



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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Mark Your Calendar:

January 10th:
Member's Meeting
5pm

January 11th:
Beginning of the Year
Parents Meeting
7pm
In Jr. Church

February 6th:
Prayer Night
7-9pm

January 17:
Men's Bible Study:
The Steps of a Good
Man
6:30pm @ Church

Jan. 30- Feb.5:
Trinidad Missions Trip
Pray for the Missions
Team and the service
they will hold.

February 21st:
Men's Bibl Study:
The Steps of a Good Man
6:30pm
At Church



Visitation
Every Tuesday
Evening
7:00pm

Prayer Night
The first Friday Night of
Every Month
7-9pm



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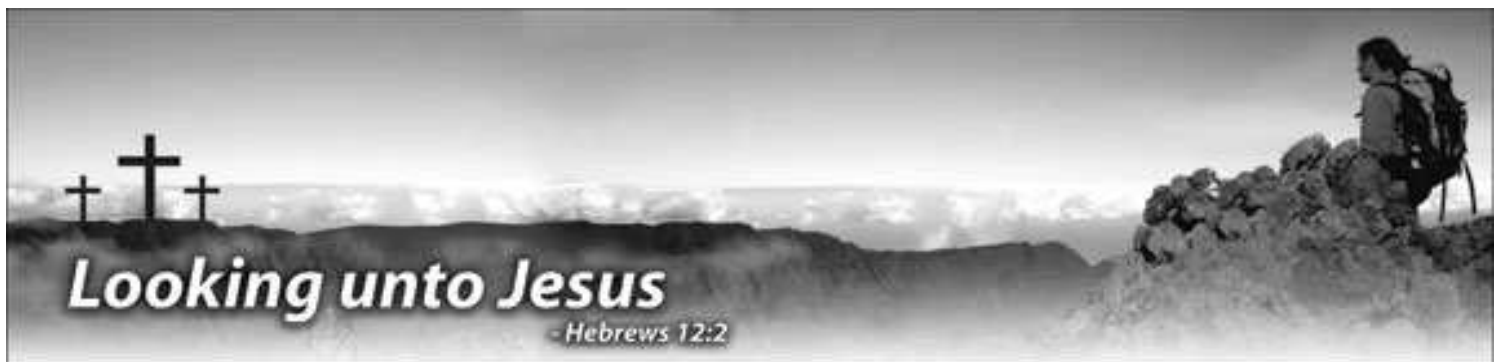
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Be in prayer for the Trinidad Missions Trip Jan. 30- Feb. 5





The Pastor's Page

“Looking Unto Jesus”

By: Pastor Jason M. Myers

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. -Hebrews 12:2

It is with great excitement I announce our new annual church theme for our 2009 year of ministry; **“Looking Unto Jesus”** taken from Hebrews 12:2. As we turn the corner of another new year there will also be new challenges and obstacles for our church family to overcome. Although I am positive that this New Year will be one of the most exciting of our 20 years of ministry, I am also positive it will bring the greatest challenges we have seen as well. With our ministry growing so will grow the effort of our enemy Satan to distract, divide and ultimately destroy the families of Victory and by doing so stop the ministry of the gospel that has been passed to us that we so tenderly love and cherish.

If Victory will be victorious in 2009, every one of us must decide now to keep looking unto Jesus in our personal lives, hearts, minds and families. When doubts arise, when we are distracted by the world and its allure we must look unto Jesus for stability and strength. When our homes and families are under attack and our hearts and minds have failed us we must look to the one who has weathered every storm this world could throw and He still stands powerful and glorious, ready to stand for us. Jesus and His great cause must remain our main focus if we will see a victorious year of ministry and a productive year of personal and family growth. What a wonderful plan of God to bring us closer to Himself by His word and therefore bringing joy and peace to our families and personal lives.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that every person of Victory will go with me into this wonderful year of opportunity to serve our Lord and community another year. May we as a church do more for the cause of Christ in 2009 than any year to date. May we the members of Victory grow closer to our Lord this year and thereby grow closer to our families and have a greater sense of commitment than any year to date. Keep looking unto Jesus for New Year hope.

Christian World News & Current Events

Beer Ads Continue to Ale NCAA

College sports and alcohol make a bad mix. If you watch college sports on TV, you know the pitch. Just buy some Bud, sip some Sam Adams, chug some Coors-and you'll be the funniest and most popular guy around. The women will swarm and swoon. Drink responsibly, the ads say, after they've shown the fridge stocked wall to wall with beer bottles. These ads are a charade, but they're big money to college sports-and that's a scandal. Now more than 100 college coaches are petitioning the NCAA to phase out alcohol ads on sports telecasts. Athletic directors and college presidents are signing up too. It's the right move. Alcohol abuse takes lives on our college campuses and on our highways. The NCAA can't stop all of this, but it can stop glamorizing it. This fall college football should kick-off something else-the sleazy beer ads that pollute a great game.



