



THE VOICE OF VICTORY



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

Upcoming Events:

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April 13:
Communion and
Feet Washing
6pm

April 14:
Senior Day with the
Pastor
Come enjoy a great
breakfast and an
outing with your
Pastor!

April 19:
Men of Victory
Conference
“Leaving a Legacy
of Leadership”
10am-3pm
All Men and Teen
Guys Welcome!

Don't
Forget → Visitation
7:00pm
EVERY
Tuesday

Men of Victory Conference



“Leaving a Legacy of Leadership”
What Legacy will you leave?

Mark Your Calendar:

May 10:

Men of Victory Fellowship
Breakfast
Meet at Church
8:30am

May 18:

20th Anniversary Homecoming
Come join the food, fun, &
fellowship as we celebrate 20
years of serving Christ

May 31:

B.R.I.C.
Building Relationships in Christ
Conference
Meet in the Church
Auditorium
9:30am

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Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel.

-Phillipians 1:27

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“It Shall accomplish, It Shall Prosper”

By: Pastor Jason M. Myers

Isaiah 55:7-10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: **11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

What a remarkable promise from the preserved word of God, “...*my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*” Often in this world, we find that people give their word on certain issues and never fulfill their promises, but The Almighty God and Ruler of the Universe has just given us a solemn promise to keep, and perform his word. This means that what ever God has said, you can mark it down it will be fulfilled. God has given numerous promises in his word to those who have surrendered their live to him, and if we will just trust and believe in them they would bring a warm sense of safety and peace to our hearts in times of trouble.

1) God has promised to never leave or forsake his own: John 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;* Matt. 28:20 “...*lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* Amen. **2) God has promised to fight for us in times of turmoil:** 2Chor. 20:15 “...Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **3) God has promised peace of mind and heart to his children:** John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* John 16:33 *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.* **4) God has promised eternal life to those who surrender their life to him:** John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* Heb 9:11-12 But Christ being come a high priest...neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.* **5) God has promised to return for his believers:** John 14:1-3 *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

So as a child of God we need not doubt the sure words of our heavenly Father. Doubting only brings discouragement and discouragement brings destruction and all this can be avoided if we will only trust in the word of the Lord. If you have not the peace and surety of God's promises give your life to him today. He will never let you down, but he will surely take you up.

Recommended reading: “The Knowledge of the Holy” by: A.W. Tozer, “The Grand Weaver” by: Ravi Zacharias, “The Golden Cow: Materialism in the 20th Century Church”, by: John White



Youth Notes



What are You Teaching Them?

By Bro. Tony Patterson

Proverbs 22:6- Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Do you like sports? Do you like music? Do you like working on cars? Do you like to shop? If you answered yes to any of those questions, have you tried to pass on that love to your child? You probably have. I am a North Carolina State University Wolfpack fan and I have been my entire life. Why? Is it simply because I grew up in North Carolina? Nope, not hardly, most people in my home town cheer for UNC or Duke. The reason I am a State fan is because my father is a State fan and he taught me to cheer for them. It is our nature to try to get others to like to do the things that we like.

Solomon was teaching a lesson here in Proverbs 22 about this very same thing. We must train our children in the right way, the way of the Lord. And just like children will pick up their favorite hobbies or activities by seeing what their parents enjoy, they will pick up their opinion on the importance of living for God from the importance their parents place on living for God.

I believe if we are going to train up our children here at Victory in the right way it must start in the home. The church and the youth group and the children's ministries here are just aids that should be reinforcing what your son or daughter is learning every day from mom and dad. We must teach our kids two important principles if we want them to grow up in a way that would be pleasing to God and in the next two "Youth Notes" articles we will see what those principles are.

The First principle is the principle of Priority. Prioritizing is placing events or people or tasks in an order of importance. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The Bible clearly teaches that we should give God and the things of God (His Word, His House, etc.,) the highest priority. At the end of the verse Jesus says, "and all these things shall be added unto you." "All these things" refers to the necessities of life that were mentioned in verse 32 (food, clothing, and shelter). What are you teaching your children about the priority of Christ in their lives? Does He come before sports, does He come before TV, and does He come before work and money? Remember it is not just what you say but also what you do that matters. Do they see that you seek Christ first above everything else?

If we believe that the most important area of our life is our relationship with Christ we must prioritize Him above all else. Then we can pass that along to the next generation.

Upcoming Youth Events:

This Month:

April 12:
Hershey Park
8:00am-6:00pm

April 19:
Men of Victory
Conference
10am-3pm
Teen Guys Welcome!

April 26:
T-N-T
7pm

Looking Ahead:

May 1-3:
Bible Baptist Youth
Conference
Teens
Cost: \$40

May 10:
Hickory Falls
Recreation Center
Juniors
10am-2pm

May 31:
T-N-T
7pm



Missions and Ministries

The Mark Thomas Family Missionaries To Pueblo, Colorado

March 2007



God did it! You did it! Thank you for your love and support for the Free Will Baptist Church in Pueblo, Colorado. All cash and monthly faith promise goals are reached. Our missionary deputation is now complete. It has been a real joy to travel among our churches the last fourteen months. The fellowship of God's people is precious. The Lord is still building His church, and you and I are part of it.

Now we must focus on planting the new church. We keep busy meeting new people, looking for a place for church services, and completing paperwork for the new church. Pueblo is a wonderful place to live. The people are friendly, the views are spectacular, and the city is growing. New homes are going in and the schools and colleges are expanding. All this means more prospects for the gospel. We started Bible studies in our home on Sunday and Thursday evenings with some visitors attending. On Sunday mornings we have visited some gospel preaching churches in the Pueblo area. There are some good churches here, however, God has confirmed the need for the Free Will Baptist Church to be established here.

Jason and Holly Weaver, our missionary teammates, are such a blessing. The more we get to know them, the more we admire and appreciate their love for the Lord. Jason is a good preacher and a first class carpenter with many other construction skills. Holly is a gifted teacher who has faithfully served in Christian schools. They are committed to follow the call of God for their lives, but still need to raise more missions support. Call Jason at (719) 568-7434 if you would like for him to come to your church and share his burden.

Our prayer requests are listed below.

- Pray for us to be bold witnesses and to see souls saved.
- Pray for all the prospects here in Pueblo we acquired in our travels.

- Pray for twelve committed adults in our core group.
- Pray for direction to the right place for church services.

Your missionaries to Pueblo,
Mark & Donna Thomas

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Nursing Home Ministry Update

By Kathy Shifflet

Brad and I have been busy serving the Lord in these past few months. God has opened the doors to allow us to play and sing at many of the nursing homes in the area. It is a blessing to see the smiles on the faces of those that are less fortunate than we are. At one nursing home, different residents told us that they are blessed by us when we come and that they always look forward to our visits each week. One person even said, "That is all we have to look forward to." When they said that it assures me that we are doing God's will and encouraging these souls.

We are now singing at two more nursing homes located in Gettysburg, PA. We would love to have you join us as we minister at these homes to these wonderful people.

For information on times and dates see Brad or myself.