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WILLIE WILLIAMS GRADUATED IN FIRST CLASS OF THE ANGOLA BIBLE SEMINARY



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Can you imagine the lonely despair and tumultuous state of mind you would be in if night after night, you laid your head on your pillow in the bowels of Angola Prison knowing that you had 99 years or your natural life to serve in prison. With no chance for parole or a pardon, you would have no hope of ever walking out of Angola prison alive; your fate of life would be sealed. But was it be the life story of Willie Williams, or was God preparing a miracle??

The Apostle Paul was once shackled between to two guards with a dozen more guarding him, but he soon found himself walking out of the prison. But we know that Paul knew God and God knew Paul and He sent down from heaven his mercy and grace to Paul; but Willie Williams didn't know God, and didn't want to know God. But God knew in His omniscience that Willie was a special person and would one day be His obedient servant.



For the umpteenth time, Willie refused to attend an event at the prison where the Word of God was being preached by Brother Andrew Joseph, a fellow "lifer" himself. Knuckle-headed, hard-head Willie finally decided to go one time to the "preaching" just so that his fellow inmates would leave him alone. However, during the preaching by Brother Andrew Joseph, God called hardheaded-hardhearted Willie's name and he found himself on his knees with tears in his eyes asking God to forgive him of his sins and professing his belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. The year was 1984; 34 years after Brother Willie first became a Juvenile Delinquent at age 12.

As only God can direct, He sent a Lawyer Lady to Angola Prison to meet with one of her clients who was a friend of Willie Williams. "I had become somewhat of a "Jail-house lawyer" and was able to meet the Lawyer Lady," Brother Willie remembered. "After I met the Lawyer Lady from New Orleans, a friend-ship blossomed and she was able to get my sentence

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PRECIOUS ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO Spread the Gospel THE SCRIPTURES TELL US

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The question that came to my mind as I looked at the 41 strong fleet of Church buses lined up in the Life Tabernacle Church parking lot on Hooper Road was: Do the feet of those who drive those buses each Sunday, qualify as "precious" since their ultimate goal is to pick up riders and bring them to church to hear the Gospel message?

It is awesome to hear the bus reports each Sunday night at Life Tabernacle; a typical report may state that bus #20 had 63 riders and bus #12 had 38 riders and bus #6 driven by Pastor Tony Spell had 35 riders. Typical total ridership on a Sunday morning is between 450 and 600 riders. In early April, ridership for 2023 had reach the 6,953 mark. One bus with an average of 19 riders begins its early Sunday morning journey in Carencro just north of Lafayette on I-49.

"It takes a lot of effort on the part of our people to get up each Sunday morning to run a bus route because I drive bus #6 each Sunday and have been for years," Pastor Tony Spell of Life Tabernacle acknowledged. "In fact you make two trips each Sunday; one to pickup and one to drop off at their homes."

"We have not only a driver, but a bus Captain and a helper on each bus that leaves our 41 acre campus each Sunday morning. Running 41 buses takes over 100 faithful Believers. The buses also consume a lot of expensive diesel each month. Our monthly diesel bill exceeds \$3,800. But that is not the most expensive part of the operation. Our insurance for our buses runs in excess of \$8,000 per month. We

are exploring the options of setting up a Self-Insured Insurance Fund. We are eligible to do that because we operate more than 30 buses."

It is very interesting to hear the Bus reports each Sunday night at Life Tabernacle. For instance on Easter Sunday there were 505 riders. These riders not only get a free ride to church but they get snacks and a meal of sausage, eggs and grits before they are taken back home.

"We treat each of our bus riders with dignity, respect and Christian compassion, and exposure to the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Pastor Tony Spell interjected. "We have seven different services going on each Sunday at Life Tabernacle. Our Sunday schools are divided into age groups, and boy and girl groups."

"We find this important because the kids can concentrate on what they are hearing about the Word and not each other. We emphasis that it is 'your season' to be blessed but faithfulness to God comes before blessings. We also teach Life Lessons that will be helpful to know in their everyday lives."

Although the Bus Ministry is of extreme importance to Life Tabernacle in their quest to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, their Outreach Ministry of knocking on house doors on Saturday is a key component. A typical Saturday will see the Outreach Ministry teams of Life Tabernacle knock on an average of 900 doors to invite the people to church on Sunday. Not only do they get a personal invite to attend church but also transportation to and from church.

"We are having more and more adult riders which is very encouraging because it shows us there is a

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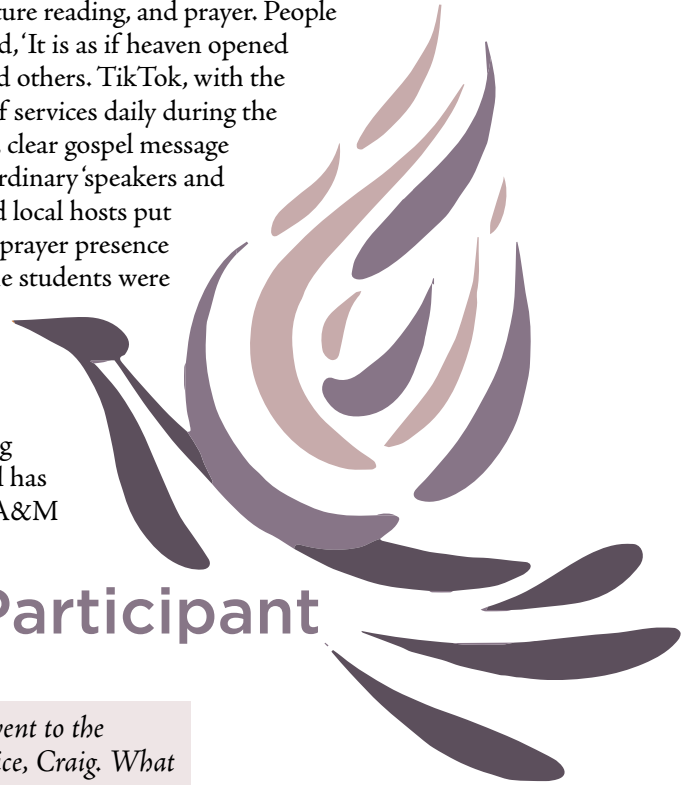
Fire Falling From Heaven: THE 2023 ASBURY REVIVAL

By Hawley Wolfe

Wilmore, Kentucky. Ever hear of it? Didn't think so. Only now it is on the map. Fire has fallen from heaven on the students and staff of Asbury University in Wilmore. A revival began on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. As many as 20,000 people crammed (up to 3000 at one time) into the college auditorium to experience what was going on. This in a town with a population of only 6000. It began after a regular scheduled chapel service featuring a multicultural gospel choir, when 20 students stayed behind and began to worship. The speaker of the day, Zak Meerkreebs, exhorted the students, 'Become the love of God, by experiencing the love of God.' He closed with a prayer asking God, 'Revive us by your love, O God.'

The college's auditorium had wooden flip seats, and every seat was filled, with people crammed into walls and archways straining to hear. There was a steady progression of preaching, personal testimonies, public confession, prayer (both individual and corporate), scripture reading, and prayer. People who attended testified to a 'sweet presence,' 'deep peace,' or the 'quiet, heavy presence of God.' One participant said, 'It is as if heaven opened up.' Many said they had a profound sense of 'time slipping away,' and being suddenly filled with love for God and others. Tik Tok, with the hashtag #asburyrevival, has had over 100 million views. In addition, Asbury University live-streamed 3 hours of services daily during the revival. In a time of division, war, inflation, crime, and other woes, the refreshing simplicity of this revival's pure, clear gospel message has made a deep impact on a weary America. Bypassing all 'celebrity mania,' the Asbury revival is a product of ordinary 'speakers and seekers,' people just like you and me. Large numbers of guests poured into Wilmore to experience firsthand, and local hosts put forward enormous resources to make sure they were well cared for. Prayer cells and groups began a continuous prayer presence that ran 24 hours a day, with students going to class and then immediately returning to their group. Many of the students were crying, holding their hands heavenward in praise, and inviting their unbeliever friends to come and see.

On Thursday February 23—after 16 days of meetings, the revival finally ended, with the National Collegiate Day of Prayer broadcast. College President Dr. Kevin I. Brown said, 'We are sowing for a Great Awakening' referring to the great spiritual movement that swept America in the 1730s and 1740s. Asbury has a history of remarkable revivals, beginning in 1905 with a prayer service in a men's dormitory during a blizzard, and running to February 2006, when a student chapel service led to four continuous days of praise. The latest Asbury revival has spread to Samford University, Lee University, and Cedarville University, with developing momentum at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.



Interview With an ASBURY REVIVAL Participant

By Hawley Wolfe and Craig Paczkowski

Q: We all know about the recent Asbury Revival, which took place Feb. 8-23, 2023, at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. TikTok recorded over 100 million views of amateur feeds of the event, on hashtag #asbury revival. But you are a pastor from Texas, aren't you? How in the world did you ever get up to Kentucky for the revival?

A: Yes, I am indeed a pastor from Texas. My name is Craig Paczkowski, and I was recently called to be Pastor of Discipleship at the Lakeway Church in Lakeway, Texas (a suburb of Austin). I work there under senior pastor Larry Coulter. However, my wife got her graduate degree from Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, so we already had some connections up there, whenever the texts and messages about revival started to pour in.

Q: Did anybody go up there with you?

A: Yes, my 14-year-old son and my 12-year-old daughter went with me. My wife could not get off from work, so she was unable to go. I took the family van, and we drove for 16 hours. We were very excited about what was happening, and we wanted our kids to experience the power of what the Holy Spirit can do. We drove all night Sunday evening Feb. 19, pulling off into roadside rest stops for quick snoozes, and got there Monday afternoon February 20. After resting up at our local host's home, we went straight to our first worship session at 7:30 p.m. in Hughes Auditorium.

Q: What was that session like?

A: You cannot imagine! It's impossible to describe the love, joy, hope, and peace that flowed through all the worshipers there. There was much confession, and at one point I just started to weep uncontrollably. The whole thing was 2 ½ hours long, but it seemed like just a few moments, as everyone completely lost track of time. The singing was wonderful, and it felt like a great ship, rising and falling in great crescendos of holy worship. If I had to describe it, I'd say it felt like being in the Garden of Eden again.

Q: Did you meet the 'initiating spark' of the revival, Zak Meerkreebs?

