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FALL 2009

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Fall 2009!! My heart says, ahh, what a beautiful time of year, while my head screams, "it's fall already???? Where did the year of 2009 disappear to???" But, yes my friend, fall is upon us, so the holidays are close behind.

As our thoughts turn toward the end of the year, we do get excited about the holidays, Harvest, Thanksgiving, and the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the true reason for the season. What a wonderful time of year it is, with so much to rejoice about.

As normal, this time of year is truly busy, and this year will be no less. Plans are already in place for our Harvest Celebration for the month of October, with a fun-filled day on Sunday, Oct. 25th. Plan to bring a friend, and join with us on this special day. Thanksgiving will be close behind, and we do have so

many things to be thankful for. The blessings of the Lord are far too many to count. Just make sure in the midst of all the eating, fellowshiping, and other activities, that you do take some time to be thankful for the great things God has done for you. December also brings a time of excitement, and we also have plans for the Christmas Season. Every Sunday this year we will be having a special time during our church service to celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will not want to miss any Sunday, or you will truly be sorry.

Although this year, I suppose as every year, has had its' troubles, trials and tests, we can certainly see that God's hand has been upon us. Why else would Satan be attacking us on every side? We have already reached our goal of 36 baptisms this year, and

Are still looking for more. God is continually adding new friends to our congregation, and the new ministry of small groups has added a new level of excitement to our church. I can only imagine what lies in store for AFGT in the coming year.

Let me encourage you to keep praying for AFGT, the leadership, the Pastor, and one another. A church is no stronger than the prayers of its people. Continue to work for the Kingdom, keep our Purpose and Mission in the forefront of your mind, and allow God to lead you in the paths of righteousness.

Have a wonderful time of celebration during the fall of 2009, and may God bless you greatly, as you bless the Lord with all that is within you.

Pastor John

AFGT'S PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF EVERY BELIEVER (AT AFGT) IS TO LOVE, OBEY, AND WORSHIP GOD, THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

AFGT'S MISSION:

THE MISSION OF AFGT IS TO EVANGELIZE THROUGH CORPORATE AND PERSONAL WITNESS AND TO TEACH OBEDIENCE TO GOD THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP.



BRAD'S CORNER

Hello everyone! It's your Favorite Associate Pastor,

I want to take a moment to tell you the exciting news about 24/7. Since January we have seen 14 young adults make commitments for Christ!!! PRAISE THE LORD!!!!!! We have also blessed a couple of people with a little bit of money, that led to us being able to pray the sinner's prayer with a single mom in our community. On Mondays at 6:30 God has been showing up because we come expecting God to move!!! We have also started an outreach to other churches called "Just Do It". It is where we give of our time and strength to help other churches do whatever needs to be done around their facilities. It is for the breaking down of denominational walls that we move in this ministry.

God has blessed us with anywhere from 7 to 14 churches that make up 24/7. We are now running between 45 and 60 people in worship and anywhere from 6 to 14 in our nursery. God is raising up a generation that doesn't care what church you go to or how you worship but how you walk and live for Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!!!!!! Also we have a mission trip, in the planning stages, in March of 2010 to New Orleans. I want to thank Pastor John and the congregation of AFGT for the opportunity to be a part of 24/7. I also want to thank everyone at AFGT, from all of us at 24/7, for the use of the facilities!!!

Please don't hesitate to come by and check out for yourself what God is up to on Monday nights!! I promise it's better than Monday Night Football!!!!!!

Pastor B-Rad "G"

LOOKING UP

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet but that is open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be a prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

A bat, a nimble creature in the air, can't take off from a level place. If it's placed on flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly until it reaches

Some elevation from which it can throw itself in the air.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies. It never sees how to escape at the top, but keeps trying to find some way out through the sides. It will seek a way that doesn't exist until it destroys itself.

