

Gospel Baptist Church

Preaching the Book, the Blood and the Blessed Hope



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Pastor's Ponderings . . .

Pastor John Boutchia

There is nothing greater in this world than the salvation of a soul! The sweet psalmist of Israel, King David, had this to say about God's miraculous work in the life of an individual:

Psalm 40:2-3: He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

There are three things to note about this passage of scripture. First of all, when a believer is saved, he is saved from a mess. No matter if the person saved is young or old, sin has horrible consequences and God's salvation delivers a person from these. Secondly, God gives us solid ground to stand upon and gives direction and purpose for living. How wonderful it is to see people saved and find meaning in life once again.

But, the last thing I want you to see is that a person, once saved, has something to sing and praise God about. Every believer has a testimony. Maybe your testimony is not as dramatic or flowery as someone else's, but your soul has been purchased by the blood of Christ and you are a child of

God! That is a miracle, my friend, and something to rejoice in greatly.

I want to thank John Christmas (last month's newsletter) and Pam Hughes (this month's newsletter) for sharing their testimonies with us. I am excited first and foremost that these people were saved as a result of the ministry of Gospel Baptist Church, but secondly that these people are willing to share what God has done on their behalf. I was deeply moved in reading these testimonies and I trust your heart will be warmed and encouraged by not only what God has done on their behalf, but also what He has miraculously done for you.

"When was the last time you shared your testimony with someone?"

The writer of the book of Acts shares a few occasions whereby the Apostle Paul gave his personal testimony, even before kings. You may forget the passages of Scripture and may not feel adequate in sharing the points of the Gospel, but surely your testimony bubbles within your heart and is ready to spring out from your lips! Share it! Speak it! Let all who come into contact with you know what God has done for you!

John Boutchia

"He who bade me preach to every creature did not bid me exempt one soul from my message." Charles Spurgeon



Good News of the Month

Pastor John Boutchia

Pastor Lytell has been away since August 10th with Brother Tom Cronin. They rode their motorcycles towards Colorado and have been spending time out there, as well as Yellowstone. They are due in this week and have had a blessed time. We are very grateful that the Lord has kept them safe all these miles.

Gospel Baptist Christian School began its 24th year! Wow! What an incredible journey the school has had. God has certainly blessed us with a fabulous group of teachers and we are excited about the prospects this year. We are in the high 60's for enrollment. Last year we ended with 76 - so we are off by several - as many Christian and private schools are facing similar, if not worse, situations. These are hard economic times for young families and we are even concerned for the families who are enrolled in the school for this year. May the Lord who provides keep our parents working and may God see us in our need that our bills would be paid.

In the 16 years I have been involved with the school, it has been fabulous that not one time have we ever had to tell the teachers we could not pay them. God has been very faithful to us and we count it a high privilege to have this school. If God burdens your heart for GBCS, please consider helping us. I can tell you that the money will be used wisely as we help meet the expenses here.

As with school, our Awana program will also be kicking off on Wednesday, September 16th. Last year we averaged about 75 children ages 3 – 12 years old (6th grade). We saw several young people pray to trust Christ as their personal Savior. It is wonderful to give out the glorious Gospel and have kids respond and then grow in Christ as they memorize and hide God's Word in their heart! Glory! Pray for the workers that God's power would be upon them to minister His Word.

The door-to-door ministry will be back in action on October 10th as churches across the country kick-off the National Day of Evangelism. We participated in this day last year and saw some great things happen. Sixty people came out and 900 homes were knocked on. Three people were gloriously saved and the Gospel was presented 41 times.

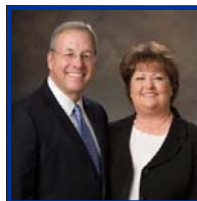
That day not only made an impact on the three who were saved, but it also did something marvelous in our church. We consistently ran an average of 25 people each time out and God mightily blessed the efforts. Please consider joining us as we kick off this October. We venture out every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you have never led a soul to Christ or have not done so in a long time, then come out and I guarantee you will have great opportunity to share your faith.

