toward our March emphasis of "Soul Winning".

We are also headed for some other changes at the Church. If all the details can be worked out I plan to make a **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT** this Sunday about the future of the Church and it's mission. I have been praying for several years now about God's purpose and plans for this church (That is why our building program has been so long delayed). I have finally arrived at the place that I can see the outline of the puzzle.



Now it is just a matter of putting the other pieces together within this frame; and I am excited to see how the picture will finally look when it is completed. By our next newsletter I hope to be able to share all the details with you---stay tuned.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sat. Feb. 22- Gleamers (age 9down) will have a "Pop and Picture" at the Church beginning at 6:30pm. This activity will include Popcorn and a movie for our younger ages (No Meal) after their devotion time.

Thursday/Friday Feb. 27-28: State Association of FWB will meet with the Peace Church in Spartanburg. Main item of business is our new mission support plan for the state.

Sat. Mar 1- Special Youth Committee Meeting to secure help and advice to assist Brother John as he works with our youth.

Sun. Mar 2- (Afternoon) Young Married Meal and activity time

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9-NEW COVENANT IN CONCERT

during our 11am Service. We hope all of our Family and Friends will come for this BIG day as we praise the Lord together with this great group that have blessed our hearts so much in past visits.

All of this will, of course, be followed by a fabulous fellowship meal that will give us time to rejoice over the people we are praying God will save during this special service!

(I planned to begin Revival Services Sunday Night, March 9 but several circumstances may hinder that. I will let you know as soon as possible).

Sat. Mar. 15- Gleamers (9down) "Ice Cream Crazy" activity at the Church.



Sun. Mar 16- GYF (10up) Bible Study/Activity at the Home of Tom and Wanda Smith- 7pm.

The Pastor will be speaking in **Revival at Mill Branch** FWB Church beginning Sunday night, March 16 and continuing through Thursday night, March 20. Pray for God to Bless and use this meeting to reach people for Christ.

We had planned to have a hot dog supper on Wed. Mar 19 to celebrate the Pastor's Spiritual Birthday (35 years old in the Lord) but it will have to be re-scheduled to a later date.

Sat. Mar 22- GYF "Progressive Supper" Activity.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30-EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

at 7:00am, Breakfast cooked by the Men of the Church at 8am. Sunday School at 9am. Easter Worship Service at 10am. This is always a tremendous Blessing that you will not want to miss.

Sun. April 6- Daylight Savings Time begins- Spring forward an hour.

Our theme for the month of April will be "Growing as a Christian". Something we hope will not only help the Church but also all the people who get saved in March!

### CASSETTE MINISTRY

We are now able to produce cassettes of our services that have very good quality. If you, or someone you know would like to receive several of our cassettes each month (Side one will be the special music and message from the 9am service while side two will contain the choir special, any special music and the 11am sermon) then send us your name and address so we can add you to our list (Of course, it is Free). This is just another way in which we are trying to "reach out to those who are unable to come in to us".

As we try to reach the world with the wonderful good news about the hope and help that we find in Christ- (John 3:17) *God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*- we earnestly covet your prayers for our Outreach Ministry and for the ministry of our church.

- 1) Newspaper articles in 5 or 6 papers each week
- 2) Radio Programs- live broadcast of our 11am service over WHYM and our 5 minute "Lessons for Living" devotion M-F over WOLS/WHYM.
- 3) Audio and Video Tape Production and Distribution.
- 4) Devotional and Bible Study Booklet Publishing and Distributing.
- 5) Helping Hand Ministry for those in need.
- 6) Internet Access to Sermons and books- (Coming in March???)

I was just talking with Brother Michael Cameron about the prison ministry and he was telling me about the great need for material to help young Christians deal with Mormons and Muslims (The two major opposition groups he has to deal with among the prisoners). In my "spare time" I am going to try to develop a study for the prisoners--if you have any material that would help then I would appreciate it.

During February we have been highlighting our musicians and singers and I Thank the Lord for the work and effort they put into using their talents to bless the Lord's people. It is great to have people who take seriously their responsibility to use the abilities they have for the Lord--and a special word of praise to the Choir for all the extra time and effort they give in order to do such a good job each week of preparing our hearts to worship the Lord.



And a big "Thank You" also to the Sunday School Workers and Teachers, The Children's Church volunteers, and our great audio-video staff. And let's not forget those who volunteer to change our church sign, copy our children's bulletins, make our coffee each service, and so forth. Our church is a team effort and I appreciate each member of the team for what they do for the Lord.

Well, I'd better close this so I can record some radio programs and get everything ready for tonight. It is such a joy to see what God is doing at Grace Church; and to be able to share that with you. Continue to pray that God would give me strength and wisdom, as well as supply our needs, as we continue to use every means possible to get as many people as possible "To KNOW and SHOW CHRIST".

..... Pastor Mike Ps 16:11

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## The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

Rev John Keen

Many, many years ago a certain man had this great feeling building up inside of his body. He was at the point that he did not know what to do. This feeling was beginning to control him. What in the world could this man do to ease these feelings that he was feeling. Feelings of love, care, concern, for another individual. Once he tried to make his feelings known by showing a great deal of trust to this individual. But they responded negatively. As time went on he began to develop feelings for all types of people, constantly trying to show them how he felt about them. It was love. Love was the driving force behind all of his actions. He was constantly trying to show his love and was constantly getting rejected. At times people would play on his emotions and pretend that they loved him in return, but he was able to see through that. Yet he loved them still. People could not understand why he was in love with so many people who would not return his love. Why don't you quit loving that one if they are not going to love you back. One replied. Because I care replied the man. "They may not understand it now but it is my love for them that they need." Your Love? Replied the individual. "What is so special about your love? Well love is a special relationship, there may come a day when someone needs help, it is because I love them that I would care enough to help them. If you say so replied the man. Time went on year after year, the old man kept on loving the same people. Time and time again they hurt his feelings made fun of him, ignored his desires and plea's for cooperation. They even took the old mans child and beat him and killed him because of the old mans love. Still he continued to share his love. Some accepted and returned his love, but the majority just threw it away in disbelief and continued on with their life. Yet he continued to love them. Even today the love of this individual still permeates the hearts of those that accept it. It is a love that is eternal, a love that knows no limits. Yes it is the Love of Our Heavenly Father. Have you accepted His love or are you continuing to throw it away and live your life as you see fit? Accept the love of God today. It is free to all those that ask Him. "Ask and it shall be given you."

# THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

(Dan 4:8) But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,  
(Dan 4:18) This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

The Christian life means we are not only completely dependent upon God and His Grace for Salvation but also for daily victory. That is why we must walk in the Spirit (There is No Sinless Perfection. We cannot Crucify Self. We have No Ability on our own.). Learning to walk by the Spirit means your walk is dependent on, and supported by, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Walking in the Spirit produces

- A) Contagious Christian Living (Soul Winning)
- B) Holiness of Life (Sanctification)
- C) The Fruits of the Spirit (A God Honoring Life). True Spirituality is a seven-fold manifestation of the Spirit's Fruit in the life of the Christian. It is a divine outpouring of life, rather than a mere stopping of things which are "Worldly". True Spirituality does not consist in what one does not do, it is rather what one does. It is not suppression: it is expression. It is not holding in self; it is living out Christ.

Apart from the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer he is not able to:

- A) Use effectively the gift God has given him.
- B) Interpret God's Guidance to him and others.
- C) Be effective in his work for God.

How do we walk by the Spirit:

- A) Yield to the Spirit of God
- B) Avoid the hindrances to Fellowship with the Spirit
- C) Depend on the Word of God for Knowledge
- D) Listen to the Spirit for Guidance (Prayer)
- E) Get with other believers who are seeking the work of the Spirit in their lives (Church).

The Opposition to the Spirit directed life comes from the fact that the Christian is constantly under pressure to:

- A) Love the World
- B) Compromise with the World
- C) Conform to the World

Our Adversary, the Devil, (A Liar and Murderer) tries to defeat the work of the Spirit in our life.

- A) He Blinds our minds with doubts and Confusion (2 Cor 4:4)
- B) He, like a roaring lion, seeks to destroy us (1 Pet 5:8)
- C) He deceives us an angel of light (2 Cor 11:4)

The Flesh (Our inner weakness controlled by inner sinful tendencies) tries to keep us away from the Spirit's leadership. Man can avoid WILLFUL Sin, seek to avoid KNOWN Sin, but he cannot do away with his sin nature (Tendency to sin). Our goal is Spiritual Maturity (The Knowledge and ability to choose the right instead of the wrong).

So the path to victory over sin is not that we arrive at a plateau where sin is impossible. It is a moment by moment dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit to provide deliverance. That is why we must be people in whom dwells the Spirit of God.

# JESUS; THE REBEL

Luke 2:41-52

This is the only time the curtain is opened and we get a glimpse of the childhood of Christ. We know from other scriptures that Jesus was the elder brother to a number of brothers and sisters. He was raised in a small town, was probably poor, and lost His earthly Dad at some time between the time He was twelve and thirty.

We know that his "father" and mother were people of good moral character- Joseph is called a "Just Man" (Matt 1:19) and Mary is called "Highly Favored" (Luke 1:28). We know that they were also willing to follow directions from God; even if the directions were hard and difficult- Marriage, Trip to Egypt, Live in Nazareth.

We also know Mary and Joseph tried to raise their children in a proper manner- Trips to the Temple in Jerusalem: Luke 2:41 *Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.* Weekly attendance in the Synagogue at Nazareth: Luke 4:16 *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day,*

Yet, here we have, in the only revealed moment in the child hood of Christ, a time of Rebellion, of Running away from Home, and of Him Rebuking His mother. Definitely different that we normally think of Christ--yet something every parent needs to see.

A few observations:

1. The proper location for the Child is important- God wanted Christ raised in Nazareth and not Jerusalem or Bethlehem so He arranged for him to be driven out.
2. Financial Security is not necessary for proper growth- a) The offering when Christ was presented at the Temple was the least expensive indicating the poverty of family. b) A carpenter in a small city such as Nazareth would not make much. c) Joseph is not mentioned after Christ is 12 so he probably died before Christ was 30.
3. God Like Living by the Parents is needful: a) his parents went to Jerusalem each year for Passover (vs 41). b) Mary was called "Highly favored" by the angel (1:28). c) Joseph was called a "Just" man (Matt 1:19). Do you pray about WHERE and HOW you live?? Do you think it is more important to let the Child have the latest toys than for the mother to be home guiding him as she should??

**I. BEFORE CHRIST REACHED TWELVE** vs 40 *He grew, waxed strong in spirit, was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.*

1. Grew- Proper food, exercise, home care, etc.
2. Waxed strong in spirit- He knew the Word of God and developed a relationship with the Heavenly Father
3. Filled with wisdom- He was well Educated (Jesus knew at least 3 languages: Read from Hebrew scroll, talked in Aramaic, and talked with Pilate in Greek.)
4. Grace of God was upon Him- God helped His parents raise him!

**II. JESUS AT 12-** He had his Bar Mitzvah and was now a "Son of the Law". This meant he was now to take an active part in discussing the Scriptures.

- He was interested in learning from the scholars at the temple
- His understanding astonished the Doctors at the Temple
- He realized at this early age the need of being about the Father's business.

The Law required that every male of Israel go to Jerusalem for the Feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Because of distance, many Jews were only able to go to one feast a year, and they picked the most important, Passover.

#### The Amazement:

- 1) Of the Doctors of the Law at answers of Christ. He was not as smart as he was going to be- vs 52 says that during the next 18 years he "increased in wisdom"- but he had an insight into God's Law that astounded these men who spent all their life studying the law.
- 2) Of Mary and Joseph that Christ would act so irresponsibly. Evidently this was a complete change from the way He had acted in the past. (He was usually so obedient that His parents just assumed He was with them in the crowd when they left Jerusalem)

III. JESUS FROM 12-30 He lived in Nazareth and was subject to his parents (Even though they did not have as clear an understanding of His purpose as He did!!). During this time He increased in:

1. Wisdom- Mental Maturity (Paid attention to what he saw, studied)
2. Stature- Physical Maturity (Played, worked, etc)
3. Favor with God- spiritual Maturity (Studied the Word- Needed when he began His ministry and was tempted! Regular in Church- 4:16)
4. Favor with man- Social Maturity (Able to mingle with people- First miracle at a wedding, often had "fellowship suppers")

Today we need to help each child realize that God has a plan for their life. We need to insure that they are enabled to develop mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. And we need to look to God for the help needed to raise them right (Parents Pray a Lot!!).

Here are some helps to guide you in raising your child:

#### 4 IDEALS FOR EVERY CHILD:

- 1) Accept Christ as Savior
- 2) Understand Scripture Principles
- 3) Participate in Church Community
- 4) Commit to living out Christian values in daily life.

Is your child learning of the love of God through the love, tenderness, and mercy of his parents?

Is he learning to talk about the Lord, and to include Him in his thoughts and plans?

Is he learning to turn to Jesus when he is frightened or anxious or lonely?

Is he learning to read the Bible?

Is he learning to pray?

Is he learning the meaning of faith and trust?

Is he learning the joy of the Christian way of life?

Is he learning to understand and empathize with the feelings of others.

Is he learning not to be selfish and demanding?

Is he learning to share?

Is he learning not to gossip and criticize others?

Is he learning to accept himself?

Is he learning to obey his parents as preparation for later obedience to God?

Is he learning to behave properly in Church- God's House?

Is he learning a healthy appreciation for both aspects of God's nature; love and justice?

Is he learning the meaning of sin and it's inevitable consequences?

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This is the way I like to begin a newsletter. THANK THE LORD for the recent salvation decision of 3 Teens in our Church. We have tried to emphasis "Soul Winning" during March and it is a great joy to see God produce fruit from our labors. Please continue to pray for these young men. I want God to keep them by His Grace and I believe He has a special work for them in the kingdom of God.



Last newsletter I talked about a Special Announcement I planned to make the last Sunday in February. After MUCH Prayer and thought I came to the conclusion that it was not the best for us to build a new sanctuary right now. Several factors influenced that decision- Location problems and Cost (The architect estimated between \$400,000 and \$500,000 for us to build!) were the primary physical reasons. Awareness of the central ministry of the Church (Outreach) also played an important part.

After explaining my reservations about the new Building I made 2 recommendations to the Church: 1) That we take the \$90,000 we presently have and use it to expand and improve our present facilities to seat 150-175 as well as add a baptistry (So when we have salvation decision we will not have to wait so long for them to be baptized). Other improvement will also be included (We will give people an opportunity to make suggestions tonight following Prayer meeting).

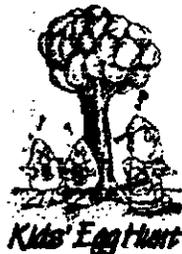
The Second recommendation was that we begin a program that would gradually increase our church tithe from its present 12½% to 25%. God has been very gracious to give our Church a large quantity of money and I think we have also been given the responsibility to be wise stewards of those resources. I know this sounds far fetched for a church that averages 68 in Sunday School but I would like to see us channel a half million dollars or more through our church in the Future to help spread the Gospel.

Amazingly, when the Church met to consider these proposals the vote was unanimous to adopt these suggestions and we are beginning the implementation of them as soon as possible. I am extremely excited to see what the Lord will do as we follow Him down this road. And what a joy it is to work together as a body of Believers to follow God's Plan.



# EASTER ACTIVITIES,

SATURDAY: Noon until 2pm- Gleamers (9down) "Ice Cream Crazy" Egg Hunt. Each child will need to bring 4 boiled, decorated eggs. We will have a Hot Dog Lunch (Yum!), an Easter Devotion while the eggs are being hidden, and end up with an "Ice Cream Crazy" (and send the kids home in a hurry before that mixture of hot dogs, boiled eggs, and ice cream start any tummies hurting!!)



## SUNDAY:

7:00am- Easter Sunrise Service with Rev Elro Driggers (You know you don't want to miss this). Also included will be special music and the Choir.  
8:00am- A Full Breakfast prepared by the men of the Church (Thanks to Marion Coker for overseeing this much looked for event)  
8:45am- Sunday School Assembly, Choruses, Sunday School (Adults will continue our study of Daniel- chapter 8 "How the Antichrist, and the world today, try to control you"  
10:00am- Easter Worship Service- As a result of the Resurrection the Christian need no longer be "Walled in from the World". Jesus walks through the walls and sends us out victorious into the world. Our 10am Service will be broadcast live over WHYM and we appreciate their help.  
This means we will dismiss at 11am. Make sure all our family and friends know this so they won't come in just as we dismiss.

## APRIL:

6TH- TIME CHANGE (Lose an hour)  
14th- Ladies Auxiliary  
20th- Youth Bible Study at Tom and Wanda Smith's Home (6-7:30pm)  
26th- Waccattee Zoo Trip for the entire church. Leave Church at 10am

Our REVIVAL at the church with Rev Robert Rose was a real Blessing. I encourage you to get the audio or video tapes of these services (as well as the wonderful singing of New Covenant that kicked off the week). It will really be a blessing and Challenge to you.

I was also greatly blessed the week after our Revival to preach Revival services at my home church (Mill Branch). What a tremendous privilege it was to once again worship with, and fellowship with, these fine folks. And we were also able to distribute many tapes and books, as well as add several more to our newsletter mailing list.

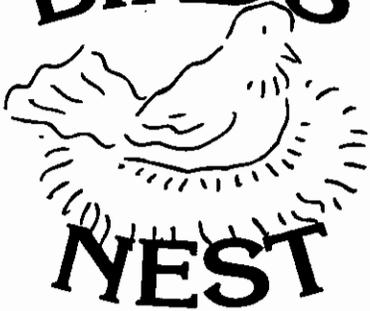
The Outreach works continues to be greatly blessed of the Lord. Last year I prayed for \$50,000 in order to get all our books printed and the ministry fully functioning. Now God is blessing in the distribution of tapes and books to such a degree until I find I must pray for at least \$1000 each week to keep up with our needs- to God be the Glory.

