



# 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:

**December 2:**  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Meeting  
5:00pm

**December 9:**  
Communion and  
Feet Washing  
Service  
During the Evening  
Service

**December 16:**  
Christmas  
Play  
6:00pm

**December 25:**  
Christmas Day  
Enjoy spending  
time with family  
celebration the birth  
of Christ!!

Visitation  
7:00pm

Don't  
Forget



**EVERY**  
Tuesday

## **MARK** **YOUR** **CALENDAR:**

**JANUARY 5:**  
**ANNUAL**  
**MEMBERS**  
**MEETING**  
5:00pm

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# ● *The Pastor's Page*

## “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



## Christmas Time is Here

By Bro. Tony Patterson

Wow, it's hard to believe it is December already. It seems we were just in the middle of the summer rush with camp and Bible School, however in reality; we are quickly coming up on Christmas and New Year's.

Christmas is probably my favorite time of the year. All the lights and decorations are beautiful. I come from an area that can boast that it has the official "Christmas Town, USA." McAdenville, NC is a small mill village that decorates the entire town for Christmas, literally. Then, people drive from all over the Southeast to see it.

Even here in Hanover the street lights are decorated and there is a huge tree adorning the square. But as kids and even teenagers our favorite part is usually the gifts.

Gifts and gift giving have long been one of my favorite Christmas traditions. The thought of what am I going to get this year as I woke on Christmas morning was always exciting. But as I have gotten older the gifts of Christmas have a new meaning to me. We give gifts every year which are loved for a few months then forgotten or we give gifts that people don't really like, they just smile and accept them so not to hurt our feelings. But as I stop and think of that very first Christmas and the gift that was given there the temporary gifts that we give seem cheap and almost meaningless.

***John 3:16- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

God gave a gift out of His awesome love for His creation. A gift that He knew would be loved by only a few and hated and eventually killed by the majority, yet He gave us His Son anyway. Why? So that one day after Christ had risen we could receive that gift of everlasting life.

This Christmas I hope we as young people who love God will remember the gift that God gave and

focus more on sharing that gift with others than trying to pile up all the gifts can get for ourselves.

Upcoming Youth Events:

### This Month:

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:**  
There is a sign up sheet out at the Welcome Center if you would like to help our young people raise money for their trip by hiring them. Each young person is trying to raise \$120.00.

### Looking Ahead:

January 6:  
**Youth Parents Meeting**  
Parents of Junior age and Teenage youth group members should attend as we look ahead to see what The Victory Youth will be doing in the next year.



# 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.