



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 . . .

Pure religion is to help widows in distress! *"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."* James 1:27

At one time in this church we had at least 26 widows with only one widower!! Man, he was like a rooster in a hen house! Of course, it does not take a very smart fella to wonder *why* there were so *many* widows and so *few* widowers!

"Many widows in this church have been my personal prayer warriors."

They have held my hands up in prayer along with Pastor McKinney and V.L. Martin, who pastored before me. Violet Cooper, Pearl Jury, Myrtle Griffin, all about the same age, told me many times they labored in prayer for me. These three dear women have crossed over into Glory and are young again. All three died at 94 years old, but blessed our socks off while they were here.

There is no way to know the impact of spiritual widows. I have tried to honor our widows from time-to-time as God gives me the creativity to think of new ways to honor them.

Once my wife and I brought back "widow's mites" from Israel and put them on silver chains for each widow that wanted one. I preached a special message on the "ministry of widows."

John Boutchia and others in our church make sure we take care of our widows if they need help. We visit them regularly, and just will do about whatever they need, because they are important to us.

Are you a widow? Use it for Jesus because it won't last long. Soon, Jesus will come and we all will be his "bride," forever married to God and complete in Him. Glory!

God bless the Godly widows, Bill

Ministries GBC Widows Participate In:

Nursing Home

Volunteer Work in the
Christian School

Flea Market

Ladies Ministry

Office Work

Prayer for the work and
ministry of GBC

GBC Widows Present for Photo on Sept. 7, 2008



From the left: Bernice Terwilliger, Bonnie Smith, Frances Osborne, Pat Wipf, Marge Carr, Donna McGarry, Gloria Stevens, Sharon Johnson

This newsletter is dedicated to every widow who has been involved in ministry at GBC.

Thank you!

What's Happening

As I write this article, I am in my office reflecting on the events of September 11, 2001, as it happens to be seven years to the day that those tragic events took place on American soil. **I am thankful** for every soldier who has gone to Afghanistan and Iraq. **I am thankful** for a president who has been bold and aggressive in attacking terrorism.

"It has often been said that the answer for America's problems is not the White House, but God's house."

Yet, amidst all this thankfulness, **I am reminded of the fact that this freedom we enjoy today could be gone tomorrow.** May The Lord Jesus help us this election season to not only cast the vote for the right candidate, but may we cast the right vote for how we are going to live spiritually. God's people need to live right and be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Putting aside the issues on a national level, let me draw your attention to what is happening locally at 24861 Old 41 Road, the home of Gospel Baptist Church & Christian School. We thank the Lord for His many blessings and how the ministries have flourished such as the bus ministry, the Christian day school and the juvenile detention ministry. **God has opened some doors and I would ask that you pray for these doors to stay open.**

Our dear pastor is due back in town the next few days. He and Cathy have been on a four week vacation covering a lot of territory, especially out west. They have traveled a lot of miles and seen a lot of God's beautiful creation. We are excited about their return.

Gospel Baptist Christian School has begun and we thank the Lord for **85** students registered this year. That is a good number considering the hard economic times many have found themselves in. Many of our Jr./Sr. High students are involved in the **sports program**: the boys in **flag football** and the girls in **volleyball**. In fact, their first game is today (Sept.11) and we "hope" that all the practice since mid-August will help them out.

GBCS Teaching Staff for 2008-2009



Back row: Aimee Richards (3rd & 4th); Gwen Kammeraad (kindergarten); Pat Ott (Pre-school); Front row: Carolyn Miley (1st & 2nd); Angie Moon (5th & 6th); Regina Brown (7th-12th)

Our senior high students have the wonderful opportunity to go to **Bob Jones University** for a **Fine Arts competition**. In the next couple of newsletters, we will give you more information. **Please pray that our spiritual and financial needs would be met in the school. Pray for the teachers - that God would give them wisdom in working with these students each week.**

This past Sunday evening (Sept. 7th), we had a missionary to **China** come and present his work. Because this man has been sought out by the Chinese authorities while there and this newsletter is posted on the internet I will not mention him by name. Let me tell you, this man struck a cord with our people. He told us of churches and Bible institutes that have been started and the fact that since the mid-1990's **over 400,000 Bibles** have been smuggled in. **400,000 seems like a large number, but when you think that the population of China is 1.3 billion people, the number of Bibles brought in becomes a drop in**

the bucket.

