



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:

May 1st:
Prayer Night
7-9pm

May 10th:
Mother's Day

May 16st:
Men' Bible
Study
6:30pm

May 31st:
Victory's
21st Homecoming



Visitation
Every Tuesday
Evening
7:00pm

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



Men of Victory Leadership Conference 2009 Speakers:
Pastor Jason Myers, Pastor Harold Blankenship, and Pastor Allen Harris

Mark Your Calendar:

June 5th:
Prayer Night
7-9pm

June 20th:
Men' Bible
Study
6:30pm

June 21st:
Fathers' Day

June 26th:
Camp Cook-Out
6:30pm
Come Check out What's
Going on at Youth Camp!

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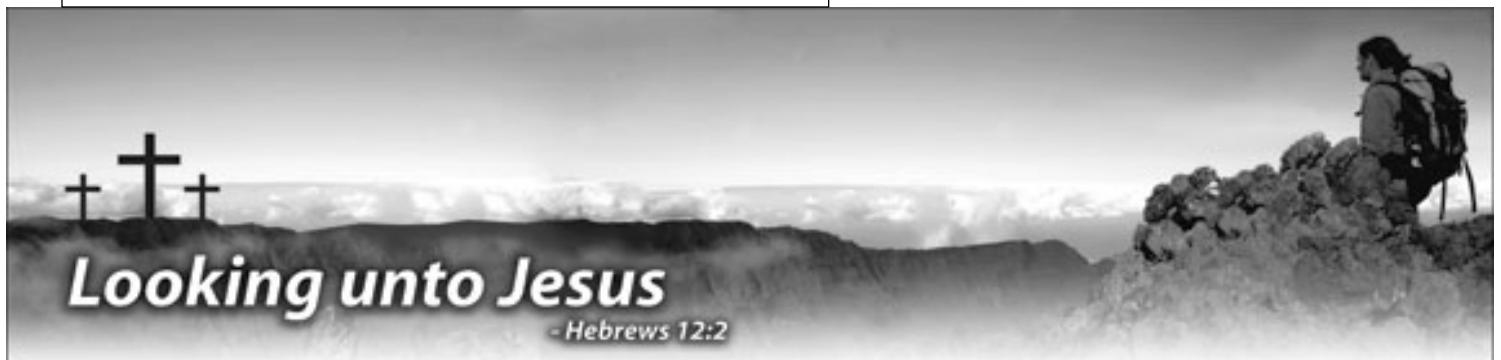
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Looking unto Jesus

- Hebrews 12:2



The Pastor's Page



“In the Beginning God Created....”

By: Pastor Jason M. Myers

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen. 2:23-25 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

It is sadly interesting that in the world today, there is a great debate over the definition of marriage and a quarrel over the homosexual rights or the lack thereof. But what does all this mean? What is it that people hope to achieve with all the discussion, legislation and lawsuits? I believe the answer is simple; man is trying to redefine the Creator's mandates and those things God has declared as right. Yes, I said the Creator. In Genesis 1:1, God makes it very clear who is in charge and who gets to “call the shots.” As fundamental, Bible believing Christians, we believe the Holy Scriptures to be the authoritative Word of God, and that everything the Bible says is truth no matter what man may say or what legislations may pass. Since God is Creator, it stands to reason that as the owner of this creation (*humanity, the universe & all inhabitants*) He alone sets the standard for what is truth and what is error.

Please understand where we Bible believer's are coming from. We are not making up the rules as we go along, in fact, we don't always agree with or always follow the rules God has set forth. One of our flaws as sinners is that we all fall short of God's perfection & understanding and need the blood of Christ to save us and wash us clean. What we are saying is that man never has the authority or right to question or alter what his Maker has declared to be truth. We're not making up the rules, just stating & following what God has already set forth. The Bible states in many places that if we want to prosper as a nation and thrive as people under God's protection, then we must follow His direction. Consider this, each set of parents across the world makes guidelines and rules for their children to follow so that their child will be safe from harm. It is up to the parents to set the standard for the home, NOT the children. (*I could speak much here but I will save it for a different article.*) The inmates never run the prison nor do students instruct the teacher and sheep don't lead the shepherd, so why does the creature continually question the Creator's authority? If we were honest we would say it's because our human pride doesn't easily submit. In the beginning God set forth the guidelines for us to follow. It is God not the church that has declared marriage to be between one man and one woman for life (*Gen. 1&2*). It is God who has declared sexual activity between two men or two women against “natural affection” and an abomination (*Romans 1:26-32, Lev. 18:22 & 1Cor. 6:9-10*).