A: Yes. He is the Asbury University campus chaplain. The outpouring began after a regularly scheduled Wednesday morning chapel service for the students at Hughes Auditorium. The funny thing is, he actually felt that his message that morning (Wed. February 8) was a flop. Zak said to me, 'As the service ended, I actually texted my wife on my I-phone and said, 'Well, honey, my sermon this morning was a dud.' And then, the miracle started. The kids just wouldn't leave! They kept meeting and talking and praying and going to class and coming back and praying some more. The thing is, Craig, this whole renewal has nothing to do with me. It has nothing to do with any one person. There is no great academic preacher, no gifted silver-tongued orator, at the center of it. It's just ordinary believers. It's all about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and not about anyone else!'

Q: I know you also went to the Tuesday morning service, Craig. What happened there?

A: The speaker felt that the Spirit was calling him to consecrate and empower women for God's kingdom-work. He asked all the men there to turn around and lay hands on the shoulders of women who were within arm's reach, to pray for the infilling of the Spirit, and for the dedication of these women as vessels sacred to the Lord. Well, I laid one hand on my 12-year-old daughter, and another on some woman I'd never met who had driven up all the way from Alabama. It felt good to be 'empowering' others to carry back the message to their home communities. The speaker then challenged us all to ask ourselves 'Three, three, and three.' We all wondered what on earth he could mean. He went on to say, 'Where will you be three hours from now? Where will you be three months from now? Three years from now?' His point was that the excitement and joy of the present moment—rejoicing as we did in the full presence of God—is only meant to empower us for our true work later on out in the world. To continue to live in the Spirit, we must find a place (and a way) to witness to the gospel back where we live. 'Do you have an authentic faith community? Have you found your true mission in life, from God? Have you confessed, and given up to Jesus, every weakness or temptation that holds you back from this commitment?' These are vital questions, and before you leave today, you should ask God for answers.'

Q: Did anything else happen to you at Asbury that you want to tell us about?

A: Someone introduced me to a couple from the Far East, from Indonesia and Malaysia. Here is their story: 'Five years ago, God told us to come here, half-way around the world, to Asbury University, in Wilmore, Kentucky... in the United States of America. 'You are to pray for revival there.' 'What? That is crazy. Are you sure?' we told God. It was a pretty big 'ask' from the Lord, but we finally did it. We came, we prayed, we waited, and we prayed some more. Now we know why. God has fulfilled His great plan in His own sovereign timing. The Holy Spirit has come to Asbury, and to America.' This was an astounding testimony to me. It showed me that God does indeed have a plan for the renewing of His world. It is a vast plan, that nothing can rush, and nothing can block, and nothing can alter. And it is a renewing that is foundationally premised on prayer. We all need to be praying for God's great renewal and revival in the world. That is the underpinning of everything. Pray without ceasing, as the Bible says.'

CHRISTIANS DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE IN ANY SHAPE FORM OR FASHION

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Those were the words that Pastor David Gibbs, Jr. used to preface his sermon on Monday, February 13 at the Central Baptist Church on Florida Blvd. at their annual Mardi Gras Conference Revival.

"I was a recent Law School graduate of Case Western Reserve University working for my grandfather who owned a large meat packing company in Mason, Ohio," Pastor Gibbs told the 400 plus people in attendance at the Central Baptist Conference. "One day, about noontime, my grandfather called me into his office and handed me a large manila envelope and told me to hand deliver that day the envelope to a farmer and his wife who lived 300 miles away in southern Ohio."

"He instructed me that no matter what time I got to their house that day to knock on the door and give them the envelop telling them that your grandfather had included a gospel tract and a note," Pastor Gibbs recalled his grandfathers' instructions of nearly fifty years ago. "I got to their house about 8:30 that night; they had already gone to bed."

"I gave them the envelope telling them that there was a gospel tract in it and a note from my grandfather. The note read: 'I bought your cattle as high bidder at an auction. However, when I evaluated my purchase of your cattle, I realized that I had grossly under-paid you for the value of the cattle although I was high bidder. Christians don't take advantage of people in any shape, form or fashion. Here is the balance of the money you should have received, in cash, \$70,000, for the sale of your cattle.'"

"Years later when my grandfather died, the farmer's wife came to the funeral from 300 miles away. Her husband had died a few years earlier but she told me that he never forgot what Earl Gibbs Packaging Company had did for them. My grandfather's Christian Legacy spread across a large area as he lived his life on the Christian principal of: 'Christians don't ever take advantage of people financially or otherwise in any shape form or fashion.'"

"I've tried to live my life as unto the Lord as my grandfather did," David Gibbs, Jr., nationally known attorney, author and preacher of the Word acknowledged. "There were so many people from all walks of life that came to pay their respects to Earl Gibbs that the wake lasted three days and the actual funeral was on the fourth day."

David Gibbs, Jr. is known far and wide around the USA as a legal defender of the 'faith' through his Christian Law Association (CLA) based in Mason, Ohio whereby he defends Church and Christian organizations from lawsuits and other unjust treatment. The CLA website reads in part under a section titled: Spiritual Warfare; "In our lifetime, the battle lines over righteous in America have never been more acutely drawn."

"Believers in all fifty states and across the globe face threats against their faith that have generational consequences, and we have both a duty and moral responsibility to stand for Biblical principles and values in our time. Our Christian response to sin should be "Look to Christ." What the world sees as normal has never been what the Christians sees as acceptable."

"Jesus saw the hearts of the children desiring to know Him, and He embraced them. The church should follow the Lord's leading in teaching children about Christ.

The most important lesson for children to learn is of Jesus' love for them and how they can spend eternity in Heaven. In order to share salvation with these kids, churches and ministries must do everything they can to keep these children safe. The environments should hold policies and procedures that protect these young ones against any harmful actions."

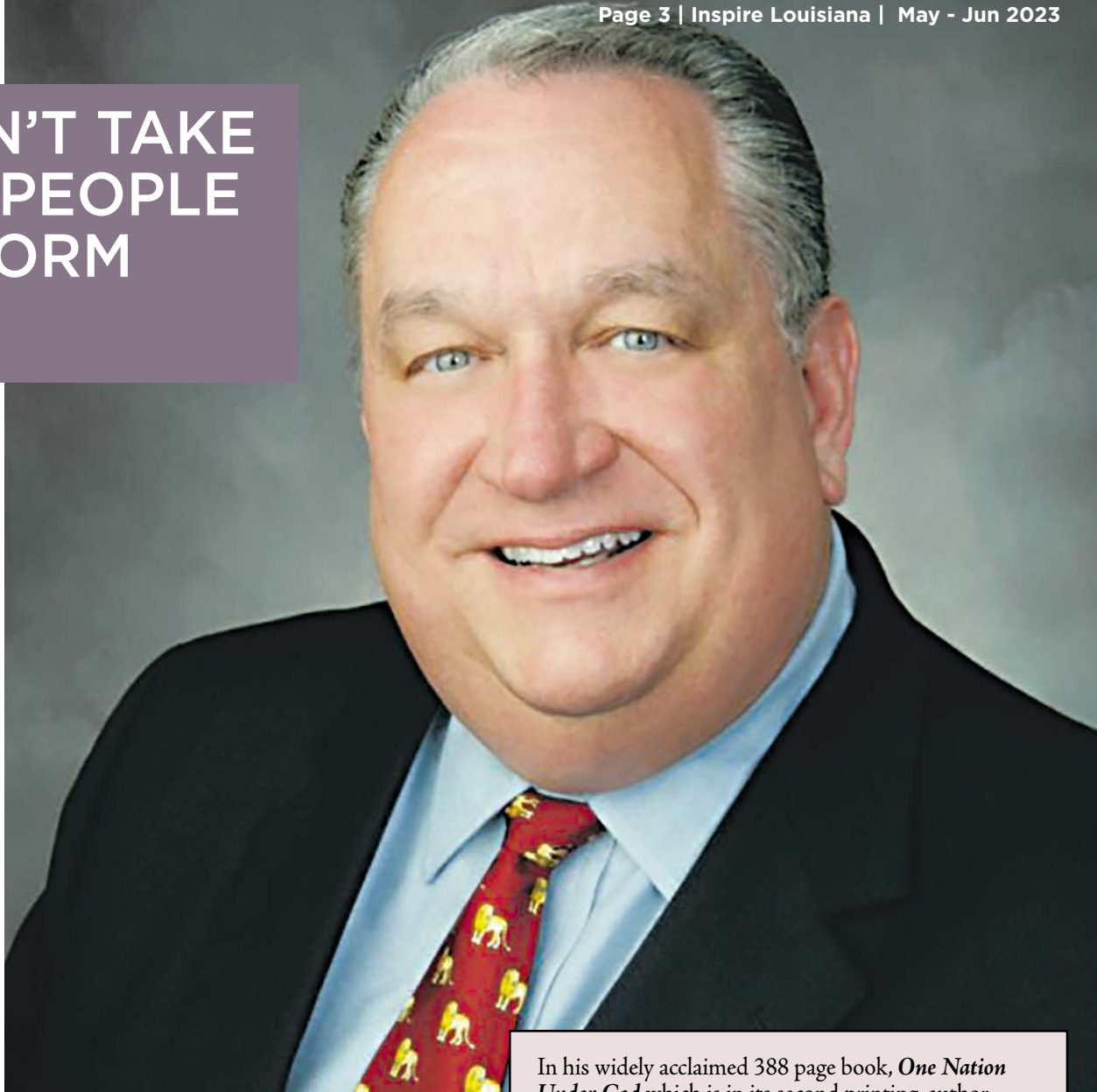
II Chronicles 20:15 reminds us, when all the world seems embattled around us, to look to Christ. "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

"One of my favorite scriptures is Psalms 1," Preacher David Gibbs, Jr. related to those attending the Central Church "Mardi Gras Conference." "There is a unique story of Psalms 1 and how it relates to General George Washington and the Revolutionary War. Every Sunday was church day for General Washington and his soldiers, and he had Psalms 1 read to his soldiers every Sunday before the preaching started."

"Psalm 1 has only six verses but they are powerful. The first verse starts out: 'Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of the sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.'"

"The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."

Is America still ONE NATION UNDER GOD? Our modern courts seem to say, No," as do the secular media and the public schools, David Gibbs, Jr. writes in his book. But what do the facts of history say? Here are ten incontrovertible, heavily documented, and politically incorrect historical facts that prove Christianity played a pivotal role in uniquely shaping the freest, most prosperous, and most powerful nation in history.



In his widely acclaimed 388 page book, *One Nation Under God* which is in its second printing, author and historian David Gibbs, Jr. reveals ten things every Christian Should Know About The Founding of America:

1 - CHRISTOPHER - "The Christ Bearer" -

COLUMBUS was motivated by his Christian faith to sail to the New World.

