



THE VOICE OF VICTORY



The voice of him that crieth... prepare ye the way of the Lord... --Isaiah 40:3

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Upcoming Events:

July 7:
VBS Visitation
10am

July 16-20:
VBS
6:30-8:30pm
nightly

July 14:
Ladies Auxiliary
"Christmas in July"
@ Ryan's
9:00am

July 21:
Men of Victory
Fellowship
Breakfast
@ The Church
8:30am

July 30:
Pastor's Day w/ the
Officers
9:00am

Mark Your Calendar:

September-
Mon. 16- Fri. 21:
Victory
Campmeeting Days

Featuring:
Harold Blankenship
Pastor of Evergreen FWB
Church Erwin, TN
&
Jonathan
Blankenship
Promotional Director at
Southeastern FWB College



Bro. Tony & Brody with Brody's Big Fish

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● *The Pastor's Page*

"The Well of Freedom"

By: Jason M. Myers

Greetings fellow laborers in Christ. As we enter into the month of July we remember first, the freedoms we all so greatly enjoy. My 6 year old son Caleb and I were discussing the freedoms that allowed us to go fishing together when out of the blue he asked "How much did it cost for us to be free?" Holding back my tears I began to tell him of all the men and women that died over the course of our nations history in various wars and conflicts that enabled us to spend the day fishing together undisturbed. I then thought of **Act 22:28** ***"And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born."*** The Roman Captain had to pay a "great sum" for his freedom as a Roman citizen (possibly meaning that he was formerly a slave); Paul however stated the he was "***free born.***"

Most of us living in America today are in fact "***free born.***" We were born under the freedoms that someone else paid for. We must never forget those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, and constantly remember their great sacrifices that enable us to move about in a free environment. They too had families, moms, dads, dreams and goals, many of them with little children who now stand watching the door for their parent that will never come home. We are eager to open the flood gates of freedoms well, especially when it is us who receive the benefit. Benefits like sitting with our friends and families as we cook in the back yard, playing catch with our children, fetch with the dog or waving a sparkler in the late, heated evening of July 4th. These things in themselves are not wrong, they are the very luxuries of freedom, they are great moments in time that we will and should cherish forever, but America quickly drains the tap of freedoms sweet waters, only to pour them out over the alters of selfishness, lasciviousness and greed, forgetting her great cost and the fact that at some point this well will need refilled.

Who then will leave those comforts and freedoms paid for by another, and go pay the price to refill the well for the generation coming up behind? After all, someone took the time to make sure you had a plentiful well to draw from. Who then will arise to such a demanding task? Peter said in 2Peter 1:15 ***"Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance."*** Peter wanted to make sure that after he was dead and off the scene, that there would be some able bodied persons available to take his place and carry on the work of the Lord Jesus. The sad truth about our churches today is that there are few that would be able to carry on this work, mainly because there are few presently leading the way and living the example. Remember, this present generation will not suffer all the gross consequences of their slothful and sinful actions committed today, but our children **will** tomorrow! Who then will pay the price to refill the well?

From the Pastor's Library:

It is a great to spend your spare time reading, it is even better when the books you read posses eternal value. These are a few titles that have made a great spiritual impact on me. Of course we should read no book more than we read the Bible.

Book Titles:

- 1) The Pilgrim's Progress by: John Bunyan
- 2) The Knowledge of the Holy by: A.W. Tozer



Youth Notes



Victory Youth Camp 2007

By Tony Patterson

As a young person, I always looked forward to going to church camp each summer. This year we were able to transform our regular Junior camping trip into a three day Youth Camp at the Forbes Farm. For our first year of camp we took a staff of five with 13 campers (10 young ladies and 3 young men).

As we arrived on Monday afternoon things looked great. It was a nice sunny June day with only a few clouds in the sky. The young people took to fishing as Mrs. Phyllis and Mrs. Dolly set up the kitchen. On day one Shane Bankert and Brody Myers caught a combined total of **10** fish! Bro. Stephen Kimbrell brought the evening message and we called it a night after roasting marshmallows.

Day two started out around 7:00am. That was way too early for the staff but not early enough for the campers. Day two was a day for paddle boating and water ballooning. Missionary Allen Hall came to do the day's chapel and evening service.

Unfortunately the day was cut short because of a torrential down pour after lunch.

And so went the rest of our trip. Wednesday started out sunny but quickly turned to rain and cut our trip short.

