



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:

November 11:
Last day to bring in
Shoe boxes

November 21:
Thanksgiving
Candle Light
Service
(No Wednesday AM
Service)

November 25:
Christmas Dinner
and Tree Lighting
Service

November 31:
Last day to bring
Coats, Gloves,
Hats, etc. for the
mission

Don't
Forget 

Visitation
7:00pm
EVERY
Tuesday

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR:

DECEMBER 23:
CHRISTMAS
PLAY
7:00pm

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“His Passion was Missions”

By: Bro. Jason M. Myers

Matthew 9:35-38 “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;** 38 **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”**

Many think that missions are something you give your money to. Others feel missions are things performed in deep dark jungles millions of miles away. These verses, however, teach us that missions, as far as Christ considered them, was to impact people's lives with the message of the Gospel wherever there were people in need. Below, are three distinct characteristics shown in the life of Christ, as concerning his heart for missions.

- 1) **His Message was the Gospel**
- 2) **His Method was to Go**
- 3) **His Motivation was the Great need of the People**

First, His Message was the gospel. The Bible defines the gospel in 1Corinthians 15:1-4 as “**Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you,,,,how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:**” The message that Christ used is the same message that we must use today. That Jesus died for the sins of mankind, that he was buried in a tomb and that he victoriously arose from the dead on the third day conquering death, hell and sin. I assure you preaching the gospel still works. Many have tried to convince me to change the message to a more palatable, seeker friendly, non-offensive, less bloody message of hope and peace but my friend there can be no hope and peace for sinful man until he or she accepts the atoning blood sacrifice that Jesus made for them on the Cross of Calvary. Only Christ's sinless, perfect blood can cleanse our sinful, imperfect blood. This is the gospel, this is the message people still need to hear “**that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**”

Second, His Method was to go. Many have stopped using the “door to door” tactic of soul winning stating that it no longer works. There are many false teachers and preachers that claim to be Jehovah's Witnesses and some claim to have “another testament” of Jesus Christ for the latter day saints (Mormons), but Paul said; “**But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Gal 1:8.**” No true child of God would dare preach “another gospel” nor say anything in opposition to God or his Son. True, these false prophets have made it hard for people to be accepting of strangers at their door, but we cannot let the devil nor his minions deter us from our Lords work. And let's not forget that “door to door” was the method Christ chose to use (Matt. 10:12-14). We must be willing to go. God may never ask you to sell your home and move to interior China to set up a mission's church, but he may ask you to make sacrifices in your life so that you can support some one that is going! We need people that will go. Not talk about it, or vote about it, but people with a heart to make a difference that will obey God's call. When we stop going forward we drift backward. Onward Christian soldier.

Last, His motivation was the Great need of the people. Christ preached and he traveled, but he did both because “**...when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.**” Christ was moved to go and compelled to preach because he saw the great need of the people. There are many blessings we take for granted in the routine of our every day lives that millions of people in other parts of the world would love to experience just once. Blessings like; running water, toiletries and modern plumbing, clothing and let's not forget the education and employment opportunities our children have. If we are so blessed, why don't we work harder to use our blessings to bless others? Because we as Christians have become so consumed with counting our own blessings and making wish list's for more, that we don't even see the needs of others around us. Not just in foreign countries but right here in the good old' US of A. Christ made the greatest difference of any man that has ever walked on planet earth, simply because he saw the needs of the multitudes. May we have eyes to see, a mouth that speaks and feet that will go.



Youth Notes



So Where Does God Fit In?

By Bro. Tony Patterson

In the year 2007, our lives are full of activities. Running from one field to the next, practicing for this, playing that. You can literally play sports all year round if you want. Add that on top of other activities like work for older teens, maybe music lessons, school, and time in front of a TV or video game (not to mention the evil word HOMEWORK!), and you can blow through an entire month without batting an eye.

In an era when we have so many time saving devices it almost seems we are busier than ever. As young people go, they spend an average of about 8 hours at school, 1.5-2 hours at sports practice, and 2 hours in front of a TV (that is probably a little low). Then there's time spent sleeping and doing homework and a day is spent. With all that is going on some things tend to get neglected. For example, kids who are too involved in extracurricular activities (like, work, sports, clubs, etc.) sometimes let their grades fall. But where does God fit in? The hustle and the bustle takes us here and there but where does God get shuffled in. Many times this is the one area that gets neglect more than anything in the life of busy people. Sure, we go to church on Sunday but what about the rest of the week? Do our Bibles get read during the busy day? Do we take time for family devotions? Are we spending time in prayer?

Sadly the answer is usually no. As a former "athleholiC" (*athleholiC- ath-le-holic- (n.) someone who addicted to athletics. [Bro. Tony Dictionary of Made Up Words]*) I can attest that my Bible was usually the most neglected book during school and sports season.

So where **should** God fit in to our lives? Matthew 6:33 says. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Now read a few verses above and see what these things are. They are the necessities of life. God said before you think about where your next meal is going to come from or what you are going to clothe yourself with, seek Him and let Him take care of the rest.

If God should come before the very necessities of life where should He fit into your busy schedule of work, school, and activities?

Upcoming Youth Events:

This Month:

November 1-3:
Get Acquainted Days
Southeastern Free Will
Baptist College
Be at Church by 9:30am, the
van will be leaving @ 10am

November 24:
Youth Christmas Tree Cutting
10:00am-1:00pm

Looking Ahead:

December 27-29:
Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference
Beacon Baptist Church
Let Bro. Tony know by Nov. 11
Also, pre-registration is
\$20.00 by Nov. 14

MAYC Fund Raising:
If you need help raising
money for Mid-Atlantic see
Bro. Tony



Missions and Ministries

Missions Trip to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

By Bro. Bill Ribbans

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

In January, Victory will embark on its first mission trip to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. We were planning a trip to take Rebecca's mom, Sylvie, back home and asked the Pastor and Brother Phil II if they would like to come with us. After discussing it, we agreed that Trinidad offered a tremendous opportunity for our church to conduct ongoing "Soul Winning Crusades."

We thought we would use this trip mainly to prepare the way for future trips. Pastor Jake and Phil will be meeting with local pastors, determining what their greatest needs might be, sharing the gospel in fellowship, and preaching to the saved and unsaved. Rebecca, our daughter Alisa, and I will be making the introductions and showing our preachers around. Rebecca's family back home are already working to make sure we will be welcomed and that this mission will be fruitful.

Sylvie will be our host for this trip. Rebecca and I have been praying that the Lord will provide us a way to build

Sylvie a new home that we could also use as "Crusade Headquarters." Our dream is to rotate mission teams from Victory through Trinidad a couple of times a year. We would use the new home to accommodate these teams and to provide a place to hold the crusades. We don't know how we can get this done but we do know that if it's in God's plan, He will make a way.

As already mentioned, this visit will lay the foundation for follow-on visits. The objective of future crusades will be to win souls and to lead the new converts to a Bible-based church that will nurture them in their spiritual growth. Pastor Jake doesn't have any intentions of building or planting a church. He desires to support the local Pastors and their churches.

This will be a short 6-day trip, leaving from BWI Airport at 6:30 the morning of January 11th and returning at midnight on January 17th. It should prove to be an exhausting but very rewarding experience for us all. Brother Phil will be taking the lead to capture the events of this trip so that he and the Pastor can share them with you when we return.

We ask for your continued prayers for the success of this initial visit and for the journeys yet to come.