Even as I type this, 1000 copies of the "Prayer Book" are being put together and I need to send at least 4 more books to the printer as soon as time and finances allow. This week already I have given another box of books to the prison ministry, another box to one of the men in the Church who distributes books at his place of business, and mailed several sets of books requested by people from radio or from finding our books in hospitals or doctor's offices. Thank the Lord, I am really having to work at keeping up with demand right now.

Our Audio Tape ministry is also booming. We presently send audio taps to 21 people on a regular basis as well as give away a large quantity of tapes to individuals. If you know of anyone who would like to receive our tapes on a regular basis then be sure and let us know. We'll be glad to add them to our list- Mrs Jan Hayes is a real help in this ministry right now as she copies and mails the tapes for me.

Wish I had more time and more room but I've got to quit so I can get this ready to put together tonight. Continue to pray for God to Bless and use this work. Thank God, HE LIVES!! . . . Preacher Mike Ps 16:11

### BUILD A BIRD'S NEST



#### You will need:

- 🥚 1 container of chocolate ready-to-spread frosting
- 🥚 1 large can of chow mein noodles
- 🥚 some jelly beans
- 🥚 wax paper
- 🥚 bowl and spoon

Remove the lid and foil or plastic from the frosting.  
 Place in microwave. Soften until almost liquid.  
 Pour into a large bowl.  
 Stir in chow mein noodles.  
 Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper to form nest shape.  
 Make a place in the center of each to hold eggs.  
 Let them set until firm.  
 Place jelly bean eggs in nests.



## Just for KIDS

*"And God said, ...let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." Genesis 1:20*

Find the bird mentioned in each of the verses below. Fit it into the boxes in the puzzle.

1. Numbers 11:31,32
2. Genesis 8:8
3. Job 39:26
4. Leviticus 11:13
5. Mark 14:30
6. Job 39:27
7. Leviticus 11:16
8. Matthew 10:29-31
9. Leviticus 12:6
10. Job 39:13
11. Psalm 104:17
12. Leviticus 11:18
13. Matthew 23:37
14. Leviticus 11:19

1. Quail 2. Dove 3. Hawk 4. Vulture 5. Rooster 6. Eagle 7. Owl  
 8. Sparrow 9. Pigeon 10. Ostrich 11. Stork 12. Osprey 13. Hen  
 14. Heron

# RECOGNIZING GOD AS GOD

Dan 4:-

**I. WHAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR NEEDED TO RECOGNIZE-** (Dan 4:25) *That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*

(Dan 4:32) *And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*

Nebuchadnezzar had to recognize:

- 1) The power and authority of God over men and kingdoms.
- 2) The Mercy and Grace given to men that allowed them to attain such high positions.

**II. WHAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR REALIZED-** (Dan 4:34-35) *And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: [35] And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*

A) God was to be Praised- vs 34 (Because His was the only ETERNAL Kingdom)

B) God had all power- vs 35

- 1) All inhabitants of the Earth are as nothing.
- 2) God does what He pleases in the Army of Heaven (?) and among the inhabitants of earth.
- 3) None can stop His power or question His plan.

**III. WHAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR REGAINED-** (Dan 4:36) *At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honor and brightness returned unto me; and my counselors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.*

- 1) His Reason Returned- Compare to Mad Man in Tombs- Mark 5:15
- 2) His Place in the Kingdom Regained- Glory, Honor, Fame
- 3) His Leadership Returned- Counselors and Lords Sought him
- 4) His Security Returned- Established in Kingdom
- 5) Excellent Majesty was added to Him- See Job 42:12-16

**IV. WHY NEBUCHADNEZZAR REJOICED-** (Dan 4:37) *Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*

- 1) God's Works are Perfect
- 2) God's Ways are Judgment (Right)
- 3) Those who Walk in Pride God is able to bring down.

Will YOU recognize God as God; or will you be driven down before you look up?

# THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Dan 5:-

We NEED to KNOW:

- 1) WHEN God is Speaking to us
- 2) HOW God is Speaking to us
- 3) WHY God is Speaking to us



## I. GOD'S METHODS:

- A) DREAMS
- B) WALL WRITING
- C) ANGELIC VISIT

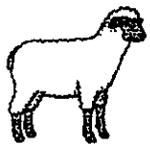


## II. GOD'S MESSAGE:

- A) Future Telling
- B) Judgment Telling
- C) Comfort Giving



We want to do right but sometimes it is difficult to know what to do because we can't interpret the Writing on the Wall



Flipping coins and looking at the entrails of sheep didn't solve the problem-  
Something was needed to **DISSOLVE DOUBT**

Principles to help you make the right choices about your Writing on the Wall.

- 1) DOES IT PLEASE GOD? I Cor 10:31  
Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God
- 2) WOULD YOU WANT JESUS' NAME ON IT? Col 3:17  
Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

3) WOULD YOU WANT TO BE DOING THIS WHEN THE LORD RETURNS?  
Matt 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as you think not the Son of Man cometh.

4) WILL IT CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE?  
I Cor 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

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5) IS IT TO PLEASE MAN OR GOD? -  
Col 3:23 And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

6) WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?  
Gal 6:7 Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

If God wrote a message on YOUR Wall would you Rejoice in the Revelation or dread the coming Judgement??

# THE CHARACTER OF A LION TAMER

Dan 6:-

As Christians, we realize that we (Eph 6:12) *wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* Sometimes this means Satan comes against us as an "angel of light" (2 Cor 11:14) to confuse us. Sometimes he comes as a tempter to defeat us (Matt 4:-). And sometimes he comes as a "roaring lion" (1 Pet 5:8) to destroy us.

Satan tries to:

- 1) Trick us
- 2) Tempt us
- 3) Terminate us

The book of Daniel shows us how people won the victory in each of these situations- In Chapter one Satan attempts to defeat Daniel as an "angel of Light" by getting him to believe he needs the better way of the Babylonians to survive. In Chapter three Satan tempts the 3 Hebrew Children to simply bow as a matter of courtesy as befitted their high position. And in today's chapter, Satan uses the jealousy of other men to come against Daniel and throw him into the lion's den.

Our job is to learn to distinguish Satan in whatever method he uses and then to defeat him in the Power of God. And I think we can learn a lot about how to defeat Satan's Attacks by examining the Character of Daniel as described in this chapter.

1) He was a **GOOD MANAGER**-(Dan 6:1-2) *It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; {2} And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.* God likes ORGANIZATION and he expects His people to be good managers (1 Cor 4:2).

2) He had an "EXCELLENT SPIRIT"- (Dan 6:3) *Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.* Your attitude and demeanor will have a great deal to do with your success.

3) He had **EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOR**-(Dan 6:4) *Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.* May you ever live so that the only fault people can find in you will be about your service for God!

4) He was **STEADFAST** in his **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD**-(Dan 6:10) *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.* You must build your house before the rain comes! To wait may be too late.

5) He was delivered because of his **FAITH IN GOD**-(Dan 6:23) *Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.* We are saved by Faith and we must live by Faith- even if that means we must sometimes lay down with lions!! The world believes that if you can control the circumstances you can control the man; but they forget the "hidden factor"- God.

There are **EIGHT ELEMENTS** of Prayer in Daniel's Prayer ( 6:10) that we need to use in our Prayer:

- 1) Private- In his house instead of on the street Corner (Matt 6:5-6)
- 2) Testimony- Everyone knew he was consistent in Prayer (They FOUND Daniel- see #1)
- 3) According to the Bible- Opened window toward Jerusalem- Deut 28:36-, II Chron 6:36-39
- 4) Worship- He Kneeled
- 5) Regularity- 3 times a day
- 6) Petition- He Prayed= "To bow in entreaty"
- 7) Thanksgiving- He gave thanks even though he realized how difficult was his situation
- 8) Steadfast- As He did aforetime- Ask, and keep on asking

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One of the most difficult aspects of growing old and dilapidated is having to change my method of ministry. All of my life I have been a "Doer" who just always did what needed to be done. Now age, physical infirmities, and the amount of work I have to do have all conspired together to force me to begin the change from a "Doer" to a "Delegator". This is a tremendously challenging time for me; but it is also a time of TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY and I awake each day with growing excitement at what God is doing---and what He plans to do. Boy, it is great being a Child of God!!

I mentioned Sunday in the message that one of the many areas I was failing in because of my hectic schedule was in visiting the widows of our Church. Already this week Mrs Jan Hayes, Mrs LeAnne Allen, and Princess Paula have all volunteered to help in this area. What a relief it will be to me to know that someone is checking on these wonderful people each month. Isn't it marvelous how God always meets Needs.



Other areas of need that the Lord has begun to provide help for me are: ODD JOBS- When the Lord saved my neighbor He not only got a new Christian but He also provided a great help to me. Brother Eric Hanniford is unable because of physical problems to do many things but he is always ready and willing to assist me with many of those "little foxes" around the church that steal my time and strength- getting supplies, checking on projects, putting together books, etc. He and his family are invaluable to me and to our work here.

SECRETARIAL WORK- Mrs Jan Hayes and Mrs LeAnne Allen are helping more and more with our Tape Ministry (They do all the copying and mailing of audio tapes now). They also read and correct books before I send them to the Publisher (What a time saver for me) and have devised a system of book storage that allows me to know when I need to republish books as well as make sure books are always available for people to pick up. Mrs Jan is also typing the written articles people submitted for Grace Gleamings Vol 3. She also is learning more and more how to do some of the other secretarial work that takes so much of my time and energy.

VIDEO AND RADIO OPERATIONS- Joel Jones, Tommy Sullivan, Jonathan Smith, SJ Taylor, and Charlie Purvis have combined to help us produce some of the best Video, Audio, and Radio Programs we have ever produced. A special thanks to Joel Jones for his help in obtaining much of our thousands of dollars worth of equipment either below cost or at no cost.

I used to spend half my time and energy during a service trying to make sure audio, video, and radio broadcast were working. Now I play my tambourine and enjoy the service (You'll have to attend our services or ask Sully about that one!). What a difference that makes in my ability to focus more clearly on my main business- The Preaching of the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Speaking of the Audio-Video aspect of our Church gives me a good opportunity to share some **EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOU:**

Join our tape ministry and receive at least 2 tapes of our services each month (Special music and Message). It's free, just get us your name and address and let us know you want to get the tapes.

Videos of our services are always available. They contain the entire service and have the extra benefit of showing the announcement and sermon slides. And last week we received a "Title Maker" that will allow us to add even more helpful information to our slides (Like the fact that Sully just had a birthday and is now the big Four O).



You might be especially interested in the videos of our **TEACHER TRAINING SUNDAY WITH REV RON MOORE**. Brother Ron is our State Promotional Director and he led us in a 3 lesson seminar the first Sunday in April. Audio and Video tapes are available (along with the notes). Just write and request them.

During April our theme has been "Training for Service for Christ". The First Sunday in April we stressed Training **METHODS** with a Teacher Training course by Rev Ron Moore. Last Sunday we looked at Training **MOTIVATIONS** as we looked at "How you determine your Vision" (Tapes Available). This week we will look at Training **MEMORIALS** as we see the road signs God puts along our path to remind us of His work. We will conclude the service with a Communion and Feet Washing Service. Come join us, or simply come and look as we exalt the Lord through the Memorials He ordained.

The final week of April we will highlight Training for **MISSIONS** with special **GUEST NEIL MORGAN** during our 9am service. Brother Neil is a 16 year old who is going on a mission team to Panama and Cuba. This will give us an opportunity to learn how to pray for him and also inspire our young people with a greater vision for the world.

By the way, our Theme for May will be something that I don't ever remember using as a theme, Stewardship. Since I have begun praying for the Lord to give us a large amount of money to distribute for His work things have really been happening around here. More and more of our members are becoming business owners and I believe God will use this as a means to Bless them and Bless the work of God as well. The important consideration will be how people use the responsibilities and resources the Lord entrust them with.

**NEWS FLASH!!** So many things have been going on recently in our Outreach Ministry until it has been hard to keep up the demand. Thank the Lord! In addition to our many faithful contributors, one person has just given an offering of \$400 to the work and another just gave \$5000 (**GLORY!!**). What a burden this has lifted from my shoulders right now. Truly the Lord is greatly to be praised.



**MEMORIAL GIFTS** also continue to be a great Blessing to this work: In Memory of Willa McAllister from Eutch and Jan Hayes, Calvin and Susan Spring, Tom and Wanda Smith, Don and Kathy Lewis, and Marjorie McAllister. In Memory of Ezra Eaddy from Jan Hayes. In Memory of Frances Huggins from Gene and Pam Coker and Don and Kathy Lewis.

I have run out of room and time. Can hardly wait until next newsletter to share more of what God is doing here at Grace. Sometimes you just want to holler because God is so good. Continue to pray for God to Bless our work for Him . . . . . Preacher Mike Ps 16:11

# BULLETIN BLUNDERS

These are some Bulletin Blunders I found in a paper from our local college (I thought it was strange to find them there also). Read them carefully--and enjoy the mistakes we all make.

1. Don't let worry kill you---let the church help
2. Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs
5. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belter, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belter.
6. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church Children will be baptized at both ends
7. Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
8. Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "put me in my little bed accompanied by the pastor
9. THURSDAY AT 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.
10. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar
11. The Service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.
12. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
13. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
14. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
15. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
16. The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth with Joy."
17. Today...Christian Youth Fellowship House Sexuality Course, 5 p.m. Please park in the rear parking lot for this activity.
18. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of having a good sermon when A.B. Doe supplied our pulpit.
19. The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.
20. The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Sid Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens
21. The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

And finally, this observation: Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again. ---FP Jones



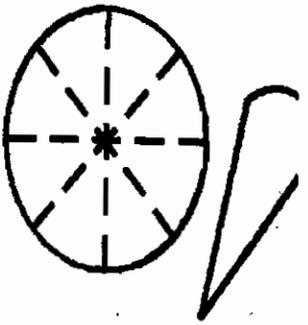
# A Beautiful Rainbow

Put on an old shirt and cover your work area with newspaper.

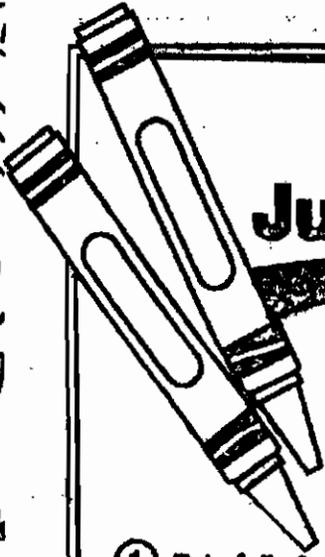
You will need:

- bottles of food coloring
- a round coffee filter
- black marker
- cups or bowls

1. Put a few drops of food coloring in a cup or bowl - one color per cup
2. Fold the coffee filter into wedge shape.



3. Dip sections of the filter in different colored food coloring.
4. Unfold and let dry.
5. When the filter is dry, write the words from Ac 14:17 on it with a marker.



Just for

# KIDS

## "April Showers Bring May Flowers"

Find out about some other showers below. First, write a word to fit the definition. Then transfer the letters to the numbered lines below.

- ① Rain falls from them 1 2 3 4 5 6
- ② They form on the ground during rain 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
- ③ Worn on feet to keep them dry 14 15 16 17 18
- ④ Loud, booming noise during storm 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
- ⑤ Colorful, comes at end of a rain storm 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
- ⑥ Wet, soft, sloppy dirt 33 34 35
- ⑦ Grows and blooms 36 37 38 39 40 41
- ⑧ A color of rain clouds 42 43 44 45
- ⑨ Noah's home during the rain 46 47 48
- ⑩ Opposite of light in weight 49 50 51 52 53
- ⑪ Something fun to do in puddles 54 55 56 57



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(Acts 14:17)

God sends us 18 20 38 39 12 41 13 31 36 14 37 48 6 13 28 29 42 16

"He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

God sends us showers of blessings!

Acts 14:17

# BETTER TO NEVER KNOW CHRIST

The three most important decisions in a person's life are normally made by the time they reach 25- Their Mate, their Job, and their Salvation. Of these, of course, the most important decision is your decision about Christ.

Jesus knew how important it was that people make a commitment to Him and He didn't play games with Salvation:

---Disciples- Leave your fishing nets and follow me

---Rich Young Ruler- Sell all you have, take up cross and follow me.

---Would be Disciple- Let the dead bury the Dead, follow me

---To us today-Luke 14:26-27 *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

Luke 14:33 *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

Christianity is not a game we play. It is not being accepted into the Christian Society. It is a life changing, destination determining, complete committal to faith in, and service to, Jesus Christ.

Society today has adopted a different view of Christ. To some He is just a name to add some respectability to their sin. For instance today we have:

--Christian Pickpocket- Picks your pocket while he gives you a tract

--Christian Stripper- Uses her body to "glorify the Lord"

--Christians who are homosexuals.

--Christian Doctors who do abortions.

Today we have Christians who won't attend Church, don't pay their tithes, and never witness for Christ. We have Christians who gossip, gripe, and hate their neighbor. Other Christians cheat insurance companies, the government, or their boss; and then sing "O How I love Jesus" in Church. Is it any wonder God wants to throw up (Rev 3:16)

This downward spiral is bringing these people to that most tragic of all circumstances, the awfulness of apostasy. A place so bad until the scripture says it would be **BETTER TO NEVER HAVE KNOWN CHRIST THAN TO KNOW HIM AND THEN TURN AWAY!!!!**

2 Pet 2:20-21 *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*

## WHAT BRINGS A PERSON TO SUCH AN AWFUL CIRCUMSTANCE??

1. If you aren't willing to make a break with your past- Luke 11:24-26 *When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. 25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. 26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Wanting to go to the Promised land but unwilling to leave the onions of Egypt. You try to reject Sin but never attempt to receive the Savior---and end up frustrated and faithless.*

**Does This**



**Compute?!**

2. If you allow the weeds of the world to destroy your fruitfulness: Mark 4:19 *And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*

John 15:2 *Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

Heb 6:4-8 *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.*

There was once a time when you worked and labored for the Lord but now the weeds of the world (Discouragement, Doubt, Duties, Debts, etc) have choked out your Fruit. If you talk about Christ at all it is always about what "you used to do for Him".

