



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 . . .

Singles . . . what would we do without them in the local church? Through the years "singles" have made up much of the *energy* in so many ministries. A Christian does not have to waste his/her single time on riotous living and wasteful abandonment. They can utilize their energy and free time for something eternal and valuable, and many do.

Our Christian School has thrived because of single people. Right now, we have two single female teachers and one single male teacher. Together these three people teach first grade through sixth grade at the school! What would we do without them?

"A single that keeps him or herself for Jesus is happy, healthy, and focused like no other time of life."

Oh, I am not saying that marriage is not in their future, but that their focus is not marriage, but serving the Lord Jesus until, if and when, He sees fit to bring that new phase of life to them. In eternity many of these singles will be *first* and outshine those who were more selfish in this life.

I love the singles and enjoy their lively spirits, smiles, and energy for life. Thank God for spiritual singles.

Yours for souls, Bill

What's Happening At Gospel

It is our prayer that these newsletters are a blessing when they come your way. We have heard from a few of you and appreciate your feedback. Our desire is to keep you somewhat informed on the "happenings" at Gospel all the while encouraging you in your respective ministries.

School officially ended on June 6th. We had a closing school program the night before and the kindergarten graduation. You haven't seen anything till you've seen little kindergartners coming down the aisle in cap and gown. This year there were 13 students who completed kindergarten at GBCS and 11 of those were girls. Wow! All I can say is I am glad I was not the teacher.

The teachers are finishing out this week by cleaning their rooms and putting the finishing touches on the permanent records. Pray that this summer would be a good and restful time for them.

We also had a high school graduation on May 30th with C.J. Motes finishing his high school years at GBCS. C.J. spent most of his 13 school years here and certainly ended on a good note. My wife had C.J. in her kindergarten class her first year of teaching and it has been amazing for both of us to watch him grow. He has helped in the Awana program for the last couple of years and has been a blessing in that aspect.



Brother Kevin Walker, his wife Loretta and their children, will be here on Saturday the 14th and we will be getting ready for VBS to start on Monday the 16th. What a fun time it will be. This year's theme is a "cowboy/western" theme. The biggest draw will be the cowboy carnival which will take place on the last night. There will be a mechanical bull ride, bounce house, inflatable slide, obstacle course and about 20-25 games. It is our prayer that many parents will come as well and hear the Gospel presented that night.

We took last Saturday, June 7th and went calling. We will also be calling again on the 14th. We found a number of children who were interested and have passed that information on to the bus captains. VBS is usually a big shot in the arm for the bus ministry. As we call and find children for the week, we are able to give that information to each bus captain and boost their prospective calling lists.

Gospel Baptist will once again participate in the July 4th parades in both San Carlos Park and Bonita Springs. This is a grand opportunity to get the word of God out to many people. Last year, we passed out around 4,000 gospel tracts. We use a yellow bus in each parade and decorate it with patriotic decorations. It is a simple, but effective way to let people know who we are and what we have to offer.

This is also the time when many will be taking vacations. My wife and I will be off from June 30th for about three weeks. Pastor Lytell will be off the last two weeks of August and the first two weeks of September. Thank you for your prayers for us. We covet them deeply. Drop us a line or give us a quick call if you can. We would love to hear from you if you are up north.

Your friend for souls, John Boutchia

Single Adult Ministry – A New Ministry At Gospel Led By Dan Kammaraad



Dan Kammaraad

Single adults are an important part of Gospel Baptist Church and because they are a vital part of Gospel, on April 6, 2008 we began the Gospel Crusaders. **The Gospel Crusaders is the banner which the following outreaches will fall under:** Single Adult Sunday school class, university outreach, university Bible studies, weekly activities and community outreaches that target young adults in our community.

It is a place where a young adult can come and find a group of Christ-honoring young men and women who desire to draw closer to the Lord and be a part of a loving and caring group of Christian friends.

“At the heart of the Gospel Crusaders is the desire to help individuals build a strong, rewarding relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ through the local church.”

In a world that has erased the lines of separation from what is right and wrong, God helping us, the Gospel Crusaders will create a platform from which the Word of God will be taught, standards will be upheld, a devotional life will be developed and the Lord Jesus Christ will be honored. We will make the goal God and our final authority will be His Holy Word.

