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### To our Faithful Readers and Supporters:

I am thrilled as I look forward to our 22nd yearly Camp Meeting. There is something new this year: the morning services will feature Church Growth, Sunday School Building, and Evangelism in Dual Cultures.

The main speaker in the mornings will be Dr. Tom Sexton who was on staff with Dr. Lee Roberson when the Highland Park Baptist Church's Sunday school was averaging over 10,000 per Sunday. Dr. Tom Sexton pastors a large church in Florida and works with over 1,500 pastors in Africa.

Many great preachers and singers are expected during the meeting this year.

The dates are Monday through Thursday, June 12-15, 2017. The services will begin at 7:00 PM on Monday evening, and the morning services will begin on Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM. Mark your calendars now so nothing will stand in your way!

These days we are experiencing more confusion in our country and in our churches than I have seen in the more than 70 years that I have been active in both. The cardinal truths of the Holy Bible have not changed, and the Constitution of the United States of America has not changed: the confusion is caused by those who call themselves *progressives* in the government of the United States and in the leadership of the churches.

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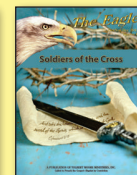
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# THE PRIEST

by Dr. Tolbert Moore

If you will turn to I Peter, I will read some verses from chapter 2. Because it reinforces what I want to say throughout the whole service, I want to read 1 Peter 2:5. *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Then let's read 1 Peter 2:9-10: *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. May the Lord bless the reading of His Word.*

By way of introduction, I want to say it like this. I understand that this is a church, but this is more than a church. It is the called-out people of God. That is what the Bible says. The Bible says we are a holy people. The Bible says, also, in Peter's writing that we are a royal priesthood.

Now, this is the writing of a man. Some call him the first Pope, but he denies that. He says, the company is a meeting of priests. This meeting is a company of priests. If you read the Scriptures about the priest, you will see, in one particular place, that the father of John the Baptist was a priest, and he executed the office of the priest before the Lord. So, priests can come before the Lord. They have special access to God. They are chosen because they are called and respond to the call.

Somebody said, "How do they get elected?"

Well, they respond to the call. Read the Bible. Look in John 1:11-12: *He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

Now, in my early years, I did not understand the priesthood of the believer, because we did not go to church regularly until after I was ten years old. We would go to the church, but the preacher did not come

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but once a month. Some of the churches did not even have Sunday school. When they had church, they would have it nearly all day. They would begin by singing some hymns. Then a dear, old sister would get up and testify. My, she would have God all over her! The preacher would have a hard time coming up to that level himself.

I didn't know what that was about. I learned a little bit more after I got saved. I was saved the first Sunday in May of 1941.

Japan bombed Pearl Harbor the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December that year. Boys out of our community began to be called to fight, and those dear mothers would stand up and testify under the power of God. You just knew in your heart that their boys were going to be alright.

Preacher Fields would call on Sister O'Kelly to pray. She would get down on her knees and start praying. She would call out her son's name, George Robert. I can remember it just like it was yesterday. She would say, "Oh, God, wherever George Robert is right now, guide those bullets away

It is an awesome thing to think about approaching the God of the universe.

from him." From deep down in your soul, you would feel your own prayer saying, "God, don't dare let a bullet hit him."

**You are priests. You have access to God.** I have found that some of the men are not as spiritual as the ladies. Can I get an "Amen" there? I have pastored a lot of ladies, sisters, who seemed like they were closer to God than I was, and I was the pastor. Thank God for a company of priests who can get hold of God.

I want to give a little outline. I must make notes for myself now. I used to make fun of preachers who made notes, but my memory is not as good now as it used to be. I will go into a room to get my cell phone, and before I get to it, I will pick up my hat and go out the door. So, I have some notes now.

#### AWESOME PRIVILEGE

This sermon is burning in my heart. The first thing I want to cover is the awesomeness of being a priest and the fact that you can stand before God on your own behalf and on the behalf of others.

I love my church, and I can feel God when I meet with you. I can feel God at home on my knees in the middle of the night just like I can here. I am glad I don't have to get up and go to the cathedral or the church. If I am in my home, I can talk to God from there, or I can talk to Him while walking around out in the yard.

It is an awesome thing to think about approaching the God of the universe. The One Whose hands are beyond the stars can touch you.

George Beverly Shea used to say, "I walk out to the ocean and look to the horizon, but I know out there is more. There is more. I can look up at the stars and know there is more. I can feel His presence in my heart and know there is more."

What an awesome thing to stand before God. You should not take it for granted. If you take it for granted, you will lose it.

I must admit that although I am a born-again child of God, I am not always in touch with my Father. Sometimes I am closer than at other times. I am just being honest. It is awesome to come before our awesome God.

#### AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY

It is also an awesome responsibility. When you go before God, you can go not only for yourself but like a priest, you can go for others. Praying for others is a responsibility that we should not take lightly.

Another responsibility comes with our privilege of going before our Holy God, but we might not like. Jesus said in Matthew 5:44, *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. . . .* Now, you are going to have to be spiritual to do that. Amen?

You say, "Well, I don't have any enemies."

Well, then, you are not amounting to anything.

B. R. Lakin said, "I will tell you, boys, how to not have any enemies or any criticism, don't do anything, don't have anything, and don't be anything."

If you don't have any enemies, you are not doing anything. If the devil is not after you, he knows you are doing nothing.


I get tickled and blessed at the same time at Sue when she is having a hard time in the office. She will say, "The devil hates me!"

She is absolutely right. He always hates us. He hates all of God's children. It is an awesome responsibility to go to God for others.

It is an awesome responsibility to be a parent. We need to let some Americans know that. When you bring a child into the world, whether you are the father or the mother, you have a responsibility.

A black preacher from Asheville, North Carolina


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would come to Tennessee and preach with us at Fred Potter's. He was preaching about that woman who was taken in adultery. He said, "You know what, those fellows said they were men, but they didn't talk about the man because he had done hot-footed it out of there."

A man who does not take care of his children is not a real man. A woman who does not take care of her children is not a real woman or a lady.

It is awesome to be a parent. It is awesome to be a neighbor. It is awesome to be a friend. Oh, but it is more awesome to be a priest for God, to come before God on behalf of others.

### AWESOME REWARDS

Next, we see that there are awesome rewards. I learned this early in the ministry. I will be preaching at Cornish Mountain Baptist Church next Sunday morning. I was the pastor there in 1948 and stayed four years. The church was not very old, 25 or 30 years old, when I went there. I was 18 and turned 19 the following February. We saw a revival that changed the church and the community.

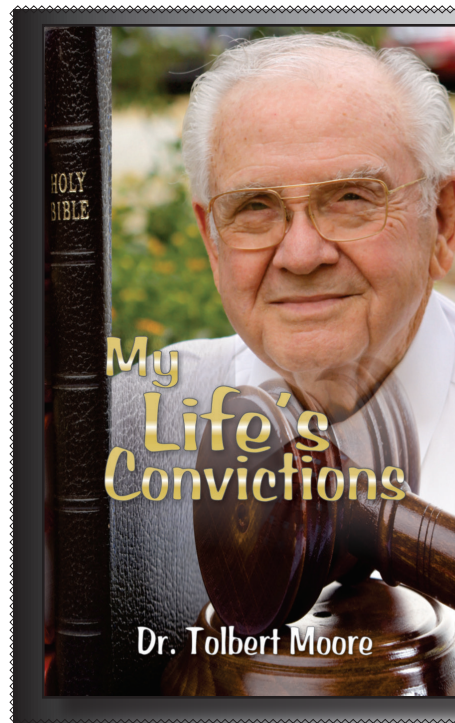
Nellie, June (who was a baby then), and I would go out and stay with a family in the church on Saturday night. We stayed with Roy and Ruby Knight. Ruby was a shouter. She got happy in church one day, slapped her glasses off, and stomped around, and she didn't miss them until she got ready to cook bread when she got home. They were praying people.

One Sunday morning, I got up early and went outside to find a place for me to pray. I was concerned about the church. They had some problems, and they had conference once a month. Like the Democrats and Republicans, they were going to argue every time about something. They would have such a row. I would tell

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Nellie, "We are not going to have church," but they would get up the next morning like nothing had every happened. It was normal to them to argue and fuss.

I got up early that morning, and I left the house by myself while Nellie was taking care of little June. I went down a long pasture lane hunting a place to pray. Just as I passed the barn, I heard somebody talking. I started looking around. I thought, "Surely I am not hearing things." There in a ditch by the pasture lane,

I could see the top of Roy's head. He was talking to the Lord.

I walked on down a little bit further. Over on a hill, I heard Love Stowe praying and, boy, I tell you what, he was letting it roll.

I walked on down a little further still hunting a quiet place for me to pray. Well, there was Brother Mohon, and he was praying.

All these folks praying made my hair stand up. I finally found a place to pray and, sure enough, that Sunday morning it busted

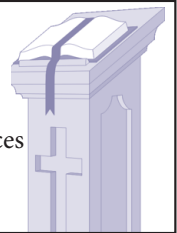


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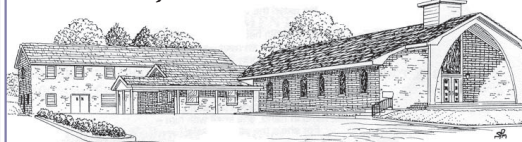
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loose. We had revival. Of course, we had a little problem, but I won't go into that. God settled it. What I am saying is there is a great reward for coming before the Lord in humility and trust.