3. If you continually allow your love to become lukewarm- Rev 3:15-16 *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

Because Iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. Slowly but surely you have lost the Love in your labor and your joy has turned into drudgery. When will you learn that God does not NEED my time, talent, or tithe by themselves. He looks at my service simply as a sign of my LOVE FOR HIM. How horrible it must be when you lose the Wonder in your walk with the Lord.

4. If you are only going to live by the Teachings of Christ here on earth and not commit your eternity to Him- 1 Cor 15:16-19 *For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

How miserable it would be to regulate your life according to the teachings of Christ but never look forward to the Rewards and Riches of Heaven. How tragic it would be to learn the beauty of the guidelines laid down by our Lord but never come into a close intimate relationship with Jesus. How wretched it would be to never know the anticipation of seeing him face to face whom so long we have known heart to heart.

It is better to never know Christ than to refuse to continue serving Him.

It is better to never know Christ than to allow the world to woo you away from your work for God.

It is better to never know Christ than to leave fellowship with him for a form of Christianity that satisfies Society but kills the Soul.

Leave the Better and come to the Best- Knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and then serving Him with all your heart. That is eternal life and abundant life; and it brings a joy beyond description.





Wednesday, April 30th--Busy week, several had surgery and Eric Hanniford had another heart attack (I told him it was just because he did not want to do all the work I had for him to do!!). Joel Jones and I had moved our Camera and Audio equipment on Tuesday night to the Fellowship building so we could record a special Prayer Meeting Service as I spoke on "There is something Queer about Ellen" (What the Bible says about Homosexuality- Audio and video tapes plus notes available for the asking). An interesting Wednesday for me- I had to spend much of the day in the hospital with the Hannifords while writing and delivering 3 newspaper articles, recording 10 radio programs, finishing 3 pages of notes on Homosexuals for hand out that night, helping care for the Hanniford children while their parents were in the hospital, and preparing for Prayer Meeting. Didn't have a lot of time to twiddle my thumbs.



Sunday, May 4th- Brother John was away on vacation so I had the 9am service as well as the 11am service. During the 9am Service we talked about "The Similarities between Sex and Serving God" (Get the tape, good information to help your worship and your home life). Brother Elro Driggers taught the Adult SS Class for me and did a wonderful job- even telling about buying his wife's red dress back from a yard sale!! During the 11am Service we were blessed with great music by Mrs Jeanie Taylor and Mrs Lois Chapman- who also shared her wonderful testimony. Great day in the Lord.

Sunday, May 11th- Mother's Day. Had one of our biggest attendances of the year as we honored our Mothers by giving each of them 2 books to help them organize their schedule and laugh at their aging process. This was also the first Sunday that Mrs Glenda Jones published our bulletin (did a great job and will take this responsibility from now on) and the first Sunday she sang in our Choir (Our Choir is a Marvelous Ministry).

This was a very busy spell for me. I counseled almost every day with someone about their children, their marriage, or their job. We have also had a lot of sickness and several deaths. Thank God for the Help and Hope we have because of our relationship with Christ.

In spite of the busy schedule I managed to get 2 books to the printers and I am working on more. I used to order a hundred books at a time. Then I went to 1000 books at a time. Now I order 2000 reprints and 3-5 thousand new editions. Thank the Lord for what He is doing in reaching people thru our book ministry. And thank YOU for sharing your resources so we can do the work we need to do.

Thank the Lord also for our Audio and Video workers. Every week they add something that helps make our video and audio tapes better. If you haven't seen a video or heard one of our tapes recently then you need to get one (They're free) and rejoice with us in what God is doing here at Grace Church. Remember, If you would like to receive audio or video tapes on a regular basis then ask to be put on our tape list. Great way to pass those long hours on the road or instead of watching TV at home.

Saturday, May 17th we took a group of VERY active Gleamers (9 down) to the new Hardees for a meal and a play time in the activity center. The kids really seemed to enjoy climbing over all those nets and bars. It reminded me that when I was a boy we did things like that all the time- in the woods behind the house!! It's kind of sad that we now have to take our children to a special place in order to do what used to be a normal part of growing up.

Wednesday, May 14- We have prayed for a long time for someone to help Mrs Kathy Lewis with the Teen class on Wednesday Night. Tonight Mrs Stephanie Matthews volunteered to assist--What a joy that brought to our hearts. Stephanie dates our sound man (Charlie Purvis) and she learned our steadfast rule at Grace- If you date someone from Grace Church you have to attend Grace Church!! And Steph has been attending for a long time now--and we greatly appreciate her.

Sunday, May 18. **Brother John** ended a very good message during the 9am service on "The Ministry of the Church" by **ANNOUNCING HIS RESIGNATION AS ASSISTANT PASTOR** to become effective July 1, 1997.

During his 18 months here Brother John has been able to begin several needed programs and lay foundations that we trust will bear much fruit in the future. His reasons for resigning as quoted from his letter of resignation- "The Outreach Ministry of Grace and Glory has bloomed into a ministry that requires full time attention. Therefore the Church needs someone who can devote time to shepherding the flock. With my current work schedule I am unable to devote the time necessary and desired to the Church. After repeated attempts and many hopeful days in prayer God has not seen fit to remove the work load from me so that I would be able to assist the Pastor in allowing him the needed time for Outreach and Church Ministry."



Brother John is not sure of his future course of action at the present but it is our earnest prayer that he and his family will remain a part of our Church in the roll of a very active member. We still love and appreciate him and wish his work schedule and the demands of our growing ministry could have been reconciled. Pray with us for God's direction for him---and for the Church as we seek the man God would have to help lead our Church into the next stage of growth and progress.

By the way, this was a VERY busy Sunday also. In addition to all the other things that were going on Sunday, we also took several car loads of people to the Tony Evans Crusade in Columbia for the night Service. We left the church at 3:30pm and returned home around midnight. The music and the message were very good but a day that begins at 4:30am and doesn't end until after midnight wears on a 50 year old fat bald man!

### UP COMING EVENTS FOR YOU TO BE AWARE OF:

#### **YOUTH REVIVAL with REV CARROLL BAZEN.**

Sunday, June 1 (6pm)- Wednesday, June 4 (7:30pm M-W).

Brother Carroll just finished his first year at Southeastern FWB College after having graduated from New Prospect FWB Christian School last year. He is a fine young man who was licensed to preach the Gospel in March of 1996. He is presently filling in as interim Pastor for Paran Baptist Church. We look forward to God using these services to speak to ALL of our hearts (Young and Old alike).

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for ages 10 down.**

Sunday, June 29 - Wednesday, July 2

Directed by Jan Hayes and LeAnne Allen, this year our theme will be "Islands in the SON" and will feature stories about how Jesus meets needs under a variety of circumstances. Details, along with the Job YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR will be released later!!

We appreciate Memorials to the Outreach Ministry---From Dot Sullivan in Memory of Willa McAllister, Ruth Huggins, Joey Rogers.

From Jackie Lowder in Memory of Ruth Huggins

From Don and Kathy Lewis in Memory of Herbert Huggins, Jr

I am writing this on Monday the 19th. Tomorrow I have to oversee a Minister's Meeting at 8:30am. Meet with a Pastor at 10:00am. Meet with a person about church Business at 2pm. Visit the Hospital sometime. And Mrs Jan and Mrs LeAnne are coming to help with tapes, running newsletters, and paper work- plus the Hannifords are helping put together 1000 James books so they can be distributed. And sometime this week 3 newspaper articles and 5 radio programs have to be recorded while I prepare sermons as well as write a Sunday School lesson on Daniel Chapter 11. I better get to work. Hope to see you in a Service soon

## Make a joyful noise

Here are two instruments that you can make.

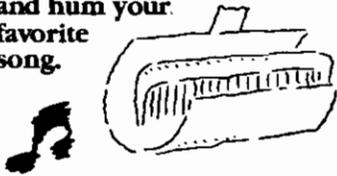
### A Humming Comb

You will need:

- ♪ a comb
- ♪ a piece of wax paper
- ♪ a small piece of tape

Cut the wax paper so that it is as long as the comb. Fold it over the comb. Tape to hold it in place - do not make the wax paper fit too tightly, though.

To play: put your Humming Comb between your lips and hum your favorite song.



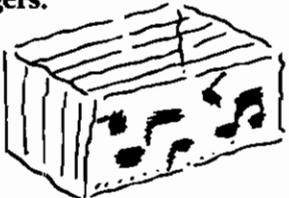
### Shoebbox Lyre

You will need:

- ♪ a shoebox
- ♪ large rubber bands

Remove the lid from the box. Place the rubber bands lengthwise around the box. Decorate the box with crayons or markers if desired.

To play: Pluck the rubber bands with your fingers.





# Just for KIDS

## Psalm 33:1-3

Use the code to find the words to this joyful song.

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 =M	 ♯ =N	 ♯ =O	 ♯ =P	 2/4 =Q	 ⚙ =R
 =S	 =T	 =U	 =V	 =W	 =X
 =Y	 =Z				

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

SUICIDE TRACT--For years the Number One killer among Teens was Suicide. In working with prisoners, one of the most prevalent emotions we meet is the desire to commit Suicide and get out of the mess they are in. Because of that we have produced a Tract entitled, "Suicide, Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire". Write for as many copies as you think you need today.

HOMOSEXUAL TRACT- Our recent message on "There is something Queer about Ellen" deals with what the Bible says about Homosexuality. I have put this message in a tract form for the people of the Church to use in talking with friends, family, and co-workers. It is also a valuable tool in our Prison Ministry. Write for your Copy today.

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## HELP IN TIME OF TROUBLE

Matt 4:11

Many people seem to be going thru difficult times right now. I thought it would be good if they saw once again the 7 Helps God has for them in time of Trouble.

1. **GOD**- Heb 13:6 *So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. See Psalm 121:-*

2. **CHRIST**- Heb 4:15-16 *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. See John 17:14-24*

3. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**- Rom 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. See John 14:15-18*

4. **ANGELS**- Heb 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*  
Matt 18:10 *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. How often do we entertain "Angels Unawares" (Heb 13:2) and fail to recognize their help for us?*

### 5. **FRIENDS**-

A) **Mate**-Gen 2:18 *And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

B) **Companions**- Ecc 4:9-12

6. **PASTOR**- II Cor 1:24 *Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy; for by faith we stand.*

7. **FELLOW CHRISTIANS**- II Cor 1:11 *Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.*

A) **Finances/Food**

B) **Stability and Confidence in God**

GOD HAS A HELP FOR YOU. YOU MAY BE THE HELP GOD HAS FOR SOMEONE ELSE!!

# WHOSE BODY IS IT, ANYWAY??

(1 Cor 6:20) *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

The cry today from people of every generation is "This is my Body. I can do what I want with it.". They use that argument to justify abortions, dependence on drugs, watching or participating in sexual activity, and a host of other wrongs. The question we must answer is Just whose body is it anyway?

## I. THE PRICE THAT WAS PAID FOR IT- "You are bought with a price"

The Cost of an Object Reveals its Value. In that case, you are the most valuable object every created because the greatest price possible was paid for you-(1 Pet 1:18-19) *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; {19} But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

## II. THE PERSON WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO- "Which are God's"

Ownership determines Obligations-Twice Paul tells us in this book that we are bought with a Price, here and (1 Cor 7:23) *Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.* Paul is asking us this tremendous question- Dare any of you, having been bought at the tremendous cost of the cross of Calvary, think that you can use your body for selfish pleasures instead of for God's Glory or as an instrument to please men instead of God?

God the Father Created our Body; God the Son redeemed our Body; and God the Holy Spirit indwells our body and makes it the temple of God. You are not your own. You don't have the right to do your own thing

## III. THE PURPOSE WE MUST STRIVE FOR- "Glorify God in you your Body and in your Spirit".

There are 3 main times in a person's life that show how our obligation to God must control our body:

A) Birth- Children are a Reward from God, not a penalty for a momentary pleasure. They were given to YOU to care for because God knew YOUR abilities. In Practical terms this means: No sex outside Marriage (See vs 16), No Abortions (Before I formed thee in the Belly I knew thee), No rejection of Children, etc.

B) Life- (Rom 12:1-2) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. {2} And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* This means you must be careful:

What you put **IN** your Body- Drugs, Drink, Food

What you put **ON** your Body- clothes, Tattoos

What you do **WITH** your Body- Sinful Actions

C) Death- Your Body is God's Property. God should determine when He is through with it --Euthanasia, Suicide--When Job's Wife, in the midst of death and destruction, said "Curse God and Die". Job said she ~~talked as a foolish woman. I know those Periods of Prolonged sickness~~ cause us to long for relief for ourselves or our loved ones. Over and over, however, I have seen that Sickness and Sorrow many times speaks louder than Sermons. And regardless of your circumstances, you must have faith in the never failing Love of God.

# GRACE And GLORY



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I don't know who the person was who wrote the song that said, "Summer is hot and the living is easy" but they must not live around here!! The summer is hot alright (101.8 on my thermometer last week) but the living is hectic!! Corn, butter beans, tomatoes and other crops are coming in right now and putting them up adds to an already busy schedule- We had our Vacation Bible School graduation last Wednesday and then had to put up corn until 2am. And I had a meeting the next morning at 7am!

Speaking of VBS, it was wonderful this year. Attendance was down because we had it during the 4th of July week and many people were on vacation but the energy and enthusiasm of the people who were here was fantastic. LeAnne Allen and Jan Hayes (with special help from Laicey and Austin) had spent nearly 3 weeks preparing all the lessons and crafts for our Bible School and it ran as smoothly as any we have had in a long time. And everyone who taught, served refreshments, or helped work seems to have a mind to work so there was a great spirit in every phase of the week.

The "cherry on top" however, was graduation night. LeAnne, Jan, and the Hanniford family spent all day preparing the games and activities for graduation and they were marvelous- Fishing, Balloon Burst, Fishwalk, Treasure hunt, Pearl Diving, Crab tossing, etc. gave everyone who came an opportunity to really get involved. And then we left the heat of the outdoors to take part in Mrs Pam's Luau in the fellowship building and everyone was just "ooing" and "aahing" at all the work she had done to make this night special- She had made table clothes for all the tables, arranged them especially for beauty and fellowship, and put all the food on specially arranged tables decorated with plants, baskets, and lights. And she didn't just throw together a sandwich for us to eat. No, not Mrs Pam, we had sub sandwiches, beef and pork cubes with special dipping sauce, fruit trays, vegetable trays, chicken wings, and multi-colored dishes of sherbet for dessert. We had a great crowd and everyone acted as if they really enjoyed it. Thank the Lord for the good workers we have at Grace.

Speaking of workers, we are pleased to announce that REV CARROL BAZEN has been chosen as our new ASSISTANT PASTOR. I am extremely excited about having this young man on our staff and look forward to great things in the future for our Church. Brother Carrol has completed one year at Southeastern FWB Bible College and will be working on completing college via home study courses as



he works for us. His energy, enthusiasm, and willingness to work are a great asset and we plan to use him as much as possible to help build every phase of our ministry here at Grace.

Brother Carrol will work AT THE CHURCH on Wednesday and Thursday of each week (We are trying these two days to see how they work. May change them later). We will begin at 8am each morning with prayer time for every member of the church as well as for special needs. We then plan to spend the mornings working on Sermon preparation, Bible Study, Paper work, and planning. After a break for lunch we will visit the seniors, the sick, the sinners, and the saints (It is our goal to visit each member of the church within the next 6 months).



As we did on the previous Assistant Pastor, Brother Carrol will work with us for 6 months and then the Church will vote on hiring him as Assistant Pastor. If the Church approves him at that time then he will remain employed at the discretion of the Pastor (consulting with the Deacon Board).

When we first looked at hiring an Assistant Pastor we listed 3 main areas of need:

1) Assist the Pastor with his work load so the Pastor could more effectively Minister in the Church while maintaining the ever increasing work load of the Outreach Ministry. Among other things, this will mean preaching once per week on a rotating schedule that will include all of our services. Brother Carrol is an excellent preacher and he will be preaching Sunday, July 13th at 9am and Sunday, July 20th at 11am. Pray for Him-- and be sure to be here for these services.

2) Begin and maintain a Visitation Program that would include ALL the members of the Church, as well as bringing in new people to be a part of the wonderful work of God here at Grace.

3) Assist in the development of a Youth program. We want our young people to have more than activities; we want them to have a living, loving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. If the Lord tarries, we expect the youth we are training today to be the leaders of our Church tomorrow; and that will not happen unless we train them up in the way they should go so they will not depart from it when they grow old.



This area will involve a great deal of Brother Carrol's time. He will be

A) Leading our Teen Bible Study, planning and overseeing a monthly activity (Along with the Youth Leaders in the Church) for the teens, and attempting to spend time with the teens to assist in their personal growth as Christians.

B) Leading our Gleamer (9down) activities (along with their Parents) and overseeing ways to develop them as Christians.

C) Oversee our weekly Children's Church- Designate and train the Teachers. Establish Rules, guidelines, and goals so our Children's Church will train our young people to Know and Show Christ. (One ideas we are looking at right now is maybe dividing our Children's Church into two groups- 3-5 and 5-9)

I know some of you are saying, "That much work will be a full time job for a person". Good thinking, as our church grows we hope that this will be a reality. In the mean time Brother Carrol is assisting me, and I am assisting him, as we work together to do all that needs to be done.

The work is great, and the time is short, so let's do all we can every chance we get so we can face the Lord with a smile on our face and victory in our heart as He says, "Well done, faithful servant".

**NOTE OF TESTIMONY FROM BROTHER CARROL:** I would like to thank the Lord for everything He has done in my life. I was raised in the Lake City area in a good home. My parents were good people and my friends were good friends, yet Christ was nowhere to be found. It wasn't until the age of eight that I accepted Christ and my life was changed forever. Since that wonderful day, God has helped me in so many ways. He has provided strength, grace, and love; along with judgement at times. But through it all, God has been there for me.

God blessed me to meet my future wife (Miss Susanna Dilda) this past August and has continued to bless in allowing me to serve you here at Grace Free Will Baptist Church. I just pray that Susanna and I will be a blessing to you as we minister here.

Thank you for allowing me to work together with you as we do our part to help build the kingdom of God.

