



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:

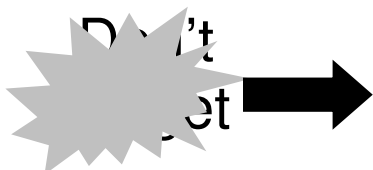
August 5:
Ladies Auxiliary
Meeting
5:00pm

August 12:
Communion and
Foot Washing
6:00pm

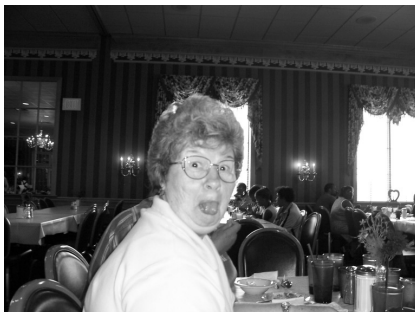
August 17-18:
Semi-Annual
Palmetto
Conference
(If you would like to go
see Pastor Jason Myers)

August 24:
Victory Family
Fun Night
6:30pm
(Sign up for spaghetti
dinner in foyer)

Visitation
7:00pm
EVERY
Tuesday



Jeff and Shirley enjoying Officer's Day with the Pastor.



MARK **YOUR** **CALENDAR:** **SEPTEMBER-** **SUN. 16- FRI. 21:** **VICTORY** **CAMPMEETING** **DAYS**

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“The Kind that makes a Difference”

By: Jason M. Myers

“For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up...” Psalm 69:9a. The present day church is full of a variety of people, which are full of a variety of ambitions. Ambition for sports, hunting, fishing, boating, shopping, gardening, even ambition for the activities found in the church it's self. These activities and our excitement for them are not necessarily wrong when put in the proper order, but all the ambition in the world is useless, if it is not properly channeled.

We see here in our text the Psalmist has the proper zeal, pointed in the right direction. First, let's look at his zeal. The Hebrew word here for zeal is, *kin-aw'*; which means; jealousy or envy. Webster's 1828 dictionary defines zeal as: Passionate ardor in the pursuit of any thing. In general, zeal is an eagerness of desire to accomplish or obtain some objective. May God send his church some people with zeal, a people with a fire burning inside that cannot be extinguished by the cares of this temporary world. It is embarrassing to admit, but the majority of Christ's church is so apathetic or uninterested toward spiritual things, yet seem to possess plenty of ambition toward personal interests. Brothers and Sisters this ought not to be so. We are privileged in America, to be able to come to church 3 times a week and more with special services, but we see it, not as a privilege but a burden. Why do we come to church with long faces? Why do we sit so lifeless and unemotional when we have been set free from the bonds of sin? I believe we come to certain points in our life when we plateau. We become content with our spirituality, we are comfortable in our respected positions in the church, we more or less become accepting to our “routines” and go on about our business. This mentality kills zeal, people and ultimately churches!

So what do we do? Look at the direction of the Psalmist zeal in the last part of this verse. He said **“For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up...”** The writer makes it clear that God and His house are the most important things in the world to him. His zeal was correctly pointed toward the spiritual things of God. What is most important to you Christian? What is it that makes you smile, makes you laugh and brings unspeakable peace and contentment to your heart? What is it that you just can not do without? Is it winning others to Christ, is it reading your Bible, is it personal prayer and meditation, is it serving others, if your zeal and ambitions are not pointed toward God and His work, I urge you to pray fervently that God deal with your heart and show you the proper order of your priorities, so that your life may be filled with joy and that others will come to Christ because of you. Christ is the fire, but you are the wood, burn so that others will see Christ in you.