I have talked to a lot of people in my life (whether in business or other ways) who have made statements that proved untrue down the road. Early on I learned that they may mean what they are saying now, but things could change, and sometimes they did. I never went before my Lord and got an answer from Him that ever changed. It always worked out just like He said. Every time I went to Him and asked Him anything, when I got the answer, it was a good answer. Sometimes it was "No," but that was a good answer for that particular thing.

I learned this from Brother Sammy Bryant who was a member of my first church. He had already retired from the pastorate. One day he said to me, "Brother Tolbert, you have become popular. They are wanting you everywhere. In the coming days, you may see a church and think, "Oh, I would like to be a preacher there." You may see some other wonderful-looking church, and you will think, "Boy, that would be a great church to

preach in. Lord, when preacher-calling time comes, please let them call me!" Then preacher calling will come, and they won't call you. Six months later, you will be saying, "God, thank You, for not sending me there. Thank You, Lord, You didn't answer my prayer."

Listen, I want spiritual results. The Bible says we have a spiritual house. Well, this house is wooden. Let's read 1 Peter 2:5 again, *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Peter also tells us this in 2 Peter 3:9, *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

Now, wait a minute. He is not just talking about me. He is not willing that **any** should perish. The old Primitive Baptist would say, "That must be a misprint there because if God is not willing for any to perish then no one **would** perish." Spurgeon said, "What he meant is that He is not **wishing** for anyone to perish."

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I will go with Spurgeon, won't you? I don't believe that God has foreordained or predestined that some **cannot** get saved because the Bible says, *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

I don't have time to tell all my experience. Like I said, we did not go to church regularly until I was ten years old. My dad had met the Lord when he was 13 years old, but he got away from the Lord. That is what he said. He drank, and they made music for the square dances. They were talented. Dad played the banjo. Mom would play a guitar or the accordion. Uncle Frank would play a guitar, and sometimes Granddaddy would play the violin. They would take us along, and I would sit over to the side.

When we started going to church regularly, all the churches we attended only had preaching on one Sunday a month. Pleasant Grove, that is where I was saved, had their service on the first Sunday. Ozora was on the second Sunday. Bay Creek was on the third Sunday, and Bethel at Stone Mountain was on the fourth Sunday. So, the preachers would preach a long time, and it seemed like they preached the whole Bible. Most of the preachers would preach out of the Old Testament, but occasionally, they would say something about being saved.

A visiting preacher came one time, and they put him up to preach. He preached on Hell, and that scared me out of my wits. From that time on, every time I prayed I would tell the Lord that I did not want to go to Hell.

I tried every which way to get saved. I would ask my mother, "Mama, how will I know I am saved?"

She would say, "You will know."

"Well, how do I get saved?"

"You just get saved."

They were not taught soul winning.

The first Sunday in May of 1941, I was sitting on the front bench of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Preacher Sword's sons (Donald and Gilbert) sat one on each side of me. I was in the middle. Preacher Sword would preach at all four churches, and during Easter, he would preach on the Resurrection. He had on a double-breasted, navy, striped suit. He preached a sermon on doubting Thomas. He came to that part in John 20:27 that says, *Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.*

At that moment, I never will forget it, I got a glimpse of a Resurrected Saviour, and He just came into my heart. I wasn't even praying right then. I was just open to that Word, and it came in, and I have never had a serious doubt about my salvation since then, and that will soon be 76 years ago!

Before that morning, I had prayed to be saved, and that morning my prayer was answered. I never did understand it, to be honest with you. I don't even understand it now. I just know it happened. I know it is real. I know when

the Holy Spirit is working in my heart and in my life. I know when He is dealing with me. I know the best rewards of my life have come through prayer.

To be able to pray and to be a priest is the best gift God can give you. Whether you are a lady or a man, you can touch God as well as any preacher can. What wonderful results! They are awesome.

If you are not saved, then that means you are not a priest. Several people here have been praying for you to be saved. How many of you have been praying for the lost people to be saved? See there, lost people. You have already been prayed for by a lot of people. They are praying, and they are getting through on your behalf. If you call on Him, you will get through too.