Rev Carrol Bazen

Our Literature Ministry continues to bloom beyond my wildest dreams. Even as I write this, the Hanniford family is putting together 1000 copies of "Nehemiah, Learning to Work and Worship Together". The "12 Disciples" book is at the printer right now and we expect 2000 copies of it in the near future--and 4 more books are awaiting time to re-work them, and finances to publish them.

Each week we receive letters and phone calls from people who are being blessed and encouraged by the Radio programs, the audio or video tapes, the newspaper articles, the books we distribute, or this newsletter. I can't tell you how much of a blessing and encouragement that is when the days get long and the nights get short; and there is still much work to be done. I Thank each of you for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

As I was writing that last paragraph I received a phone call from my brother telling me my Mother had some kind of spell and was unconscious. That was one o'clock this afternoon and it is now nearly midnight. I have spent all afternoon in the emergency room with mom and I'm trying to finish this newsletter before I go to bed so I can get a few hours sleep before I relieve my brother in the morning. So if things make even less sense than normal I can only ask your patience--I'm VERY tired right now and my brain is almost completely dead.

Mom had stabilized before I left and I hope things will be much improved by the time you receive this newsletter. I do covet your prayers on her behalf.

There are so many other things I wanted to share with you but I guess they will have to wait until next time. Every day is another day of wonder with the Lord and I want to tell everyone about what He is doing in my life and in the ministry of the Church. Come see us sometime; you'll be amazed at what God has given us in order that we might multiply the ministry. You will also be Blessed as you meet and worship with the wonderful people here at Grace.

I'm looking forward to looking up real soon and seeing your smiling face as I begin to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. Until then, may God Bless you as you work for Him . . . . . Pastor Mike Jones Ps 16:11



Remember those in the hospital.

**MEDICAL UPDATE:** As I was writing the end of the previous page (at 12:45am in the morning!?) I received a call from my brother telling me that Mother was going to have to have emergency surgery. Paula and I immediately got ready and went back to Florence where the surgery was completed around 5:00am. After making sure Mom was OK I brought Paula back home, took a quick shower and shave, ran off 2 stencils for the front and back of another page of the newsletter, and set up some work for Brother Carrol to do for me- mail books and tapes, carry articles to the Newspapers, check the mail, and arrange some youth activities over the phone.

I then went back to Florence, arriving around 8am to check on mother and sit in the waiting area in case I was needed. I was able to do a little work between times to see mother but SICU waiting areas are places of intense need and I found a lot of my time occupied with counseling with, or talking with, the people in this waiting area as they awaiting the opportunity to see their loved ones.

I finally arrived back home around 2pm where Brother Carrol and I are busy running off the newsletter and preparing it for the church to help us prepare it for mailing tonight---and I sure am sleepy!!!

Mother's condition right now is improving. Part of her intestines became twisted around an old scar and died. That was the source of her troubles (we hope) and the doctor removed nearly 4 feet of her intestines. If things continue to improve today then we hope they will move her from SICU and put her in a regular room tomorrow. And then we hope it will not be long before she is back to her normal robust self again. Thanks to all who prayed. Keep it up.



While Brother Carrol and I were running off the newsletter we were discussing plans for some Youth Activities. I am excited about the intensity and zeal he shows for developing our Young People into dedicated servants of the Lord. What a joy it is to look forward to God doing a great work in the hearts of lives of our teens.

**LADIES AUXILIARY HOSTESS LIST:**

July- Janice Runion, Debbie Mack, Kathy Lewis

August- Marjorie McAllister, Susan Spring

September- Jan Hayes, Pam Coker

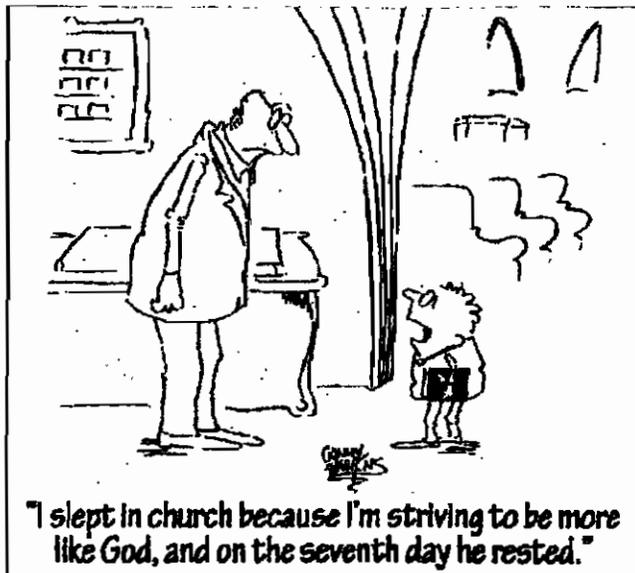
October- Dot Sullivan, LeAnne Allen

November- Martha Main, Mickie Hanniford

December- Christmas Party

January- Paula Jones, Billie Ard, Betty Lou Thompson

February- Althea Coker, Miriam McAllister, Michelle McAllister



# TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Col 4:6

Here are ten things you need to know and 10 things you need to know about 10 things!!

## 10 COMMANDMENTS:

1. Thou Shalt have no other Gods before me
2. Thou Shalt not make unto thee a graven image
3. Thou Shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in Vain
4. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy
5. Honor thy Father and Mother
6. Thou Shalt not Kill
7. Thou Shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou Shalt not steal
9. Thou Shalt not bear false witness
10. Thou Shalt not covet

9 FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT- (Gal 5:22-23) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, {23} Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

8 SOULS WERE SAVED FROM THE FLOOD- (1 Pet 3:20) *Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

(Mat 7:13-14) *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: {14} Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

7 DESCRIPTIONS OF CHRIST BY ELDERS- (Rev 5:12) *Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

6 DAYS IN WHICH WE ARE SUPPOSED TO WORK

5 LOAVES OF BREAD TO FEED 5000, VIRGINS WHO HAD NO OIL SENSES- SEE, HEAR, FEEL, SMELL, TASTE

4 PARTS TO WELL ROUNDED PERSON- (Luke 2:52) *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*  
Mental, Physical, Social, Spiritual

3 PARTS OF GOD- Father (Thought) Son (Bought), Spirit (Wrought)

2 STATEMENTS EVERYONE NEEDS TO MAKE-

I am a Sinner, God  
I Surrender, Lord

And finally, Only 1 LIFE TO LIVE, TWILL SOON BE PAST; ONLY WHAT IS DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST. What are you doing with the life God has given you??

# JUSTIFYING HELL

Luke 10:25-37

This is a good time for us to remember the old "peanut Butter" Excuse. A Preacher went to visit a delinquent member. When he asked why the member had been absent Sunday the Member replied that he was out of Peanut Butter. The Pastor asked what Peanut Butter had to do with missing Church. The member replied, "When you're looking for an excuse, anything will do!"

Story in a Nutshell- Lawyer comes to Jesus seeking to inherit eternal life. He listed the 2 great commandments as requirements. Jesus agreed. Now the Lawyer is in a bind. Knowing that obey these commandments will cause a drastic change in his lifestyle, the Lawyer seeks to justify his continued rebellion. THAT is the point of today's scripture. That is where many are at today. The problem is not our neighbor but our rebellion against putting God first in our life. If that is done then we won't have a problem identifying and helping our neighbor.

So let's get the story behind us:  
JESUS' POINT in this Story (Jesus did not say this was a parable. It seemed to be a true story known to his audience)- Our neighbor is easy to recognize if our heart is right (Loving our neighbor is not the condition of Salvation but the fruit of Salvation).

Good illustrations from the Story:

-The man- Downward way (Leaving Jerusalem (Temple) to go to Jericho (Commerce)).

Tragic Way- Fell among Thieves (World System) - Stripped of Raiment (Sin reveals naked- Adam, Mad Man). Wounded Him- Many wounded by sin physically, emotionally, sexually. Departed- Like the prodigal's friend the world uses you and throws you away. Leaving him half-dead (Alive physically but dead spiritually).

To the Thieves this man was a Victim, To the Priest, a Nuisance, to the Samaritan, an opportunity.

Priest represented Religion- Passed by. Unwilling to put hands with heart.

Levite represents Law- Looked but passed on by- Tells us what is wrong but offers no help.

Samaritan- Came where he was (Visitation). Had Compassion (Willing to love the unlovable). Went to Him (Personal Involvement). Bound up his wounds (Showed that by the Stripes of Jesus we are healed). Poured in oil (Holy Spirit) and Wine (Word). Sets him on his horse (Transportation). Brought him to the inn (Church, Place of Renewal). Took care of Him (Taught, Disciplined). Continued to Care (Follow up).

Samaritan represents Jesus- Loves the Down trodden, pays his bill, and promises to come again.

Jesus' command from the Story- "Go and do thou likewise"

My question to you- What excuse are you using to Justify being Lost?

1) Rich Young Ruler- Wouldn't let go of possessions to grab Jesus' Hand.

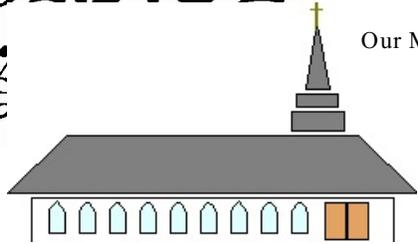
2) Samaritan Women- Smokescreen of religious belief to hide moral failure.

3) Lawyer in this- Lack of understanding to hide lack of commitment.

4) sinners- Weakness, Hypocrites, Etc.

It is time for you to Give in to God. There is NOTHING that can justify you continuing to rebel against God. Empty your hand and let God fill your heart.

# GRACE



## The Outreach Ministry of GRACE F W B CHURCH

Our Mission: To get as many people as possible, using as many means as possible,  
to KNOW and SHOW CHRIST

Sunday "Soccer" Service ..... 9:00am  
Bible Study Hour ..... 10:00am  
Worship (WHYM 1260AM) ..... 10:50am  
Wednesday Prayer Service/Family Night ..... 7:30pm

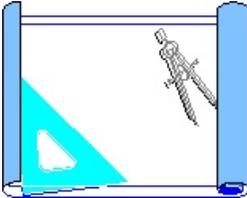
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Guess what? July was a busy month also! I know you must think that EVERY month is busy around here---and you're right! There does not seem to be a "slack season" anymore. Every week of every month of the year requires me to write 3 newspaper articles, record 5 radio programs, prepare a Sunday School Lesson (I write my own lessons), and prepare for Sunday and Wednesday night Sermons. Also included each week are normal Church visiting and activities as well as Outreach work that includes Finances, Tape distribution, Book production, etc.

Added to this normal activity are the other things that life brings your way- I just had to stop everything to write a letter to the editor because a "champion of the homosexual movement" had written a letter condemning the Church because it had not been as sympathetic to homosexuals as he thought they should be. His slander of the church was so obnoxious until I had to respond.

Another recent "interruption" was of the positive kind. I spend several hours with our architect going over the blue prints for the addition to our Church. Two variations were posted Sunday for the Church to look over and I hope to meet with the Building Committee this week to see what changes people have recommended. I think everyone is ready for the cement to be poured and the work to begin. We have talked about this long enough; it's time to get it done and move on to other projects.



Besides, we hope it will not be long before we really need the extra room. If the Lord continues to bless as He has in the past 3 weeks then that will be a reality. For several years we have averaged 68 in our Sunday School. When Brother Carroll came as our Assistant Pastor we decided to attempt to increase that number by a realistic figure so we picked "the Lord's Number" Seven and when you add 68 + 7 you average in our Sunday School during thing is that in the 3 weeks since we have had at least 7 visitors every see the Lord at Work.

$$68 + 7 = 75$$

get 75. That is what we hope to September. But the amazing have been announcing this we week!! It is wonderful when you

Speaking of Brother Carroll, he has been a tremendous Blessing in the short time he has been here. We have visited a large number of people together, we have had a huge number of activities, and he has really been a big help to me and the Church. For example, during August Brother Carroll is preaching each Sunday at 9am, Teaching the Young Adult Class at 10am, and Teaching Children's Church at 11am (Which, amazingly, has had 19, 17, and 21 in attendance the past 3 weeks!!! We are now convinced that we will need to divide our Children's Church into 2 groups because it has grown so big. Hope to have the details of that ready by the first of September).

One of our most recent activities was a Church sponsored trip to Carowinds. We left here Saturday Morning shortly after 7:30am with 43 people and had a good time in spite of some difficult circumstances- Brushes with the Law (one of our kids was stopped for not stopping at a stop sign- long story, valuable lessons learned), Complete incompetent at Group sales at Carowinds (Our tickets were Pre-Paid tickets and we were supposed to simply pick them up when we arrived but some very sloppy work caused our kids to have to wait in the hot sun for an hour and a half after we arrived- Ungood, very ungood. And to make it even worse they don't even have an E-Mail address so I can tell them how bad they have become since Paramount took them over), and keys locked in a car made the trip an ADVENTURE. But we prayed before we left that the Lord would make it more than an activity, we wanted the kids to see the Lord at work--and I believe that was accomplished.

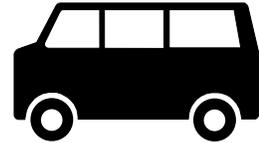
I rented a 15 passenger van to help with transportation and everyone liked it so well until we will probably get one for the Church as soon as we can get this building project behind us. It would be ideal for some of our Youth Activities and Young Married outings to enable us to fellowship on the journey.

Our August Calender will show you how many activities we are having now and how valuable a van would be to us:

Saturday, Aug 2- Trip to Carowinds

Sunday, Aug 10- Pool Party for Gleamers (9-down) at the home of Tom and Wanda Smith from 3-5pm. So far we have 15 signed up for this- how many would that van seat again??

Sunday, Aug 17- GYF (10 up) Bible Study at the Church beginning at 3pm. Following Bible Study the GYF will go to Florence to bowl for an hour (Probably be about 15 of them- how many people can ride in that van if we had one??) and then go out to share a meal together.



Sunday, Aug 31- Young Married Activity. They are still deciding if they want

to go out and eat or cook out at Joel's Home. Guess how many of them will probably want to go!!!

August 31 is also YOUTH SUNDAY. We have designated the 5th Sunday of each quarter as Youth Sunday. The Youth have a special activity during the 9am service and we receive an offering to help finance the work we do with our young people (This keeps us from having to subsidy them with sales and gimmicks). Normally on activities, the Youth Fellowship pays for the activity for the Youth (Bowling, Carowinds, etc) and the young people pay for their meals. So far this system has seemed to work well.

Also in August:



Monday, August 10- Ladies Auxiliary Meet at the Church at 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 13- The BIG DAY to look forward to. In celebration of the fact that the kids are returning to school the next week we will have a HOT DOG SUPPER.

I know that is not the best excuse in the world to have a Supper but since we haven't had Hot Dogs all summer then I told the Church we were going to have a Hot Dog Supper if it was to do nothing but to celebrate the fact that we had Prayer Meeting on

Wednesday Night!!.

Don't have a date yet but we also look to have a Master's Men meeting at the home of Mike McGee sometime during August- Believe Brother Mike and Brother Marion are planning to either grill chickens or prepare a chicken and rice meal. Either way is fine with us, we just love to eat!

While I'm giving dates let me remind you that **HOME COMING** is scheduled for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st** with special guest singers "Friends of the Father". Our record attendance in the history of the Church for Sunday School is 109- We really look forward to breaking that record on Home Coming this year.

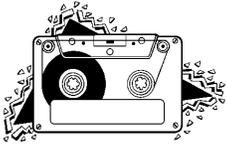
**MEDICAL UP DATE ON MOTHER-** We really appreciate your prayers and concern. Mother had some very difficult days for awhile but now she is getting stronger each day. She still has a way to go but she has taken on almost all of her previous worries (!! ) so she must be getting better and better. Thank the Lord for sparing her to be with us for a while longer. I don't know what I would do with those brothers of mine without her to keep them straight!!



It was a great joy to see and fellowship with many of you during the National Association meeting in Cincinnati. Another one of those rush rush times for me. We left here at 11am on Sunday, July 20th and arrived in Cincinnati at 10:30pm. After a busy week of meetings and activities we arrived back home on Friday, July 25th in time to get things ready for Sunday and go on a Young Adult Outing on Saturday. Then Monday Morning, Brother Carroll and I went to Smithfield, NC for the funeral service of Mrs Nancy Drigger's Brother (Rev Wingate Hansley). This was one of the best funerals I have ever attended as we celebrated the home going of this man of God. I think Brother Bobby Jackson preached the best sermon I have ever heard him preach and there was a tremendous spirit evident.



Part of Brother Wingate's family attended service with us on Sunday, July 27 on their way to the funeral and we were extremely blessed to have Brother Wingate's grandson Eric Thomsen bring our special music during the 9am service (You will want either the audio or video of this service- It also contains a message on "The 4 building blocks of a Successful Sermon" and why it is tremendously important to have "Heavenly Hunger"). [I would also recommend last Sunday's messages. Brother Carrol preached a tremendous message on "The Power of Prayer" and I adapted a powerful message given by Rev Larry McAlister at our monthly Minister's Meeting into a message entitled "What would you lose if your lost it all??" Request any or all of these tapes or ask to be put on our tape mailing list so you will receive several tapes each month; as always, everything is free].



We are also pleased to acknowledge several **MEMORIALS** to the Outreach Ministry in memory of Rev Wingate Hansley from Butch and Jan Hayes and Don and Kathy Lewis. We are publishing books as fast as I can get them to the publishers and gifts like this are a tremendous help. Especially since we are seriously thinking about renting a booth at the National Association next year and taking a thousand each of all of our books to give away. Pray with me about God's direction and supply.

Paula and I have been keeping our "Bubba" Andrew since Thursday. By the time you receive this we will have traded him for his brother and sister (Ben and Grace). Having kids around the house when you work on as tight a schedule as I work on makes for some interesting times but we are glad to have the opportunity to share some time with them. And as Andrew says, "When I'm your Bubba, then you have to lovea me!". Seriously, however, it reminds me how important it is that we provide help and encouragement to parents as they undertake the important task of training up a child in the way they should go.