From the Pastor's Library:

It is great to spend your spare time reading, it is even better when the books you read possess 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 Pursuit of God” by: A.W. Tozer
- 2) “The Golden Cow, Materialism in the 21st Century” by: John White

3) "With Christ in the School of Prayer" by: Andrew Murry



Youth Notes



VBS 2007: "Farming the Fruit of the Spirit"

By Tony Patterson

Upcoming Youth Events:

What an exciting week we had at VBS 2007! This year we rounded up the kids and head down to the Victory Barn to learn about "Farming the Fruit of the Spirit." They were in for lots of farming fun as well as learning about God's Word. The week was filled with lots of new games and experiences for the children. For instance, Monday night was the first time many of them had every attempted "Turkey Bowling." Yes it is just like it sounds, bowling with a frozen turkey. On Friday we closed the week with a bang. We invited all parents to attend and we had a little fair of sorts for all who attended. There was a petting zoo, games, food, and even a hay ride for the kids and parents to enjoy.

But most importantly, amidst all the fun, the young people were challenged with the Word of God every night. We talked to them about how to have the fruit of Love, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Faith, and Temperance in their life. The main focus was on the fact that to have the fruit of the Spirit we must first have the Holy Spirit in our heart.

This year we averaged around 45-50 children every night. On Friday, we had around **60** with about as many parents and grandparents.

Thank you to Phil and Nita Hurd for helping head up Bible School this year and to their family who helped with the stage decorations. Also thank you to all the teachers, group leaders, and kitchen staff for all the time you spent helping out this year.

This Month:

**August 11:
Youth Visitation and Trip
to Kid's Kingdom
10:00am-3:30pm**

**August 18:
Teen Visitation and
Softball
2:00pm-5:00pm**

Looking Ahead:

**November 1-3:
Get Acquainted Days
Southeastern Free Will
Baptist College
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Registration form and money
due by October 17**

**December 27-29:
Mid-Atlantic Youth
Conference
Beacon Baptist Church
More Info to Come!**



Missions and Ministries

Our Shrinking World

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

As the world of Christianity shrinks in the USA, we can not afford to lose sight of what our mission for Jehovah is. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the sacrificial lamb for the Sin of all mankind.

John 3: 17: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

What we often fail to appreciate is that this sacrifice was not just for people in another country. This sacrifice was for all of mankind; including your cousin, neighbor, mayor, senator, and illegal immigrant, just to name a few.

As a new Christian, we could not wait to tell others about the change in our life. But, when we returned to our worldly life, we were bombarded with temptations and attacks from all of the things we were familiar with and by people we thought of as friends. We started hiding our new Christian Faith and zeal for life from those around us. We stopped trying to tell others about the Salvation we found in Jesus Christ. We became uncomfortable and tried to, once more, be accepted back into our old circumstances and friends, often denying our change and our Saviour.

We stopped praying for those we cared for and loved. We convinced ourselves that if we just attended church quietly and gave a token donation to a Missionary, when the Pastor asked for it, that everything was okay. We have all heard sermons on the "The Great Commission."

Matthew 28: 19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

We seem to think this applies only to those who are called to a Mission Field in another country. How utterly wrong we are. How easily we forget how The Gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to us, because someone did as Jesus commanded.

Mark 16:15: And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

We were one of the creatures Jesus talked about. Now, it is our turn to "preach the gospel to every creature." Not just to give token support to someone in another country. When we start doing as Jesus commanded there would no longer be a need for Missionaries to be sent to our local neighborhoods from another country or state.

May the Holy Spirit convict each and every one of us to do our work for Jehovah and to tell all of those around us about the Great Salvation to be found in Jesus Christ.



Victory Nursing Home Ministry Update

By Kathy Shifflet

Brad and Kathy Shifflet are leading up a new ministry here at Victory, the Nursing Home Ministry. We would like to invite you to join us. Brad plays and I sing (or try to). You know I can use all the help with singing that I can get. If you know of someone we can visit in a nursing home let one of us know. We already visit Fairhaven, The Willows, Luckenbaugh's Personal Care Home, and twice a month we go to Plum Creek Nursing Home.

Our weekly visits include:

- The Willows every Monday at 2:00pm
- Luckenbaugh every Wednesday at 2:30pm
- Fairhaven every Thursday at 1:00pm

Our other scheduled visits this month are:

- Plum Creek- August 6 at 2:00pm and August 25 at 2:30pm
- Golden Vision Center- August 23 at 10:30am

It is pure joy to meet and talk to these people that are less fortunate than us. Please come out and help us spread God's love with us.