



Let's Roll

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From Pastor Bill . . .

Well, another year is coming to an end. Boy, when you are a Christian living for Jesus, these years are filled with rejoicing, good memories, happy times, glorious times, supernatural times, soul-winning times, and without regret times. Since I was 17, when I seriously made a decision to live for Jesus, years have combined to years, and somehow I am now 55 years old. As of December 23rd of this ending year, I will be 56. That means that 39 years have been spent in "serving the King," instead of serving "myself" as King.

All I can say is . . . I am sure glad I invested these years in something eternal, immortal, and invisible, never to be taken away by moth, rust, dust, or corruption!! Man! Living for Jesus just gets better and better!

I am not faking this happiness that I am writing about. I am only really telling a small fraction of the real joy, deep, wonderful fellowship with Jesus and His family that could be told.

If you are young, give Jesus your life, whatever it may be. Trust Him for each day, and before you know it, and if He lets you live that long, you will be where I am . . . 39 years from that decision, saying . . . "Glory to God." This thing is good!!! Ha!!!

Oh, the Bible is true. God did not lie to me as a young man. He did not even exaggerate! In fact, He has things for His beloved that we cannot imagine!! We look eagerly to the future, while the unsaved and disobedient look to it with apprehension and fear. What a huge difference there is between those two perspectives.

Love you all, Bill

From Pastor John . . .

Many snowbirds have settled into their winter abode here in southwest Florida. Not only have they brought excitement, but a little change of weather. We certainly enjoy this time of year and this is why we plan most of our big activities within the next few months. Please make the best possible effort to be a part of what is going on at Gospel Baptist Church.

The Creation Seminar with Dr. Grady McMurtry held at the end of October was a real success. We had great attendance each night with many visitors at almost every service. Much of that was due to word of mouth advertising, but we had also spent a little extra money for some advertising on the local talk radio station, WINK/WNOG. We had 43 one-minute advertising slots over six days and that generated almost 40 calls into the office. That certainly excited us and turned us on to the great returns of radio advertising.

If you are interested in any of the sessions Grady taught, you may do one of two things. You may visit our website at www.gospelbaptistchurch.com and click on the link to the audio sermon section, or call the office for copies of one or any of the sessions. If there is one to purchase, it would have to be Tuesday night's

session on global warming. He presented some mighty good argumentation that this so-called global warming crisis is nothing more than a big fat lie. You'll have to get a copy of it for your own reference.

November 14th was the night of our annual Bonita Farm Festival. This event is held and sponsored by the Awana program at GBC. Its goal is to attract new children to the Awana program, which is held almost every Wednesday night throughout the school year. There were 142 children and approximately 40-50 parents in attendance. I was thrilled by the 70 plus workers who contributed so much to make it a great success. There were no public professions of faith, but all were able to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. I personally was able to talk with one gentleman who wants to know more about Christianity. Pray for him as we set up a meeting soon.

As we take this issue to look back at the many wonderful things God has done for us, we are mindful of the fact that there are a lot of great things in store of us if Jesus tarries. If you have stood off and not been involved much in 2007, why don't you consider getting involved this next year. I believe you'll be glad you did. I look forward to the

days ahead. As a preacher once wisely said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." Amen & Amen.

Your friend and co-worker, John Boutchia

2007 In Review

Door-to-Door Statistics

- To date we have knocked on 2,763 doors on 13 Saturdays this year (GBC goes out twice a month from January to May & October to November; December is our tract month and we encourage folks to take their Saturdays to pass tracts out at the local shopping centers).
- We averaged 13 people each Saturday we have been out.
- 29 people made a profession of faith.

VBS Statistics

- 506 children attended one or more times during the week.
- 115 salvation decisions were recorded.
- There were almost 100 workers present to help.
- The love offering for missionary Susan Edge in Bangladesh (soon after the flooding) was \$1,484.89.

Number of Baptisms

- 18

19 New Members

- Kent & Tanya Amo, Steve & Dona Beaman, Jay & Carolyn Bolt, Heath Currier, Jessica Dahlgren, Lisa Demario, Lloyd & Betty Lou Gordon, Melissa Irvine, Dan Kammeraad, Tim & Gwen Kammeraad, Jim Long, Rob & Melissa Morris, Bonnie Smith

Number of tracts passed out

- 128,789 as of November 18th

Number of people signed up for Bible reading board:

- 142

Number of students in school this year

- 96 students are enrolled from K-3 to 12th grade

Number of visitors to the church web site

- 15,540

Number of audio sermon downloads from web site

- 6,894

Revival

- Meetings were held from January 21st -26th with Evangelist Jerry Sivnksty.

