

Let's Roll

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From Pastor Bill . . .

Dear Friends ~ **Door-to-door ministry is as New Testament as it gets . . .** (Acts 2:46) *"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,"* (Acts 20:20) *"And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." These verses show the practice of what is really "common sense" evangelism.*

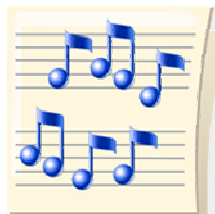


I am a simple-faith kind of guy, and when I read something in the Bible, I just seek to copy it. Here at the "Gospel," we have been involved in door-to-door ministry since our inception. Sometimes people ask me, "Preacher, does this method still work?" I almost always reply, "I don't base my obedience on 'whether something works,' but on if it is right to do." To answer the question though, **"Yes it works!!"** We have seen hundreds saved through this ministry, and countless more warned and informed about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Listen to this . . . every Christian needs to know how to share the Gospel with someone else . . . and there is just no better opportunity than when **you** go door-to-door. I have found that through many years of evangelism. This is the best way. If you want an opportunity to give the plan of salvation, on a typical door-to-door, it involves two hours of time. One can give it on an average of 3-5 times, and sometimes, many more than that.

Here is the logic: If you are not giving the plan of salvation out to folks, no one is going to get led to Christ by you. It would be like never going fishing and expecting to catch fish. You have to "go fishing" to "catch fish" . . . Duh! If you will get into a door-to-door ministry, you will eventually "catch some fish." Guaranteed!!

One lady confessed to me years ago that she had "never" led a person to Jesus and was heart broken over it. I love folks who are honest about this . . . **I told her to memorize the plan of salvation and the verses involved. Then I told her to start praying every day for God to help her see the opportunities around her, then to get "on the lake" where the fish were and start "casting" her line with bait on the Gospel hook.** It was not long until I heard her give testimony of leading two people to Christ!!! She was thrilled and so was!!!!



"Souls for Jesus is our battle cry . . . Souls for Jesus . . . we'll fight until we die . . . We never will give in . . . while souls are lost in sin . . . Souls for Jesus is our battle cry!!!"

(Bob Jones University's 'Preacher Boys' Class song)

Overcome your fears, inhibitions, complexes, insecurities, and let's go "door-to-door" looking for some lost people that are looking for Jesus! They are out there.

Love you all, Bill Lytell, Senior Pastor
(but young at heart!!)

Testimony from Joe Lehnert, Member of GBC



The door-to-door ministry, for me, is a direct answer to prayer. A few months before settling in Naples, I was asking the Lord to develop me in evangelism, that I may be an effectual giver of the Gospel. I desired to be like Paul where he said in Ephesians 6:19 that *"utterance may be given unto me"* and in verse 20 where he said *"that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."* **Door-to-door is a wonderful platform in which to learn and grow, and not just at doorways, but wherever an opportunity exists.** Please come and be a part of it, especially while we can.

Thankfully, Joe

What's Happening at Gospel

We are in the midst of our Christmas activities as I write this article and having a fun time with it all. There are plans for a Christian School Christmas program on December 20th and we also have great expectations for the Christmas Eve Service. This is always an exciting time as we see many people attend that never come throughout the year.

December is not only a great month because of all the activities, but because it has been our annual "tract month." Ever since we started our tract count several years ago, December has always been the biggest month. It naturally happens that way because Christmas is a great time to get the Gospel message out.

We have passed out 17,000 tracts for the month of December. As you can probably tell, that is a big jump from our usual weekly average of 2,500-3,000. **We are excited about getting the message of salvation into the hands of many people as will receive it.**

As the new year approaches, our focus has been placed on the upcoming evangelistic meetings with Ron Comfort. We are preparing ourselves in so many ways. **We will be having cottage prayer meetings, a 24 hour prayer chain a day prior to the start of the meetings and a fast from January 7th-11th.**

We are also creatively putting together ways to encourage everyone to be involved and invite people to come to the meetings. Special nights are planned every night of the week and they are:

Monday: Family "Pack a Pew" Night
Tuesday: Prophecy Night
Wednesday: Awana/Sunday School Night
Thursday: Patriotic Night
Friday: Christian School/Youth Night

If you are in town during the week of January 20th-25th, why don't you plan on attending these services? **I guarantee it will be well worth your time.** This is a highlight of each year and it is wonderful to see the things that God does in our midst. **Christians are revived and souls are saved and what church cannot use a shot in the arm like that?**

Please mark on your calendar some of the other events coming up. The **Ladies Day Apart** will be on February 16, 2008. The **Missions Conference**, which is another highlight for the people of GBC, will be held from March 9-12, 2008. Gospel Baptist Church will also be celebrating its **28th Anniversary** the week before on March 2nd. I hope you can be here with us for one or all of these events.