-Family Research Counsel

Additional Resources: Report: Coaches Urge NCAA to Ban Alcohol Ads in College Sports Telecasts

Pastor's Notes: Let us pray for the permanent removal of alcohol advertising from sports & TV altogether.



Youth Notes



A New Year a New...

By Bro. Tony Patterson

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.

2 Corinthians 5:17 is a very well known verse when we are discussing the change in a person after salvation. God takes the old sinful person and instills in him a new desire and a goal for life. The old man wants to sin and serve self, the new man wants to eschew sin and serve God. Twice in this verse we see the work "new." We have just embarked on a New year. Just as in that regenerate man, I believe God wants us to do some things differently in 2009 than in the past.

The first thing we should pray for God to help us with this year is a new desire. We should desire to serve him more in 2009 than we ever have. We should desire to meet people that we have never met before so that we can share the Gospel. We should desire to see the work of God accomplished in our lives and in our church. We should desire to see the word of God spread in our community and around the world. Is this your desire? Do you desire to serve, share, and spread for God? If not, you have a new year. Ask God to change your heart. Seek him and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Second, we need a new boldness. If we want God to give us new people to witness to and new opportunities to share the Gospel we need the courage to stand and do so. Many people, (myself included) struggle with giving the Gospel to people that they meet. Sure we can pass out tracts or preach but we need the boldness and courage to sit down with a co-worker or a friend or a family member and share with them the burden that we have for their soul. Where is this source of boldness? It comes from God. We see that every time in Acts that the people spent time in prayer drawing close to God with the Holy Spirit, they went and spoke with boldness.

Last, we need to renew our strength. If we are going to accomplish anything for God we need his strength. Isaiah says if we wait on the Lord he will renew our strength. How is this accomplished? I believe it encompassed in our theme for 2009, "Looking unto Jesus." He will give us the desire, he will provide us the boldness and it will be Jesus who strengthens us through out this year. So go out for God in 2009, look unto Christ and let's see what He has in store for us.

Upcoming Youth Events:

This Month:

January:

Sunday 11th:
**Beginning of the Year
Parents Meeting**

7pm
Young people should try to attend with their parents

Saturday 31st:
Teen TNT

6pm
This year TNT will be held at Bro. Tony's house. See me for more information

Looking Ahead:

February:

Saturday 7th:
Youth Fun Night
6pm

Come enjoy popcorn and good Christian movie with us in the Fellowship Hall. Teens and Junior age young people are both welcomed.

Saturday 28:
Teen TNT
6pm

Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference
2009





Missions and Ministries

Trinidad Mission Trip 2009

BY Bro. Bill Ribbans

At the end of this month Victory will embark on its second missionary journey to Trinidad. On the first trip much good work was accomplished even though it was intended to be a coordination visit. On this trip we will hit the ground running.

Most of January 30th will be taken up in travel. We will be leaving from BWI Airport at 6:00 A.M. arriving in Port of Spain, Trinidad at 3:10 P.M. From there it is about an hour drive to where we will be staying. Most of our time in Trinidad will be dedicated to traveling to small villages, handing out the Bibles and flip-flops that you donated and delivering the good news of the redeeming blood of Christ to all who gather to receive the Word of God. On Sunday we will attend a local church service, pass out tracks, and invite people to the crusade sermons Pastor will give on Monday and Tuesday night. On Monday morning we will go to the closest town, Princes Town, to hand out tracks and crusade flyers while Pastor preaches in the center of town. On Wednesday we will gather to give thanks to God and pray for continued success in the mission fields. Finally, we will return to Baltimore at 10:50 P.M. on Thursday.



The people we met last year are anxiously awaiting our return, making preparations to make our trip comfortable and productive. It would be much more difficult to live, and our progress slowed if it wasn't for the great appreciation Rebecca's family has for her and for Victory. They are 110% supportive of our work there and are happy to be a part of it.

Our prayer is that this is only the beginning of Victory's foreign mission work. We envision the building we are working on there to be an extension of this church. Perhaps we will be blessed with coordinating missionaries throughout the Caribbean and South America from our Trinidad Headquarters. Maybe it will serve as a spiritual retreat or a training center for missionaries and local evangelists. We are not sure what God's plan is but we know it is bigger than anything we could imagine.



We ask that you keep this mission in your prayers. Victory donated 95 King James Bibles to Operation VICTORY FORWARD. Imagine yourself placing one of those Bibles in the shipping barrel and then imagine our Pastor reaching in and placing that same Bible into the hands of a man, woman, or child in Trinidad. Pray that the transforming power of God's Word saves the eternal soul of that person. Pray that person then in turn leads others to Christ, and so on, and so on.

“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” Hebrews 6:1.