I will be 88 years old if I live until next Friday, February 3. I have been saved since I was 12. I have walked with Him on this long journey, and yet it seems like just a few days have passed, but I am getting closer Home. I have traveled a lot of miles on this journey, but I have never traveled one foot when He was not with me. I thank you for praying for me as I preached. I want you to pray for our church, our community, our nation, and our leaders. I love our nation, and I love you, and God loves you. ✠

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# Kings on Parade

by Dr. Lee Roberson

Excerpt of chapter 12, edited for space

## The Crucified King

“But we preach Christ crucified.”—1 Corinthians 1:23

They nailed Him to a cross, but the cross could not hold Him, for He must go on to His throne. He was placed in a rock tomb, sealed by the Roman governor, but that tomb could not hold Him, for He was marching toward His throne.

**I**N every service of the church we should feel that the Lord Jesus is passing by. He meets with us, talks with us, and we march on with Him.

When we open the Word of God, we should be conscious of His divine presence. He stands by us as we read—He stirs our hearts—and as the King of kings marches on, we march with Him.

With the Apostle Paul, Christ was in the very center of his life, his theology, and his preaching. No wonder he could say, “Christ liveth in me.”

Every message given by Paul was a message about Christ. With truthfulness he could say, “We preach Christ crucified.” He knew that this was the only preaching that God blesses, and he knew that this was the only preaching which would meet the needs of lost mankind.

The main message of the minister of the Gospel is Christ. Yes, we are to preach about God and the Holy Spirit, but Christ is the message for this world. God the Father is seeking by every means to point men to the Lamb of God. The Holy Spirit speaks not of Himself, but of Christ. He came into the world

to convict men of their unbelief, to guide them into truth, and to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

This world is filled with preaching. There is an abundance of it from radio, television, the newspapers, magazines, and pulpits. Some of it is good and some of it is evil. Some of it glorifies Christ and some of it glorifies the Devil. Some of it is serious and some of it is silly. Some preaching is simply an excuse for a man to seek to bring glory to himself. He mentions the name of God, of Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, but in such a way that attention is drawn to his own personality.

For this message I want you to see Christ in three different ways.

### See Him as King of the Spheres

The march of Christ is forward toward His throne. He came into the world, born of a virgin, and walked among

men. He was the greatest man who ever walked upon this earth, but He could not remain with men in physical presence. He was going toward the throne.

They nailed Him to a cross, but the cross could not hold Him, for He must go on to His throne. He was placed in a rock tomb, sealed by the Roman governor, but that tomb could not hold Him, for He was marching toward His throne.

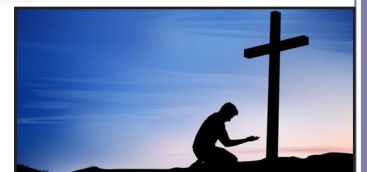
Christ is seated today at the right hand of the Heavenly Father, but He will not stay there, for He is coming back to this earth to sit on His throne. The world, yes, all worlds, will one day bow before Him as Philippians 2:9-11 says.

There are many things that we will never see accomplished in this world. We will not see all men won to Christ, for millions will die without Christ and without hope. We will not see the world cleaned up in this age. Reform

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movements are noble energies of the flesh, but discouraging, for man is sinful and loves sin more than he loves purity and light. But we will see one glorious day the crowning of Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. In that hour we will have the realization of all of our dreams as we face our Master.

Let Christ be the King of your life now. This will mean a surrender of all you have and hope to be unto Him.

Let Christ the King show Himself in your daily life. Let others see that you are walking and talking with the Lord by your Bible reading, your prayer, and your worship. Let men know that you are on the side of the Lord by your consecrated walk and by your refusal to engage in things of sin. Give your obedience to Christ the King in

every way. Do what the blessed Lord commands you to do. Let Christ be King of your life.

### See Him as Key and King of the Scriptures

Christ is the Key that unlocks the inspired Word of God. Without Christ we cannot understand the Bible. He is to be found in every page; every book of the Old Testament points to the Lamb of God. Every book of the New Testament tells of Him.

Without question, the Bible is a closed book until one accepts the Lord Jesus. Infidels and unbelievers criticize the book, but they can't understand its meaning. Clarence Darrow read the Bible, underscored its verses, but denied its teachings; therefore, the spiritual meaning of the Bible was never open to him because he denied Christ, the Key to the Scriptures.

There is something further to be said: The Bible does not become alive and vital to the Christian until he sees Jesus on every page of it. When he reads of the ark built by Noah and the salvation from the flood accorded Noah and his family, he thinks of Christ who is our ark of safety.

When he reads of Abraham and the command from God to sacrifice his only son, he thinks at once of Jesus, God's only Son, who died for us on Calvary's tree.

When he reads of the Passover scene in Egypt, and the blood sprinkled on the doorposts, he is reminded of Christ and the cross.

Yes, the Bible lives for us when the face of Jesus is seen. He is the Key to the Scriptures.