2 - THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT - The Pilgrims came to the New World to glorify God and advance the Christian faith.

3 - THE PURITAN COVENANTS - The Puritans created Bible-based commonwealths modeled on their church covenants to give their citizens a representative government.

4 - A HAVEN FOR RELIGIOUS DISSIDENTS - This nation was founded as a sanctuary for religious dissidents.

5 - THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM - The education of the settlers and founders of America was uniquely Christian and Bible-based.

6 - THE GREAT AWAKENING - A religious revival was the key factor in uniting the separate pre-Revolutionary War colonies.

7 - THE BLACK REGIMENT - Many of the clergy in the American colonies, members of the Black Regiment, preached liberty.

8 - CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS OF INDEPENDENCE - Biblical Christianity was the driving force behind the key leaders of the American Revolution.

9 - CHRISTIANITY AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - Christianity played a significant role in the development of our nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence.

10 - CHRISTIANITY AND THE CONSTITUTION - The Biblical understanding of the sinfulness of man was the guiding principle behind the United States Constitution.

Are we Christians sleeping while Jesus is being betrayed by billions in our world today?

By Daryl Purpera



“There are approximately 8.7 billion people in the world in the year of our Lord, 2023. How many of the 8.7 billion even claim to be Christians? And then the big question is; ‘How many of those who claim to be Christians are practicing Christians?’”

It would seem that not many people who even claim to be practicing Christians are doing anything but sleep walking through life. Never before in history has the world seen such apostasy, corruption, evil, and anti-Christian attitudes as we see today. Does anyone fear the “Wrath of God” anymore? As we pass through “Passion Week” we are reminded full force in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 14 of the wrath of God.

Even Jesus was very concerned about the wrath of His father as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: “And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Jesus uses the word Abba, Father which in definition is an expression of highest honored, exalted Father, full of grace and glory.

That was verse 36. You will recall what verses 33 thru 35 said about Jesus’ last hours. Verse 33 reads: “And He took with Him Peter and James and John, began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And He said to them, My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch. And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.”

Then verses 37 and 38 of Mark’s Gospel of his account of the event in the Garden of Gethsemane are eye opening: “And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, Simon are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing. But the flesh is weak.”

This is indeed a great example of the difference in CARE and CARING. Obviously the three disciples that Jesus had with him at Gethsemane, Peter, James, and John CARED about Jesus deeply but did they at that moment were they CARING about Jesus in His

distress which was monumental as He described it: “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.” They gave into their fleshly desire to rest their tired bodies although Jesus had personally asked them to; “Watch and pray!”

Wow! Is that what we are doing, sleeping while billions of people are betraying Jesus each day? Can we not even watch one hour? Is our flesh so strong and our spirit so weak that we sleep or sleepwalk through life? Where would we be if God suddenly decided He had enough of the apostasy, the blasphemy, the corruption, the total disregard for Him, that He decided to suddenly pour out His wrath on us.

If anyone knew the full extent of God’s wrath for mankind, it was Jesus. Jesus had seen first hand the “restrained” wrath of God on mankind with the Great Flood during Noah’s time and God’s restrained wrath on the unruly Children of Israel during Moses’ time. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was on His knees praying to His Father in Heaven because He knew that within hours He would be bearing the full load of God’s wrath for mankind on the Cross. But he prayed: “Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Do we really CARE about what is going on in the world today? Do we even CARE (feeling) that Jesus is being betrayed by billions of people in the world today? Are we just sleeping through this monumental event of Jesus’ betrayal by modern day mankind? If we are really CARING (action) about our Jesus, it would seem like that we would be doing something about it. We would be getting out of “our world” and into “Jesus’ world.”

Recently one of my family members told me that he was going to make a trip to Rolling Fork, Mississippi to help the people there recover from the devastating deadly tornado that had virtually destroyed the little town. He asked me if I was going on the trip or was I even going to do anything here to be of help to the people of Rolling Fork? That reminded me of the Flood of 2016 which devastated Central and most of East Baton rouge Parish.

Where would we have been if people from around the country had merely CARED about what happened in

Central but had not been CARING enough to come down here to Central to help us? In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 5, verse 9 and 10, Jesus says to his disciples; “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives; those who seek find; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

When our CARE for someone becomes action, then we become CARING people. Do we know how things are going to turn out when we get into the CARING mode of life. No we don’t; we don’t even have the capacity to properly prepare for our CARING action for someone or ones. But we know it will be God’s will in whatever the outcome is. Jesus tells us plainly how to handle things when they seem impossible to us; “For everyone who asks receives and those who seek, find.”

What are we? In this world but not of this world? Or do we find ourselves in “this world” and “of this world.” The choice is clear and it is ours alone to make. Our final reward will be either heartaches and tears and residing in a fiery furnace or walking the golden streets of heaven singing praises and hymns all the day long to our great God?

THE PERSON IN THE GLASS

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This Poem, written some many years ago, supposedly was written by an Anonymous writer who for whatever reasons wanted to remain unknown. There has been much speculation as to the original author and the reason for writing such an outstanding example of “wordsmith.” There are several interpretations of the lines in this Poem, one which is “Spiritual” and the other is “Self-Help” in nature to be able to identify your shortcomings. The 12-Step Program has similar meaning in some of its steps to reconciliation.

I first became aware of “The Person In The Glass” in the spring of 1965 when I was employed as a Sales Trainee in learning the ropes in marketing Kirby Vacuum Cleaners during my sojourn in Lafayette, Louisiana while attending night classes at University of Louisiana, then known as USL (University of Slow Learners). A copy of the “Poem” was given to me by the Sales Manager as a motivational tool. I guess it worked because I had a short but very successful career in selling Kirby Vacuum even receiving a Waltham Watch as a prize for making a sale on my very first sales call.

Over the years, I, in turn used “The Person In The Glass” poem to try and reach the mind of sales people to reach deep in their inner being to make a zealous effort to use their time wisely and close more sales. I have to yet, know of a business in which “until a sale is made,” nothing else can really matter.

However, over the years, as I’ve intensively studied Bible Doctrine and the Word of God, I’ve come to the conclusion that the words and phrases in the poem, “The Person in the Glass” has serious spiritual connotations....

The Person in the Glass

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self
and he world make you king for a day
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
and see what that man has to say
For it isn’t your father or mother or spouse
who judgment upon you must pass
The fellow whose verdict counts the most in your lifetime
is the one staring back from the glass
Some people may think you a straight-shooting chum
and call you a wonderful person
But the person in the glass says you’re only a bum
if you can’t look them straight in the eyeballing
He’s the fellow to please never mind all the rest
for he’s with you clear up to the endurance
And you’ve passed your most dangerous difficult testament
if the person in the glass is your friend.
You may fool the whole world down the pathway
of life and get pats on the back as you passages
But your final reward will be heartaches and
and tears if you’ve cheated the person in the glass.*

Zoar Baptist Church “Nails it to The Cross” with a Good Friday Night Musical Drama

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Zoar Church chose as their title “For Such A One As This” as the Good Friday Worship Experience presented by the Zoar Choir and Orchestra. Nearly 800 people were in attendance of a very moving and professionally done performance detailing the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus who defeated death on the Cross and arose on the third day.

The Good Friday night production was a mixture of music, song, dialogue, and audience participation. The introductory phase of the production saw a dialogue with Jonathan LeCog portraying Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. Judas’ dialogue noted that Jesus should have been concentrating more on being a real (human) King of the Jews and having his Kingdom here on earth subduing the hated Romans.

Jonathan Davis portrayed the Disciple Peter and his tribulations of being sifted by Satan and his reasons for denying knowing Jesus and his repentance for his actions. Blair Morgan gave a song rendition of “Will You Keep Watch?” Gregg Vanveckhoven gave an outstanding portrayal of Pilate and of his opinion of Jesus and why he washed his hands as to what Jesus’ ultimate fate was to be as to the wishes of the Jewish Priesthood.

The Zoar Celebration Choir proceeded Part 1 of “What If” with a scene with Simon of Cyrene, the cross bearer as portrayed by David Frey. The Celebration Choir also introduced Part II of “What If” with a moving scene of Mary, Mother of Jesus portrayed by April Dozier.

When the attendees entered the Zoar Church, they were each given two items. One was a small wrapped container of juice and a small cracker to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The second item was a small iron “nail.” Zoar Pastor Clint Newsom gave an emotional explanation of the meaning of the emblems, the juice and the cracker which represented the blood of Jesus and His body. “Jesus told his disciples that when they took of the bread to remember it as a token of His body and when they took of the cup, to remember His blood sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary.”

After the Mary Mother of Jesus scene, Allison Arnold and the Zoar Celebration Choir were magnificent in a rendition of My Life, My Love, My Son. The Two Thieves on the crosses on each side of Jesus were played by Will Hardy and Cayden Walls. The dialogue between the two thieves was quite realistic for two young men facing imminent death.

James Watkins, the Celebration Choir and the Zoar Children’s Ensemble including Jack Morgan, Collier Newsom, Avery Raborn, and Ciera Rider sang “God Loves His Children.” The Celebration Choir continued with “O Sacred Head Now Wounded.” Pastor Newsome led in the Congregational Response followed by a portrayal of Mary Magdalene by Emily Lansing. ‘Tis finished! The Messiah Dies’ by the Celebration Choir led to the Lord’s Supper celebrated with the cracker and juice.

The Lord’s Supper was followed by the Choir singing: “Jesus There’s No One Like You” which was followed by Congregational Worship and invitation for all attendees to come forward with “their nail” representing their sins and nail it to eight crosses in the sanctuary which had been built and erected by Pete Estave and Custom Cabinets.

A steady “rat-tat-tat” could be heard for many minutes throughout the Sanctuary as most of the attendees grabbed a hammer and symbolically nailed their personal sins to the Cross. During this time frame, the Celebration Choir was singing “Washed Away.”

The Zoar Celebration Choir, directed by Dr. Lee Rider was at least 55 members strong. It consisted of 17 Tenors/Basses, 16 Altos, and 22 Sopranos including longtime Central Schools Music and Singing Teacher, Lola Hutchinson Hill.

The 13 member great music making Orchestra included Karen Hill on the Piano; Steve Ferguson on the Alto Sax; Betsy McCully on the Violin; Billy Clark on the Flugebone; Harold Monk on Guitar with Nate Robertson on the Bass Guitar and Johnathan Davis on the Acoustic Guitar; Brandon Barton on the Drums; Lana Griffin and Heather Blaylock on the Flutes; David Cox and Dane Arnold on the Trombones; and Cary Griffin on the Trumpet.

