



# 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 . . .

Hello Again ~ This month's newsletter involves the "Youth Ministry" here at Gospel. **If you have any experience in working with youth, you will understand the massive undertaking and challenge facing most young people in our society.** Never in the history of mankind has there been more temptation available at the tip of a young person's finger (that they can indulge on in private) than today.

I am not exaggerating in the least. The internet- super highway of information, is everywhere. I recently preached a sermon on *accessibility* and the title was "How Can We Survive Accessibility?" The ease of "sin at your whim" is just too much for most teens and adults! The Great King David fell to this with Bathsheba.

*"There is no harder,  
more discouraging  
job than being a  
youth pastor in  
2008!"*

Our youth director, Marty Moon, and his dear wife, have stepped up to the "plate," as it were, and put themselves on the line for the youth of today. **Marty and his wife lead the charge and lay their lives down for the cause of reaching the youth of this area.**

Please forgive my negativity because I am not saying that serving the Lord is not a great and wonderful privilege, but that often it is not glorious and "happiness all the time." The entire legal system is broken in our country concerning youth, and has literally "armed them" with "rights" that can put a well-meaning worker in jail for just "unwanted touching." We have had to "educate" our workers on "what to do" and "what not to do" legally with these kids.

The bright spot in all this is *"where sin abounded Grace much more abounded."* When a young person does choose Jesus and righteousness now, it is a serious choice and usually they are heavily tested. This may produce some of the most "real" Christians we have seen in years. **I mean, if you want to be a Fundamentalist young person, you will be swimming against the current, and will have to have some deep convictions and Bible knowledge, along with a very humble spirit and intimate prayer life!**

If you have a Youth Director or Youth Pastor in your church or know of one . . . write him a letter of appreciation; take he and his wife out for a nice meal; send them an unexpected gift of gratitude, hold them up in prayer every night; never speak a word bad about them; and thank God for their willingness to "fight the good fight" for the souls of a generation unlike any in the past since Adam and Eve had their first kid!

Souls for Jesus, Bill Lytell

**“It is a masterpiece of the Devil to make us believe that children cannot understand religion. Would Christ have made a child the standard of faith if He had known that he was not capable of understanding His words?”**

**D.L. Moody**

## What's Happening At Gospel

If you have looked up in the sky, you probably have noticed our “snowbirds” migrating back north. It is hard to believe we have arrived to this time of year where we must say goodbye to these dear people. On one hand, the month of April is a hard month for us as we see these people leave, but it is a relief as we catch our breath from the busy three months of January, February and March. Now that I have had a chance to catch my breath, let me tell you about the exciting things that have gone on.

I was able to tell you last month a little bit about the Missions Conference just as we were in the thick of it. Well, let me tell you the “rest of the story!” The offering given for the week was over \$20,000. We were able to give \$7,000 to the keynote speaker, Danny Whetstone, \$3,000 to each of the national pastors, \$1,000 to the NOW ministries representative who brought them down, and \$1,000 to Ron Grossman. Plus, we were able to cover all expenses for the meeting such as hotel bills, food and other things. Wow! That is great, but not all.

*We are grateful to every person who has contributed to this program because it helps us fulfill the greatest calling ever put upon mankind: The Great Commission!*

**Our total giving to the Missions program (Faith Promise, love offerings and special projects) during this past fiscal year (April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008) was \$313,870.05.** Now, **that** is incredible. And, to cap it all off, I am pleased to announce that our Faith Promise for the next year is up to \$159,000. God is so good.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had an excellent day with the Easter services. Things started early with a 7:30 a.m. beach service at Bonita Beach. We passed out close to 1,200 tracts and estimated that there were about 1,800 people there that morning. It was a thrill to see how God held the rain off so we could do this service. There were over 100 people in attendance at the 8:30 a.m. service and the 11:00 a.m. service was pretty full, as well. Many visitors came that day and we

are giving thanks for the grand opportunities of lifting Jesus Christ up.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, about 30 people were in attendance with us at the Passover Seder. Missionary Mark Robinson, whom GBC has been supporting for about 25 years, did an excellent job in showing us how this great Jewish celebration pictures Christ and his death on the cross.

Gospel Baptist Christian School took a needed, but well deserved, vacation the week after Easter. The students took achievement tests the week prior and then had a great field day on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. There are two months left in the school year and we have been working hard with various fine arts competitions from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up thru high school. I will give you more information about this in the next newsletter.

The last thing I want to share with you is the freshest of all news and that is the annual business meeting. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, GBC had its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting. **The meeting went smoothly. We voted on a new budget, new officers and a constitutional amendment.**

**It was a thrill to recommend for support the three national pastors which were here for the Missions conference.** All three received a unanimous vote. GBC also voted on giving a total of \$50,000 to missionary G.S. Nair (India) in order to help purchase some property (GBC contributed \$25,000 which matched the \$25,000 from another contributor). We also voted to increase the monthly support of our missionaries from \$100 to \$125. **It was a great meeting and we are thrilled to have such unity in our group.**

Take care and keep pressing on for Jesus. You'll be glad you did.