### See Him as the Capstone and King of Our Salvation

The capstone is the finishing stone of a building. Without the capstone the building is never complete.

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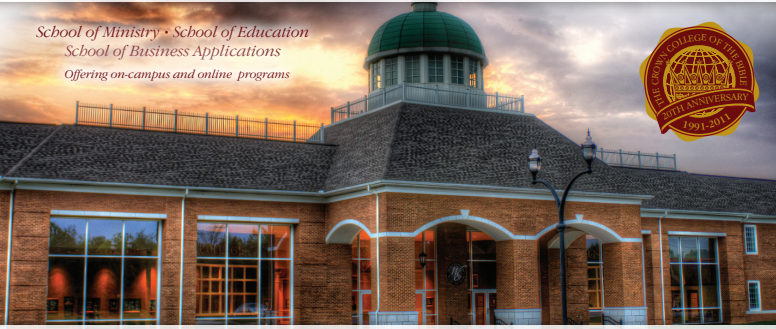
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He completed the glorious way of salvation. He finished the bridge from earth to Heaven.

Beware of the one who minimizes the message of Christ. Turn quickly from any church or denomination where the Saviour is not exalted as the one and only hope of salvation.

For you, sinner friend, all of your hopes of Heaven and salvation some day are nothing—if you reject Christ who is the chief cornerstone. Blood ancestry and good works are powerless to save you. You must have Christ. His blood must be applied to your soul.

My friend, if you refuse Christ, you will stumble over Him and hurt yourself. In return the Stone will roll upon you and grind you to powder. Hear Christ as He speaks:

“And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.”—Matt. 21:44.

In every realm of life man looks out for himself. He preaches and practices safety first, but here is one place where man utterly fails to see his own good and his terrible danger.

When Christ came to the world, His own received Him not. They rejected Him who came to be the head of the corner. The same condition holds true today. His will is not wanted, His way is not desired, and His words are not accepted. Christ does not fit into men's selfish plans. The self-centered building and planning of man cannot harmonize with the Chief Cornerstone.

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The world says, “Give us something else.” We must answer, “There is nothing else. No one else save Christ can help you.”

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a photo of George & Sally holding hands

## Beyond the Bedside

by Sally Lauderdale

### MARCH 3:

**I** sit an uneasy tryst beside the bed of one whose body systems are closing down. Once—a half week ago—he smiled and talked animatedly in unrecognizable mumbles. He smiled angelically and laughed with a sweetness he had not shown in years—perhaps not since he was a toddler. Whatever memories he was reliving were pleasant ones. For me it was an afternoon to be treasured.

Now, as our granddaughter enters the room with her three year-old, he once again rouses to smile at his little great-granddaughter. She is indeed a wondrous sight. Her long blond curls are caught up in a pony tail. Her big blue eyes reflect the glee she exudes as she announces, “Granddaddy, we’ve come to check on you.”

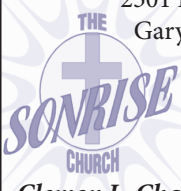
Years ago George’s older brother and brothers-in-law used to be great fans of New Yorker cartoons. One favorite showed a gentleman approaching a monkey cage at the zoo and asking, “Who’s in charge here?” It’s a great blessing in the ups and downs of nursing home and hospice care to be able to boldly answer such

a question, “The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil . . . The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.” Psalm 121:7, 8.


### MARCH 6:

**T**his morning George passed on ahead to Heaven to truly experience the forevermore part of the above-quoted promise.

It’s a Monday morning and, true to his upbringing and conviction, George waited to pass away until the Sabbath was over. The nurses at the home said he passed away peacefully. When we arrived at his room we sensed that all was well. God is still in charge of our going out and our coming in. What a glorious coming in it must have been into the presence of the Lord. ☩



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## Love Holding Us Secure

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pow’rs unseen,  
Things now or yet to be,  
Will God allow to  
come between -  
He loves eternally. . . .

God has a limitless reserve  
Of love that will endure,  
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## I'll Never Get Used to Being USED

He had considered accepting Jesus before but did not think the Lord could use him with legs that did not work.

I am a family doctor who has traveled and served with GPA Mobilization Ministries on numerous occasions. In 2015, we were in Panama holding a medical clinic at the church of the missionary there when we were notified that someone needed medical care who was not able to get to the clinic. So, about six of us (including my 20-year-old college daughter) piled into the missionary's van and traveled about 20 minutes to a small rudimentary "house" with dirt floors. Inside we were led to a boy of about 18 who had Muscular Dystrophy.

He could not walk and had not been out of his house for more than a year. He had some sores on his feet that we treated with medicine we had brought.

