



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:

September 19th:

Missions
Walk-A-Thon/
Bike-A-Thon
See Sis. Judy Myers
for details.

September 19th:

Men's Bible Study
6:30pm

Begin now thinking about who you are going to invite to our fall friend day on October 18, 2009. Start praying today for God to move on the hearts of our friends that may be lost.

Mark Your Calendar:

October 18th:

"Bringing in the Harvest
Sunday"
10:30am

November 1st:

"Bruce Frye Sunday"
Bro. Bruce Frye will be with us for each of services for a special day where he will share his testimony and share from God's Word.



Visitation
Every Tuesday
Evening
7:00pm

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



Down with the old...

Up with the new!



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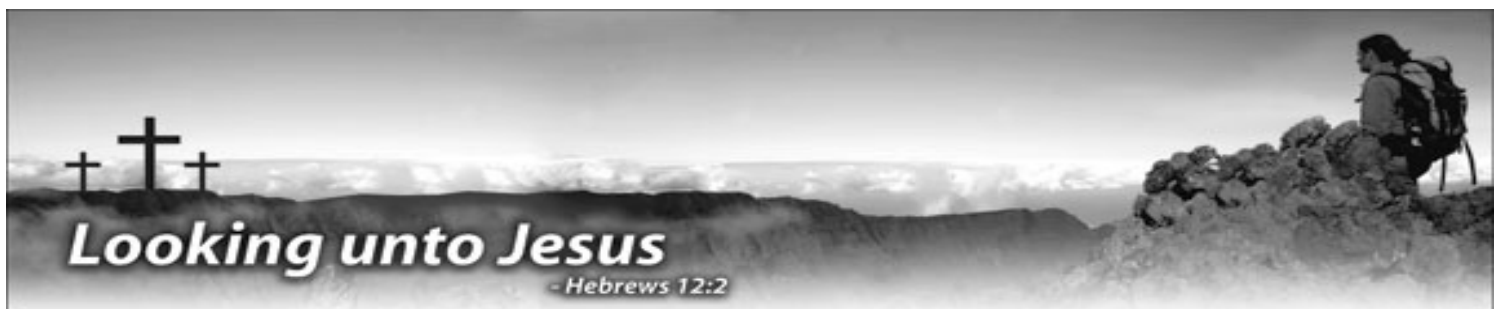
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The Pastor's Page



“Seeking God”

Pastor Jason M. Myers

In this world of mis-guided people with mis-guided thoughts, may we, the children of the Most High obediently follow the leadership of our great God. I want to urge you to earnestly seek God's counsel in every area of your life. As God's work here at Victory continues to grow and ministries are developing and expanding we can never forget who is in control of our direction & destination. We must constantly seek the Will of God through the Word of God that we may continue happily in the Way of God. An old preacher once said *“If you want to go in the right direction, find out which way God is headed and go that way.”* Sounds simple but it's effective. God's word holds every answer we will ever need, all the counsel we could ever ask for and every map we could ever use; don't neglect it, read it, love it and yes obey it. I pray this devotion from one of the great preachers of all time; Charles Haddon Spurgeon will challenge your heart as it did mine to constantly seek Gods will.

“Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.” – Psa. 73:24

The Psalmist felt his need of divine guidance. He had just been discovering the foolishness of his own heart, and lest he should be constantly led astray by it, he resolved that God's counsel should henceforth guide him. A sense of our own folly is a great step towards being wise, when it leads us to rely on the wisdom of the Lord. The blind man leans on his friend's arm and reaches home in safety, and so would we give ourselves up implicitly to divine guidance, nothing doubting; assured that though we cannot see, it is always safe to trust the all-seeing God. “Thou shalt,” is a blessed expression of confidence. He was sure that the Lord would not decline the condescending task. There is a word for thee, O believer; rest thou in it. Be assured that thy God will be thy counsellor and friend; he shall guide thee; he will direct all thy ways. In his written Word thou hast this assurance in part fulfilled, for holy Scripture is his counsel to thee. Happy are we to have God's Word always to guide us! What were the mariner without his compass? And what were the Christian without the Bible? This is the unerring chart, the map in which every shoal is described, and all the channels from the quicksands of destruction to the haven of salvation mapped and marked by one who knows all the way. Blessed be thou, O God, that we may trust thee to guide us now, and guide us even to the end! After this guidance through life, the Psalmist anticipates a divine reception at last—“and afterward receive me to glory.” What a thought for thee, believer! God himself will receive thee to glory—thee! Wandering, erring, straying, yet he will bring thee safe at last to glory! This is thy portion; live on it this day, and if perplexities should surround thee, go in the strength of this text straight to the throne. —C.H. Spurgeon



