



# Let's Roll

*Make a difference*

*Ask yourself . . .*

*"What am I going to do  
to get the Word of God out?"*

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## From Pastor Bill . . .

As the Senior Pastor, I often pray and ask God to show us any new ministries that He would have us to get into. **I believe in never being content with the status-quo, especially when it is about reaching the lost with the Gospel.** I love creative, new ways that are within Biblical parameters in which we can help people to hear about Jesus.

Not too many months ago, an evangelist called and asked us if he could park his trailer behind our buildings for a few days. We have three trailer hook-ups that we gladly offer anyone in need. So, he came. **The first Sunday here he told me that he helped open up detention centers for youth around the country.** I was mildly curious about this, but really did not give it much more thought.

Later that day, Marty Moon came to me and told me that he was interested in going to Naples and seeing about a youth detention center that this traveling evangelist had mentioned to him. I gave my approval and they both located and visited the facility in Naples.

***"Little did any of us expect that God was opening a huge and effectual door of opportunity."***

From the very first time that Marty and a few others from our church went, souls of these young people started to trust Christ. The range of age for these young people is from 13-17 years old. They are there only on a temporary basis and flow through weekly. This makes for a new group of young men and women almost every week.

I thank God, who cares about the souls of men, that He answered our prayers and allowed us to be the church to find out about the detention center! **At last count, nearly 200 precious young people have asked Jesus to save them after being thoroughly and carefully explained the Glorious Gospel.**

If you are up north, ask your local authorities if there is a similar facility in your town. ***Maybe, just maybe, God is opening up a new door for sharing the Gospel for you!***

Have a wonderful and fruitful month!  
Love you, Bill

## Youth Detention Center Ministry

I have been blessed so greatly by being allowed to work at the Collier Juvenile Detention Center these past five months. **Never in my life could I imagine God blessing me in a way that is beyond words.**

**Pastor Marty and I have witnessed nearly two hundred, yes 200, young men come to know the saving grace of our Lord.** I personally have been blessed in leading over 100 young men to Christ. Many have asked me, "Do you think it is real?" **All we can say is it takes courage for these young men, some tattooed more than you can imagine, to walk up to the front of the classroom and pray to accept Christ.**

Pastor Moon and I have only observed two saved inmates re-enter the center. In the past, some had been back four or five times. **I encourage any of our men who have always desired to lead others to the Lord to come and let the Lord bless you beyond imagination.**

Submitted by Brother Frank DeMario

## What's Happening at Gospel

I was a bit late in submitting my article for this newsletter, but it all worked out for good. We just concluded our Awana Fair and I can give you the grand results. The Fair took place on November 12<sup>th</sup> and saw 163 children and at least 75 – 80 parents in attendance. Each person in attendance heard a clear presentation of the Gospel and the kids had a fabulous time with the pony rides, the bounce house, an inflatable slide and about 30 games. Also, everyone stuffed themselves with hotdogs, cookies, popcorn and the famous slushies from the Henthorns. Wow! If you were not here, you missed a great time! **My thanks to all 90+ teen and adult workers who made this a great success.**

It is amazing what a little cold weather up north will do to the snowbirds. We have definitely noticed an increase over the last few weeks and are grateful for each winter resident who makes their way to sunny southwest Florida and Gospel Baptist Church.

I would encourage any winter resident who spends a few months here to consider making GBC a permanent home. Because of our unique setting, we have built into the church constitution an associate membership. **If you find yourself spending the winters with us and have not officially become a part of GBC, why not speak to one of the pastors here and also speak to your pastor back home about it.** Some of our best additions to the church have been the seasonal crowd and we want you to feel at home while you are here.



We will have special meetings with Attorney David Gibbs on December 7<sup>th</sup>. **The morning service will be dedicated to all our WWII veterans and we will pay a special tribute to them as we remember the sacrifices of that whole war, especially the events that took place at Pearl Harbor.** Brother Gibbs will preach a patriotic message that morning and something special will be given to every WWII veteran who comes to the morning service. I cannot wait for this day and I hope you will be here for it.

**The day following (December 8<sup>th</sup>), GBC is honored to host the Southwest Florida Independent Baptist Preacher's Fellowship and Brother Gibbs will speak twice that afternoon.** This is not just for preachers so you are welcome to come and hear some fabulous preaching!