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, bat and bumble bee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and solution to any problem, just look up

IN HIS WORD AND IN HIS SERVICE

"A new command I give you: Love One Another. As I have loved you, so you must Love One Another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you Love One Another." John 13: 34, 35. Historical accounts of the early church tell us that in the Apostle John's last years before his exile to the island of Patmos, these verses on Jesus' command to "love one another" were his favourite topic. We are hoping and praying that the Lord will use our time together in the home groups to teach us more about love. It has been a wonderful place to get to know one another better while sharing our lives and testimonies over a meal. Then, in the relaxed comfort of a living room at someone's home, we have broken the bread of life together. We have already had the opportunity to laugh with one another in joy and cry with one another in sorrow as we've shared experiences and prayer requests. I hope that over the next weeks and months we see many souls strengthened and many saved through this ministry of our church,

Something else that we have been doing over the last several weeks is meeting in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to pray. All the adult classes are doing this together and decided that they wanted to continue on for the next several weeks. It has been amazing how the Lord has challenged us to once again make his house a "House of Prayer." I John 5: 14, 15

Tells us, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: That if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of Him." We are learning to pray for His Will not our will. What does that mean for you, for your family, for your church, for your world? Please join us on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM as we "Seek The Face of God".

Horace Franklin

Without His Word We Do Not Serve Him.

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FIRST CONNECTIONS MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 6:00 PM

**PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU ARE, OR
WOULD LIKE TO BE, AN USHER,
GREETER OR PARKER**

VICTORY VILLAGE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Greetings from Victory Village!

Once again the season has changed and Autumn has officially arrived! Along with the changing of the season, there have also been some changes made to our children's church department. As you step into the new foyer, you will be greeted with a beautiful bible town scene, complete with a well and a playful sheep.

A colorful scripture rug and a "Jesus loves me" handprint wall welcomes each guest as they arrive. Our new foyer and security door helps prevent children from leaving the building without a parent or staff person and also prevents visitors from entering the children's church area without clearance. We are also working to perfect our sign in and out procedures. If you have not filled out a student information form, please ask a staff member for one during your next visit. This information helps us know when to celebrate your child's birthday, gives us your mailing address and lets us know who your child can or cannot be released to.

You are cordially invited to stop by and see our renovations and help us celebrate what God is doing in Children's Church! A new ministry that we have just begun for the children that attend 24/7 on Monday night and for the children that attend breakout service on Wednesday night is "A Simple Meal"! Most of the children do not get to eat before the service's and are always very hungry. Until now we have just served cookies, crackers, chips and water, which was not a very filling dinner. We have created a month long

Menu and for a small donation of \$1.50 per meal your child can have a simple dinner while you worship. This is not a requirement for your children to attend either service. We just wanted to help our parents on these busy nights. We have so much planned for Oct., Nov. and Dec. I could not get it all in the newsletter. Every parent will get a calendar with all the upcoming events.

Your child will not want to miss!
Angel Watching, Teresa Hunt

CULTURE SHOCK Cont.

And you have hope for eternity; lighten up. He has come into your life and turned you upside down the right way up; lighten up. We have to be about the Father's business, and his business is changing lives, we are to reflect His light to others. Christ's love has set you on fire, now go light someone else's candle. I read once, "A candle loses nothing when it lights another candle." But if a candle goes out then it is like the salt in the Sermon on the Mount, it's not worth anything; it must have light. Use your life to shine the love of Christ into others; don't let your candle go out, be blown out, or hidden under a bushel.....no. Instead take a friend to heaven with you and shock the culture around you be providing the Light. Lighten up!!

Waylon Bush
X-Static Pastor

CULTURE SHOCK

"LIGHTEN UP"

You are, no doubt, familiar with John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that he have his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" TNIV. You may not be familiar with verse 19; "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." Jesus deems himself as the light of the world in the New Testament, i.e., John 8:12. He spent his life shining light into the lives of the disciples teaching them his truths so they could carry them on when he was gone. He gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, fed five thousand and countless other works and wonders to prove that he was the Messiah. Why light? When Adam and Eve sinned the world changed from a place that was perfect to a place that is sick with sin. We call this darkness; with Satan being the ruler of darkness. So when Christ came, Light entered into their lives meaning to accept Christ as the true Messiah. "But you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light," 1 Peter 2:9. Those who would follow Christ would be welcomed into this

Special group no matter what their ethnic group or background. John said this, "But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" 1 John 1:7. We are charged here to walk in the light that Jesus has provided by His awesome sacrifice; we don't have to walk around in the darkness with no direction or hope.