It is our prayer and desire that these newsletters are a blessing and encouragement to you. If you enjoy them, drop a note to us, either by e-mail or snail mail. **We would love to hear from you, especially if there are any changes in your life or big events that have taken place.** May God richly bless you in His service.

Keep this church family in your prayers as we endeavor to shake the kingdom of darkness with the light of the glorious Gospel.

For His sake and glory,
John Boutchia, Assistant Pastor

"Young men and old men, and sisters of all ages, if you love the Lord, get a passion for souls. Do you not see them? They are going to hell by the thousands."

Charles Spurgeon

Youth News

Wow! 2008 is here already! December, as usual, was a very busy month. Each December we take two Wednesday nights to go Christmas Caroling at local nursing homes in the area. We also visit widows and shut-ins that are nearby. Christmas can be one of the loneliest times of the year for many folks in nursing homes, so we go and sing "Silent Night," "The First Noel," "Away in a Manger," etc. to share with them the true meaning of Christmas.

I am constantly reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 5:18: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* **We must constantly proclaim Christ who is the Light to those in darkness through our preaching, teaching, singing, and conversation of life.** We then, who go to be a blessing to those in need, wind up being blessed because of their great gratitude.

Also in December we had our annual Christmas Youth Party. This year Dale and Shirley Swett hosted the party at their home. Fourteen teens, six adults, and a couple of Moon kids enjoyed great fellowship, food and a white elephant gift giving game. Juan Rivera, Jr. brought a good devotional about the Christian life as it relates to Christmas.

Please be in prayer for our upcoming evangelistic services with Evangelist Ron Comfort. **I am sure much has already been mentioned about this event, but I want to emphasize the need for God to do a work in our young folk's lives.** On Friday night of the services, we will be encouraging teens to bring visitors, as well as unbelieving parents, to the meeting. After the meeting, we have a special ice skating activity for the teens that attend the meeting.

Eighteen years ago God used a thirteen year old girl to invite me to a youth activity somewhat like this one. That night during the service I saw myself as a sinner who needed a Savior and accepted Christ personally. **My life has been forever changed because of an invitation. Our goal is that many teens will be invited so that another teen may be brought to Christ, and that those who are backslidden will return to Him.**

Thanks again for your prayers and support. Angie, the youth staff and I look forward to what God will do in our lives, as well as the lives of our teens in 2008. **Our Enemy is tireless in pursuit to destroy the lives of teens.** *By the grace of God, may a few be snatched from an eternity without Christ before it is too late.* Happy New Year!

By God's grace, Marty

Upcoming Evangelistic Meetings

The **Ron Comfort Evangelistic Team** will hold a Crusade from **Sunday, January 20th - Friday, January 25th.** The Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 7:30 p.m. and include a special service directed for children. Child care is provided in each service.

The evangelistic team has traveled extensively throughout the United States and many foreign countries presenting the Gospel in message and song. The music ministry includes both vocal music and a variety of instrumental numbers using vibra-harp, guitar, trombone, piano and accordion-organ. A volunteer choir under the direction of Dr. Larry Brubaker will sing nightly. Dr. Ron Comfort has traveled in full-time evangelism since 1961. He is the founder and president of Ambassador Baptist College in Lattimore, North Carolina, a four year Bible College training men and women for full-time Christian service. **Dr. Comfort's pulpit ministry throughout the year has been characterized by his careful and powerful use of Scripture.**



Upcoming Events at Gospel

January 20 th -25 th	Evangelistic Services with Ron Comfort
February 16 th	Ladies' Time Apart
March 2 nd 28th	Anniversary Service for GBC
March 9 th -12 th	Missions Conference with Danny Whetstone

Recommended Sermons

The God Of The Present
Pastor Bill Lytell
Preached on October 16, 1994

The Ripple Effect
Pastor Bill Lytell
Preached on December 18, 1994

Sermons can be downloaded at www.gospelbaptistchurch.com