



# OS nowbird Newsletter

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FROM PASTOR BILL LYTELL, SENIOR PASTOR

**Hello again from the wonderfully warm southern mission station of Gospel Baptist!!**

On a recent Sunday evening, God moved me to present a sermon on "The Body Is The Lords." It comes from 1 Cor. 6:12-20 where Paul lays out some deep thoughts along the lines of our personally acting out our salvation.



*(1 Cor 6:15) Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.*

*(1 Cor 6:16) What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.*

*(1 Cor 6:17) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

*(1 Cor 6:18) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*

What I want to mention in this newsletter about that sermon is a thought that I had read in a few books from men who had counseled many thousands of immoral people. Listen to this . . .



For many years, this text was a mystery to me, and really still is. The insight that I want to share with you about it is simply this: **when a person joins with another person in an immoral act of intercourse, something happens past the physical realm of things. The two become one flesh.**

What is that all about? What really exchanges besides fluids? Evidently, something else happens that in God's sight is bigger than we know. There is a joining that God recognizes. **Something shared. Something gained and something lost.**

It is theorized that when a person has sexual intercourse, they actually "gain"



something from the other person, and "give" something to the other person, past physical stuff. Among Pastors who counsel hundreds of immoral folks, this rings a bell. This makes sense to them. Why?

Well, because immoral people seem to loose something through their immorality, as far as their personality is concerned and their mental perceptions of things. I have found that immoral women, especially, become "double minded," or in a more familiar psychological term, schizophrenic.

Some of these women get beyond any known help and are so unstable that no one can live with them. They are internally tormented by some invisible tormentor. What happened??? **Could it be that I Cor. 6:15-18 is warning all of us about this penalty?**



Though our sins can be under the blood of Jesus and forgiven completely, there is a physical punishment this side of heaven that no one can escape. The passage that says "*whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap,*" is **not** kidding.

Why do you think that there are some 235 sexually transmitted diseases recorded (the last time I checked)?? God is screaming to mankind . . . **"Stop, stop, you are killing yourself!!"**

I would love your comments and input on this subject, maybe even your testimonies on these truths.

**Love you, Bill**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

PASTOR JOHN BOUTCHIA, ASSISTANT PASTOR

The summer is already proving itself to be a great time of ministry. We are fresh off of our annual Vacation Bible School and what a time we had. **Aloha Bill** (a.k.a. Pastor Bill) sure whooped up an **Adventure of the Hawaiian Islands**. God blessed us with a great group of kids this year. Every worker was impressed with how well the children behaved and listened to the Bible lessons each night.

The statistics for **VBS** week are as follows:

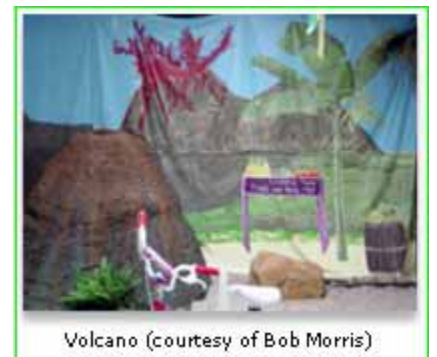
<b>Total number of individual children for the week</b>	<b>449</b>
<b>Total salvation decisions</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Total number of workers</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Highest night of attendance</b>	<b>352</b>



Pastor Marty, Pastor John, Pastor Bill, Tom Cronin

The philosophy of our **VBS** is . . . if the adults can have fun, the kids will have fun. Well, let me tell you right now . . . **the adults had fun**. The decorations in all the rooms were fabulous and really **wowed** the children as they entered each room.

The McKinney Fellowship Hall actually had a 4' x 3' volcano made by one of our members. It was set against a painted backdrop beautifully designed by Danelle Carbon. We purchased a fog machine and set that up in the volcano so the volcano was made to look even more realistic.



Volcano (courtesy of Bob Morris)



Yes, that's real sand beach on the floor!

The skit was performed by Pastor Bill, Angie Moon, Pastor Moon & me. Pastor Bill was the missionary, who along with Angie, came to tell the boys and girls about Jesus. But, these Hawaiian Islands were haunted with bad kings by the names of King Cheek & King Chong (Pastor Moon & me).