Ladies' Time Apart

- Held on February 17th with 231 ladies registered among 12 churches.

Missions' Conference

- Held on March 18th-21st with Hal Hightower as our keynote speaker. Three missionaries on deputation came our way. They were James Huckabee, on deputation to Uganda, West Africa; Patrick Gimenez, on deputation to the Island of St. Barthelemay, West Indies and Benjamin Shore, on deputation to Scotland. Also with us was Paul Paleo, director & founder of Construction for Worldwide Evangelism, located in Tampa, Florida.

Easter Sunrise Service

- Held on April 8th with approximately 1,500 people in attendance.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

- Held on May 5th with 70 in attendance.

GBCS High School Graduation

- Three students participated in the June 1st graduation ceremonies: Sarah Brayton, Erika Sanchez & Crawford Wiley.

GBCS K-5 graduation

- 14 students walked down the aisle in cap and gown on June 7th.

July 4th Parade

- The parade was a great success in both San Carlos Park & Bonita Springs in that 5,405 tracts were passed out.

Teen Camp

- Pastor Marty Moon & two other adults drove with 16 teens to Mount Moriah Camp in Knoxville, Tennessee. Two boys surrendered to full-time Christian service.

Youth News

Coming to the end of October and into November marks the beginning of the snowbird migration to the sunny south. Already some of you have begun to trickle down to your winter's nest.

This time of year also marks increased activity in our youth department. Last month, we began our **Initiative 70** discipleship program. We are encouraging teens to take initiative in serving the Lord. Each month, the teens that have signed up for the program earn points by being faithful in attendance, reciting a passage from Psalm 119, coming to youth activities, bringing visitors to church, or by just by being involved in one of our many ministries at the church. One Wednesday night each month, the teens have the opportunity to take over the youth service. Teens take turns in special music, leading singing, giving testimonies, bringing a devotional, planning an activity, and bringing snacks and drinks for afterwards.

The top three boys and girls in the program will be rewarded with a trip to the Hyles-Anderson Youth Conference in July of 2008. **My heart has been blessed seeing our young folks taking the initiative to serve the Lord.**

This month, our church will host the southwest Florida teen rally on November 2nd. I'm thankful that a male quartet from Pensacola Christian College will be ministering to us by song that evening. Joining the quartet, Youth Pastor Matt Fitch will be our special speaker. The service will be as usual with congregational singing, special music, a Bible trivia game, preaching by our preacher boys, and a message from the Word of God. We conclude the rally with pizza and fellowship in the McKinney Hall. Usually, about 100-150 teens attend our rallies. **We are praying that God will do a special work in the lives of young people that night.**

Thank you, again, for your prayers. We are asking the Lord for more opportunities to reach young people with the Gospel and then help them to be disciples of Christ.

I would ask you to continue to pray for our college students: Melissa Smith at Florida Baptist College, and Crawford Wiley at Bob Jones University. We are thankful for their desire to serve the Lord and are praying that others in the youth ministry will follow their footsteps.

Because He Lives, Marty

**"Nobody ever outgrows scripture; the Book
widens and deepens with our years"**
Charles H. Spurgeon

Gospel Baptist Church & School Staff - 2007

From bottom, left:

1st row: Debbie Spak, art teacher, Carolyn Miley, 1st grade teacher, Yolanda Rivera, B4/Aftercare

2nd row: Sandy Dodd, church secretary, Amy Richards, 3rd-4th grade teacher, Patricia Ott, PK4 teacher, Alicia Cavazos, school secretary

3rd row: Gwen Kammaraad, kindergarten teacher, Darla Boutchia, music teacher, Andrea Lytell, secretary, Jessica Herrera, PK3 teacher

4th Row: Angie Moon, Character First teacher, Neva Ott, physical education teacher, Regina Brown, 7th-12th grade teacher, Kim Santangelo, 2nd grade teacher

5th row: Tom Cronin, music director, Israel Cavazos, janitor, Dan Kammaraad, 6th grade teacher, Bill Lytell, senior pastor

6th row: John Boutchia, assistant pastor, Jeffrey Larson, business manager, Marty Moon, youth pastor, Warren Brown, audio/visual technician



“An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.”

A.W. Tozer

Recommended Sermons

Will You Die With Us?
Preached on September 26, 1993

Wall Builder/Bridge Builder
Preached on June 19, 1994

Upcoming Events at Gospel

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| December 24, 2007 | Christmas Eve Service |
| January 20-25, 2008 | Revival services with Ron Comfort |
| February 16, 2008 | Ladies' Time Apart |
| March 2, 2008 | 28th Anniversary Service for GBC |
| March 9-12, 2008 | Mission's Conference with Danny Whetstone |