After this, the Spanish-speaking nurse spoke to him about Jesus. He had considered accepting Jesus before but did not think the Lord could use him with legs that did not work. She reminded him about a Latin preacher who had no arms or legs that this boy knew about, and they agreed that he was a powerful voice for God despite his limitations and that all of us can be used in a mighty

way to spread the Gospel. The boy agreed to accept Christ right then and there on his bed in his bedroom. The nurse then turned to me and asked me to pray for this boy's salvation while she interpreted in Spanish for him. So, there I was, so far from home, with my daughter holding one hand, and this boy's mother holding the other hand, praying for salvation while everyone there was crying.

Then the thought overwhelmed me that God, the Creator of the Universe, would ask ME to be His emissary to



by Dr. David Rooney

that bedside. Despite all my flaws, He tapped ME on the shoulder and asked, "Dave, would you go for Me?" It was one of the most profound, impactful moments of my life. Because we were obedient (by going to Central America on His behalf), He showed us His face and used us (and me personally) in a mighty way in that room. This was beyond awesome. I am so blessed to be a blessing! ✚



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## Something More

I believe that most Americans live their lives and never really find out that there is more to life than personal pleasure, family comfort, financial success, and social standing. We spend our existence chasing the things of this world and rarely thinking of things that pertain to eternity.

I'm not talking about the lost. I'm thinking of the millions of folks who will be filling the pews of churches all across the United States this coming Sunday. The truth is that we think because we read our Bible occasionally, go to church on Sunday, and try to live a moral life we are as good as a Christian gets, but **there is more**.

There is more to life than being a good person, having the respect of others, and providing well for our families. Now I'm not saying that these things

are unimportant or that they have no place in the life of the Christian, but I am saying that **there is more, so much more**.

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and said "I determined not to know any thing among you...", so there were things that Paul thought were of lesser importance in the grand scheme of things. He had only one thing that he desired to present to the church at Corinth, and it was "... Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

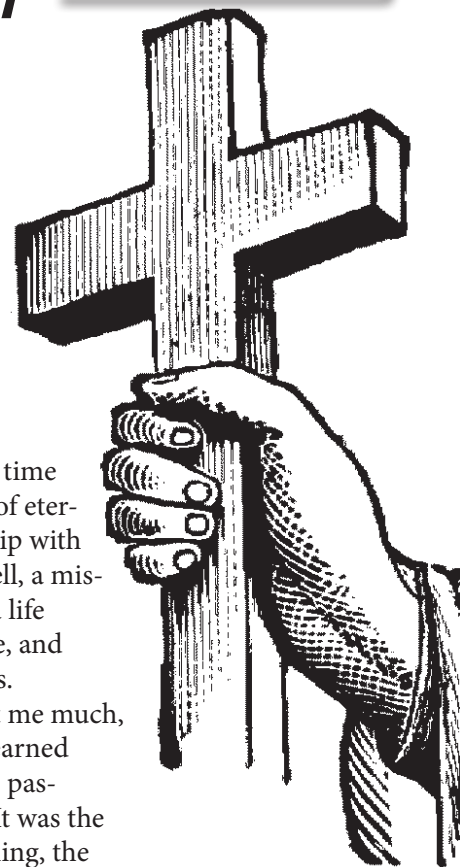
**The something more in life is the Gospel**, the power of knowing Christ in saving grace and sharing that truth with everyone in our life. It may seem strange to say that this one thing—the Gospel—is so much more, but it's the great truth that so many modern-day Christians miss.

You see the Gospel is not just getting saved. It's the

purpose for living in time and the expectation of eternity. It is a relationship with Jesus, a message to tell, a mission to accomplish, a life to share, a way to live, and hope that never fades.

My father taught me much, but the one thing I learned above all else was his passion for the Gospel. It was the content of his preaching, the driving force in the way he pastored, the vision that brought about the mission organization he founded, and the theme of his life. In the book of Philippians, Paul said "...this one thing I do..." I can honestly say in Dr. Tolbert Moore's life reaching forth for the Gospel is the one thing he has done.

The thrust of *The Eagle* is that through it the Gospel might be propagated, and Jesus would receive all the glory. I hope that this issue will be a blessing to you and help you center in on the great truth that in this life Jesus can give you more, more than you ever dreamed. ✚



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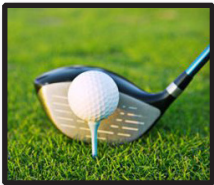
**April 29, 2017: Resource Clinic at City Gate Rescue Mission**  
GPA Mobilization Ministries will again partner with Unsheltered International. Together we will provide Gospel preaching, prayer, and counseling for the homeless and poor in the City Gate Community.