To those of you who consistently support this work with your prayers or offering I want to say a tremendous THANK YOU. There is not a week that goes by that I do not receive call or cards from people telling how the Lord is using some area of the work to minister in their life. God is doing something great and I count it a great privilege to be a small part of His work. Thank you for sharing the burden of this work with me. One day I believe you will also get to share in the Blessings as well- and what a glorious day that will be!



Can hardly wait until next time to once again share what God is doing at Grace. Why don't you visit us some times . . . . . Preacher Mike Ps 16:11

# FAILING AS A CHRISTIAN

**(Luke 22:32) But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren**

One of the most distressing occurrences in the world is when a Christian begins to fail in their Christian life and fall away from God-(2 Pet 2:20-21) *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. {21} For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*

What would cause a person to "return to wallowing in the mire"? Worst than that, what would cause a person like this to fail to realize that the hog pen is not as pleasant a place at the Father's house?? I wonder sometimes if people don't get so preoccupied with going to church and being good until they fail to realize that their Christian life is seriously sick. Here are four symptoms to look for to help you determine if you have a problem.



1) Are you Powerless in the face of Temptation? It is not wrong (or unusual) to be tempted; but a Christian knows that "Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world". Continual defeat is a sign of a serious disease that "Dr Jesus" needs to deal with.

2) Have you lost your love and concern for the Lost? If all you are concerned with is your own situation while the multitudes drop into Hell then you have a deep problem. When you view life through a mirror instead of a window pane then you center on self instead of the sinners that Christ came to die for.

3) Do you desire the Word of God and the House of God? When your Bible becomes dusty and you find yourself dreading to fellowship with God's people at Church then you are in grave danger of collapsing. Either the word will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the word. If you don't want to have individual and cooperate fellowship with the Lord and His people then red flags of warning should go up all around.



4) Is there a hunger in your heart to grow as a Christian. The reason lukewarm living makes God sick is because it is a clear indicator of a much deeper problem in your Christian life. When you stop longing for the Lord it will not be long until the weeds of this world will enter your life and choke your fruitfulness for God.

God did not call us to be failures. He told us to be more than conquerors through faith in Christ. Live that way!

# GRACE GUIDELINES

There are several Guidelines that the Pastor uses in implementing policy at Grace Church that effect most of the things that we do as a Church. Knowing these guidelines may help you understand why certain things are done in certain ways; and why certain things cannot be done.

Please note that these are "Guidelines" to work within and not laws to labor under. They help us look at situations and then chose the course that we believe the Lord would have us take. Sometimes circumstances will compel us to adapt to the present situation or to incorporate guidelines together in order to best meet the need of the moment (Example of circumstances- We prefer that ladies wear dresses to Church services in the Sanctuary—But People who are traveling and who come to our service in pants are very welcome. And one of the reasons we have our Prayer Meeting service in the Fellowship Building on Wednesday nights is because many of our ladies have to come straight to Church from work where pants are part of their work uniform.

Example of Adaptation- We do not sell things to raise money to support the Church or its ministries. Yet, we would not object to the young people having a car wash in which a person is allowed to make a voluntary contribution to the Youth Fund in return for getting their car washed. I know the old joke about the car salesman who tells the Pastor he wants to give him a new car, all he needs is a love offering of \$16,000!!; but we think encouraging our Youth to work together while still maintaining faith in God for provision is worthy of walking this thin line).

These Guidelines are listed in no particular order since they mainly apply to specific issues. Only the first guideline is an overruling guide in everything we do.

1) The main work of Grace Church is to get as many people as possible, using as many methods as God provides, TO KNOW AND SHOW CHRIST. We believe the most important function of a Church, and the most important work of a Christian, is to lift up Jesus Christ in order that men might repent of their sins, respond to Christ as Savior, and receive eternal abundant life. Once a person has become a Christian we then believe that they need to be educated in the word of God, edified for the work of God, and equipped for their walk as a Christian. Everything we do as a Church must ultimately come back to this cornerstone. Our Youth Activities are not simply entertainment for our kids; they are means to reach young people for Christ and to train young people to live for God in everyday circumstances (Which sometimes means getting along with someone you don't really like!! Or learning that a Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit so it should honor God instead of being held hostage to the whims of your peers). Our Music is not simply to entertain (even as great as it is). It is to bring us to worship God, it is to encourage us in our Christian walk, and it is to draw men to the Christ we adore.



Everything we do must be guided by this guideline. *God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:4)*

2). We want to be the very best Church we can be for God. Jesus said that the way we are to be Great is to Serve- (Mat 23:11) *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.*



This involves ministering to as many people as possible using as many methods as possible with the desire to advance the kingdom of God instead of build our own kingdom. That is why our "little" Church reaches thousands of people each week through Radio, Newspapers, Newsletters, Videos, Audio tapes and Books. We believe we are fulfilling God's will for our work here as we encourage and edify other Christians and other Churches. If, somehow, we can help another Church doubt in size it is not a time of jealousy but a time of jubilation. If we can help people learn about God's will and work and yet they never set foot in our Church then we feel we have accomplished God's will for this Church. That is why we are always looking for ways we can serve more or better.

3) We do not expect the world to support the Church and it's work- therefore we do not sell things to raise funds for the Church- (Mat 21:13) *And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.* Making lambs available so people would not have to bring them from far away sounded like a great idea at first but it turned into something that made Jesus as angry as you see Him in scripture.

We believe that God is our source of supply; when we pray and He provides finances for the Church or the Outreach then we work accordingly. If the finances are not available then we assume that God wants us to either stop where we are or learn to wait on His timing. If we ever begin to depend on our own abilities or efforts then we will have lost the essence of Christianity ( 4 books of the Bible are built on the simple statement that "The Just shall live by Faith").

That is why we give away thousands of tapes and books each year without cost or obligation. That is why we tithe the income of our Church (12.5%) and the Outreach Ministry. We believe that God gives us resources to use for Him. We only put money in savings for specific purposes or needs. Our goal is to accumulate a large bank account in the bank of Heaven!

3) Divorced individuals are not to be considered for ordained positions (Pastor or Deacon)- (1 Tim 3:2) *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;* (1 Tim 3:12) *Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.* We realize that divorce has become a way of life in America today but we hold to the principle that God has declared that those in specific leadership positions are to be the "husband of one wife". We are sensitive to the needs and abilities of divorced individuals and we use them as Trustees, Teachers, Choir Members, etc. but we believe God's word does not allow them to be used in ordained positions.

4) Women are not to teach married men- (1 Tim 2:12) *But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.* We believe this disqualifies a woman from being a Pastor or teaching an Adult class containing married men. Our rule of thumb is that woman can, and should, teach children; and we define children as people who have not yet married. This does not mean women are not as intelligent as men nor does it mean they do not have the abilities of a man, this is simply a principle given by God because of the disorder caused by sin.

The women of our Church can, and do, give their testimonies, share their burdens, and take an active part in the work and ministry of the Church but the guideline given by God is that they are not to take a position that would involve them teaching men or taking the leadership position from men. (And it still makes me ponder that the Bible says, *many that are first shall be last; and the last first.* (Mark 10:31). I still wonder if that means women will be the "main man" in heaven!!).

5) The Prominence of Preaching in our Church Services- (Rom 10:13-17) *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. {14} How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? {15} And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! {16} But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? {17} So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*



We greatly enjoy Special Singers and we receive a great blessing from dramas, skits, and programs; but we believe God's plan involves the continued and regular proclamation of the word of God. God's plan is for God's man to proclaim God's word in order for God's work to be accomplished. When God's man is anointed with God's power to proclaim God's message then God will work in supernatural way to convert and change people--which brings us full circle back to guideline Number One!!



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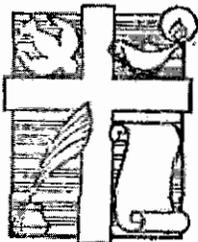
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**WOW!!** Sometimes being a child of God makes you just want to shout, "GLORY!". I cannot imagine why anyone would want to live their life without living it in partnership with the Lord. Every day is a new day of wonder and adoration as you watch the Lord at work in your life and in the circumstances that surround your daily living. It is just great to know that your sins are forgiven and the work you do is affecting people now and for eternity. Can't imagine anyone not wanting to be a Christian!!

God has blessed in so many ways until it is hard to decide where to begin. Let's begin with this very important announcement. **BROTHER CARROLL IS NOW OUR FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTOR!!** Someone came by the church several weeks ago and asked me what it would cost for us to put Brother Carroll on full time salary and when I gave him a figure he gave me a Check for enough to cover 4 months at that amount! Doesn't that make you want to shout "Glory!".

Right now Brother Carroll is on a 6 month probation period. At the end of that time (First of January) the Church will vote on whether to retain him as Assistant Pastor; and, if so, in what capacity. The donor knew this so he gave enough to cover Brother Carroll's full time salary from September until December. The Church is presently paying Brother Carroll \$200 a week and the anonymous donor agreed to add an additional \$250 per week to that (That is \$1000 a month or \$4000 for the next 4 months!!). In order to avoid complications as far as the church was concerned it was determined that this additional \$250 per week would come through the Outreach Ministry so you will see an expense for this in our yearly statement at the end of this year.



Brother Carroll was very excited to get this opportunity (I'm writing this on his first day of full time service. He got here this morning before 6:30am!! And jumped right into work). The Deacons and I also thought it was too good an opportunity to pass up. This will open up tremendous possibilities for the Church and for the Outreach (Since half of his salary is coming through the Outreach Ministry then I don't mind allowing him to give me a lot of assistance in this ministry).

### JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

9am Services- Pastor Mike will speak on building our Relationship with the Lord- This week "Joy Stealers"  
10am- The Pastor will teach a series on "End Time Principles" that will, hopefully, answer many of your questions about the future.

#### 11am Services:

Sept 7- Connie Byars in Concert  
Sept 14- Rev Carroll Bazen- "Don't die as the Fool"  
Sept 21- HOME COMING with "Friends of the Father"  
Sept 28- Revival??

You will notice some of these possibilities immediately. He has written one of the sermons for this newsletter and he and Miss Susanna made up the Crossword Puzzle found later in this paper. He also hopes to record 5 of the 10 radio programs I need to record this week. And, of course, he will help run, collate, staple, fold, label, and sort the newsletter for mailing. I am trying to give him experience in everything so if I become busy, sick, or go on vacation (!) the work will continue to go forward. God has opened a door and we hope to use it as wisely as possible.

**BOOK BLESSINGS:** I just got over 2000 books back from the printer, 9000 are being printed right now, and an order for 3000 more should be sent out within the week. Plus, with Miss Susanna's help, I hope to have Volume 6 of Miracle Messages ready to send to the printers in the next few weeks. Thank the Lord for faithful supporters who give finances that we might continue to distribute books and tapes and do all the other areas of the Outreach Ministry. God is blessing in marvelous ways and I can't do a thing except say, "Glory!"



**Memorials-** Special thanks to Butch and Jan Hayes and Don and Kathy Lewis for their gift to this ministry in memory of Carl Springs, Sr. And to Eris Jones for her gift in memory of Jack Hanna. Also to Dot Sullivan and Tom and Wanda Smith for their gift in memory of Rev Wingate Hansley. When you have nearly \$15,000 worth of books to pay for you realize how important EVERY gift is--so special thanks to everyone for your support.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Our Youth Sunday was a great success. Jonathan Smith did an excellent job in leading the services, Ryan Flowers and Jason Lewis took up an offering of \$289 (!) for the youth ministry, Miss Susanna sang a beautiful special song, and Charlie Purvis prayed our dismissal prayer like a pro! A Special Treat, however, was the special music by the Gleamers. These young people sang in groups and/or as individuals and blessed everyone's heart with their zeal for the Lord. A great service with a great spirit and we commend our youth for their work.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our Children's church has grown to such a degree until we decided to divide it into two groups. This will enable us to have lessons and activities better geared toward the children, which we hope will help develop them as Christians.



The **BEAMERS** (age 3-5) will be taught by Glenda Jones and Susanna Dilda in September. They have some exciting lessons planned and I know the children will enjoy the extra attention they receive.

The **GLEAMERS** (age 6-10) will be taught by Michelle McAllister, Robin Matthews, and Teresa Lowder in September. These are three great ladies and I know they will go a most excellent job now that everyone in their class can read and stay focused on the same lesson.

We will use this same division in our Youth Program also. Most of the time the Beamers and Gleamers will do the same activities but there may be some times that we plan an activity better suited for each age group. Our GYF (Grace Youth Fellowship) will remain 10 and up.



#### **SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

The Beamers and the Gleamers will go to "Nut-n-but-fun" on September 14 for a Bible Study and Activity time.

The GYF will have a Scavenger Hunt Bible Study and Activity either Saturday, September 27 or Sunday, September 28 (Depending on our Revival). Brother Carrol will give you all the details next week.

# RETURNING JOY

Psalm 51:-

A common expression I hear more and more is, "I've lost my Joy". That is a sad state of affairs for anyone who calls themselves a Christian to have to live and work in. What has caused this situation to develop?? And once we get past that, how can we return Joy to our life and work??

## WHY WE LOSE OUR JOY:

- 1) In David's Case it was SIN- We don't like to admit it but that same thing is also the reason for many Christians to lose their joy
- 2) In the Case of Israel it was SEPARATION FROM GOD'S BLESSINGS- (Psa 137:1-2) *By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. {2} We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.* When you get out of God's Will and God's Work you find that life loses it meaning and joy disappears like the morning dew.
- 3) Focusing on the here and now instead of the Hereafter: Troubles, Trials, and Temptations sap our strength and rob us of our joy.

## HOW DO YOU GET JOY TO RETURN??

1. A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD- *Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.* (Luke 10:20)

- A) Be sure of the Assurance of your Salvation
- B) Sins confessed and repented of so you will have Peace WITH God as well as the Peace OF God



2. WITNESSING OF YOUR FAITH- *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.* (Psa 126:5-6)

- A) The Joy of EXPECTATION (Faith) as you sow- Purpose to Life
- B) The Joy of HARVEST when God gives us Fruit

3. ABIDING IN CHRIST- *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.* (John 15:11)

- A) Christ is the CENTER of your life so Circumstances don't defeat
- B) The Holy Spirit is the COMMUNICATOR of your life so you know when to run and when to rest. When your life is directed by the Spirit you joy in the fact that you are joined to the greatest work in all the World, bearing Fruit with Christ. (Remember that Fruit is for OTHERS; not for the branch producing it).

4. CONTINUE IN PRAYER- *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.* (John 16:24)

- A) Prayer EXPOSES US to God- He sees our Heart
- B) Prayer Exposes GOD to us- We realize life is a journey and God is walking with us as we travel it.

Don't let the "little Foxes" of sin steal your joy. Re-establish your relationship with the Lord and maintain your confidence in Him. That will bring a joy to your life that nothing in this world can take away from you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN:** This Sunday marks the first Sunday of our Campaign to raise our Sunday School attendance to 75 per participation and numerous visitors August and we come to September planned all of our September activities Now it is up to the Members of the

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week. We have had good during our "warm up" time in with great anticipation. We have to be exciting and inspirational. Church to:

1) **BE HERE EVERY SUNDAY.** We 7 visitors and 8 members are absence!! You have talked about growth. You have prayed about growth. Now is the time to DO something about Growth.

2) **INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES.** We have special events planned that will give you an excuse to invite them. We have lessons and sermons planned that they should want to hear. But you must have a **DESIRE** to reach them and a **CONCERN** for them that will make them want to come see the exciting things that are going on at Grace Church.

**LADIES AUXILIARY/WEDDING SHOWER:** The Ladies Auxiliary will host a shower for Miss Susanna Dilda on Monday, September 8 at 7:30pm. All ladies (even if you are not a member of our Ladies Auxiliary) are invited to attend.

Miss Susanna will wed (If I don't talk her out of it!!) Rev Carroll Bazen on Saturday, October 11 at the Pamplico FWB Church where Miss Susanna's dad, Rev Sigbee Dilda, is the pastor.



**BUILDING PLANS:** We had a GREAT Men's meeting at the home of Mike McGee recently. Brother Mike and brother Marion Coker served us some delicious Bar-B-Queed Chicken accompanied by the extraordinary baked beans of Mrs Janice Runion and the delectable dessert of home made banana pudding made by Mrs Miniam McAllister. After that wonderful meal the men discussed the plans for our additions to the Sanctuary and pretty well settled the main details of the new building. Now we await the final preliminary plans from our architect so we can present it to the church and begin building.

**PRAYER STUDY:** Mrs Jan Hayes will begin teaching the course "Lord, Teach me to Pray in 28 days" shortly (We are awaiting the arrival of the material so we can begin). We will be sending a letter to past students but if you would like more information on this exciting study on Prayer then contact Mrs Jan. This course is only 4 weeks long so it should fit into your schedule fairly easily.



**TAPE MINISTRY:** We have had some great services recently and I encourage you to get either the audio or video tapes of the services. If you would like to receive them on a regular basis then let us know and we will put you on our monthly tape mailing list. (Let me remind you. If you ever receive a tape and it does not function well then let us know. We try to keep the "bugs" to a minimum but sometimes a defective tape slips through. We NEED to know when that happens so we can get you a good version and we can make the necessary corrections)

Got to go. Mrs Jan and Mrs LeAnne are working at the Church right now on tapes and books while Brother Carroll and Mrs Susanna are mailing books, taking articles to the papers, and taking care of other church business. All of them are awaiting this stencil so they can begin running the newsletter so we can get it in the mail to you. I pray the Lord will bless you as much as He does me and give you a Great September ..... Preacher Mike Ps 16:11

# HOW DO WE GET THINGS MOVED???

Rev Carroll Bazen

Do you feel trapped by the struggles of life? I'm happy to report that God still moves the stones that trap us. One of the greatest things that can happen to a Christian is to see God working in their life. I have had to realize that God is constantly working in every Christians life to bring out their very best. God does not want us to fail, He wants victory in our life. The question I have to ask is, "Do we want victory?" Do we live our lives with an "Apathetic Attitude" or a sense of excitement; waiting for God to move something big out of our lives? That big problem you are having, that thing that plagues your life, are you expecting God to move it or are you tolerating problem areas in your life? God wants us to expect Him to move our mountains, and not to be surprised when He does move them.