The most important and exciting event of the trip was that one of the young ladies who went with us, Hiedi, got saved. That made all the rain and the shorten trip worth it. We are excited about next year already. If you have a young person ages 6-12 plan on letting them go with us next year. I am sure it will be even better.

I would like to say thank you to Homer and Dixie Forbes who allowed us to use their property for camp. Also, Thank you to Mrs. Phyllis Laughman, Mrs. Dolly Brown, Mrs. Angie Myers, and Pastor Jake for all the help they gave in making camp such a wonderful experience, and thank you to Bro. Allen Hall and Bro. Stephen Kimbrell for spending their time preaching at camp this year.

Youth Aflame 2007

By Tony Patterson

What an exciting trip we had with the teens this month! Mrs. Glenda and I got to experience the sights, sounds, and even the SMELLS of our first trip the Youth Aflame conference in Cramerton, North Carolina. (If you have ever been on a long trip with teenage guys you know what smells I am talking about.)

There was a total of 412 attendees at the conference this year. What an awesome sight to see so many young people interested enough in serving the Lord and getting closer to Him that they would take a week out of their summer to sit under good, hard, Biblical preaching. This year's speakers included Nate Ange, Harold Blankenship, Jonathan Blankenship, Ron Davis, and Christian Powell. We also had wonderful singing from the Sounds of Praise Ensemble from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College.

Along with 12 services we sat in, we also went to the NASCAR Speedpark and Carowinds amusement park.

Youth Aflame was an exciting trip full of fun and challenges from God's Words. Many decisions were made for Christ and I hope that you will pray for our young people as they try to stick to those commitments in a world that would rather see them fail.

As you have already heard from the testimonies of our young men, our youth group was stirred by what they heard that week.

Please pray for our teens daily and start praying now for our next trip to Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference in Raliegh, North Carolina.



Missions and Ministries

Our World Has Changed

By William H. Anderson *John 17:15 (KJV)*

I remember as a boy we supported Missions and Missionaries. One Mission Field I remember most was the Lottie Moon Mission. We were told the story of how it started and what Lottie Moon went through to carry the Gospel of Jesus to China.

It seemed as if all of the churches I saw had a collection for Missionaries like Lottie Moon. It was a great combined effort for a specific purpose.

Acts 20: 34: Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35: I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Somewhere, along the way, we seem to have lost that combined effort. Churches started to send one Evangelist or a small group to some part of the world once a year, as an individual effort, in place of supporting full-time Missionaries for those areas.

While this may give the individual church, or group of individuals, a feeling of accomplishment it leaves the area visited without Mature Christian Leadership and Support. What happens when the church decides that it can not support or visit that area anymore?

These individual efforts, while commendable, are short-sighted and fail to recognize the gravity of responsibility for providing constant financial and Spiritual support to the new Christians until they can stand on their own.

Without the day-to-day support, many of these new Christians will fail. What will we tell Jesus at the Throne of Judgment when asked “Why did you allow this to happen?”

James 3: 1: My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

We have become so splintered in the United States of America that we have fallen and are no longer considered to be the leading Christian Nation of the World. According to new information, the number one

country for sending and supporting Missions around the world is South Korea.

It is easy for us to point our finger and blame everything from the “Government” to the “Homosexual Movement” for this sad falling away from Jehovah’s Plan. The truth is even more deeply rooted than that.

Within our churches, we no longer teach and preach the Blood of Jesus, Salvation through Jesus, or that Jehovah is a “Just God” who will punish as well as reward His people.

Our churches now plan programs instead of Revivals. We have “Seminary Trained” Pastors seeking a comfortable career instead of Men called of God to be Shepherds. We search for individual recognition rather than “Glory for God”.

When was the last time you felt The Holy Spirit move within you? I don’t mean the emotions from singing a “Chorus” or hearing a sad story. I mean a Soul Deep movement which can not be denied! Even as Paul was moved.

Acts 18: 5: And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Instead of planning a once-a-year visit to somewhere; why not seek out a Missionary, called of God, to support in the area you feel led to evangelize? And join forces with other churches to help support and spread the Gospel of Jesus through that Missionary? Then, when you do visit, you can provide relief and support to both the Missionary and the new Christians.

That is how we can gain rewards in Heaven.

May Jehovah lay a Mission Field on your heart and lead you to provide a permanent presence there.