



# 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:

**July 31st:**  
Prayer Night  
7pm-?

**August 7th & 21st:**  
Men's Bible Study  
6:30PM  
Church Fellowship Hall

**August 1st-4:**  
August Revival  
with Bro. Greg Floars  
Sun.: 9:30am, 10:30am, & 6pm  
Mon.-Wed.: 7pm



**Visitation**  
Every Tuesday Evening  
& Saturday Morning

**Prayer Night**  
The first Friday Night of  
Every Month  
7:00pm

## Mark Your Calendar:

**Sept. 3**  
Prayer Night  
7pm-?

**Sept. 4th**  
Day in the Park  
Moul Field in Hanover  
More Info to come

**Sept. 18th**  
Missions Walk/Bike-A-thon  
Please plan to help us raise money for  
home and international missions

**Sept. 26th**  
Bruce Frye Sunday  
Bro. Frye will be with for all 3 Sunday  
Services again this year sharing the word  
of God and singing for us.  
Start inviting friends and family today!



*For God's Glory*

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink,  
or whatsoever ye do, do all to the  
glory of God. - 1 Cor. 10:31

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# *The Pastor's Page*



## **Do you know?**

Jason M. Myers

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

There is a lot of things we people know...we may know that we are loved by family, we have a loving church, we have good neighbors, friends that will help in a time of need, a little money in reserve for an emergency and a plan for our future. Our list could go on and on. These things make us feel comfortable, confident and secure. They may even bring us a sense of pride, knowing that we have a solid foundation and good grasp on life.

Although these things make us feel good and we act like they can never change or alter we must think again. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says "...the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Everything, person and situation in life has a tendency to change. Too often people put all their eggs into this world's basket only to have them dropped by some unforeseen trial or life altering event. This is many time tragic and devastating. People find themselves questioning life, other people and even God. Is there anything that is certain? Is there anything in this life I can get a hold of that will never change or diminish over time?

I am glad you asked because Gods word gives us such a hope. The apostle Paul in our text verse makes a bold statement; "For we know..." He knew God couldn't lie and that if everything in this life was tomorrow dissolved, that is if our earthly house of flesh was utterly destroyed beyond repair, he had a heavenly home and body reserved in the heavens. Listen to that promise from Gods inspired word. Listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart even now dear child of God...if everything dissolves here, it is but a moment before we walk into the portals of our new, eternal heavenly home. Things on earth may change but for a child of God, for a believer and follower of Jesus Christ we have a promise, a guarantee an eternal security in the Word of God that can never fade away.

Do you have this promise? If yes than rejoice today, sing the joyous songs of salvation so that all may hear and enquire of you the joy that is in your heart. Tell the world that Jesus saves, Jesus saves. Fret not for the day, Christ is Lord and his promises are sure. But if you do not have this hope, may I ask you dear friend, in what do you hope? What is it you're trusting your eternal soul to? What nail are you hanging your eternity on? Good works, church membership, baptism, sacraments, communion, what is it that brings you everlasting joy and assurance? Your job, home, neighbors or family? Sadly these things cannot bring salvation and they are subject to change, but Christ and his word never change. Hang your life upon the nail of Jesus Christ and his finished work on Calvary's cross. Jesus paid it all for your sins and mine and he alone can satisfy Gods holy wrath against sin. Ask him to be your savior and live for him. There is nothing like the confidence found in the salvation of Jesus Christ.



# Youth Notes



## Grasping God's Word part 1

By Bro. Tony Patterson

*2 Timothy 2:15– Study to shew thyself approved, a workman that needeth no to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Not long ago I read an illustration about grasping and knowing and ultimately retaining God's word in my mind. It used the example of hand. Hands are designed with grasping and holding in mind. Some people have a very firm grip while others may have a weaker grip. But overall our grip is affected by how many fingers we are holding on with. A pinch is not as strong as grabbing something with all five fingers.

The same can be said of studying God's word. The Bible describes many ways we can get a grip on the word of God. Each of them on their own is good but when we use multiple at once it works to strengthen our mental grasp on God's word. In the next to articles, we will look at five methods of studying and gaining a firm grasp on the Bible so that we can hide it in our hearts and avoid falling in the pitfalls of sin.

1. **Hear the Word** (Romans 10:17)- Paul said not only knowledge but also faith is produced as we hear the word of God taught and preached. Where better to hear than here. Attending as many services as we can hearing the preachers preach and even downloading sermons or listening to them on CD are great ways to hear the word.

2. **Read the Word** (1 Timothy 4:13)- Paul gave Timothy a charge to give attendance to reading. What was he to read? The Scriptures! Paul goes on to say that he is also to give attendance to exhortation and doctrine look at 2 Tim. 3:16, it is the Scriptures that profitable for these things. When we hear the word then go to the Scriptures ourselves we begin to reinforce what we have heard and then start to obtain a firmer understanding of God's Word.

It will only be as we start wrapping more of our "fingers" around the word of God that we will truly effectively grasp it. Then, once we have gotten a hold on it, we can use it and apply it in our lives as a powerful tool that God has given us.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

### This Month:

August:  
Sat. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Wars!**  
Come Join This  
Every Man for Him-  
self Water Battle!

**Juniors**  
10am-2pm  
(Visitation before,  
please dress appro-  
priately as there will  
be time to change)

### Next Month:

September:  
Sat. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday in the  
Park**

Come Join our  
church family for a  
day of food, fun, &  
fellowship at Moul  
Field right here in  
Hanover!

**Everyone!**  
10am-6pm  
(more info to come.)



# Missions and Ministries

Short-Term Missions  
Bro. Bill Ribbans

At Victory we see several “real” missionaries come through who are about to embark on missions for many years. The long-term mission is what we typically think of when we think of missionaries. William Cary to India, David Livingstone to Africa, and Hudson Taylor to China are names that immediately come to mind as examples of true missionaries. However, Jesus tasked us all to be missionaries. We can be missionaries in our workplace, classroom, and neighborhood, but a trend is emerging that we have been involved in for the past 3 years, the Short Term Mission. Below is an extract from a paper that Don Fanning of Liberty University published in 2009 entitled, *Short Term Missions: A trend that is growing exponentially*.

“The growing phenomenon of allowing American believers the opportunity to experience life and ministry in a foreign culture for a short period of time (from one week to two years) is called Short Term Missions.”

“In the journal *Mission Today*, Bill Taylor gives a ten-fold list of objectives for STMs that become the goals of every short term.

1. They provide hands-on, direct contact with cross-cultural missions.
2. They can stimulate realistic vision for the global task.
3. They can provide an opportunity to see God at work (in one’s personal life and on the mission field).
4. They can stimulate significant intercession by driving home the fact that without prayer, little is accomplished.
5. They can offer reality therapy for those who see missions with fuzzy, rose-tinted glasses.
6. They can convert a person into a lifelong intercessor or missions mobilizer back home.
7. They can create within those who go a desire to serve more significantly in their home churches - perhaps using newly acquired skills, and generally with a more global perspective.
8. Short-termers can witness the impact they can make through their example, evangelism, discipleship, or the use or transfer of their specific skills. Through their service they strengthen the on-site, long-term ministry.
9. They can provide the foundation for their own potential long-term commitment to career missionary service.
10. They can bring glory to the Living God through their demonstrated obedience to the Sending Lord (Taylor, 1996).”

Short term missions are “real” missions and, because of the compressed schedule, are in some ways more challenging. The mission team only has a week to earn trust, establish relationships, and teach/preach the truth. Continue to pray for all of our missionaries.