Youth Notes



sure as you head back in to school you are not heading out of church.

Back to School Back to Church

By Bro. Tony Patterson

This month in Junior Church we are having a little contest called “Back to School, Back to Church.” The purpose of this contest is two-fold. First, it puts the boys against the girls and we all know how children love that type of competition. The second is that we want to emphasize to our young people the importance of being in church.

Often during the school year we see a rise in extracurricular activities and decline in church attendance. Please do not get me wrong, I liked the extracurriculars as much as the next guy growing up. I was a football player from the time I was seven until I graduated high school. I played baseball and basketball from a young age as well. But what we need to remember is that the most important “extracurricular” we can have our child involved in is church.

Sports and clubs are often praised for teaching valuable lessons to our young people. Teamwork and confidence to succeed are usually the two that most people would be quick to point out. Being in church our young people learn from God’s word. They learn how to be a good neighbor, a hard worker, and an honest member of society. They learn to rely on God and not the economy to supply their needs. They learn that you can have joy even when it seems that happiness is far away. And most importantly they learn how to know that Jesus Christ is their Savior.

This school year I would encourage parents, children, teenagers, whoever to evaluate the emphasis you put on the things of God and make

Upcoming Youth Events:

This Month:

September:

Saturday 5th:
Speedway 94
5:00pm
Teens

Saturday 12th:
Rail Trail Bike Day
10:00am
Juniors

Looking Ahead:

October:

Saturday 17th:
Teen Harvest Rally
Please Let Bro. Tony
know ASAP If you
plan to go.
8:00am-3:00pm
Teens

Saturday 24th:
Raab Farms
10:00am
Juniors



Missions and Ministries

Standing Firm in the Face of Adversity

By: Bro. Bill Ribbans

As we prepare for our next missions trip to Trinidad I am thankful that God has not only opened the door for Victory to send short-term missionaries to foreign lands, but also that we are spared the extreme adversity others face in fulfilling the Great Commission. Follows is story from the organization “Gospel for Asia”.

500 Dead; Thousands Homeless after Extremists Attack Christians

Imagine what they've been through: Attacked and forced from their homes by anti-Christian extremists, they have lived in relief camps or hid out in the forests for eight months. Now they want to go home, but there are no homes to return to. They were burned to the ground during the attacks.

This is a real-life scenario for literally thousands of families in Orissa, India. They lost everything—clothing, household items, their homes—and many lost their loved ones, too, in the violence that rocked this state beginning in August, 2008. The trouble began when the high-profile leader of a radical anti-Christian group was murdered. A Communist rebel group claimed responsibility for his death, but the slain leader's followers still blamed Christians. They went on a violent and bloody rampage, assaulting Christians and murdering them, usually by burning them to death. They also burned down homes, churches and, in some cases, entire villages. The Christians who managed to escape were left with nothing.

This story reminds us of the horrific persecution that early Christians suffered under Emperor Nero. His blaming Christians unjustly lead to them being “covered with the hides of wild beasts and worried to death by dogs, or nailed to crosses, or set fire to, and, when day declined, burned to serve for nocturnal lights”.¹ Today, Christians throughout the world endure loss, prison, and death for professing Christ as LORD and Savior.

Although our path into the nation of Trinidad is relatively smooth and is, God willing, getting smoother, we must always be prepared to go wherever He sends us. That could be Africa, Iran, India, Afghanistan, Russia, or downtown Hanover. The need to stand firm in our faith and to share the true Gospel of Christ is as great today as it's ever been.

¹ Tacitus (Annals, xv. 44)