The Gospel Crusaders will not be a substitute for the local church, but an extension of the church. Dating will be a by-product of this singles ministry not the goal. God is the goal and His word is the focal point of this exciting and Christ-honoring ministry for young adults.

Sunday mornings in the Gospel Crusader's Sunday school class is a time of spiritual growth, as all involved are encouraged to step closer to the Lord and His Word. We have just completed a series called, "Take the High Road." Through the summer months the Gospel Crusaders will be studying from a book entitled, "Issues of Life Answered From the Bible."

This book will be a challenging study into God's word on hot topics of our day like abortion, modesty, identity, gay rights, and revival in the twenty-first century.

Besides our weekly Sunday school class that meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the main auditorium, we also have Christ-honoring activities to promote Christian growth in a good environment. We have also designated and set aside a time each week to go soul winning during the Florida Gulf Coast school year in areas that are saturated with young adults who need to hear the Gospel.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will open doors that only He can open and close doors only He can close. It is our desire to start a weekly Bible study on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University and Edison Community College. Another goal we are working towards and praying God's blessing on would be a missions trip next summer. Please join us in praying for God's guidance and direction as we seek to serve the Lord in this new and exciting ministry, The Gospel Crusaders.

We praise the Lord for the 10 first-time visitors that have visited the Gospel Crusader's Sunday school class since April 6th of this year. In addition to the 10 first-time visitors in Sunday school, we have also had a total of 8 first-time visitors to various activities that are held on Saturday evenings. God is blessing and we pray that God will continue to work and move as only He can.

Dan Kammaraad

"And how can we ever show our gratitude, except by serving the living God? We are redeemed to serve; bought to be owned absolutely. Who can refuse a service so reasonable, fraught with blessedness to transcendent? Head! Think for Him whose brow was thorn-girt. Hands! Toil for Him whose hands were nailed to the cross. Feet! Speed to do his behests whose feet were pierced. Body of mine! Be His temple whose body was wrung with pains unspeakable. To serve Him-this is the only true attitude and behavior, as those who are not their own, but His." F.B. Meyer

Youth News

The heat and summer rains have returned to Southwest Florida. The ministry opportunities for the teens here at Gospel Baptist are heating up as well. The month of May concluded with the graduation of C.J. Motes and Krystal Kopps. C.J. is leaning toward going into the Marines, while Crystal is praying about attending Christian college in the fall. Please pray for these two graduates as they seek the Lord's will for their lives.

Naturally, during the month of June the whole church, as well the teens at Gospel Baptist, focus on VBS. We have already seen great results from one day of visitation and anticipate and pray for much fruit this summer during that week.

Also, on June 30th we'll be taking the teens to a Tampa Rays vs. Boston Red Sox baseball game. This gives us a great opportunity to not only enjoy a baseball game, but to pass out hundreds of tracts after the game.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the biggest event of the year for our teens is our annual trip to Christian camp. This year we travel north to the Bluegrass State to spend a week with our friend, Brother George Griffis, founder and director of Camp Victory in Somerset, KY. It is hard to believe we were there four years ago and now get to go back to that wonderful camp.

The closest I've ever been to real revival was during a Thursday night service at Camp Victory. Young people, as well as adults, were openly confessing their sin, getting right with one another, with much prayer and weeping. My prayer is God would do a great work again in my own heart and the hearts of all the teens we bring to camp. Again, we ask for your prayers, especially during the last week of July.

“We have been asking God to give us a few teens with a strong desire to stand for truth, no matter what the circumstances or consequences.”

In closing, Angie and I are excited about the upcoming 7th grade class. The class may be the largest incoming group of church teens that we have ever had in almost seven years of ministry. We have been praying for young men and women with real character. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to preach, “The test of your character is what it takes to stop you.” May God give us some young folks who will live for Christ, who died for us all.

By His grace, Marty

“Where God is, there is the majority.”

Charles Spurgeon

Recommended Sermons

4th Quarter Christians

By Pastor Bill Lytell

Preached on November 22, 1998

What Will Heaven Be Like?

By Pastor Bill Lytell

Preached on July 6, 2003

Upcoming Events at Gospel

July 4th

Parades

**July 16th-
July 18th**

**Youth Conference at
First Baptist Church of
Hammond, IN**

**July 27th-
August 1st**

**Youth Camp at Camp
Victory in Somerset, KY**