We will be presenting to the church next week the possibility of getting behind this man for support. With 1/5 of the world's population residing in China, it is high time we get behind this missionary who is trying to make a difference and establish churches and Bible institutes that Lord-willing will last long beyond his time there.

Continue praying for us here. We are gearing up for a great season as we anticipate all the snowbirds to flock here to Florida. If you have plans of being here this season, ***please mark down the following dates:***

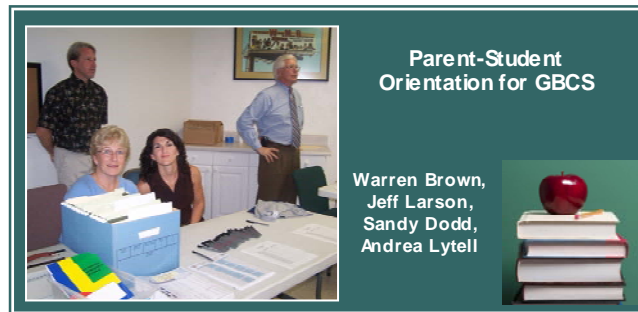
- ✚ **Revival meetings with Tom Farrell** January 25-30, 2009
- ✚ **Ladies Time Apart on February 21, 2009** with **Mrs. Loretta Walker** and **Mrs. Jane Grafton**
- ✚ **GBC Anniversary Service on March 1, 2009** with **Dr. Bob Jones, III** as the guest preacher; and
- ✚ **Our wonderful Missions Conference in March** with **Don Sisk** as the keynote speaker.

I think these events are worth being here for so do what you can to make it happen by God's grace.

Keep pressing on till the trumpet sounds! John Boutchia

**"It is not my ability, but my response
to God's ability, that counts."**

Corrie Ten Boom



Youth News

October is here and so are the seasonal rains. Thankfully, we have not been blown off the map by any of the several storms that have passed by, through, or around Florida.

September is back-to-school time here at Gospel Baptist Church. The staff has been very busy preparing for another great school year. **With school beginning, our fall sports program begins as well.**

This year **Mr. Jim Long** and I are coaching boys' **flag football** and **Mrs. Lisa Barton** and **Mrs. Amey Collier** are coaching girls' **volleyball**. Each practice begins with devotions and prayer with the goal of teaching life principles like the value of hard work, team work, proper communication and following instructions. I endeavor to remind the young men that **what matters most** to me is not **what happens** on the field, it is **how they react** to **what happens** that matters.

Many trials and temptations face our teens today. These "opportunities" will come no matter what I do or say or how well their parents prepare them. **By the grace of God, they will respond properly or face the consequences of reacting incorrectly.**

Either way, our prayer is that through this ministry, the young folks may **"grow in grace and the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ."** (2 Peter 3:18)

With the influx of new students from the 6th grade, we had **43** in Sunday School last Sunday morning! That is the **largest group** of Sunday school students I have seen in the past seven years.

On October 4th, the youth staff has planned a dinner for all teens and parents to unveil our **new discipleship program** that will start in the month of October.

This is a **30 week program** that challenges each participating teen to be faithful to God by:

- Regularly attending church and youth activities
- Having daily personal devotions and prayer
- Consistently memorizing God's word each week
- Enthusiastically serving God in one of our many ministry opportunities.

What a wonderful opportunity your young folks will receive over the next 30 weeks. **Please pray that God will use this tool to encourage many teens in their Christian walk.**

By God's Grace, Marty

Recommended Sermons

Why I Eat With Sinners
Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell
February 4, 1996

*Never Despair, But If You Do,
Work On In Despair*
Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell
February 18, 1996

Sermons can be downloaded at
www.gospelbaptistchurch.com.

**You can also write or call
the church office to order a copy.**

Upcoming Events at Gospel

Julio Valesquez Missionary to Spain	October 12, 2008
Teacher's Convention with SSACS	October 16-17, 2008
Awana Farm Festival	November 12, 2008
Jim Gardner Missionary to Mexico	November 16, 2008
Youth Conference with George Griffis	November 21-23, 2008
Attorney David Gibbs of CLA	December 7, 2008
Ladies' Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon	December 18, 2008
Danny Flowers Missionary to France	December 28, 2008