Marty and I had quite a time each night dressing up like island chiefs. We even put paint on our faces and did our hair in such a way to make it look realistic (or shall I say / did my hair up, while Pastor Moon had to buy a wig). One night, the two chiefs came and stole the Bibles, and another night the missionary's wife (Angie) was kidnapped. At the end of the week, both kings got saved and we ended it on a good note. It was a simple plot, but you would be amazed at how the kids really got into it.

The Bible story was taught by Carolyn Miley and the missionary story was taught by Angie Moon. The three main teams were the **Big Island Surfers** (led by Ben & JoAnn Wolfe), the **Maui Fisherman** (led by Jeff & Donna Larson), & the **Oahu Divers** (led by Mark & Karyn Williams). The 3, 4 & 5 year olds were separated and led by Kim Santangelo & Shirley Swett. Many other adults helped these leaders and we are especially grateful for all who helped.

Please pray with us as we follow-up on the boys and girls who made decisions. We are hoping to see many of them follow in believers' baptism and hope to have an inroad to be able to share the Gospel with the moms and dads. This VBS was also a great "shot in the arm" for the bus drivers. It provides a whole new database of contacts for them to freshen up their bus routes.



We have the July 4<sup>th</sup> parades coming soon and will tell you the results of that in the next newsletter. These parades are an easy method of passing out Gospel literature. Some 3,000-4,000 brochures will be passed out to the onlookers at both the San Carlos Park & Bonita Springs parades.

We are officially out of school now and are glad for the break. We do covet your prayers as we are seeking a couple of people to fill two key positions. **We are in need of a kindergarten teacher and possibly a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.** The second grade teacher will take that class while Miss Miley keeps the first graders. It is always scary to still be looking for teachers at this stage of the game, but God always has a way of providing the staff we need. If you know of anyone looking for a teaching job who would love to move to beautiful southwest Florida, please have them call the office and speak with either Pastor Lytell or myself.

May God richly bless you folks as you serve him in your respective churches. We look forward to your return.

Because of Calvary, John Boutchia

## YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH PASTOR MARTY MOON

Hello, all you snowbirds! The summer has come and rainy season is here. June has been a very busy month for the teen ministry.

The month started with the graduation of Melissa Smith and Jessica Rivera from high school. Both Melissa and Jessica have been faithful to God and the local church. After graduation, we held a banquet in honor of the seniors. It was a great night of fellowship filled with laughs and sweet memories. Please pray for Melissa as she will be freshmen at Pensacola Christian College this fall.

Finally, our teens had the opportunity to help in this year's **VBS, Aloha Bill's Hawaiian Adventure**. Yours truly, along with Pastor Boutchia, were "the bad guys" © in the skit! Meanwhile, the teens served the Lord by helping on the bus routes, helping the younger ones memorize verses, and helping the team leaders. We had a great week with a lot of help from the teens. Many folks said that VBS this year was the best ever. We are so thankful to have been able to be a small part.



Mrs. Pat Henthorn



Bob & Marilyn Rose



Randy & Debbie Mooneyham

**Please be in prayer for us as we travel up to Bill Rice Ranch for camp.** Camp is the biggest event in our youth calendar and something I emphasize all year long. This year Doug Smith, Michael Chapin, Jayma Gillaspie, and I will be going up with 17 teens. We will be leaving Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and returning one week later. The main purpose of camp is for the teens to take the next step in following the Lord. Some teens may need salvation, while others need to surrender to the Lord. Whatever the case, we are praying the Lord will do a great work in all our lives at camp.

The main speaker this year will be Brother Ron Reilly. I know God has used this man for many years and look forward to sitting under his preaching. I am burdened for the teens to make life long decisions in their youth before their hearts grow cold.

In closing, I pray this newsletter finds you well and busy serving the Lord. I am convinced that more than ever we need to be busy about our Father's business while we have opportunity. Jesus said in John 4:9 **"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."** May God bless you all. We miss you and look forward to seeing you soon.

In His Grip, Pastor Marty Moon