**May 15-26, 2017: Philippines Medical Mission Trip**  
Todd Crusenberry will be leading a medical team back to the Philippines. Please be in much prayer for this trip. For more information, email [mercyproject@live.com](mailto:mercyproject@live.com)



**June 12-15, 2017: GPA National Camp Meeting**  
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**July 20-28, 2017: Panama Medical Mission Trip**  
We will be returning to Panama with a medical team to work with missionaries Alex and Moises Melendez in the Guaymies Indian Village. For more information on this trip, visit [www.gpamm.com](http://www.gpamm.com)

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# GPA Mobilization Ministries UPDATE

## Philippines Medical Mission Trip May 15th - 26th

Todd Crusenberry will be leading another medical team to the Philippines where we will be working with Missionary Antonio Ner as well as with a few other missionaries, including one in Manila where we have never held a medical clinic. Please be much in prayer for this team as they make the final preparations and for safety on the trip.

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## Panama Medical Mission Trip July 20th - 28th

After being away two years, this summer we are returning to Panama. We will be working with national missionaries, Alex and Mariela Melendez, and their son, Moises Melendez, who ministers primarily in the Guaymies Indian Village where we will hold the medical clinic. We are looking for medical and evangelistic workers to make the trip, prayer partners to bring us to the Throne of grace each day, and financial support for the cost of the trip. Please consider helping us in any way you can. GPAMM has always relied on God's people to do the work and support the ministry. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.gpamm.com](http://www.gpamm.com)



## The Mercy Project Update on *Mercy's Vessel*

This spring workers and volunteers are helping to complete much needed renovations onboard *Mercy's Vessel*, which is currently dry docked at Yank Shipyard in New Jersey. We have several more scheduled work crews for this spring and summer and look forward to having the ship completed by this fall. Once the renovations are finished at Yanks, we plan to move the ship south where it will be docked and ready to go on its first medical mission trip sometime in 2018. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Mercy Project.



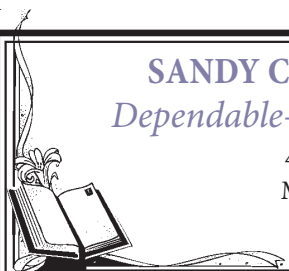
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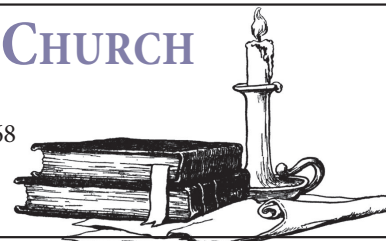
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## Burlington Revival Interview with CT Townsend

Conducted by **Dr. Gary Moore**

For years before this revival began (and even to this day) the pastor and men of the church were praying for revival in their church, state, and nation.

### HOW DID LAST YEAR'S BURLINGTON REVIVAL BEGIN?

We began on Mother's Day evening, May 8, 2016, at New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor Randy Hobbs. One person was saved in that first week. There was a lot of brokenness and praying and people making things right with each other in and out of the church. There were some who even left the service to call and

make things right with someone over the phone. For years before this revival began (and even to this day) the pastor and men of the church were praying for revival in their church, state, and nation.

### HOW WAS THE DECISION MADE TO RUN MULTIPLE WEEKS?

The last night of the first week of revival Pastor Hobbs stood with tears in his eyes and said he didn't believe God was done and wanted to continue revival. I tossed and turned all that night trying to figure what we should do. Ultimately I felt I would be in trouble with the Lord if I left after just one week. I called the pastor of the church where I was supposed to start the next Sunday and asked if he would let me out of my



commitment. He said, "If you were with me, I'd want you to stay, so you have my blessing."

The attendance grew from 300 people on the previous Friday to 700 people on Monday of the second week. During the second week, it really turned into a community outreach uniting local area pastors who wouldn't, typically, have even had a meal together. They mended their relationships and so did church members in the area. By the end of the second week, the church was as full as it could be with folks standing and sitting wherever they could.

### AT WHAT POINT DID YOU DECIDE TO MOVE TO THE TENT?

One night people were still coming in, and there wasn't a place for them to sit or even stand because it was already so full. The decision was then made to move forward with finding a piece of property and getting a tent.





## HOW MANY CHURCHES HELPED WITH THE EXTENDED MEETING UNDER THE TENT?

Brother Hobbs called Brother Ralph Sexton, Jr. and asked to borrow his tent. Brother Ralph had never loaned his tent before, but he said he would. We held a meeting at a local Golden Corral with about sixty pastors to make the official decision to move to the tent. The money to make the move was raised in about five minutes.

From that point, the revival exploded. Two hundred men showed up to help put up the tent. People were even getting saved while helping to set up. One man, who helped put up the road signs to the new location, broke down weeping and said, "I'm not saved," and he trusted Christ right there.