The school has been going well and we are glad that our students made it safely back from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. On the first week of November, 15 high school students from GBCS (including a few home school students) went to BJU to compete in their Fine Arts Competition. The students had a great time there and fared well. My personal thanks to our teacher, Regina Brown, and Pastor & Mrs. Boehm of Estero Baptist Church, for escorting the students there and back.

**Please keep well informed on the events of January – March here at Gospel.** We have a great line-up of preachers and events and it would be a shame for you to not be here. The **Revival services** in January with Tom

Farrell, the **ladies conference** in February and the **Missions Conference** in March with Don Sisk will be a treat to your soul. Enjoy these days with us. If you have more questions, please go to our website [www.gospelbaptistchurch.com](http://www.gospelbaptistchurch.com) or call the office @ (239) 947-1285.

Keep pressing on!

Your friend, John Boutchia

### Upcoming Special Guests

 <b>Evangelist Tom Farrell</b> Revival Services January 25 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>Dr. Bob Jones III</b> 29th Anniversary Service March 1 <sup>st</sup>
 <b>Loretta Walker and Jane Grafton</b> A Time Apart for Ladies February 21 <sup>st</sup>	 <b>Evangelist Don Sisk</b> Missions Conference March 22-25 <sup>th</sup>

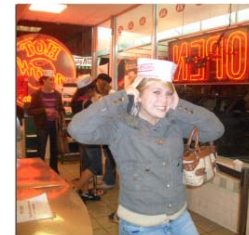
### GBCS Students at BJU Fine Arts Festival



Dania Herrera,  
Jacob Motes,  
Jesse Johnson,  
David Collier,  
Aisha Smith,  
Amir Capistran,  
Jayla Gillaspie,  
Katelyn Swett,  
Kate Chapin  
Brittany Brown,  
Sarah Chapin

(Not pictured:  
Lisa Boehm)

Unwinding after  
competition at the  
local *Krispy Kreme*  
in Greenville!  
Alisha Smith



### Youth News

**Christmas-time is here and with it many opportunities to share the *real* reason for the season.** The holidays are always a busy time for the teens at Gospel Baptist Church, and this year is no exception.

In November, the Christian school girls' volleyball team competed for the first time in the state playoffs in Haines City, FL. The team placed third. The girls have worked hard this year and we are excited about having been in the playoffs in only our third season of being in the league.

Also, early in November several of our teens competed in the Fine Arts competition at Bob Jones University. Mrs. Regina Brown worked hard to prepare the teens for the competition. Brittany Brown made it to the final round in the solo singing competition, while Brittany and Jayla Gillaspie made it to the final round in duet singing. Jayla Gillaspie also placed third in oral interpretation of Scripture.

Finally, in November, Brother George Griffis from Camp Victory in Somerset, KY, will be our special speaker at a Youth Rally at our church on the 21st. We are praying that God will do a great work through the preaching of God's Word that night.

December will be filled with tract-passing opportunities each Saturday and singing Christmas carols to the residents of six different nursing homes on Wednesday nights. **Every Christmas we also have a Christmas party at one of the youth staff members' homes that includes a devotional from one of the teen boys, testimonies, trading gifts, fun games, and of course, *great food*.**

God has richly blessed our youth ministry with many teens who are willing to serve God now. May our Father add many to that number in the coming months.

Because He Lives, Pastor Marty

#### Recommended Sermons

***How Paul Overcame the Maze of Discouragement in His Life***  
Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell  
November 30, 2003

***God of the Living***  
Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell  
February 2, 2003

Sermons can be downloaded at  
[www.gospelbaptistchurch.com](http://www.gospelbaptistchurch.com)  
You can also write or call  
the church office to order a copy.

#### Upcoming Events at Gospel

Attorney David Gibbs  
of CLA December 7, 2008

S.W. FL Independent Baptist  
Preacher's Fellowship December 8, 2008

Ladies' Pot Luck  
Christmas Luncheon December 18, 2008

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2008

The Recommended Sermons listed above can be found at  
[http://www.gospelbaptistchurch.com/audio\\_pages/recommended\\_sermons.htm](http://www.gospelbaptistchurch.com/audio_pages/recommended_sermons.htm)

*"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."*  
Corrie ten Boom