The Tech Crew was made up of James Borel, Jakob Bueche, Lesa Cox, Colin Craig, Emily Lansing (who did double duty), and Savannah Walls.



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6725 Siegen Ln.
2565 O’Neal Lane
549 Main St.
9634 Airline Hwy.
7673 Perkins Rd.
3617 Perkins Rd.

DENHAM SPRINGS
7755 Magnolia Beach Rd.

PORT ALLEN
3265 Hwy 1 South

GONZALES
1542 N. Airline Hwy.
Jambalaya Shoppe
Smokehouse
1707 East Highway 30

PRAIRIEVILLE
17357 Airline Hwy.

ZACHARY
19900 Old Scenic Hwy.

HAMMOND
2108 W Thomas St.

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Hundreds Turnout at Lanier to Celebrate the Life and Times of a Faithful Servant Gone Home

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“I had drank a lot of alcohol in my life up to that day, but not any Evan Williams whiskey. As I was sitting totally pinned in my wrecked truck, the EMS guys were trying to get me out but were saying: “There’s not much chance of him surviving and its going to take us forever to get him out. His vital signs are weak and are fading fast.”

“I could hear the EMS guys saying those but I couldn’t say anything although I was trying to yell, I’m alive. Don’t give up on me.” Phillip recalled about that night. “I heard a voice that I recognized in my awful misery. It was the voice of a Deputy Sheriff friend of mine that was working the wreck who said: “This guy in the truck is a friend of mine, Phillip Manuel. I would personally appreciate ya’ll trying your best to get him out and to a hospital.”

“I didn’t know or care anything about God in my life at that point, but my God was there and shielded and protected me and guided the hands those EMS guys to get me out of my wrecked truck into an Ambulance and to a hospital in which I stayed for weeks,” Phillip said in remembering that night in 1987.

“But even after the wreck, I was still hard headed and didn’t seek the Lord even with all the evidence that he had spared my life. My pastor friend, Glen Ducharme from Breaux Bridge who was the pastor of a church in Reeves tried to talk to me but I didn’t want to hear nothing about Jesus.”

But Pastor Glen Ducharme vividly remembers the day Phillip came to know the Lord. “Phillip came to me with big tears of hopelessness in his eyes in total despair. He said, “I can’t take life anymore.” His girlfriend at the time with whom he had a two year old child had unceremoniously left him. He came home one day from work and she had moved out lock-stock and barrel with the baby.”

“In my home in Reeves, Phillip Manuel came to know the mighty savings grace of our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,” Pastor Ducharme recalled. “Once Phillip was saved by grace and his belief in the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit, he couldn’t get enough of Jesus Christ. He was sold out for Jesus everyday he lived until he drew his last breath on earth and was face to face with his Jesus in heaven.”

“Not long after he had sold out for Jesus, he met Claudia and they had a story book marriage. Phillip was the most enthusiastic Christian Believer that I’ve ever known. Everything he did in his life had a Jesus tone to it; Jesus and clean jokes was his forte. With Claudia, he had kids and grand-kids and great-grand kids galore to love and adore, which he did. But with each one he repeatedly told them about his Jesus and how wonderful life was when you walk daily with Jesus.”

After Phillip retired as a Bridge Tender on the Atchafayla River at Krotz Springs for Union Pacific after 30 years total service with the Railroad, he became a full-time Ambassador for Christ. He did numerous things such as teaching Hunter Safety Classes, training bird dogs, raising birds, taxidermy work, and cooking his special brand of Cajun cooking for men’s groups both large and small around south Louisiana. He was an outdoors man to the nth degree. But his main focus for doing these things was his mission to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This writer specifically remembers going with Phillip to a Cook-Off affair at Acadiana Baptist Center near Eunice. He told me; “You better eat my squirrel gumbo and special potatoes first because if you make the rounds of the other booths first, when you come back, my grub will be gone.”

“I was trying to yell, I’m alive. Don’t give up on me.”

I did as he instructed and sure enough, after a short sampling tour of the other food booths, I returned to Phillip’s booth. All his squirrel gumbo and potatoes were gone. It looked like some one had licked his cooking pots clean. Phillip talked about cooking possum and sweet potatoes and other “road-kill critters” but I don’t know of anyone who can truthfully remember eating such “Phillip’s Concocted” dishes.

Phillip was a super American and Military patriot and at every chance. He showed his colors of support from going to visit his nephew and buddies at Fort Benning, Georgia to cooking for Military get-to-gathers to hosting veterans at his Camp on Little Alabama Bayou in the middle of the Atchafayla swamp. It was a wonderful experience to sit by a fire after a “Phillip cooked meal” listening to some of his Military Veteran buddies play their guitars and sing.

Phillip’s Celebration of Life which was held at Lanier Church seemed to be an agenda right out of God’s playbook for “His faithful believers.” The awesome voice of Patti Fussell in her rendition of “Wonderful Merciful Savior” sang two phrases that so much emphasized Phillip’s experiences: “rescued the souls of men,” and

“adoring hearts hunger for a spirit to embrace.”

Last August, Phillip had asked Miz Patti to learn “Weary Traveler” to sing at his funeral. Probably more than any other song, “Weary Traveler” characterized Phillip’s last year on earth. Beset with old injuries from his car wreck of thirty years ago which probably damaged his heart beyond repair, his Defibrillator began to knock him down and stomp on him causing him to be rushed to the nearest hospital by ambulance. He was on the heart transplant list but his kidneys failed as did his liver.

One such episode of his Defibrillator took place as Phillip was helping harvest watermelons with Brother Glen. From then on, Phillip joked that he couldn’t pass a watermelon without his Defibrillator beeping.

As we heard Patti sing the words of “Weary Traveler,” those of us who knew Phillip best could remember the specifics of his last year with us: “Weary Traveler, hold on, you’re never alone,” “carry on restless soul, hold on, you won’t be weary long” and “someday soon, you will make it home.”

Stephanie Michelle blessed the memory of Phillip in song with “El Shaddai” which has such key words as “from age to age you will always be the same,” and “I’ll praise you till I die.” Joey Thompson added to the awesome memory of Phillip with a his rendition of “The Anchor Holds” which has such key verses of “through raging seas, the anchor holds” and “although the old ship is battered, the Anchor holds.”

In between the two songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Brother Mike Ferguson, current pastor of Lanier Church and former pastor of Cane Brake Baptist which Phillip and Claudia formerly attended gave a tribute to Phillip with some passages from Luke concerning the man Jesus befriended that was in-dwelt with the “Legions of Demons” on the Lake shore. Ironically, Phillip portrayed the crazy-man “Legions” in the long running Easter Drama at Lanier. Even up till the last week of his life, Phillip was saying; “Don’t give my part to anyone else, I’m still going to play the crazy-man.”

The man known as “Legions” in the gospel of Luke, when cleansed from the demons ran leaping and bounding about the countryside and into the towns around about telling people about Jesus Christ. Pastor Glen made the comment at lunch that Phillip was much like that man “Legions” in that after He received Jesus Christ, through belief, into his life as his Lord and master, Phillip went around kinda leaping and bounding through life praising God and telling people about Jesus Christ.

Brother Sammy Sansone, who was responsible for the wonderful meal after the Celebration of Phillip’s Life, sang the haunting song “Long Black Train.” For those of us who remember the key words to “Long Black Train,” “don’t go riding on that long black train cause its destination is the middle of nowhere,” “trust in the Lord,” and “Victory in Jesus” know the implications that Phillip’s life had on all of us. We can’t say that Phillip will be “sadly-missed” because we know that he is with Jesus; but my gracious goodness, he left a big hole to fill. Do we have the individual faith to fill it?

Who is going to “step up into the gap” is a pertinent question for all of us when we attend the Celebration of the Life for a strong Christian Believer?

Humility

The Absence of Arrogance

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Humility is not necessarily “sackcloth and ashes” but is an attitude of gratitude. To better understand the “absence of arrogance” attitude in the human persona, we need to thoroughly examine the “six arrogance skills.”

The first, and maybe most prevalent of the arrogance skills is the “poor-poor-pitiful-me” (PPPM) syndrome. The PPPM skill-set draws attention to the user in the form of undesired sympathy. The user tries to set themselves apart from others and glorify their own self-induced miseries.

Another ruthless arrogance skill is “Anxiety” which is in direct contradiction to instructions in the Holy Scriptures. The Scriptures read: “...don’t be anxious about anything.” Anxiety when left unchecked will trigger other arrogance skills especially the PPPM syndrome noted above. Anxiety in the every day language of the world translates to worry and often times, those practicing this skill become known as “worry-warts.”

Anxiety is an attitude of distrust either in the spiritual realm, the individual’s own level of confidence, and or the lack of trust of those around them. A person with a high degree of anxiety has a “worried mind” and is susceptible to many other forms of mental anguish. I remember a little jingle that my grandmother would sing with her first cup of coffee each morning.

“Today is the day the Lord has made for ‘US-SES’ to enjoy in super-abundance of happiness and joy. So let us get busy enjoying it, enjoying it in super abundance of happiness and joy; and worry about WHAT?...Nothing! Even the sparrows don’t have to worry about their next meal. And Pray about WHAT? Everything, cause this is the day the Lord has made for us to enjoy in super-abundance of happiness and joy; so let us get busy enjoying it, enjoying it.”

At any stage in a person’s life they are susceptible to some form of arrogance, especially the skill of “Self-Justification.” Once a person begin to use the arrogance skill of “Self-Justification,” they are headed down a slippery slope. The arrogance skill of “Self-Justification” is usually employed quickly when a person has crossed the line of “acceptable behavior” from the human standpoint or have trampled on “divine mandates.”

The next major arrogance skill is “Self-Deception.” The arrogance skill of “Self-Deception” occurs when a person reaches a mental state whereby they can deceive themselves into believing whatever they think or do is inherently right. Some people call this arrogance skill, “Intellectual Dishonesty.” Once a person begins to regularly practice Self-Deception, they are beginning to lose their perspective of reality. Any of the previously noted arrogance skill moves a person further away from the mental state of humility which is a prerequisite of being able to understand what is truly right or truly wrong.