Your friend, John Boutchia

Don't Miss These Events Planned For Our Spiritual Enrichment!



**Marriage Seminar with
Dr. Jim Binney
November 6-8, 2009**



**Revival Services with the
Steve Pettit Evangelistic Team
January 17-22, 2010**



**Missions Conference with
Hal Hightower
March 21-24, 2010**



'Triumphant Teens' Time

Pastor Marty Moon

After being gone six weeks at Pensacola Theological Seminary, I can say that I'm glad to be back home at Gospel Baptist Church. Thank all of you who prayed for me while in seminary and Angie and the kids in Kentucky. The Lord gave me a renewed love for His word and passion for the ministry He has given me at the church. I completed half of the requirements (five classes) for a Masters of Arts in Biblical Exposition. Lord willing, I'll be returning next summer to finish the degree.

With summer ending and school starting, we are thankful for the opportunities our teens had this past summer to grow in Christ. Brother Doug Smith, Becky Smith, and Neva Ott took the teens to Camp Victory this summer. Two young men made professions of faith and several others made decisions of dedication to the Lord. The teens also returned to the Southwest Florida Teen retreat at Gulf Coast Baptist Church and were spiritually challenged by the preaching of God's word by Brother Scott Pauley of Crown College and Pastor Tom Odom of First Baptist Church of Southwest

Broward, Florida. We thank God for a great summer in the Teen Ministry.

Unfortunately, our teens did not get to go to Honduras for their summer missions' trip because of the political unrest in the country at the time. Please pray for direction as we seek His will about rescheduling our teen missions trip.

We are so thankful that we have four of our young folks from the youth ministry in Christian college. Sable Hicks and Alisha Smith are both attending Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, FL. Melissa Smith is returning to Florida Baptist College in Tampa, FL, while Crawford Wiley is at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC. Please pray for students from our church as they seek His will for their lives while in college.

Youth for Christ, Marty Moon

Personal Testimony of Pam Hughes



My dad left me at seven which ripped my heart out. I turned very rebellious: full of rage, hate, bitterness, unforgiveness, and not trusting anyone. All that combined led me to become a runaway which put me in foster homes. Then I'd run from those, and eventually fight the courts to live on my own at 16. I grew up way too fast. I found out at a young age alcohol would stop the memories, mixed with depression medicine. By 19, I joined the military where I started a family of my own. We moved to Florida.

I still drank and occasionally was on medicine. Then one day I saw my daughter studying me as I was downing a beer and something hit me. I didn't want my daughter to grow up like me; so the next night I got on my knees and asked God if He could show me how to teach her about Him. I told him whoever would knock next I would go.

Two weeks later she came home and asked if she could ride on a church bus. "Of course," I

said. About three weeks went by when she came home and said "I was saved today!" with excitement. She was so happy.

This led us to go to church. A month or so went by of my crying after every service. I sent an e-mail to Pastor Lytell telling him there was no way I could be saved. He wrote me back and as I read with tears falling, I fell to my knees on June 30, 2004 and asked Jesus to save me. With Pastor Lytell's counseling and God's grace, I've given up the habits, and most of all, I forgave my dad after 26 years.

God has freed me from depression medications and granted eternal peace. God has also allowed me to work on the bus ministry. I get to drive on occasions. I'm so happy God sent me to Gospel Baptist and most of all, I'm thrilled he sent me the bus ministry. I can finally say the words "I love you" and my heart is whole again. I thank God for knocking on my door and I thank everyone who has been there. Praise God!

Pam Hughes

Upcoming Events

'Just Because' for Ladies October 6, 2009
Door-to-Door Visitation October 10, 2009
Marriage Seminar November 6-8, 2009
Awana Farm Festival November 11, 2009

Ladies! Don't forget to mark your calendars now for our annual Time Apart for Ladies on Saturday, February 20, 2010!

Recommended Sermons

Seemeth It A Small Thing To You?

Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell
January 17, 1999

I've Got Mine, How About You?

Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell
November 9, 1997

Sermons can be downloaded at
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