You may be asking the question "How can I move things in my life?", maybe these principles will help you. The most important thing we can do in any area of our life is to PRAY. Prayer is the Christians motivational tool it will change lives and move mountains. I think it should be first and foremost in solving any problem we have.

Now that we understand God wants to move our stones. We need to realize two key principles in the prayer process. 1) God does things on His time scale not ours. (This does not mean when we pray we are not to look for God to work immediatly, but we are to have patience in understanding God works on His time schedule.) 2) God does not always answer our prayers according to what we want but what we need. The things that we pray about many times doesn't just involve us but many other people. (Remember God always gives us an answer.)



Another way we can see things begin to happen in our life is through "Righteous Living". Living a holy lifestyle is taught all through out the Bible- Leviticus 20:7 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord which sanctify you". We are no longer suppose to live like the world, but we are suppose to be followers of God-2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The problem many times is that we have forgotten that old thing are passed away and we are suppose to be new creatures in Jesus Christ. This can and will hinder stones from being rolled away.

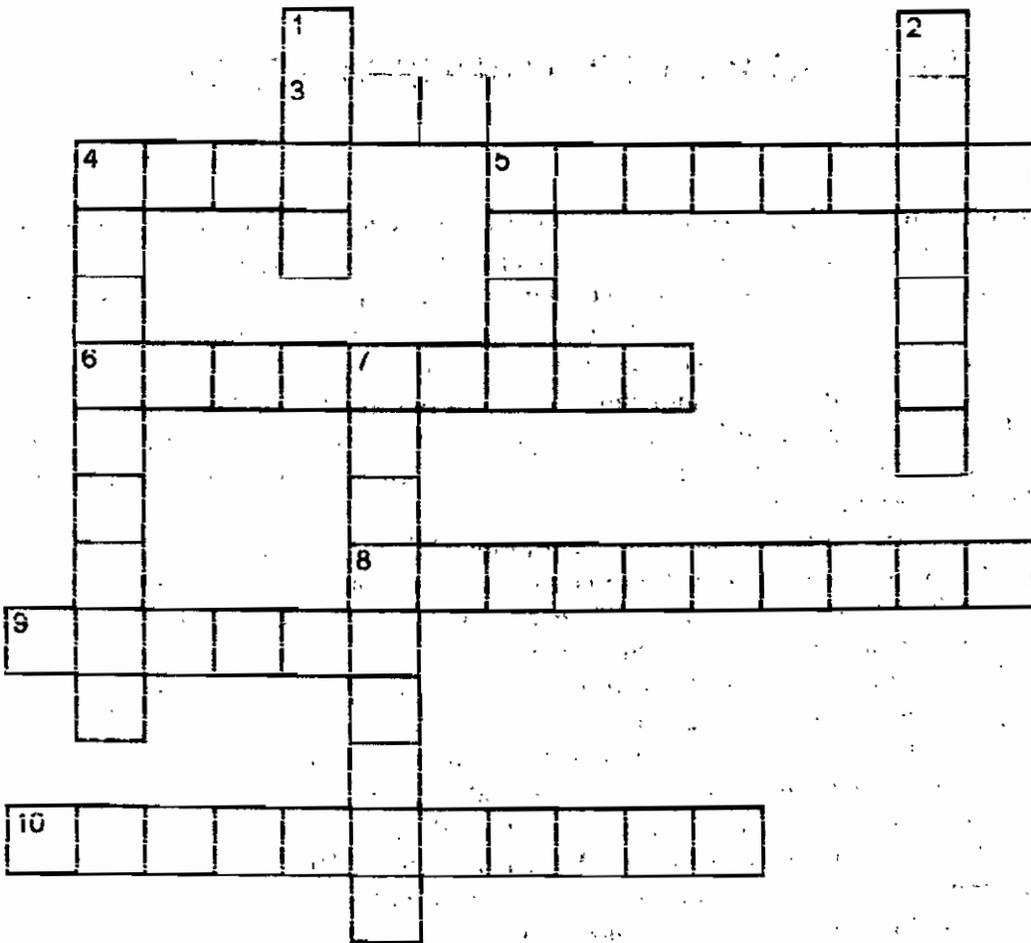
There are two principles we can use to help us in living a righteous Christian life.

- 1) Have a Love Relationship with God- Deuteronomy 6:5 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." In most of our lives when we decide we do not want to do what God wants us to do it is because our love relationship with God is not where it should be. When we love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind we will want to live a righteous life to please Him.
- 2) The final principle in our steps to holy living is Bible study-2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." You have heard it said that sin will keep you from the Bible or the Bible will keep you away from sin. That is why it is most important that we keep a consistant Bible study. Daily Bible Study will keep us away from an unholy life style!!!

I pray that in some way you have a better understanding of how to get the stumbling stones of sin moved in your life. This is accomplished through a strong prayer life combined with holy and righteous living!! And that is my earnest desire for you.

# HOW DO WE GET THINGS MOVED

by Carroll and Susanna



Sep 2, 1997

## Across

3. What kind of things are passed away?
4. Something God doesn't want us to ever do
5. What we must have in order to understand God.
6. We are to have a holy \_\_\_\_\_
8. Carroll gave us 2 \_\_\_\_\_ about prayer
9. A motivational tool
10. We are what if we live in Christ. (2Cor.5:17)

## Down

1. Lev. 20:7 tells us to be \_\_\_\_\_
2. Something God wants us to have in life.
4. We are supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ of God
5. The most important thing we can do in life?
7. An action God does not want us to be:

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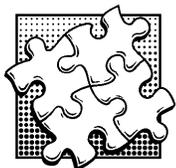
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I had been to the hospital with a lady having surgery last week and when I returned to the church I found 32 boxes of books stacked in the fellowship building!! Volume 4 and 5 of "Miracle Messages" had arrived (3000 copies of each). We were almost out of each Volume and it sure makes me feel better to have enough to distribute again. More copies of Revelation (1000) are due to arrive this week and 3000 copies of "Miracle Messages" Volume 1 will hopefully arrive later this month.

This was one of the many times that it was a tremendous help to me to have Brother Carroll working for us full time. When those 32 boxes of books arrived it was dropping rain. If Brother Carroll would not have been here then my wife would have had to either unload the books and then put them in the Fellowship Building by herself (Impossible) or try to locate a member that could come to the Church to help unload them. Thank the Lord for His provision.

**CROSSWORD CONFUSION:** In our last edition we published a crossword puzzle about the article Brother Carroll had written. When Brother Carroll made the original puzzle he did not see that he had misspelled a word. Just before we starting



printing the puzzle we saw the error and corrected it. What we did not realize was that the computer rearranged the puzzle when it corrected the words so the clues wouldn't work.

Hopefully, the one he made up for this edition will be correct--and will challenge your Bible knowledge. We will continue to publish them from time to time if you enjoy them.

Let Brother Carroll know if you want more; or if you want the answers to the one we published today.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY-** The Deacons announced at the end of Sunday School this past Sunday that this Sunday (October 5) would be Pastor Appreciation Day. Brother Mike McGee will be Bar-B-Quing a Pig and we will have a Pig Picking following the Services so you Ladies will not have to worry about preparing lunch this week. I appreciate the church setting aside this time for some food and fellowship but it should be me having a Church Appreciation Day. It is great to be able to work and minister with the fine people of Grace Church. I love them dearly and thank the Lord for the opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with them on a regular basis.

**SEPTEMBER REPORT:** In spite of a tremendous amount of sickness and circumstances we still are able to rejoice in the Lord greatly Blessing our efforts during September. We averaged 70 in Sunday School (Up 2 a week from our normal average) and 78 during our 11am Service (Bettering our goal of averaging 75 per week by 3- Glory!).

We hope this is just the beginning of God's expansion program here at Grace. Hope YOU can be in one of our services soon. We believe you will be blessed.

**TAPE MINISTRY:** We are having so many request for Video tapes of our services until we have recently purchased 8 new VCRS! We have also installed them in a special rack (Thanks Tommy Sullivan) so they are easy to work on and to operate. We now have 10 copies of each service available on video immediately following the service. [These VCRs cost over \$1700 and we appreciate Southern Computer Systems, Santee Electronics, and Brother Ron Abbott for their help in purchasing several of them. We also appreciate Joel and Glenda Jones for their contribution of cameras to this ministry. All three of our cameras now can pan the Church as well as zoom in as needed via controls in the A-V Room.].

One reason our videos have been in such great demand is because of the **WONDERFUL SINGING WE HAD DURING SEPTEMBER.** Miss Connie Byars started the month off just right with a tremendous concert on September 7. She really ministered to the hearts of our people. And "Friends of the Father" did a fantastic job of singing for the special music at Home Coming. Request both of these tapes if you want to get a real blessing from the Lord. (They are also available on audio if you prefer).



**NEW PAGES IN THIS PAPER:** I know you will enjoy Brother Carrols column about "Trusting Christ" but we also have a new page edited by Mrs Glenda Jones. Mrs Glenda writes and types our Bulletin each week and she finds some great stories and illustrations to put in her inserts. I thought you might enjoy some of her work so I asked her to put together a page for this newsletter. Let her know if you enjoy it.

I also included a page of several handouts that I give out at Church- "Struggles" and "TV Guidelines". The people of the Church fill them out and give them back to me and it gives me some idea of areas of needs in their spiritual life and family life. I would be glad for YOU to fill them out and send them in also. It may help me know what I need to include in future books we publish.

**WEDDING PLANS:** Rev Carroll Bazen and Miss Susanna Dilda will be wed on Saturday, October 11 at 2:00pm at Pamplico FWB Church. They are busy cleaning and painting their new home now- and counting the days until the Wedding. I know it is sort of a "flimsy" excuse but I am giving Brother Carroll the week off after he gets married!! He and Mrs Susanna plan to honey moon in the Mountains of NC (Can't think

of a better place) and we wish them the very best.

Because of a commitment he made before he became our Assistant Pastor, Brother Carroll will miss this Sunday, as well as next Sunday. This Sunday he will be speaking at Home Coming at Pamplico FWB Church and next Sunday he will be in the mountains. He will, however, be speaking at our Church on Wednesday, October 8th., as well as doing his normal work at the Church during the week.



Brother Eric continues to be a tremendous help around the church. His physical condition will not allow him to do many things but with the "Volunteer" help of his son, Ryan and with Brother Carroll's help we are able to do many of the project that help a church stay in shape. So far this week Brother Eric has overseen the obtaining of a new (Very Nice) Bin rack for our Children's Church (So the kids will have a place to put their books and prizes during Children's Church, put out ant poison on the multitude of ant beds we accumulated recently, repaired a receptacle at the Church sign that was a very dangerous situation (Kids just love to play around that sign after church and the receptacle was broken and ungrounded), and helped us install a new intercom so Brother Carroll and I can communicate without having to walk back and forth from the Church to the parsonage so much (Thanks, Santee Electronic for contributing this!).

The Outreach work continues to expand at a rate that is almost scary. Request for BULK books and tapes are coming in now on a regular basis. Praying in the needed finances, doing the writing and recording, and overseeing the many aspects of the work take almost all my time. Thank God for the help He has provided, as well as the finances we need to publish the books. More and more I find we need more and more-- Pray with me that the Lord would continue to be Faithful to meet our needs----and that I would be faithful to use the many opportunities that become available to us to reach people for the Lord. I need His power and wisdom more than ever; and I really covet your prayers . . . . . Preacher Mike Ps 16:11



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## The Good Shepherd



The Good Shepherd wants to be intimate with you. He wants you to learn his quiet whisperings. He wants to disclose himself to you. Jesus wants to manifest his life fully to those who follow him and pour out his very life through them. And how do we qualify for this privilege? Simply by making ourselves available to him in childlike faith. God certainly uses (people) trained in theological wisdom and those with communication and leadership skills, but he also uses very ordinary people who trust in a covenant-keeping God and take his word as truth.

Think about it!!!!

Excellence is the gradual result of always wanting to do better.

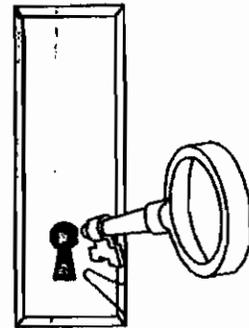
—Pat Riley

## A Word from our Lord

Into my heart,  
Into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Come in today,  
Come in to stay,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.



## Comic News



AN OLD GENTLEMAN, who had never attended a football game, allowed himself to be persuaded by a fan to accompany him. "Now then," said his friend, "you're going to see more excitement here for a couple of dollars than you ever saw before." "I doubt it," said the old timer, "that's all I paid for my marriage license."

## TV GUIDELINES

Next Sunday (October 5), we will look at "Guidelines for watching TV for the Christian Family" during our 9AM SERVICE. You are invited and urged to attend this special service.

Your help in completing and handing in the following questions will be great appreciated. [No names are needed].

1) Do you have any set guidelines for watching TV

A) For your self \_\_\_\_\_

B) For your Family \_\_\_\_\_

2) Do your Children (Grandchildren) have limits on:

A) The amount of TV they can watch during the week

Certain days \_\_\_\_\_

Certain Hours \_\_\_\_\_

B) Programs or Channels they are NOT allowed to watch at any time. (If so, please list several examples: \_\_\_\_\_)

3) What do you personally find:

A) The Most offensive about TV \_\_\_\_\_

B) The Most enjoyable about TV \_\_\_\_\_

4) If you could produce a program for TV, what would it be about? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Do you think our Church promotion of "TV-Less Tuesday" is a good or bad idea? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any activities that your family does on "TV-Less Tuesday" that may help other families enjoy this night of no TV? \_\_\_\_\_

## STRUGGLES

He who aims at nothing normally hits it!! In order to better help you in your Christian life it is necessary sometimes to identify some of your needs.

Can you list some areas of struggle in your Christian life so that we might know more how to assist you in your walk with the Lord. No names are required.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

Several areas that I feel good about in my Christian life are:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

# IN WHOM DO YOU PUT YOUR TRUST?

Rev Carroll Bazen

We live in a world today where people are constantly trying to place their trust in something. Many people try to place their trust in their job, other people try to place their trust in the stock market, and some people place their trust in their best friend. But what we want to talk about today is placing your trust in something or someone that will never fail you. There are three aspects of trust that we are going to examine.

1- Place your trust in someone who is eternal. Too many times in everyday life we place our trust in things that are not going to last. You may have the very best job, the very best car, and the very best house that money can buy, but these things one day will pass away, they are not eternal. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." - Matthew 6:19-20.

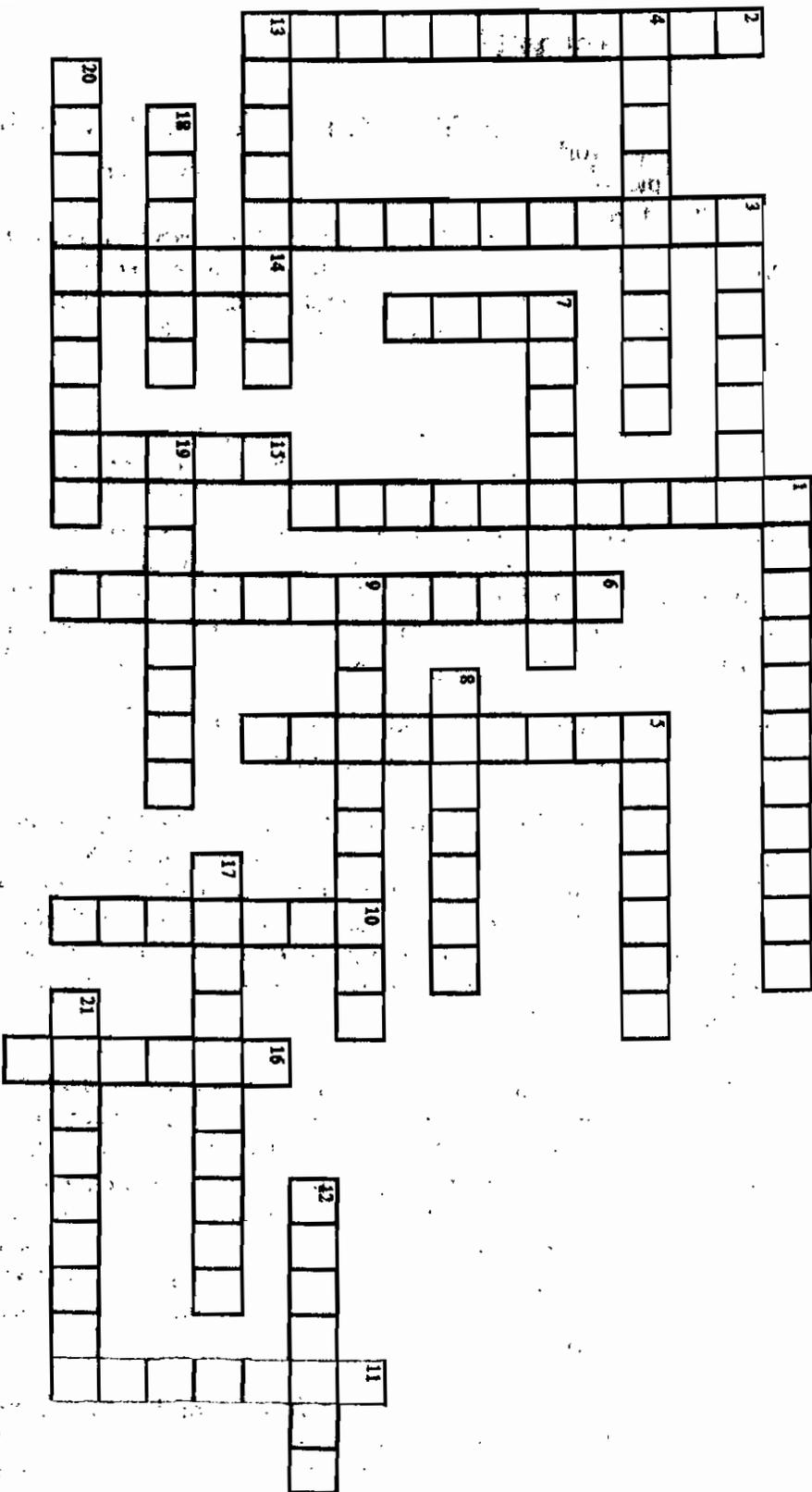
We need to place our trust in someone who is eternal; and someone who has eternal benefits for us if we place our trust in Him.