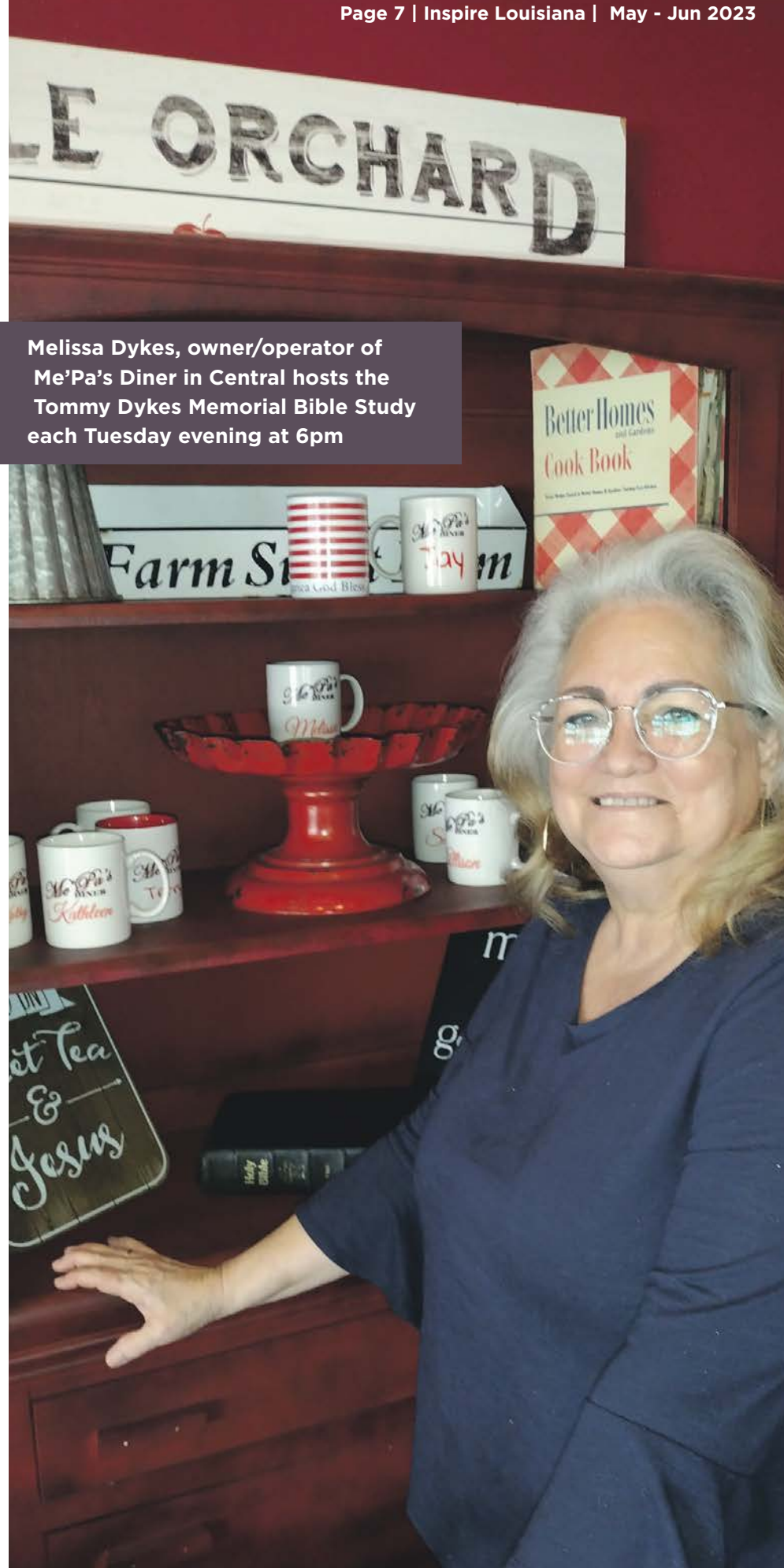
The next arrogance skill is the most easily recognizable form of arrogance, Self-Absorption. The more sophisticated word for this type of arrogance is Self-Aggrandizement. This state of mind of an individual is also described as “a person who is egotistical, full of himself or herself, over-the-top, and or a boorish-bully.

Anger is also a form of arrogance and usually accompanies each of the arrogance skills detailed above. Anger can easily erupt from a person whose Self-Justification, Self-Deception, PPPM or Self-Absorption tactics are questioned. Anger seems to be a readily available tool to cover-up the use of arrogance skills.

Any form of arrogance can easily prevent an unbeliever from becoming a true believer in Jesus Christ causing them to miss out on eternal salvation. On the other hand, when a Believer gets out of fellowship with Jesus Christ, and begins to practice any of the arrogance skill regularly, they can become as miserable and forlorn as an unbeliever.

The longer a Believer is out of fellowship with our Lord and Savior because of practicing the skills of arrogance, the more difficult it is to get back in fellowship using the mandates of 1 John 1:9: “confess our sins privately to God the Father through our intercessor, Jesus Christ, and admit and acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness of all our sins including those unknown or forgotten sins.”

Humility is simply the absolute absence of arrogance in our mental attitude. Only with an attitude of Humility, can we rightly understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the joy of Christian fellowship and the entire Christian way of life. Having anything less than the absence of arrogance in our mental attitude toward Jesus Christ precludes us from enjoying the filling of the Holy Spirit and exercising its awesome power.



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**Pastor Oren Conner of
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**Pastor Daryl Purpera of
First Baptist Church of Central**

Five churches in the Central area bonded together in their spiritual faith for the Lord Jesus Christ and celebrated their faith with a rotating Luncheon and Spiritual Message. On Monday, April 3, the Annual Event kicked off with First Baptist Church Central (FBCC) hosting the well attended event. Chairs for 125 attendees had been set up by pastor Daryl Purpera and his host committee but 40 more seats had to be quickly added to accommodate the 165 attendees of the “Praise the King Jesus” event.

“I guess the good Lord knew exactly how many plates of Jambalaya a pot of Jambalaya would serve because when the last spoon of food was put on a plate, it was the 165th plate served,” FBCC Pastor Daryl Purpera commented.

Pastor Oren Conner of Greenwell Springs Church led off the five part series of Passion Week with his focus on passages of scripture from Luke 14 verses 1-32. “The Jewish Religious leaders were anxious to permanently get rid of Jesus because he was quietly frankly upsetting their religious system which had become very corrupt,” Pastor Conner pointed out. “On the other hand, Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus had become very disillusioned with Jesus up to the point of wanting to betray Jesus to High Priest.”

“It seems that from what we read in the scriptures that Judas never really believed in Jesus and his Gospel of eternal salvation and love your fellow man. Perhaps, Judas had always viewed Jesus when He talked about “His Kingdom” as the one who would break the burden of Rome imposed on the Jews by the occupying Roman Army and Governors. Whatever might have been his true reasons, we do know that Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver during the Jesus Passover season.”

“The Jesus Passover was a ritual they observed each year of their deliverance from their cruel taskmasters in Egypt,” Pastor Conner emphasized. “There was four parts to the Passover Ritual; the Cup of Blessings, the Cup of Sorrows, the Cup of Deliverance/Judgment and the Cup of Praise.”

“Jesus began to redefine the meaning of the Passover Ritual when He talked about His body and His obedience to God the Father, and the coming of a new Heaven and a new earth. Jesus trusted God and we know that if we trust God, we will be saved by the blood of the cross. Christ has died for our sins, Christ has risen and Christ is coming again.”

Pastor Clint Newsom of Zoar Baptist Church delivered the message when the Passion Week event moved to Greenwell Springs

Baptist Church on Tuesday. Pastor Newsom explained the sequence of events that took place in the Garden of Gethsemane: “We know that Jesus prayed; ‘Abba Father, let this cup pass from me; but not my will but your will be done.’”

“Abba Father is a Hebrew term of great honor and endearment. Jesus was praying to the Father, can you do this differently? It was not the pain of the beatings or the nails piercing his hands and feet that caused Jesus to pray about the cup being passed but the separation from God. For the first time ever, through Eternity Past which we can’t even grasp, Jesus was going to be separated from His Father when the complete wrath of God was poured out on Him on the cross for the sins of the world.”

“What Jesus did on the Cross flipped this world upside down and the world has never been the same since,” Pastor Newsom explained. “There has never been anything else that has happened in this world, eternity past, present and even in the future compared to what occurred in Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross.”

“Christ defeated the ‘flesh’ through the power of God the Father which gives us the power to defeat our own ‘fleshly desires that cause us so much problem. But we must take Christ’s example and rely on the power of God and stay prayed up to stay true to our living God. We can’t be caught napping or the evil One will eat us alive. We can’t handle the flesh by ourselves but must rely on the power of God!”

On Wednesday, the Passion Week Experience shifted to Zoar Baptist Church where Pastor Chase Permenter of Comite Baptist delivered the message. Again, the Wednesday noon service was well attended with more than 150 people having a meal.

“Christ was born into a lost and corrupt world. Jesus came to save the world not condemn it. He was constantly being asked: ‘How do you do these miracles? By what authority do you do these miracles?’ Even during the trial before Pilate, He was asked: ‘Who are you? Are you the King of the Jews?’ All Jesus would say was: ‘You say I am.’”