Christ has provided the light because He is light. As Christians we are to be a reflection of Him to others. So if he is Light in the greatest sense, then we too have Light to offer. The light we have is not our own because we were not worthy to receive the light, but on the basis of what Christ has done, we now reflect the Light. Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount that we are the light of the world and we shouldn't hide the light under a bowl, but put it on a stand so that it gives light to all those in the house. Ephesians 5:8-10 tells us that we are to live as children of light and find out what pleases the Lord.

If you are a Christian I want to tell you to lighten up. If Christ has forgiven you, (Cont. page 6)

ROCK SOLID

Wow, what a great year 2009 has been for Rock Solid Student Ministry thus far. It would be an understatement to just say God has been good to us with all the salvations and baptisms we have had this year. We are definitely blessed and thankful for all that God has been doing in our student ministry! We are still winding down from the summer and all the activities that we were able to enjoy. Forward '09 was a blast like always and we were really able to take away some life changing words of wisdom from speakers. We have learned that we only have One Chance, One Choice, One Moment counts. No matter what cards we have been dealt in life, God has given us the ability to not only overcome the situation at hand, but to minister out of the situation. We also learned to be careful of the "python" of sin. If you become "at ease" it can easily entangle you and before you know it, it's too late, you're spiritually dead.

Now with summer officially at a close, and fall and the harvest season getting into full swing, we shift our focus to the schools and the students within. Our goal is to take over Covington County Schools and to get Jesus back in them!!! We have been fortunate enough to be able to team up with several of the area churches and begin this project. We started with Circle of Champions. We were able to minister to over 900 athletes, band members, and parents. Alex Lincoln brought an incredible message

And we believe that this night was seed planted. A special thank you to everyone who made this event possible! We are stressing to our students that now is the time to work, and to witness, because there is coming a time when we will no longer be able to tell the Good News!

Our next outreach mission is YE '10. It may seem a little early to start talking about New Year's but there is only 12 weeks left in 2009, so it's time to begin preparing. Last year we had an awesome time in "The Matrix" and we were so blessed as we sat back and watched over 300 souls worship God Almighty. We believe that there was some amazing things done that night by God and we expect no less this year. So if you are interested in helping us out in any way, please contact us and we would be glad to have you on our ministry team.

As we enter the Holiday Season, let's remember to live, speak, and show Jesus Christ in our lives. The greatest witness we have is our life testimony. We are looking to see a greater harvest than we have ever seen, and we are counting on you to be working beside us!

Rockin' for our King,
Pastor Robbie and Falla Bradford

X-STATIC

Whew!!!, what a summer. We are having a great time in X-static learning about Jesus. In the coming months, x-static as will everyone else, will be busy given the holiday season. It is our burden to teach young kids the importance of the Bible through relevant bible stories and teachings in a comfortable atmosphere. It is amazing how much they are able to learn and how they are able to apply it to their lives. I would like to encourage x-static parents to be deeply involved in what we study because it means a lot to them when they get your point of view; believe me, they tell us. The only problem is that they are growing up so rapidly, the time to equip them for the future is shrinking seemingly quicker than ever. We appreciate your words of encouragement and covet your prayers as we labor in the work for Christ. In the coming months we have several things planned for each holiday and you will be getting notices as they draw near.

Thanks,
Pastor Waylon and Jenny Bush

WOMEN OF GRACE

Women, Do you know that you are wonderfully and fearfully made? Do you know that God made you to be just who you are, different from anybody else? He did! He knew us before we were born, knew how many hairs we would have on our head. He made us women. What does that mean? Does that mean we are less than men? No! Does it mean we are different? Yes!

God made us as a help mate for the man. If you have listened to a wedding Pastor John has done, lately, you've heard him say, God didn't make us from the head of man, we are not supposed to be over him. Nor did he make us from the foot of man, we are not to be trodden on. But, God made us from the side of man, his rib. To walk beside him, for us to help and encourage him as we go through this life and vice versa.

God made us different from man. We are not his twin. We have different cares and wants. We compliment man. While he is physically strong, a woman is emotionally strong. Why did God make us mothers, daughters, sisters? Why does God entrust children to us? Because we care. Because we have gigantic hearts. Because we love!

We are blessed to be women!!

Terri Davis
Women of Grace