Your friend for souls, John Boutchia

## Teen Testimonies



Sarah Chapin

I don't know about you, but something I have always struggled with is knowing God's will for my life. I worried about discerning what He would want me to do and where He would have me to go. Since becoming a part of the Gospel Baptist Church youth group, answers to these questions have become a little clearer.

I have surrendered my life to Christ, being led to do so under the preaching of Pastor Moon and others at youth rallies we've attended. I have learned that giving God free rein on my destiny is much simpler than trying to hold onto the control myself.

Another thing that has been very beneficial to me is a Bible study we recently completed in Sunday school, “*Discover Your Destiny*” by Cary Schmidt. God showed me that by keeping a close relationship with Him and by trust, obedience and prayer, He will reveal His will to me.

Through the youth group at Gospel, I have learned that God has a perfect plan for my life and wants to show it to me. Even though I may not know all the details of my future now, God has taught me to wait on His timing and let Him direct my paths.

Sarah Chapin, Age 16



I have been attending the Triumphant Teens youth ministry at Gospel Baptist for a little over four years now. I have had much spiritual growth over the years, and have enjoyed the challenges given at the summer camps we go to, as well.

This past year I have grown more spiritually than I ever have before, through the I-70 ministry that Mrs. Moon started and through the devotional “*Discover Your Destiny*” that Pastor Moon has been going through with us on Sunday morning. I have been given an opportunity to preach, lead singing, play instruments, and cook during I-70 (which is the last Wednesday night of each month), and have seen one of my close friends saved and begin coming to youth group with me.

I look forward to growing in my walk with Christ in this coming year, and making my fellowship with him more personal.

Konrad Wiley, Age 15

## Youth News



Hello again, brothers and sisters in Christ! Many of our annual snowbirds are heading back north while a few still wait for warmer weather back home. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our teens participated in the “Walk for Life.” This event helps raise money for Lee Women’s Center so that they can encourage pregnant young ladies to have their babies and not abort them. **We learned at the event that over 50,000 abortions have taken place in Ft. Myers over the past 23 years.** That number is bigger than the population of many cities in America. With a 90% increase in teenagers in Lee County, we pray that our efforts will save many babies from the sin of abortion.

The youth ministry at Gospel Baptist Church is a **platform** which provides an environment for **spiritual growth** and **opportunities to serve** the Lord for teens in our community and church, as well as a place for teen evangelism. Parents have the **primary** responsibility to raise their children and the youth ministry has only a secondary responsibility. The youth ministry simply **reinforces** the Biblical instruction received at home or in

the case of an unsaved family, **supplements** what the teen has missed at home. Our goal, then, is to encourage teens, primarily through preaching, teaching, and implementing of God’s word through service ministries.

**What are the steps to this goal for the teens? First**, God desires a personal relationship with every teen (Salvation). The Apostle Peter wrote that the Lord “*is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:19). **Secondly**, God desires for teens to surrender their lives to Him (Sanctification). Paul wrote to the church at Rome: “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*” (Romans 12:1-2). **Thirdly**, after surrendering to God’s will, He desires that His will then be completed in each teen by life experiences. Paul again writes: “*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ*” (Philippians 1:6) (Testings/Trials).

**What about those teens who reject our efforts?** We realize that not every teen will obey God’s will for their lives. Jesus said: “*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it*” (Matthew 7:13,14). Jesus also declared that only a few of the majority of Christians will serve Him with their lives: “*Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest*” (Luke 10:2).

Thus, in every **average, normal**, and should I say **healthy** youth group, there should be teens of **multiple growth levels**. There should be teens that are lost in the youth ministry. There should be teens that are living for Jesus in the youth ministry, and certainly there always will be those who are simply backslidden. What truly makes the difference in each teen’s life is their decision to follow Christ or not. Jesus said “*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me*” (Matthew 16:24).

Angie and I are privileged to work with the teens at Gospel Baptist Church. We realize that we “*wrestle not against flesh and blood,*” and so we are thankful for your prayers and support.

Marty Moon

#### Upcoming Events at Gospel

Mother-Daughter Luncheon	May 3rd
GBCS Sr. High Graduation	May 30th
GBCS K-5 Graduation	June 5th
Father-Son Breakfast	June 7th
VBS with Evangelist Kevin Walker and family	June 16-20th

#### Recommended Sermons

The Devil Doesn't Play Checkers, He Plays Chess  
Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell  
March 19, 2000

Would We Have The Psalms If David Had Prozac  
Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell  
May 27, 2001

Sermons can be downloaded at  
[www.gospelbaptistchurch.com](http://www.gospelbaptistchurch.com)