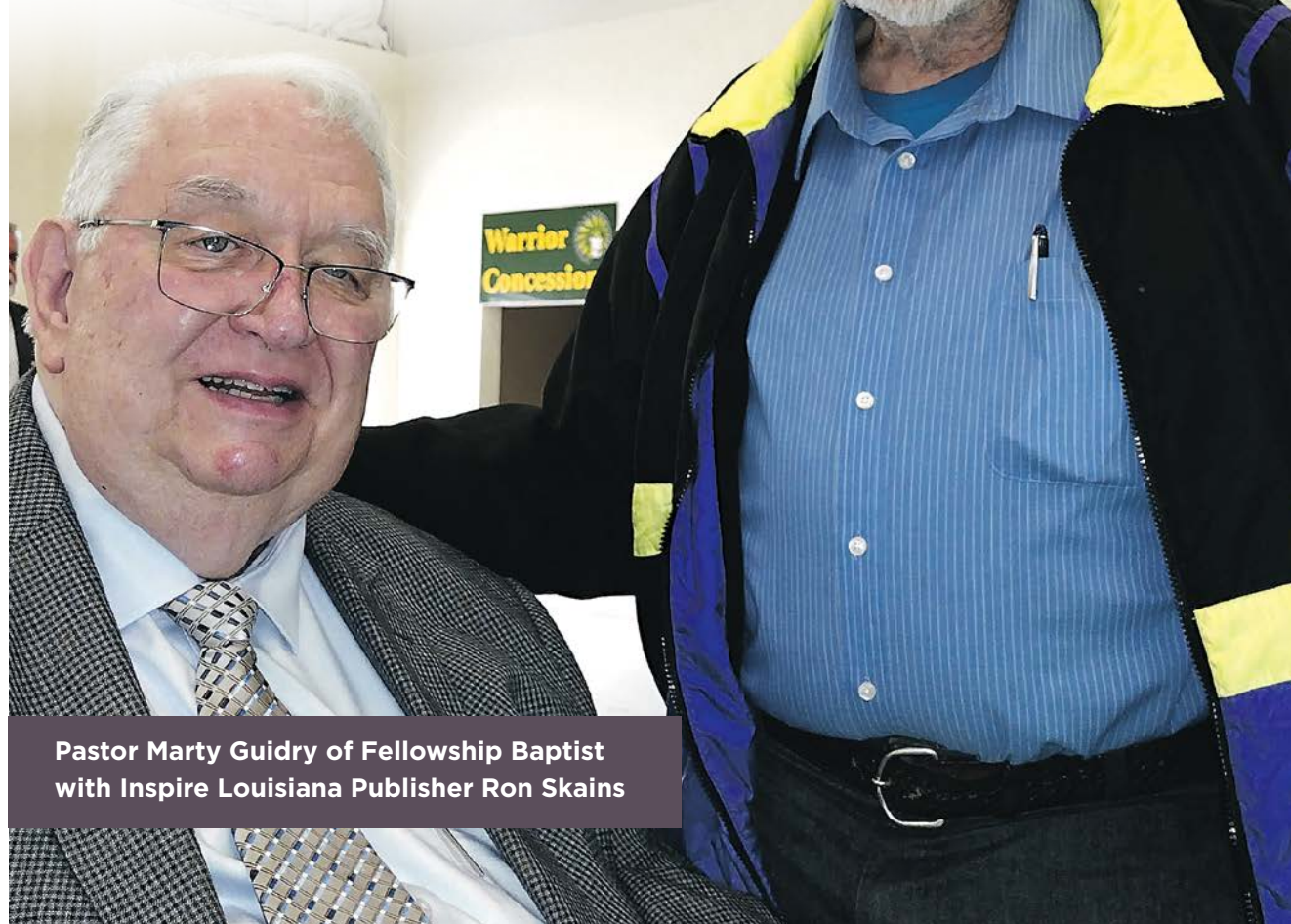
“Jesus was on earth to make a way to heaven for us but no-one seemed to be able to understand that, even the disciples” Pastor Permenter explained. “It is interesting to read Verse 61 of Mark 14

THE EASTER MESSAGE

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Pastor Chase Permenter
of Comite Baptist



Pastor Marty Guidry of Fellowship Baptist
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when Jesus was being questioned by the High Priest of the Jews because he was threatening their evil religious empire."

"Verse 61 thru verse 64 read: 'But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy!"

Thursday, April 6, the noontime service was hosted by Fellowship Baptist located on Greenwell Springs Road at the corner of Central Thur-way. Pastor Daryl Purpera of First Baptist Church delivered the message. Fellowship Church had just completed a three day Revival and one of the guest musicians graced the crowd with a couple of Gospel songs.

Pastor Purpera discussed the disciple Peter's verbal commitment to

the Lord Jesus Christ which soon turned to denial. Peter said: "I will die for you."

"Jesus' disciples not only forsook Him as soon as He was arrested, but Peter, the most outspoken one even denied knowing Jesus to the servant girl and others in the courtyard by the fire. We are so much like Peter. We make promises and commitments that we can't and don't keep. I recently was witness to a situation some what like Peter's situation."

"Two young girls who were in the eight and nine year old range were great playmates. In fact they were first cousins but close as sisters and enjoyed playing together for hours at a time," Pastor Purpera related. "However, a day came when one of the little girl's boy cousins from the other side of the family came to visit."

"Suddenly, for no apparent reason the little girl told her longtime playmate that she couldn't play with her that day because she had to play with her boy cousin. We are all a lot like that little girl who chose not to play with her longtime very close cousin playmate. We find ourselves in situations where we make decisions like Peter did that don't really make sense. We must guard against times like those and be prayed up and stay in the Word of God or find ourselves outside the will of God."

Pastor Marty Guidry of Fellowship Baptist presented the last message pertaining to the trial of Jesus and His crucifixion at Golgotha. "Jesus was mocked to the very end. The Roman soldiers put a sign around His neck that read: 'The King of the Jews.'"

"Mark Chapter 15 says others mocked Him saying; save yourself and come down from the cross. So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another saying, 'He saved others but He can't save himself. Let Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with Him also reviled him."

"It was not the nails in his hands and feet that kept Jesus on the Cross but it was His love for us that kept Him on the Cross knowing that it was the Will of the Father that He would bear all the sins of the world so that we would have eternal salvation," Pastor Guidry concluded.



Pastor Clint Newsom
of Zoar Baptist Church

Famous Words of Pastor Lynnwood Spell on April 17, 2017

Recent Graduate Of Princeton Seminary

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Yes on that day, I made a ridiculous comment to my sister and mother who were in the car with my wife and children as we were driving to Colorado to visit her folks," Pastor Lynnwood Spell acknowledged to InspireLa. "That was the day that Alton Sterling was killed at a store on North Foster Drive. My sister saw this on the news app on her phone announcing the killing that set off a round of terrible times here in Baton Rouge."

"I didn't even know where Baton Rouge was at the time as I was an East Coast boy having grown up in Virginia and attended college in Atlanta and Princeton University Seminary. I told my sister when she told me and showed me the news on my phone that Baton Rouge sounded like a rough place to be and that I was glad I was not there or going there. Then I added a halfhearted comment: 'But if the Lord wanted me to go to Baton Rouge, I would certainly go.'"

"I was in my graduating year at Princeton Seminary with ambition to get my PhD at Princeton," Pastor Lynnwood Spell acknowledged. "I was one of more than 500 who applied that year for a PhD slot at Princeton but only 12 were selected. I was praying for guidance of what to do. I had all the credentials academically to go anywhere and do most anything, but here I was a to be graduate but with no clear path as to where I was going."

"So, I did what a lot of Seminary graduates did; I went to a website where all the vacancies for pastors in the USA were listed and sent out resumes. As a fall back position for my future, I figured that I could very soon become Senior Pastor at my home church in Richmond, Virginia since the Pastor Fisher was about to retire. But although it seemed like a logical choice for both me and the church, it just never panned out."

"I sent my resume out to every church looking for a pastor on the East Coast because I was sure that was the location God wanted me to be in," Pastor Lynnwood Spell elaborated. "Just to be fair about my search for a pastor home, I did send one resume to a church in Texas and one to a church in Louisiana. It kinda hurt my feelings because I was not getting any responses to my resume."

"I thought that I was well qualified to be a pastor anywhere although I was only 28 years old at the time. Suddenly, I get a contact requesting a Zoom interview from, you guessed it probably from Louisiana and in Baton Rouge and three blocks from where Sterling was killed. I then remembered the words I had said to my sister; 'That sounds like a rough place to be and I'm glad that I'm not there,' but Lord I'll go if you want me to. I thought in the back of my mind, Lord, I know that you have a great sense of humor but isn't this a little too much?"

"After the Zoom interview with Star Hill, I still wasn't getting any other calls to come interview or preach to a congregation who were looking for a new pastor," Pastor Lynnwood Spell said in elaborating on his situation in 2017. "I remember when the call



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came in asking me to come to preach to the Star Hill congregation and I was getting on the plane, I was still arguing with the Lord; surely you don't want me, Lynnwood Spell to go down in the deep Gulf South to a battle ground city."

Pastor Lynnwood Spell and his family of a wife of two girls and a boy at the time officially were installed as Pastor in January of 2018 at Star Hill Baptist Church taking the place of a legend in the Christian Community, Pastor Raymond Jetson. Pastor Spell and his wife jumped into their new role with both feet. Not only did Pastor Lynnwood Spell expand the Outreach Ministry of Star Hill and the discipleship ministry but he and his wife added twin girls, Emma and Ameloa to

their family.

In addition, Pastor Lynnwood Spell has authored five books since arriving in the battle ground City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In his book, *The Forgiveness and Deliverance Workbook*, tackles the subject of Forgiveness by writing: "Forgiveness is a discipline of the Christian faith. The propensity to forgive sets us apart from those that are lost in the world."

"Forgiveness is a practice of Christendom that must be exercised for the personal benefit of the Believer. It is requisite for the growth of our relationship with the Holy Spirit Without the discipline of forgiveness one can not be a disciple of Christ." "Most of my books that I have written are a collection of sermon notes and research information that I have used in my sermons," Pastor Lynnwood Spell explained. "Most of the books are Workbook type publications on particular topics. The books are between 50 and 125 pages in length which seems to be a good length that will help the readers understand a particular subject without getting them bogged down in reading."

"For instance in writing the book, *7 Keys to Unlock Biblical Understanding* I found that it was very helpful to me personally in researching and writing the material for my own spiritual understanding and growth," Pastor Lynnwood Spell acknowledged. "The first three 'Keys' are Unlock What The Bible Is. Unlock Where The Bible Came From, and Unlock How The Bible Has Been Used."

"Those first three 'Keys' to unlock the Bible are followed by four more important 'Keys': Unlock How To Use The Bible Responsibility, Unlock a Triple-Eye Biblical Hermeneutic, Unlock How To Use The Bible In the Community, and Unlock How To Use The Bible Personally."

His 2021 small 51 page booklet, *The Life of the Christian And The Work Of The Church*, tackles 1st&2nd Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, the treatise by the Apostle Paul about Jewish Culture and how Christian obedience supersedes.

In Spell's 2022 book, he leans heavily on his Greek and Hebrew language education with an entitlement: *IS GOD'S NAME REALLY JEHOVAH???* In eight chapters in an 89 page book, the author takes a look at: "The Names of God in Hebrew," "The Name of God and Creation," "The Name of God and Moses," "The Names of God and Reason," "The Name of God And The Ancient Translations," "The Name Of God and The Gospels," and "The Name of God and Spiritual Growth."

One thing is certain about Pastor Lynnwood Spell and Star Hill Church; it is humming with activity of a spiritual nature. Pastor Spell has combined modern technology such as Facebook, live-stream, and prayer-lines with the traditional face to face sermons/messages in the Sanctuary at 8AM each Sunday Morning and Noontime Bible Study on Wednesday and evening Bible Study at 6:30 PM on Wednesday. Sandwiched in-between those activities are a host of Meetings, Rehearsals and Special Events each week.

