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### From Pastor Bill . . .

Dear Ones,

This month we are focusing on the "Women's Ministry." What can I say? **Our church has one of the finest groups of women I have ever known.** They are busy reaching souls and edifying others. **Our women at "Gospel" are under authority in every way. They support their husbands in their ministries and support the Pastoral staff in our ministries.** They are truly an "asset" in this work of God.

Really, our ladies have initiative in the church. They have an annual weekend that they often have over 175 ladies come to from all over the county and beyond. I preach once for this event and always enjoy the response through cards, letters, and personal encouragements. **Gospel Baptist would not have reached 1/2 of the folks we have reached through the years, if not for the tireless efforts of our Godly women.**

The ladies carry much of the load behind the scenes. Our website is maintained and managed by one of our ladies. Our nursery is managed by three ladies. Our Junior church ministry has been under the management of Miss Miley for over 23 years. Our bus ministry records and organization are due to many different ladies since we began 27 years ago. The nursing home ministries are largely populated by our ladies. Our Christian School is run day-to-day by our ladies (teachers, volunteers, secretaries, and the like).

Shall I go on with all the social functions, funeral lunches and special occasions? **Let's face it ~ we need Godly ladies to reach the world for Christ!** Love you girls!! Bill

## Pastor John Boutchia, Assistant Pastor

Gospel Baptist Church has been active through the summer and we were excited about what God did through the July 4th parades. The large groups that came out for both parades (San Carlos Park & Bonita) passed out a total of 5,405 Gospel tracts. **May God use these little witnessing tools to lead someone to Jesus.**

My family and I just returned from a three week vacation in Tennessee and Virginia and we thoroughly enjoyed our time together. We saw some beautiful country and were blessed to have the time to vacate.

Please be advised of some of the great activities coming up at Gospel Baptist Church this season. You will want to mark these on your calendar (*Upcoming Events* listed below).

*May the Lord keep you safe through this summer. Keep in touch!*

For the sake of the Gospel, John Boutchia

## Marty Moon, Youth Pastor

Hello again from the sunshine state. Though it is sunny here, we hear many of you up north are experiencing hot temperatures as well. "Hot" certainly characterized the weather and the preaching at camp this summer.

We were privileged to take fifteen teens and three sponsors up to Camp Mt. Moriah in beautiful Knoxville, TN. Temple Baptist Church, pastored by Clarence Sexton, started this camp to help young people grow spiritually.



Thankfully, the weather was mostly dry and cooler than normal. We are also thankful that the Lord blessed us with no break downs on the bus this year. Brother Doug Smith worked hard to have the bus prepared for the long trip.

The week of camp went very well. The main speaker was Pastor Tom Sexton from Gulf Coast Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida. We have heard Pastor Sexton on several occasions during their annual teen retreat. **The messages each day from Pastor Sexton both challenged and encouraged the hearts of our teens.**

Although the camp kept us busy with hikes, paintball, rock wall climbing and fun team competition, Scripture memory and the preaching of God's Word became the highlights of each day. **Several of our teens went forward during invitations to speak to a counselor about a decision for God. Two of our young men, Carlton Meeks and David Collier, surrendered to preach! Please pray that these decisions for God will be lasting.**

One of the many sermons that touched my heart was Monday night's message entitled, "Our Life for Yours," from Joshua 2:14. Pastor Sexton emphasized how many people had given of their life to make him a successful Christian. **All of us must invest our lives (time, money, abilities) into the next generation of young people like many people have invested in us.**

**Ultimately, God loved all humanity so much that He gave us His only Son to die on the cross that we might have everlasting life: Jesus' life for our lives.** What a great encouragement that message was to me to continue to give my life for these teens the way Jesus gave His life for us all.

Pastor Marty

## Ladies' Corner from Mrs. MaryIn Rose



Hi Ladies:

I wanted to share with you some of what has happened within our ladies' ministry since most of you have gone north.

**We had a very successful Mother-Daughter luncheon in May.** Our special speaker was a pastor's wife from Key Largo. Her message was applicable to us all. Danelle Carbon and Ruth Hood did a great job of organizing and decorating so that we could all "just enjoy." Ruth gave birth the day before to their baby son, but was able to be with us. They also organized the first Father-Son luncheon and others helped to serve.

Many of our ladies put on cowboy gear and helped with the Vacation Bible School in June, as well as took part in the July 4th parades in both Bonita Springs and San Carlos Park. Later in July, several of us met for a day of shopping, food and fellowship. **We'll look forward to when you are back here and can go with us.** We have a few new places to go and that's always fun for the gals.

As usual, the ladies were loving, kind, and giving as meals were taken to the Miley family at the home going of Arthur Miley.

On September 25th we will have our first “Just Because” from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. We will be meeting on Tuesday evening this year. I am hoping to have many of our ladies give their personal testimonies at these meetings so that we can all know each other better.

On Tuesday, November 6th, “Just Because” will take place in Room 107 due to the election that will be held in the McKinney Hall that day. **We also will have our annual Christmas Potluck luncheon in December.** The date will be announced at a later time.

We have a special speaker coming in February for our annual “Time Apart for Ladies.” She is a pastor’s wife from the state of Washington, as well as the daughter of Francis and Loren Lane. Our theme will be “Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you.” The Lord has many ideas and plans for our February 16th meeting and I get excited as He reveals them to me. I hope you will begin planning to attend with us and help us if you can. *May the Lord bless you and return you safely to us at GBC.*

Love in Jesus, MaryIn Rose

## Home with the Lord . . .



**Arthur Miley** passed away on **July 14, 2007** after having lived on this earth for 91 years. He would have been married 62 years this coming October.

He, his wife, Ethel, & his daughter, Carolyn, had become a part of Gospel Baptist Church in the mid -1980's and have been a fabulous blessing to this ministry.

Arthur was a man who seemed to always have a simple faith in His God. One would always walk away from a visit with Arthur more encouraged than when he came.

**Allen Keetch** was an associate member of Gospel Baptist Church, along with his dear wife, Elsie. They resided in Ontario, Canada and looked forward to spending each winter at Gospel. The winter of 2006-2007, Allen was not allowed to come down because of his health.

**On June 24, 2007**, Allen went home to be with the Lord at the age of 81 years old. We are grateful for associate members like Allen who were faithful supporters of this local work.



## Sermon Recommendations

**Unholy Glitches - July 29, 2007**

**Category:** Personal Walk

**Guests in the Depths of Hell - July 15, 2007**

**Category:** Sin Fighting

**How To Overcome Some Of Life's Worst Tragedies - July 8, 2007**

**Category:** To Salvage

The above sermons can be found at  
[www.gospelbaptistchurch.com/audio\\_sermon\\_library.htm](http://www.gospelbaptistchurch.com/audio_sermon_library.htm)  
under **Recommended Sermons** or can be ordered by **calling the church office** at (239) 947-1285.

## Upcoming Events

**September 25, 2007**

**Ladies' Just Because**

**October 28-31, 207**

**Creation Seminar with  
Dr. Grady McMurtry**

**January 20-25, 2008**

**Revival Services with Ron Comfort**

**March 2, 2008**

**28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service for GBC**

*The blessed and inviting truth is that God is the most winsome of all beings and in our worship of Him we should find unspeakable pleasure.*

*A. W. Tozer*