From its conception our nation has largely followed God and honored His ways and as a result He has blessed her to her place of prominence, but there is a rebellion moving forward and a generation rising that is rejecting God's word and forsaking His laws therefore bringing His wrath upon us and turning His blessings away from us. Hear America, the warning of the Old Testament preacher Isaiah when he said; ***“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee (God) shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. Isa. 60:12.”*** Church, God can never bless sin, nor the nation and people involved in the practice and support of it. May we pray for our dear America, that she would turn herself toward God as she once did. I call for Bible-believers to stay the course in proclaiming those things that our God has declared to be TRUTH so that we might again see God Bless America as He once did.



Youth Notes



Help Wanted

By: Bro. Tony Patterson

We have a wonderful youth department here at Victory. God has blessed us with a wonderful group of young people and workers to help out with them. Every year we have a full calendar of youth activities and these workers are faithful to come out each and every month.

Maybe you have a young person and you would like to help but you don't know how to get involved. Well here is a great way for you help out.

For our activities it seems like the same people are always helping and we would welcome new folks. Each month we have a junior activity in which we have about 10-12 young people at we also have a couple of teen activities that are overnight for which we need extra chaperones. We also need helpers with Junior Church workers and we are looking for people who might be interested in working on the van route with Mrs. Glenda Neiderer.

If you would like to help with any of these contact me.

The best way is to get me by emailing me at

BroTony@VictoryChurchHanover.com.

Also, provide me with your email address so I can contact you about activities or events that we may need help with.

Thank you in advance. Here at Victory part of being "a church family for your family" means trying to get your whole family involved.

Upcoming Youth Events:

This Month:

May:

Sunday 10th:
Mother's Day

Saturday 23rd:

Falloon's

Jr. Activity

10am-2pm

Saturday 30th:

TNT

6pm

Looking Ahead:

June:

Mon. 15-Fri. 19:

Youth Aflame

Teens

Cramerton, NC

Wed. 24- Sat. 27:

Victory Youth Camp

Juniors

Forbes Farm



Missions and Ministries

A Missions-Minded Church

By Bro. Bill Ribbans

As we enter into Missions Month, it's a good time to consider what the characteristics of a missions-minded church are. Following is an excerpt from an article by Ken Sorrell, a Regional Trainer for the Middle America and Caribbean missions region.

Early 19th century missionary Henry Martyn stated, "The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Christ, the more missionary we become." A missions mind-set can easily be described as another expression of obedience flowing out of an intimate relationship with our Lord. Both individual believers and churches that desire to have the mind of Christ will also have a heart for the nations.

A missions-minded church is a church whose heartbeat is missions, whose thinking is missions, and whose doing is missions. From the Genesis to Revelation, the message is clear; salvation for all the nations of the earth.

A missions-minded church is a church where missions is so intertwined into all aspects of church life that church members assume that involvement in missions is normative for Christians. From their home and around the world, we are to be witnesses. (Acts 1:8, But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.)

A missions-minded church never goes somewhere else to do missions, but wherever they go they are on mission. (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:)

A missions-minded church is a church whose use of resources reveals their true heart's passion for missions. It has often been stated, "follow the money". In a missions-minded church, "follow the heart and you will also find the money". (Matthew 6:21, For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.)

A missions-minded church is a sender of missionaries to the nations. (Acts 13:1-3, Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.)

Without question there is a need for a greater number of missions-minded churches if we are to change the face of eternity by impacting lost lives around the world. But rather than a moniker to display, may we in humble recognition acknowledge that it is His mission and His mandate. Our privilege and joy is to join with Him.