FBCC Law Enforcement Outreach Program :

Lt. Steven Williams of EBRSO at FBCC Honor Ceremony with Lt. Williams front and center with son Ryan, Pastor Daryl Purpera, Betsy Hooper, Lrene Warren (team 1 leaders) and Donna McGinnis



First Baptist Church Central's Out-Reach To Local Law Enforcement Personnel Reaching New Highs

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First Baptist Church Central Community Out-Reach Program with local law enforcement officers is reaching new highs as Lt. Steve Williams of the EBRSO was saluted at church services on Sunday morning, April 23, 2023. Lt. Williams and his eight year old son Ryan attended the Special Services during the regular Sunday morning services. Lt. Williams is a former Marine with 3 overseas deployments to his credit.

The FBCC Out-Reach Program led by Betsy Hooper has five Teams that are reaching out to honor law enforcement personnel in the Central Police Department and the EBRSO Sheriff's Office sub-station on Gurney Road.

Team 1 of FBCC was lead by Lorene Warren, Daryl Purpera, Marcella Newton, Donna McGinnis and Betsy Hooper. In the coming weeks during Sunday morning worship service four other law enforcement officers will be honored at FBCC.

"It's our way of personally and as a place of worship in the community to say 'thank you' to the individual law enforcement officers who make our community as safe as it can be," Betsy Hooper told InspireLa. "Law enforcement is a tough tough job and normally a 'thankless job' but we at FBCC want to say 'thank you' and salute you for a job well done on our behalf. We also pray regularly for our local law officers."

"Not only do we honor our officers at FBCC in a short ceremony with a plaque and certificate, we also take them out to dinner and have a personnel gift for them. Also, we are usually able to drop off snacks a couple times a week to our officers at CPD and EBRSO that we appreciate so much what they do each day."

Team #2 is honoring Officer Brandon Causey at the CPD. FBCC team members are Brenda Temple, Carol Smith, Brian Russell, Shelia Lee and Susan Schilling.

Team #3 is honoring Lt. Jeff Sabella at the EBRSO. Team members are Marcella Newton, Nancy Brouillette, Bradley Levatino, Alisa Zeferjahn, Dorlis Ritchie and John Hooper.

Team #4 is honoring Officer Glenn Phipps at CPD. Team members are Janet Achord, Dot Bordelon, Alice Russell, Ruby Hamilton and Ashlyn Kitchens.

Team 5 is honoring Officer Woody Wascom a the CPD. Team members are Donna McInis, Camille Innis, John Hooper, Johnny Purpera, Ron Skains and Janet Shelton.



Matthew 28:19-20

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We are a faith family leading others in a growing relationship with Christ FBCC is committed to creating environments that are enjoyable, making disciples, and leading people in a growing relationship with Christ. We love serving one another and our community. Kids Quest is our mid-week gathering for preschool through 6th grade. Each Wednesday evening, children gather in the gym to play exciting games and listen as the Bible is portrayed in a manner that captures their imagination and heart. Lots of smiles can be seen when Kids Quest children test their knowledge during periodic quiz bowl challenges. Your child will love Kids Quest, it's the place to be on Wednesday nights! Wednesday nights are exciting at Ignite. Teens engage in games that generate life-long relationships, participate in meaningful worship and small group Bible study, and listen as one of our outstanding communicators teach the Bible in a life-changing, practical way.

Sunday Schedule

9:15 AM - Small Group Bible Study

10:30 AM - Worship

5:30 PM - Youth Ignite

6:30 PM - Worship & Disciple Making

Wednesday Schedule

9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study

11:00 AM - Prayer Service

6:30 PM - Kids Quest

6:30 PM - Youth Ignite

RUN DONALD RUN!

My life in a "Nut's shell"

By Don Fontenot

CHAPTER 1 - Back to the Beginning (The Innocent Years)

My innocent years were fairly eventful, as far as life changing lessons, as early as grammar school; However, There was the spear throwing contest when my curtain rod spear toss went awry and pierced the cheek of my eight year old neighbor St. Rose Avenue friend and made me a mortal enemy of his mother. Many years later, I spotted my victim in the Bon Marche mall and after a facial search I saw the tell-tale cheek puncture scar and made the, I believe, wise decision to keep my identity a secret.

At the same age, another friend of mine and his older brother and I went swimming in the City Park community pool. His mother dropped us off and gave chaperone duty to the brother. Of course, lifeguards were on duty also and many parents were either swimming or sitting around the pool. We were given strict instructions to stay in the shallow end and not to wander into the deep end. Somehow, my friend did not heed the warnings and disappeared under water long enough to lose conscientiousness. Once we noticed he was missing and found, all attempts to revive him failed and I watched the lifeguards pull the towel over his face and shake their heads in defeat. The scene was one of the most

heart-breaking and traumatic I have ever experienced. Even though I was only eight years old, the honor of carrying my eight year old buddy's casket to his gravesite is one I will never forget. Life changing experience indeed.

In my pre-teen years, our city had a round-about at the intersection of the two major highways of Airline and Florida Street. It was called the "traffic circle" and had only one lane and single exits in all four directions. There was a mom & pop grocery, gas station, liquor store and bait shop at one of the exits. My dad was friends with the owners and he spent many days sitting in front of the place sipping a few beers while my brother and I explored the woods directly behind the store (which

Many episodes in my life (believe it or not) are purposely omitted in order to protect the guilt or innocence of certain characters (myself included).

was the future location of Fun Fair Park) or bagged minnows or loaded crickets and worms into customer's containers. One of the treats we looked forward to was visits from a man who transported animals to Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. He owned a full size chimpanzee that was well trained and used to hang with us while the owner visited with my dad and the store owners. We became very close to the chimp after many times bonding with him. Unfortunately, we had developed a false sense of safety during our times spent with our well trained buddy. One day, the man pulled up to the gas pump and a new chimp was hanging out of the window wiping the side of the truck with a rag. However, since it was not our old friendly chimp, as I laid my hand on the truck to watch him, he must have thought I was going to steal his rag and he grabbed my hand and literally pulled me out of my shoes and began chewing on my hand between my thumb and forefinger. The owner had to slap him several times to get him to let go of my hand. I fell to the

ground and my hand looked like ground meat. The last thing I remember is my dad pouring a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's antiseptic on my wound. I was rushed to the doctor's office and bandaged up and given a tetanus shot. As we left, Dr. Tyler said he was going to enter his first treatment of a chimpanzee bite in his journal.

Did I mention that God was watching over me even then and....He has a sense of humor!

Not much else happened during the innocent years except my first appearance on the Buckskin Bill Show with my Cub Scout den. We appeared as pirates for a skit of some kind, which I can't remember but it was my first five minutes of Baton Rouge fame and made me a respected celebrity among my Broadmoor neighborhood buddies.

Next issue....Chapter 2 - The Innocent Years End. Eighteen years old and time for some fun.....NOT!

From **WILLIAMS** Page 1

reduced. I was freed in 2012 on parole based on the twenty plus years I had already served on the current charges. I couldn't eat or sleep for days after I found out that I was going to be released."

However, before that blessed day of freedom arrived for him, Willie had not been idle. He joined the first class of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary at Angola in 1992.

"By the time I got my application for the school completed, they were not taking anymore applicants," Brother Willie recalled. "I remember distinctly saying to them, "Let me in; please don't close the door on me!"

As a member of the first Angola Seminary graduating class, Willie Williams became the first member of his graduating class to volunteer to become a "Traveling Prison Missionary." He was sent to Hunt Prison at St. Gabriel on his first missionary journey as an inmate preacher of the gospel.

The concept of having New Orleans Baptist Seminary have a campus on the ground of Angola and offer graduate level classes was the brain-child of former Warden Burl Cain. Warden Cain once told this writer: "Some people say tough-nut Burl Cain tamed Angola. Nothing could be further from the truth. All I had when I came to Angola was a Bible. When I took over as Warden, I immediately began to apply the principles found in the Bible to the everyday life here in Angola and the results over a period of years turned Angola into a model prison."

Many more people since that first Angola Seminary class have graduated and have successfully pursued ministerial

work both inside and later outside the Walls as their sentences were completed or paroled. Willie Williams was one of those who pursued a ministerial plan in life after leaving Angola. Willie Williams became an ordained minister of the Gospel under Pastor Milton Coates in the St. Francisville area in a "full gospel church."

Brother Willie preached the "Word" for a number of years in the St. Francisville and Baton Rouge area until age slowed him down.

At age 12 in 1950, Willie Williams officially became a Juvenile Delinquent and was sentenced to 18 months in the State Reform School in New Orleans for stealing a bicycle. He escaped but was later caught for a crime and sentenced to 8 months at the Reform School in Scotlandville. He escaped once again and went on a crime spree.

"At that point in my life, I believed that "Crime Did Pay," Brother Willie admitted. "Each time I was caught, my attitude was that I needed to get better as a criminal and I wouldn't get caught. I thought that going to Reform School at an early age wasn't such a bad deal as I would learn from more experienced criminals the tricks of the trade."

"At age 16, I stole a car and crossed state lines which was a Federal offense," Brother Willie recalled. "I was sent to the Federal Reform School in Colorado on an 18 month sentence. I thought that I had hit the "big-time."

"By the time I was 27 in 1965, I was in Angola Prison cutting sugarcane with a machete and picking cotton by hand into a cotton sack. Inmates were killing each other right and left but it didn't both me. I was down for 15 years

on that sentence but made parole in five years. During that sentence, I had gone to welding school and got a job when I got out of prison with Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans as a "tack welder."

"However, I had added alcohol and drugs to my list of bad habits," Brother Willie acknowledged. "I was a career criminal at heart and couldn't pass up an opportunity to steal anything I could get my hands on including shoplifting and pick-pocketing. I was even stealing welding rods from the shipyard. I would go to my vehicle at lunchtime everyday with a lunch box full of welding rods."

"The last 11 years since I was released in 2012 have been by far the happiest years of my life," Brother Willie acknowledged. "I was 74 years old when I was released from prison. I preached the "Word" for several years in the St. Francisville and Baton Rouge area until age slowed me down."

"I spend most of my time now, going to church and Bible studies, giving my testimony every chance I get, disciplining young men and helping those in need around me. I don't want anyone to see the inside of those prison walls as I did for so many fruitless years. Jesus Christ is the answer for everyone no matter their age or social standing."

Brother Willie is also an entrepreneur operating a "Peanut Stand" on Airline Highway near Frank's Restaurant in Baton Rouge from his car. He offers both boiled and roasted peanuts and sometimes, real "Cracklings."

