



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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May 10:
Men of Victory
Fellowship Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
8:30am

May 31:
B.R.I.C. Conference
Team Building and
Helpful Resource
Seminar
For all officers and
teachers
Church Sanctuary
9:30am-1:00pm

May 18:
Victory's 20th
Anniversary
Homecoming
Come Celebrate
20years of Serving
Christ in Hanover.

Food, Fun and
Fellowship after the
Morning Service
(No Evening Service)

Visitation
7:00pm
EVERY
Tuesday

Don't
Forget 

Men of Victory Conference 2008



Meeting and ...

Eating!



Mark Your Calendar:

June 1:
Officers' Meeting
Fellowship Hall
5pm

June 28:
Men of Victory
Fellowship Breakfast
Ryan's Steakhouse
8:30am

June 29:
Quarterly Parents' Meeting
Junior Church Room
7pm

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Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel.

-Phillipians 1:27

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“Speak up, I can't hear you”

By: Pastor Jason M. Myers

Isaiah 58:1 “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

For too long we have grown accustomed to keeping quiet when things are not as they should be. We refuse to “blow the whistle” on what we know to be sin, so that we can retain our image of prominence and prestige. No one wants to be ostracized or disliked, but at what cost do we allow ourselves to remain quiet. As God's people we stand on the authority of his inspired, inerrant, infallible, indestructible and inexhaustible Holy Word. The Bible is our guide and rule in this life. There is no other book, no other law nor piece of literature more powerful and authoritative than God's word. It is sealed in eternity as truth and the light of life. Therefore, we must love it, honor it, obey it and at all cost hold its teachings high enough for all to see and know what is truth. Even if it costs us our reputation and position in this life it cannot take our position and citizenship from our life which is to come in Christ Jesus. I encourage you to hold God's truth high, if something is wrong, call it wrong. If something is right by all means call it right. Like the old saying goes, “If it's black it's black, if it's white, it's white”. May we always stand up for the one who stands for us.

Christian World News & Current Events

If people don't think we are headed for trouble, just take a look at what is now commonly accepted in our neighboring countries, and not to mention in many places right here at home. Americans can't even express their freedom of religion without criticism and censorship. Meanwhile, anyone with a liberal or humanistic view is permitted and many times even encouraged to speak up. What has gone wrong in this great country of ours? I believe we have long forgotten what our forefathers held dear to their hearts, that **“It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors.”** - George Washington, 1789

Northern Exposure to Gay Marriage



In the three years since Canadians legalized gay "marriage," a majority of our neighbors have gotten cold feet. Although the number of foreigners who apply for same-sex marriage licenses is still strong, few of the locals are rushing to the altar. In Toronto, home of the "million-strong" Gay Pride March, the city issued a modest 107 licenses to native Canadians in 2005. Seven months into 2006, Toronto had issued only one! To a lesser degree, the same is true in our own Massachusetts. Demand for gay "marriages" tapered off significantly since the state implemented it, proving once again that the same-sex community is not interested in "marriage" but forced acceptance. Ask the Canadians and even they will admit that "gay marriage" is a social experiment gone terribly wrong. In yesterday's *National Post*, Michael

Coren laments how his country is accelerating the erosion of the family. "We made a terrible mistake and may not appreciate the full consequences for a generation. We allowed emotion to obscure logic and belittled anyone who appeared out of step with the current fashion. To marry without good reason is regrettable, to divorce good reasoning from public policy is a disgrace." In America, we would be wise to learn from our Northern neighbor's mistakes. – Family Research Council, www.frccaction.org



Youth Notes



What are You Teaching Them? Part 2

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.

Last month I began talking about some principles that we must “train up” our children in if they are to go in the right way when they get older. The first principle was that of “Prioritizing God,” making Him our number one priority. For He promised if we do this all of our needs in life will be taken care of (Matt. 6:33).

This month I would like to finish with the second principle and that is teaching our young people Preciousness. What does that mean? Well, I am glad you asked. We should not only teach our young people to put God first in life but we must also teach them what is important in life. Webster’s 1828 Dictionary says that something that is “precious” is something “of great price” or “of great value.” Many people have precious family heirlooms, items that their family has passed down from generation to generation, that are priceless in their eyes. We teach our children that these things should be handled with care and that they shouldn’t be abused or played with. There should be some precious spiritual heirlooms that we pass down to our young people, things that are of great value and even priceless to those who would serve Christ. The first heirloom is our Precious Savior. We serve a God that sent his son to die for our sins. When you really think of it in light of the awesome Trinity, God gave himself for us. I think of the Communion service that we just had. We should teach our children from a young age to reverence that service because it is a time that we remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us. What a precious Savior to take the mockery, to endure the torture, and to lay down his life for us. As Paul said, He “for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...” (Hebrews 12:2).

Not only is our Savior precious, but we must also teach our children of the Precious Word of God. God left a love letter for all believers, the Holy Bible. In an age when men

want to change it, dilute it, and remove “offensive” passages from it, it is easy for people to look at the Bible and say it is just another historical literary work like Shakespeare. But we must teach our young people its words. 2 Timothy 3:16- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,... It is God’s Word not man’s, who do we think we are to change it. David wrote that God blesses or makes happy those who keep His testimonies or His Word (Psalm 119:2). God’s Word should be precious and so should the time we spend in it. If we want our young people to grow up and follow the way of God we must teach them now that God should be number one and that He and His word should be held in the highest regard in their lives.

Upcoming Youth Events:

This Month:

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

Looking Ahead:

June 16-20:
Youth Aflame Conference

Teens
Cost: \$130

June 23-26:
Junior Camp at the Forbes Farm

Juniors
Get Registration form from Bro. Tony

June 28:
T-N-T
7pm



Missions and Ministries

Every day in America, it seems that more and more of our religious freedoms are taken away. But around the world men and women are serving God and preaching His name in countries where those freedoms never existed. Below is the story of one such man who stands in need our prayers as he has been placed in prison for taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to his fellow countrymen.



Dr. Kiflu Bebremeskel

Location: **Eritrea**
Arrested: **May 2004**
Days Imprisoned: **1429**

Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel, a leading figure of Full Gospel Church of Eritrea, founder and senior pastor of Southwest Full Gospel Church and member of the executive committee to the Full Gospel Church of Eritrea, was arrested on May 23, 2004. He was taken from his home in Asmara Gejeret, at approximately 5:00 a.m. Dr. Gebremeskel was a mathematics lecturer, department and faculty head at the University of Asmara until 1999, when he became a full-time pastor at the Southwest Full Gospel Church. He has a Ph.D. in mathematics from Chicago University. His wife and four children have not been able to visit him.

Nearly 1,800 Eritrean Christians are now believed to be under arrest because of their religious beliefs, held in police stations, military camps and prisons in 12 known locations across Eritrea. Dr. Gebremeskel is one of the 28 clergymen being held.

Jailed Protestants are routinely subjected to physical beatings and severe psychological pressure to deny their religious beliefs. Police and military authorities continue to demand the prisoners return to one of the three "official" Christian denominations recognized by the government. But even the legally recognized denominations-the nation's historic Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran churches-have come under government disfavor in the past year, incurring threats and even jailing by security police officials.

Sources: Voice Of The Martyrs website- persecution.com, prisoneralert.com, Compass Direct

Statistics from Eritrea

According to Compass Direct newly compiled statistics smuggled out of Eritrea indicate that at least 1,918 Eritrean citizens are imprisoned and subjected to torture and forced labor because of their religious beliefs; 95 percent of these known religious prisoners of conscience are Christians.