2- Place your trust in someone who has never failed. Many times throughout life we have placed our trust in people and they have let us down, they've hurt us. It seems like the people in whom we have placed our utmost faith, they to, at some time have let us down. We need to place our trust in the hand of someone who has never failed. If we are going to place our trust in someone, it need to be someone who exceeds all human understanding and is greater than we are. This someone is a faithful friend and true companion to all those who give him their trust.

3- Place your trust in someone who loves you and looks out for your best interest. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28. One of the biggest things we need to understand in seeking someone in whom to place our trust is that the person loves us and will look out for our best. There is no better example in the Bible of true love than that of Jesus Christ who gave himself a ransom so that all might be saved. Once we recognize all of the things Christ has done for us we will see a beautiful picture of someone in whom we can trust.

It is my earnest desire that if you are searching for the one person who will always be there, who has never failed, and who loves you more than anyone could love you that you will see a picture of Jesus, the only person who is trustworthy. I ask you this last and final question, "IN WHOM WILL YOU TRUST?"



ACROSS

1. Where did Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal take place?
3. What city did Joshua lead his people in capturing?
4. Where were Jesus and His disciples when they had the last supper?
5. Where was Lazarus raised from the dead?
7. In what city did Peter preach to Cornelius?
8. What happened because Thamar wouldn't let the Israelites leave Egypt?
9. Where did Jesus go to pray?
12. Where was Christ crucified?
13. Where did Jesus spend his boyhood?
17. Where did the temptations of Jesus take place?
18. What did Jesus do in the garden of Gethsemane?
19. Where was Lydia converted?
20. Where were the Ten Commandments given to Moses?
21. In what city did the church begin?

DOWN

1. Where did Noah's Ark land?
2. What type of death did Christ die?
3. Where was Jesus baptized?
5. Where was Jesus born?
6. Where did the miracle of Jesus walking on the water and stilling the storm take place?
7. Where did Jesus perform the miracle of changing the water into wine?
11. What important event in Jesus' life occur in the Jordan River?
14. Where were the Israelites held captive?
15. Where was Dorcas raised from the dead?
16. What sea divided the Israelites to pass through?



Brother Carroll has been hard at work with our Children's Church and Youth Ministry, as well as his other duties. A new list of Children's Church workers for the "Gleamers" (6-10) and "Beamers" (3-5) has been posted (Make sure you check out where YOU have "Volunteered"). He is also getting to know more and more of the details of the church work so he is more and more able to help with our ministry. It's a great joy to simply tell him what needs to be done now and know that he is willing and able to do it.

I give Brother Carroll a specific work list each week but this is the general form that we use for his work- Study 3 hours each day/Pray 1 hour each day. Preach once per week. Oversee Children's Church Ministry. Build and maintain our Youth Ministry. Contact at least 10 families per week/Visitation Ministry. Prepare Announcement slides each week. Help with the Newsletter, Radio Ministry, and Outreach Ministry. Take care of many of the little details- answer phone, get mail, run errands. Develop and oversee an effective New Convert Program. Stays busy doesn't he!!

## WHAT WE NEED AS PEOPLE OF GOD

By: Carroll Bazen

We as Christians have to realize that we have a need. Many times we go through life never understanding that we are missing out on so much of the goodness of God. God is holy and wants His children to be holy, if you are a Christian that is not suppose to be hard to do, but it is. We have great needs but it is my understanding that it is not the things we think we need but what God knows that we need. I ask you the question What Do You Need?- I can tell you a few things that might can help if you will apply them in your life and your church.

We need a heart wrenching, soul changing, power felt , prayer sought REVIVAL! Many times we go to church thinking revival is that thing that the preacher schedules twice a year just because we are suppose to have it. NO, that is not revival. Revival is sought out and can only be brought about by God. It can't be purchased but only prayed about. It can't be meditated in, but desired earnestly. It changes lives and alters minds. It doesn't come with a promotion or a preacher, but with God. It doesn't leave after the last Amen, but it continues in the hearts of men and women for an eternity. It effects people and convicts hearts. It is one of the greatest needs that we can possibly have today. Are you ready for REVIVAL?

Another thing that I believe that we need today is LEADERSHIP FROM GOD. We must have it. It cannot be done without. So many times Christians are living defeated, they are at a crossroads and do not know wich way to go, I say unto you we are blinded from Gods Leadership many times because we have allowed the world to grab our Christian life. We go the same way the world goes, we travel the same roads. The Spirit of difference has long since been blocked out. We no longer choose God but the ways of the world. We have compromised everything that we know as right. We must not let Satan take away the vision that we once had. We must get our sight back and clear the path so that God can lead us as He once did. This is of utmost importance for every believer. Stand strong for everything that God stands for!

Will you stand for God or will you bow down to the world. Will the world spoil the blessed fruit of Gods Spirit? We need REVIVAL a ground breaking, soul shaking change that will sweep our hearts and renew our minds for the work of God. If we are to battle as we need to there must be the power of God on our lives. We also need the leadership of God in our lives. What can we do if we have no leadership? Can you imagine a country running with no government or a car without a steering wheel. It is impossible and yet we think our Christian life can be led without the captain in control. Please let God lead you and let Him send a great REVIVAL into your soul. When that happens I don't believe we will have to worry about church attendance or Bible reading- these things will be a necessity, and desired by every Christian. What do you want? What do you need?

Is it as important as REVIVAL or the LEADERSHIP OF GOD!

Do you see your need or DO YOU NEED GLASSES?



# HALLOWEEN

One of the symptoms of the sickness of the church today is the way it allows and accepts the world's way of doing things. It has allowed the world to commercialize Christmas until people dread it instead of rejoicing in it; it has allowed Easter to become cottontails instead of Christ rising; and it has adopted the pagan worship of demons and witches into its bosom by PROMOTING THE SYMBOLS AND SINS OF HALLOWEEN [Churches actually sponsor "Haunted Houses"!!! and encourage their young people to dress as Witches!!!]. One author has rightly said, **THE TWO MOST FREQUENT WAYS CHILDREN ARE INTRODUCED INTO THE OCCULT ARE THROUGH ROCK MUSIC AND HALLOWEEN!**

Let's look at where Halloween came from, what's bad about it, and what we can do as an alternative.



## I. THE BACKGROUND-

**NAME:** On May 13, 610AD the Catholic Church first celebrated the "Feast of all Holy Martyrs". Eventually they decided a day was needed to honor all Saints and not just Martyrs. They called it "All Saints Day" and moved it to November 1 of each year. The Evening before "All Saints Day" began to be called "All Hallow's Eve (Eve of all the Holy One's Day) and eventually was mutated to Halloween. [The Celts- and satan worshippers today- call this the feast of Samhain (Sow-in). It is celebrated as the "feast of the dead" and is thought to be the time when the "curtain" between the spirit and physical world is thinnest; Thus allowing special communication with the evil spirits.]

**CUSTOMS:** The Customs associated with Halloween come from the Celts [Halloween was banned in America until 1845 when thousands of Irish immigrants flooded America because of the Irish Potato famine]. The old Celtic calendar began the New Year on November 1 (Their year ended with the harvest of their crops) and the night before (Oct. 31) became known as a time when witches and goblins roamed around trying to hold back the new year. People began to have New year's Eve parties (just as they do today) on Oct. 31 and they would dress up as witches and goblins to "placate" the demons. Eventually they began to go from house to house demanding an offering (Treat) from the householder in exchange for protection from the demons for the coming year (or I'll trick you!). [The Druids would go to a household demanding a human for sacrifice. If the sacrifice pleased them then they would put a hollowed out turnip on the door steps (Changed to a pumpkin when the custom came to America because they were bigger and more easily carved) with a candle within to tell the demons not to bother that home that night. If the sacrifice was not given or did not please the Druids then they would draw a hexagram on the door of the home and curse the home so that someone in the home would die of fright that night].

The Druids would sacrifice their offerings to the fire god- (Note that Halloween is called "Hell Night" in Detroit and arson is a major problem). In the morning the people would gather around the burned out fire and look at all the bones in the fire- hence it was called a "bonfire" - bonfire.

Because of the nearness of the spirit world this was thought to be a time to learn about future events- The entrails of the sacrifices were read by the Druids priest to determine future events. In order for them to be effective they had to be taken from a person while they were still alive! (when a King became too old to rule he would be sacrificed and was a "special" omen).

Young people would bob for apples with the first one to get an apple to be the first to get married that year. People would trim their apples with the length of the peel determining how long their life would be.

Jack-O-Lantern came from the fact that a man named "Jock" was supposed to have offended the gods and was sentenced to wander for eternity. His spirit was said to inhabit the turnips (pumpkins) placed on the door of homes. "Jock" was changed to "Jack" when the custom came to America.

**II. THE BADNESS** 1. When so many people are becoming involved in cults, witchcraft, and Satanic "churches", do you think a Christian parent (or Church) should allow their children to dress up as demons and witches and then find they get rewarded for dressing that way???? What kind of roll model do you want your Children to have??? 2. The very principle of you give me a "Treat" or I will "Trick" you is absolutely foreign to the teachings of Christ. Do you think we should promote this among children??? 3. With the problem today of a sick society that puts poison in candy, razor blades in fruit, and molests children; "Trick or Treating" has become not only spiritually bad but physically dangerous.

**III. WHAT CAN WE DO??** (Rom 12:21) *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

The idea of Children having fun and being treated is a good one. We don't want to "throw out the baby with the dish water!". Here are few suggestions: 1. Let's do away with the name Halloween and all it means- call your get together a "Fall Festival" or "Family Fun Time" or "Hallelujah Night".

2. Instead of having the kids go from door to door organize a house party (or church get-together) where the kids can play games and enjoy themselves. Let each of them bring a bag of candy and pour it into a big bowl from which everyone eats as the Evening progresses [This will teach them to share---or that eating too much candy at one time makes you sick!!!]. Think about the decorations--what do they mean??? (The black cat was a symbol of a witch or a demon helper- even today a black cat is thought to be a symbol of bad luck).

3. Control the Costumes. If you don't have a "Theme" for people to dress in then let everyone know that they will have to explain what their costume represents (A good theme for a Church party is to let everyone dress as a Bible character, or as a person from a foreign country where we have missionaries). I don't know that it's wrong to dress in some "Silly" costumes or even in some "Scary" costumes-- just be aware of your testimony.

4. Remember the basis for everything we do- I Cor 10:31 (Note that 10:31 is not only the verse but the date!!) **WHETHER THEREFORE YE EAT, OR DRINK, OR WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.** If you could not feel free to invite Christ to your get-together then you need to make some changes.

(Acts 19:18-20) *And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. {19} Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. {20} So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*



(Exo 22:18) *Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.* [witch= a sorceress; A woman who claimed to have superhuman powers by means of spells, magic, or knowledge that comes from evil spirits.]

(Deu 18:10) *There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,* ["pass through the fire"-The worship of Molech sometimes involved human sacrifice in the fire. "divination"- We would call them Psychics. "an observer of times"- The use of Horoscopes. "enchanter"- One who interprets omens. Balaam did this (cf. Num. 24:1). "witch"-A practitioner of spells, occult magic, or "charms". One who consults with familiar spirits, A medium. One who pretends to know about the unseen world. One who inquires of the dead.

(2 Chr 33:6) *And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.*

(Gal 5:20) *The sins of the Flesh are- Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,* [Witchcraft refers here to the use of drugs and magical potions].

Don't "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel". Make sure your own heart is right so people will see the joy you have in Christ instead of simply hear your negative comments. (1 Sam 15:23) *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

# TV GUIDELINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

At first glance it is amazing how much TV and the "forbidden fruit" have in common.

Gen 3:6 *And when the woman saw that the tree (TV) was:*

*good for food- Provided refreshment*

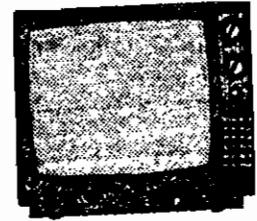
*and that it was pleasant to the eyes- Visual stimulation*

*and a tree to be desired to make one wise- Source of information*

*she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat,- Private participation*

*and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat- Source of Family activity*

Everyone appears to have a bad opinion of TV; yet everyone seems to sit night after night in front of that same TV. Everyone knows the programs they think they OUGHT to watch but all too often they end up watching something else. Should TV be permanently unplugged or can we find a way to use it profitably?



## THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF TV-

A) Steals your TIME- We are to "*Redeem the time, because the days are evil*" (Eph 5:16). TV steals our life from us a half hour at a time- Compare the time you spend watching TV with the time you spend Reading the Bible, Interacting with your family, Building friendships and relationship, etc.

Solution- Go on a TV TIMER. Limit your TV time each week to NO MORE THAN 20 HOURS. That may seem like a lot; AND IT IS (!) but in reality it is less than 3 hours per day. I'm not recommending that you watch this much- I'm being realistic about a MAXIMUM AMOUNT to watch.

Examples- 3 hours= 1 baseball game or car race. 3 hours in a day would be only watching TV from 8-11pm at night (no news at 6pm or 11pm, no morning or daytime). One football game on Saturday or Sunday would wipe out your time for that day! (Many people watch 6 to 8 hours of TV a day on the Week end).

Put a pad on the table beside your easy chair. Each time you turn on TV list the time. When you turn it off list the time again. When your total for any week equals 20 hours then you are through with TV for that week. Most people CANNOT and WILL NOT follow this plan because of the next problem with TV.

B) TV is a HABIT CONTROLLING POWER in your life- (1 Cor 6:12) *All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient (beneficial); all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.* You walk in, cut on the TV, and sit there in mind numbing fascination for hour after hour. Men will flip through the channels a dozen times trying to find something that is worth watching and never think that the "off" button is just as easy to push as the channel button. TV is used as a baby sitter while the kids are small but after awhile the "baby sitter" becomes the boss and the entire family is under its control.

Solution: Determine how much control TV has on you and your family. Unplug the TV and put away the remote for a week. For that week the TV cannot be turned on- No matter what happens in the news or with the weather. No matter what favorite program or special special comes on the TV stays off. Withdrawal pains will be horrible and every excuse in the world will be given to get a "Fix". But if you can't go for a week without TV then you know you have a SERIOUS problem.

Once you make it a week. Determine that TV will never again gain control over you. Adopt our "TV-Less Tuesday" program (No TV from midnight Monday until Midnight Tuesday) as a means of continuing to break TV's control over you and your family.

Every alcoholic will tell you that they don't have a problem with alcohol; it is just that sometimes things get out of hand. Every TV addict will tell you that turning off TV for a week is foolish because they don't have a problem with TV; and, besides, they could do it if they really wanted to!! (That means they are hooked beyond control).

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C) TV effects your perception of life- (2 Cor 10:5) *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,*

It promotes pleasure in the sins of others- (Rom 1:32) *Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

It mocks purity, poverty, and Christian principles- (Prov 17:5) *He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.*

TV effects our Perception of MORALS- (2 Pet 2:8) *(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)* The latest information I have said that every major TV show now has a homosexual writer on their team. TV shows make it seem normal that unmarried people live together and that sex is the only thing on most people's mind.

TV effects our Perception of WORLD EVENTS- News reporters have become news directors who CHOSE the news you view (A homosexual rally would rate much higher than an anti abortion rally). They determine what is the MAIN news that they want you to be concerned with (Note how often their lead story now ties in with a news magazine show later that night. This also causes you to think that certain news is much more important than other news- the death of a Princess with her lover is much more important than Russia passing a law outlawing all but state religions). (Prov 15:21) *Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.*

TV effects our LANGUAGE- Slang and cursing rise in direct proportion to their use on TV. Since TV occupies such a large portion of most people's time more and more conversations in the real world are geared about the unreal world of TV.

TV Doesn't Satisfy- (Prov 14:13) *Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness*

### PRACTICAL HELPS FOR DEALING WITH TV PROBLEMS:

1) Limit the channels you and your family have access to:

MTV can be blocked from your cable simply by requesting it- no charge

Other Channels can be blocked from cable ready TV.

Some Channels can simply be put off limits by the Father or Mother

(We are attempting to get a good family channel on our cable channel 7 which is now vacant-May be a great place for a "Grace Church" Channel!! Public opinion as well as profit affect the channels we are offered. Showtime and HBO would not be on Cable if no one paid to have them!!)

2) When you see something bad don't just shake your head and complain to your co-workers- Send letters of complaint to- Advertisers, Cable owner or Station, City Counsel (Cable must get permit from city to operate). Be specific about what you think is wrong and what should be done to correct it.

3) Don't just curse the dark, light a candle.

Can we produce commercial for TV on the quality of Mormon ads and Beer ads.

Can we obtain a public access channel for broadcasting our tapes and ministry

Can we produce 2 half hour Christian programs to distribute as examples of what you think TV should be about??

What do you EXPECT TV to do for you? Entertain, Relax, Inform, Challenge. The answer should be, "How can TV build me up as a person and as a Christian?" TV is a tool; and like all tools it must be used correctly and at the proper time.

TV is easy to condemn but hard to abandon. Will we continue to "spit in the wind" at the problems with TV or will we resolve, by God's Grace, to use this tool to glorify God, to reach men for Christ, and to provide a means to bring our families together instead of tear them apart?



As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. -Joshua 24:15

# GRACE And GLORY



## The Outreach Ministry of GRACE F W B CHURCH

Our Mission: To get as many people as possible, using as many means as possible,  
to KNOW and SHOW CHRIST

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Bible Study Hour ..... 10:00am  
Worship (WHYM 1260AM) ..... 11:00am  
Wednesday Prayer Service/Family Night ..... 7:30pm

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS.** Joy to the World, the Lord has come!! In the midst of Santa, and shopping, and the stress of the holidays isn't it great to know that the Reason for the Season is still the fact that God so loved the World until He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life! No wonder Christians want to break forth into singing at this time of year.



Hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving day filled with family and food and a heart full of Praise for all the wonderful things the Lord is doing in your life. I spent part of the day helping my brothers remove the residue from some pine trees that had recently been cut down in mother's yard. But I did get to eat some of my sister in law's excellent food, spend some time with Mom and the family, and still get a lot of work done in the office in the afternoon. And the cap to the day arrived around night fall when a huge Thanksgiving meal arrived from the table of Mrs Jennie Miles- the lady who was recently converted at church. I sure do appreciate her thinking about her poor mal-nourished preacher like that!!!

Numerous exciting events have happened at the Church recently and we praise the Lord for the marvelous way He continues to work here at Grace.

**VISITATION-** Brother Carroll began a new Visitation Program on the Monday following

Thanksgiving and it was very encouraging to see how the Lord worked on that first night. 11 people came out and a large number of homes were reached. Brother Carroll had spent a lot of time preparing everything and you could tell it in the way everything worked so smoothly. He had prepared packets for everyone to give out that included a map to the church, a door hanger with the times of the Church services, the phone numbers of the pastors, and the Roman's road to salvation; as well as a copy of John's gospel, some tracts, and an audio tape of one of our recent services.

This past Monday was the second Visitation and it seemed to go well also (I was in the middle of a 2 ½ hour counseling session when Visitation began- Thank the Lord, Brother Carroll was here to carry on and keep everything running smoothly). Numerous other packets were distributed, as well as people contacted. Brother Carroll has already begun the follow up work on some of the contacts and we expect to see fruit from this ministry in the near future.

Let me also give a word of Praise to Brother Carroll for his organization of the Children's Church. November was scheduled to be the month in which our Teens took charge of the Children's Church Ministry but we felt that someone needed to be with them to guide and encourage them. Brother Carroll picked Miss Stephanie Matthews to take this tremendous responsibility. Miss

Stephanie not only did a fantastic job but she was so enthused until she made the decision to become part of our family here at Grace! Now she won't be just an attender, she will be a member.

The fifth Sunday of each quarter is designated as **YOUTH SUNDAY**. The Youth have charge of the 9am Service and the offering received during that service is used to finance youth activities and programs. This past Sunday was Youth Sunday and it was a great day. The attendance was good, the offering was extraordinary (\$415), and the preaching was very good. Rev Brandon Poston, a 19 year old young man who has answered the call to preach brought a powerful message on "No Excuses" and blessed the hearts of all who attended (Brother Carroll was away in a Revival at Cypress Forks FWB Church). Thank the Lord for our young people who led the services (Jonathan Smith), played the piano (Jennifer Lowder), and received the Offering (Jason Lewis and Ryan Flowers). We have a great group of young people and we continue to pray that God would use them in mighty ways in His work.



#### **DECEMBER DATES:**

Thursday, Dec 3- Minister's and wives Christmas Supper at the Schoolhouse Restaurant- 7:00pm. A great time of Fellowship and a Free meal for all who attend courteous of the Outreach Ministry [Special Gift] (Preachers will really like this- although they will not know it until they arrive and I tell them their prayers were answered).

Friday, Dec 4- Adult and Young Adult Class Christmas party at the Red Barn Steak House. Special Activities are planned for this special group of people. Arrangements have been made so

that the cost per person will be \$10 so everyone should be able to attend.



Sunday, Dec 7- Refreshments will be PANCAKES

In addition to our normal Church activities the Ladies will make and distribute Fruit Baskets at 4:30pm and Choir practice will be at 6:00pm.

Wednesday, Dec 10- Teen will distribute materials at the local nursing Home during prayer meeting.

Sunday, Dec 14- Refreshments will be BREAKFAST CASSEROLES! In addition to our normal Church activities, the Gleamers (Age 3-10) will go caroling at 4:00pm and have a special refreshment time afterwards.

Monday, Dec 15- GYF (Grace Youth Fellowship- Age 11-18) will meet at the Church at 6:00pm to have a Bible Study and then go on a "Mall Madness" activity



Sunday, Dec 21- Annual White Christmas Offering for a church designated activity (Instead of exchanging gifts with each other we always try to give a special offering to the Lord for HIS Birthday). Past offerings have helped pay off church debts, build buildings, and finance the building of Churches in India.

Refreshments will be FINGER FOOD.

Our **CHRISTMAS PLAY-** "The Fumbly Bumbly Angels" will be presented at 6:00pm. Our play this year is directed this year by LeAnne Allen, Jan Hayes, and Teresia Coleman, and they have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort in preparation for a great time of testimony by our young people. We are looking for a packed church- and a mighty moving of the Spirit of God.

Tuesday, Dec 23- Christmas Celebration Prayer Meeting- NOTE the day Change. Many families get together on Christmas Eve so I decided to move this special Prayer Meeting up a day. Expecting it to be Special.

Sunday, Dec 28- The last Sunday you will get to attend Church this year so I know everyone will want to be in their pews on this date. Join us as we continue to celebrate the Birth of our Savior and look forward to a New Year of Blessings from the Lord.

Wednesday, Dec 31- Watch Night Prayer Service. Special activities and programs are planned.

As you can see, December is a FULL month of activities, so there will be plenty of opportunities for you to keep Christ in Christmas. Worship with us at Grace EVERY week this month.



God continues to GREATLY BLESS the Outreach Ministry. We have probably distributed more audio and video tapes during the past 3 months than we did in the previous 18 months put together! People are constantly writing, calling, and coming by to get books. And the newspaper and newsletter ministries are continually being commenting on by people almost everywhere we go. Truly God has blessed in extraordinary ways.

Your prayers and your help are GREATLY APPRECIATED. The Outreach Ministry is a lot of people doing what they can, where they are, with what they have--and then standing back and watching God do supernatural things with what we are able to give Him. That is what makes it so exciting, we see God at work in every area of the ministry and can only marvel at what He is doing. When we brag about accomplishments we are simply bragging about what a wonderful Lord we have!

It also appears that we will be able to finish the year in the black financially. Only the supernatural provision of God could have meet all our needs this year- and to Him we give all the Glory.

Let me close my part of this newsletter by wishing each and every one of you a GREAT Christmas season filled with all the Love and Joy of our Lord. I pray God will return your kindness and generosity a thousand fold; and multitudes of people will be in Heaven because of the work we do together for the Lord.

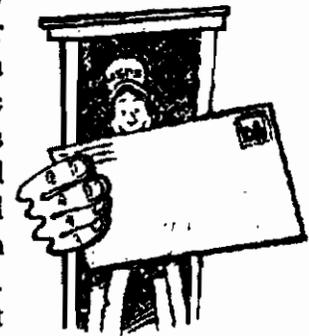
Can't wait to share more of what the Lord is doing in the next edition. Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before; and every day is one more day of service before the Lord calls us home to Him and finally we shall see Him face to face whom we have known so long heart to heart. Makes you want to die today, doesn't it!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of service for the Lord from Paula and I.

..... Preacher Mike Ps 16:11



**E-MAIL ARTICLES:** I have E-Mail addresses for several of you. I also write 3 newspaper articles each week. If you would like to receive these newspaper articles each week via E-Mail then let me know. I will send them to you each Wednesday or Thursday. They make excellent illustrations for Sermons or Sunday School Classes-or, we hope, for inspiration along life's journey.



These articles are also available for you via "Snail Mail" (The Postal Service). Just let me know that you would like to receive them and I'll be glad to add you to the mailing list.

We also offering free monthly mailings of Audio and Video tapes to anyone desiring them. Brother Carroll is mailing around 60 tapes even as I write this. (I receive the sermon tapes from Brother Earl Langley of Beech Springs FWB Church in Saltillo, Mississippi and I pray there is some way the tapes we mail out can bless other people the way Brother Earl's sermons bless me. Time after time I get his tape at a time I am in need of encouragement or inspiration and the Lord uses his tape to speak to my heart in a special way. Also, the Beech Spring choir is one of the best around. They really minister to me).

What Christians are as a result of becoming a Child of God through faith in Christ:

(I Peter 2:9-10)

- 1) A Chosen Generation- We belong to God's Family.
- 2) A Royal Priesthood- We belong to God's Church where we serve as Kings and Priests
- 3) An Holy Nation- We belong to God in the same way His chosen nation of Israel belongs to Him
- 4) A Special People- Surrounded by God's Love and Protection we have a peace and joy that passes understanding
- 5) A Praise showing People- We are workers and witnesses for our Lord. That brings the gospel to the world and Joy to the Heart of God.

I sure am glad I am a child of God. Are YOU??

Here are a couple of recent articles so you will know what I am talking about when I tell you about receiving our Newspaper Articles.

## GOD IS STILL THERE

A lady in my church recently related a story that really spoke to my heart. The local church in the community in which she was raised was called the Mother Church. It was the first Free Will Baptist church established in South Carolina and tradition dictated that it be called the Mother Church.

For a number of years this lady's mother played the piano at that church and its services were a part of her weekly life. Then the relocation of marriage moved her into another area, and another church. Her mother died, her family moved away, and she lost most of her ties with her early home place.

As is the case in many of our rural communities, not only did this lady move away, but most of the other young people in the community relocated also. Dwindling attendance and some divisive problems finally brought the Mother Church to a stand still; and eventually closed its doors.

Ever so often this lady would return to her home community and ride by this church on her way to visit her mother's grave. Each time she would pass the old Mother Church she would remember the good times she had encountered there in her childhood. One day it just struck her that she would like to go back inside that old church and pray one more time.

The door was about to fall off its hinges. The windows were broken. The pews were scarred and the pulpit chair were full of rat nest. Slowly she walked down the aisle and knelt on a dusty altar. And there, in her words, "The glory of God fell on me and I felt a renewal in my soul".

The Church has been battered and scarred in recent years. Promiscuous preachers, Money driven ministries, and preoccupation with survival in a rapidly changing world have caused many to look at the Church as if it were an old worn out building about to fall down. Let me emphatically tell you, however, that if you will make your way past all the dust and decay to an old fashion altar you will find that God is still there; and He still is able to meet the needs of your soul.



## PRESENT PERSPECTIVE

One of the men of my Church put presents in perspective the other day when he asked the question, "What would you want for Christmas if no one would ever know what you got?" Think about what a change it would make in the Christmas list your children give you if none of their friends ever knew what they received.

As we all know, 90% of Christmas gifts are peer pressure driven. Every child has to have the latest and greatest fad so they can be one of the "in" crowd. Advertisers know this and they try every means available to them to get your child to believe that EVERY other child will want and need that particular product; even if it is something as crazy as a pet rock, a cabbage patch doll, or a dog with spots all over it!!

Christmas is a time for us to celebrate the fact that God came to earth to dwell in a human form so we could see what God would do as one of us. Christmas is looking forward to this babe of Bethlehem becoming the Christ of Calvary who would die to set us free from the penalty and bondage of sin. When it becomes simply a means of trying to be like everyone else in the world by getting the same presents that they get then we have lost everything that Christmas is about.

What would YOU want for Christmas if no one would ever know what you got? And wouldn't that perspective return the Blessing to Christmas; as well as greatly lower the debt you would have to face in the coming year!



# YOU WILL KNOW THEY ARE CHRISTIANS BY THEIR LOVE

I Pet 1:22-25

Love among Christians is not an option, it is a Biblical Necessity- (1 John 3:14-15) *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. {15} Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.* This was something that Peter was Painfully aware of- His "feet had been put to the fire" by the Lord on the subject (John 21:15-19). Twice Jesus asked Peter if he loved him with an "Agape" Love (the Sacrificial Love that comes from God) and twice Peter had told Jesus that he loved him but it was only with a "Philadelphia" Love- Brotherly Love. Finally, Jesus asked Peter if he loved him with a Philadelphia Love and when Peter replied "Yes", Jesus told him to understand that even this Philadelphia Love would require him to sacrifice for the sheep.

These two uses of the word "Love" are found in verse 22- Peter talks first about the "Unfeigned Love (Phileo) of the Brethren" and then exhorts us to raise that love to "Agape" love from a pure heart. He is literally telling us that we need to stop simply liking fellow Christians and ask God to produce a sacrificial love in our heart for them that will alter the way we look at each other, and the way the world looks at the Church!

Peter knew that some people in the Church were tempted to go back to their old friends in the world and fellowship with them. But he knew that when you "warm at the devil's fire with the devil's crowd" you will end up denying the Lord instead of developing into the person God wants you to be.

Another problem was the different classes of people that were swept into the net of the Church. Suddenly, Master and Slave, Rich and Poor, Educated and Illiterate were sitting on the same pew and calling each other "Brother". If Christianity was to make the transition from the Meeting to the Marketplace then Christians had to have more than a toleration love for each other. Something divine must take place in their hearts--and that is what Peter is talking about in this Scripture.



**I. SACRIFICIAL LOVE INSTEAD OF SELFISH LOVE WAS REQUIRED-** This love comes from purified soul that obeys the truth of God's plan through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit. We are to love fellow Christians because they are precious to God. This love causes one to be long suffering toward him, to treat him kindly, and to rejoice in the welfare of another instead of envy their good fortune. This love is not jealous, does not think only of itself, is not lifted up with pride, does not behave unbecomingly, does not retain anger, does not impute evil to another's actions, does not rejoice in iniquity in a brother's life, but bears up against all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things (I Cor 13:). This love cares for people instead of using people to your own advantage.

The Christians to whom Peter were writing already had a fondness and an affection for one another. This was proper in itself, but it could degenerate into an attachment for another which was very selfish. Peter wanted this fondness to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into such a love that would make Church a heavenly fellowship, glorifying the Lord Jesus, and producing a great blessing to the Church; and to the Community.

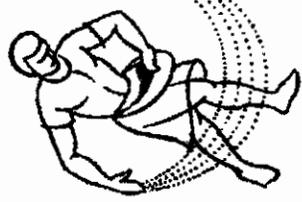
**II. SINCERE LOVE FROM A PURE HEART WAS NEEDED.** Their love was to be "unfeigned"- in the Greek this is the word for Hypocrite with a "not" placed before it. In other words, Peter was telling the people to have a love for one another that was not just a show. This kind of love could only come from a heart purified by the Word of God and the Work of the Holy Spirit. We show this kind of love to others when we treat them the same way God treats us. God forgives us, so we forgive others. God is kind to us, so we are kind to others.

**III. STRIVING (Fervent) LOVE IS EXPECTED.** "Fervent" is an athletic term-- Love is something we must work at, just as an Olympic contestant has to work at his particular skill. Christian Love is not a feeling, it is a matter of the Will. We must determine to allow the Holy Spirit to produce this love in our hearts because **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LOVE THE TRUTH AND HATE THE BRETHREN.**

How are you working as showing God's love to fellow Christians??

## SOME REASONS WE SHOULD WIN SOULS

1. Sinners are Perishing- Rev 20:15 *Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*
2. God is Commanding Us- Mark 16:15 *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
3. Hell is Requesting us- Luke 16:15 *The rich man cried, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*
4. Heaven is Encouraging Us- Luke 15:15 *There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.*
5. Joy is Awaiting us- Ps 126:5-6 *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.*
6. Wisdom is Calling us- Prov 11:30 *He that winneth souls is wise.*
7. Responsibility is pressing us- Ezekiel 33:8 *If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from the error of his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.*



You will not be Fruitful if you are not Faithful to share the Gospel at every opportunity- In the parable of the sower (Mk 4:1-20) we find that the sower sowed his seed on the roadway, on the rocky way, in the weedy places, and on good ground. Sow everywhere because you never know when a seed will come up-- and you will get to rejoice in the fruit.

## THE ROMAN'S ROAD TO SALVATION

(Once you realize your responsibility to win souls this is how you go about winning them to saving faith in Christ).

**GET THEM LOST- ALL ARE SINNERS:** ROM 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ROM 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.*

**SHOW THEM HOW BAD BEING LOST IS- THE WAGES OF SIN:** ROM 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ROM 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*

**PRESS FOR A DECISION- WHEN TO COME [Not when you get "Better" but NOW]:** ROM 5:8 *God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**POINT THEM TO CHRIST- THE WAY TO COME:** ROM 10:9-10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

**TELL THEM THAT SALVATION NOT ONLY PRODUCES A CHANGE IN OUR DESTINATION BUT ALSO IN OUR CHARACTER -THE DEDICATION AFTER COMING:** ROM 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

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## Weekly Observer

November 23, 1997

In our Thoughts and Prayers

### *A Word From Our Lord*

*Whistle in the dark. Whistle in the day.  
Whistle as you work. Whistle as you pray.  
No matter where you are or the situation there.  
Whistle as an act of faith. Whistle as a prayer!*

*Rejoice evermore.*

*Pray without ceasing.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*



### **Quotes**

**If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get.**

### **Bible Books to Unscramble:**

1 - mensniltotall  
2 - hiaais  
3 - ndaeil  
4 - eojl  
5 - rejehaim  
6 - samo

7 - keilzee  
8 - muhna  
9 - esaoh  
10 - giagah  
11 - daihboa  
12 - aihclam

13 - hanjo  
14 - kabkkuah  
15 - achim  
16 - chrahaiez  
17 - nhaiaphze

Answers in next weeks bulletin

### *Prayer Family*

**Our family to pray for this week is Mrs. Devonne Hanna. Remember Mrs. Devonne this week in your prayers. Call her at 389-4684 or send a card to 1624 McCutcheon Road in Lake City and let her know your are thinking of and prayer for her.**



**When the summer's drought was broken  
Did you thank God for the rain?  
When the crops were safely garnered,  
Did you thank Him for the grain?**

**When you watched Fall's flaming beauty  
Clothing all the forest land,  
Did you thank God for the picture  
From the Master Painter's hand?**

**When you read of ragged children  
Begging for a crust of bread,  
Did you thank your Heavenly Father  
That your own were clothed and fed?**

**When death-dealing bombs were bursting  
And the war planes zoomed afar,  
Did you whisper, "Lord, I'm thankful  
That our land is free from war?"**

**Have you counted all your blessings  
Tried to name them one by one,  
Friends and health and work and shelter  
See! You've only just begun!**

**Blessings, yes, we have so many  
We could never name them all,  
Let's lift our hearts in glad thanksgiving  
For all blessings, great and small.**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**