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THE GLUE THAT BINDS OUR COMMUNITIES AND CHURCHES

I've always believed that the glue that most seamlessly binds our communities together was found in those school teachers who also taught school on Sunday's. She was both a school text book teacher and a teacher of the Bible. Take a look at the life's work of one, Margie Robinson; born on July 3, 1939 in the Piney Woods of North Louisiana who went to "glory" on April 24, 2023 in Denham Springs, La.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1964 from Grambling State University and began her 33 year teaching career in Star City, Arkansas followed by a short teaching tenure at Rosewald High School in Tensas Parish followed by 27 consecutive years at Chataignier High School near Ville Platte.

However, Mrs. Margie Robinson didn't just teach school kids; she served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, and Secretary/Treasurer in the local church. She was very active in her other church work being a faithful member of Disciple Baptist Church in Ville Platte as well as a longtime member of St. Paul Baptist Church. Miz Margie was also a member of "For God So Loved The World Ministries" under the direction of Pastor Stanley Meno. She successfully discipled her two sons, Brinkley and Milicent Doyle Turner, Sr. who is a full-time preacher of the Word and Minister of Alpha and Omega Ministries.

Just pause for a moment, and think of all the young children that Miz Margie's faithfulness to her Lord and Savior touched in a very positive way in her sojourn on this earth for 83 plus years. The following poem is titled a:

MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN.

Perhaps you aren't ready yet to have to say good-bye.....
 Perhaps you thought of things you wish you's said—well, so have I
 For one thing, I'd have told you not to worry about me.....
 I'm with the Lord in Heaven now--you knew that's where I would be.
 I'm sorry that you are feeling sad, for I'm so happy now.....
 I've asked the Lord to ease the hurt and comfort you somehow.
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Life Tabernacle’s services are streamed to the world on the Central City News website and on Facebook: Itcbatonrouge

hunger out there for the Gospel message,” Pastor Spell pointed out. “We are always in need of more bus drivers because a number of our people work shift work and have to miss not only Church on Sunday but also in helping with the Bus Ministry. We have three services a week; our regular Sunday morning and Sunday night services and then services on Tuesday night to help accommodate our shift workers and those who are involved in our programs on Sunday.”

“We are extremely pleased with our Blessings from God with our Haven Cafe. Sister Shaye is very much involved in the Haven Cafe. She is an awesome cook and the menus are wonderful. Although one of our primary reasons for establishing the Haven Cafe was to generate funds to help with the Bus Ministry, we have kept our plate lunch at a very reasonable price of \$10.”

“Not only do you get a great meal which usually includes your choice of tea or lemonade on one of the days we are open for lunch (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), you are in an atmosphere of spiritual

tranquility,” Pastor Spell noted. “You will see that most of our diners take time to ask God to bless their food but it seems also that a lot of good fellowship and discussion takes place. I always try and be at the Haven during lunch hour to meet and fellowship with those who bless our Cafe.”

“Our services are live-streamed all over the world. We are having more and more people move to the Central and Baton Rouge area to be part of our church family. In fact, our assistant manger for the Haven Cafe is from Colorado and a long time friend along with her family of my father, Timothy.”

“At almost every service, we have visitors from out of state,” Pastor Spell said in elaborating on the reach of Life Tabernacle Church. “We have our upcoming “Revolution: America’s Youth Conference” scheduled at our campus on June 28 thru July 2. This is not your normal church conference but an intense experience for the passion of Jesus Christ.”

“Each time the Adverser comes against us real strong, we always come out stronger because of God’s great mercy and grace gifts,” Pastor Spell

emphasized. “The flood of 2016 came and caused us great damage to our facilities but we turned it into a Ministry of helping the residents of our area with hot food.”

“Some days right after the water went down, we were serving 2,000 people a day. Then came the evil Pandemic and my arrest for not shutting down the church. I think I was arrested 33 times during that ordeal plus dealing with the lawsuits. I told our congregation to ‘suffer with joy’ and they did.”

“We went from a few acres in our campus to now one of 41 acres and our own cafe and Revolution Square facilities. Our God is a mighty God; much stronger than the Adversary, but he never ceases to attack us no matter how matter times he is rebuffed by our great God,” Pastor Spell said in conclusion.

More about “REVOLUTION: AMERICA’S YOUTH CONFERENCE” in the next issue of Inspire Louisiana.

Life Tabernacle Church in Central, LA has grown to a 41 acre campus including the 1,400-seat sanctuary, parsonage, school buildings, café and other facilities. The newly constructed 5,000 seat conference center recently held the 2nd Annual Health Freedom Summit and will host this summer’s Revolution: America’s Youth Conference.



DEVOTIONAL

Today's Bible Reading:**New Testament** James Chapter 1

- 1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
- 9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
- 10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
- 11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
- 12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
- 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
- 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
- 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
- 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.
- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
- 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
- 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.
- 27 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.



Special Message To Our Readers And Supporters

We are calling this issue of *Inspire Louisiana* our MIRACLE ISSUE because without the mighty power of God, we would not have been able to make this issue a reality. Whatever we are doing, (our purpose is simply to help spread God's message as unto the great commission and encourage churches and fellow Believers in Christ to work together encouraging the UN-churched and those lost to the world) is irritating SATAN to no end.

We apologies for being late in getting this issue of inspiring stories about fellow Believers in Christ (BIC) to you. We are working purposely to get on track to being you the good news of the gospel and those doing Kingdom work to you on a monthly basis. Having to move our office and place of residence on short notice became a monumental struggle to survive on a daily basis. Satan can and will attack from every angle possible.

We NEED your help like never before, especially your prayers. We need your financial help in the form of subscriptions, and advertisements, and if you are so moved, do nations. We are working through Brother David Gibbs, Jr with Christian Law Association to regain our 501-C-3 IRS status.

WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL HELP AND YOUR HELP IN SIMPLY DISTRIBUTING INSPIRE LA.

It seems like God has given me the spiritual "gift of writing" so this is my spiritually inspired effort to share through "writing and publishing" my gift of talent. 2023 marks the 25 consecutive year that I have been writing news worthy articles; first, for the forest industry and secondly about the spiritual aspect of life for seven of those years. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, I enjoy writing about the people who are involved in Kingdom Work. It is so spiritually stimulate to talk and write about Pastor's and Sunday School teachers and other ministry people who are faithful to the Word of God (WOG).

Although there is no shortage of great stories of people making great efforts in Kingdom work, we are still looking for more great stories, so if you know of any pastor doing outstanding Kingdom work or Sunday School teachers or really anyone who deserves a pat on the back, please let us know. We would also like to hear your feed back or comments on any and all stories that we do publish.

Also, I want to let you know that if anyone is interested in earning a little parttime income, you have an opportunity to do so with Inspire La either distributing the paper, soliciting subscriptions or marketing advertising for us. Your help in this area would be deeply appreciated in helping us to reach more people with our accounts of people engaging in the Great Commission Work. But most of all, we need your prayers everyday.

You can reach us by mail at P. O. Box 78365, Baton Rouge, La. 70837 or by email at skainsbousa@yahoo.com or by text at : 225.417.8873. Thank you so very much for your help in our Kingdom Work efforts to follow the Commands Of The Great Commission;

– James Ronald Skains, Publisher and Editor of *Inspire Louisiana*

STORIES OF INTEREST IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Pastor Donnie Schaffer, a true Warrior For The Works for God caught the Glory Train while on a flight to Japan to preach a REVIVAL some distance north of New York on April 25,2023. He made a big decision in life in August of 1984 by choosing to Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior...

Melissa Fontnot Dykes, co-founder and owner/ manager of Me'Pa's Diner 6652 Sullivan Road in Central has become an oasis for the Christian faithful who seek a family atmosphere, with attention to detail of the diners, an excellent variety of food and where the blessing of food is a common sight...

Rhonda and Kirk Thibodeaux now operate their Food Ministry from the Old School for the Deaf at the corner of Government and Eddie Robinson Drive. At a low point in their Travail 6:33 Food Ministry, when in desperate need of a truck after their van broke down, Kirk won a new Dodge Ram Truck with all the bells and whistles...

Glenda Marie Bryant member of the Baker City council is advocating Community Garden projects on available land in the Baker area. People can not even begin to comprehend what it is going to be like to have a true food shortage that will become more and more evident in the coming months...

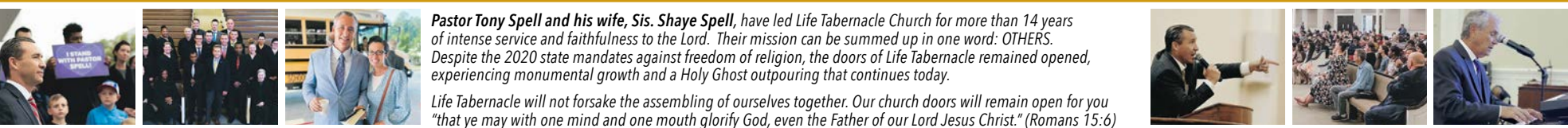
REVOLUTION is not your normal church conference; it is an intense passion for Jesus Christ and it is scheduled for June 27 through July 2 at Life Tabernacle Church on Hooper Road in Central. This is about turning cities upside down for the Gospel and standing toe-to-toe against the devil...

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Pastor Tony Spell and his wife, Sis. Shaye Spell, have led Life Tabernacle Church for more than 14 years of intense service and faithfulness to the Lord. Their mission can be summed up in one word: **OTHERS**. Despite the 2020 state mandates against freedom of religion, the doors of Life Tabernacle remained opened, experiencing monumental growth and a Holy Ghost outpouring that continues today.

Life Tabernacle will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Our church doors will remain open for you "that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Deuteronomy 28:7

- 31 March 2020 | Pastor Tony Spell arrested for holding services during the pandemic.
- 25 April 2020 | Pastor Spell fitted with ankle bracelet, placed on house arrest for 27 days.
- 5 March 2021 | Life Tabernacle Church purchased 5.325 acres to build Revolution Square and connect all 41 acres of property.
- 13 May 2022 | Louisiana Supreme Court ruled in favor of Pastor Spell and stated that Governor John Bel Edwards' mandates against churches were unconstitutional.
- 31 March 2020 - 13 May 2022 | 2500+ souls baptized and hundreds Holy Ghost filled during the months of persecution and the numbers continue to grow.
- 5 May 2023 | Pastor Spell's attorney file petition at the United States Supreme Court. This historic case will decide if the First Amendment is inviolate, giving greater protection to churches or it is of no value at all! Please pray for us and pray for America.

REVOLUTION 2023 Ephesians 6:11-17

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