## HOW MANY PROFESSIONS OF FAITH WERE MADE THROUGHOUT THE REVIVAL IN 2016?

We had the altar workers ask people what they needed when they walked the aisle, and if it was salvation they helped lead them to the Lord. The total number counted was 1,249, but only God knows the actual number. I believe it was many more.

## GIVE US A SPECIFIC STORY FROM THE 2016 MEETINGS OF HOW GOD WORKED IN ONE LIFE.

One night several were getting saved. While I was preaching the congregation practically shut me down before my sermon was done as they responded and came down the aisle to get saved.

A mother in her 60s came to the altar and was crying. She kept seeing other mothers pray for their children, and those children were getting saved as a result. She prayed for her son who lived in Tampa. He



One man, who helped put up the road signs to the new location, broke down weeping and said, "I'm not saved," and he trusted Christ right there.

claimed he didn't even believe in God. His life was in shambles.

That night she bought a plane ticket for her son to come home. She didn't tell him why. She just told him to get on the plane and come home because she wanted to see him. She picked him up at the airport and still didn't tell him anything. She brought him to the meeting. When he realized what she had done, he sat in the back of the tent, arms folded, and angry. I preached on the blood of Jesus. At the end of the service, several were getting saved. I looked back and saw the man's arms begin to come uncrossed. He looked like he was holding on to the chair in front of him as hard as he could trying to stay where he was. He seemed to be ready to respond, so I said to a group of men that they needed to specifically pray for this man. Soon after, that forty-something-year-old man came and just fell onto the altar and got saved.

## HAVE YOU MADE ANY SPECIAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE TENT MEETING THIS YEAR?

We are scheduled for two weeks. The 2017 revival begins on May 1st. The first Friday night the tent will be dedicated, and we are seeking all those pastors and people who supported this from the start to be a part of it. The second Friday night, May 12th, is our youth night.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PLANS FOR MULTIPLE WEEKS OF MEETINGS?

I have no current plans, but I didn't book any other meetings in May, in case it does go longer. Many in Burlington believe God still isn't done and will bring revival again. God doesn't repeat Himself, but He often exceeds Himself. I am looking forward to all of us assembling back together in May to see what God might have for bringing revival, whether it's in Burlington again or somewhere else. †

God doesn't repeat Himself, but He often exceeds Himself.

**2017 Burlington Revival beginning May 1st**





# Be Still, and know that I am God

Psalm 46:10a

by Derrick Roland

The Rolands are Evangelistic Coordinators with the Mercy Project.

**M**y wife, Jewell, and I grew up in Christian homes and were saved in our youth. There is no doubt that we heard this verse a time or two throughout our lives. It just took us a while to truly understand the meaning and put it to action.

We were married in 1999, and after four years of marriage and watching everyone around us start their families, we realized that it wasn't going to be that easy for us. We went to doctors and were told that it would be very difficult for us to get pregnant. After trying different drugs and many failed attempts, we found ourselves more frustrated.

It was then that we heard this verse brought to a whole new light. "Be still" not meaning to sit still and be quiet but to "LET GO." We laid it on the altar and let God have the situation. Even though He already had it, we weren't letting go of it and were trying, on our own, to handle the condition. After letting go, we could rest in the knowledge that God was in control no matter what the outcome would be. Three months later, God answered us with a yes, and we found out we were pregnant with our first son, Dylan James.

It's sad how easy it is for us

to put our own desires before God. Even after God performed this miracle, He wasn't front and center in our lives. Work came before church. I started my own trucking company. We bought a big house and drove two new vehicles. We were pretending to live the dream but we were in financial bondage. After giving it a good try, our dream began to crumble. The Freightliner's engine blew up, and without the money coming in, bills quickly began to stack up. We had to make some huge changes or file for bankruptcy. We did a quick sale of our home, rented another home, found cheap cars, and began to chip away at our debt. It was very hard for us, but when we let it all go, it was made clear to us, once again, that it was always in God's hands. Though we felt like our world was falling apart, God was in control.

God wanted more from us, more than being slaves to our jobs and debt. He helped us break the chains. We surrendered to His call to full-time ministry. Shortly after, we committed to work with the Mercy Project.

Three years ago, I started a journey to lose weight. I lived an unhealthy life of eating for comfort or to keep me awake in those long hours driving



the truck. I put everything before my own health. After reaching 425 pounds, I went to Lancaster General Hospital for help through bariatric surgery. It was a hard decision to make, but one that would change my life forever. I chose to eat healthier and exercise daily while living life on purpose. Praise God, I have lost 235 pounds and now enjoy weightlifting and running 5k races.

1 Corinthians 9:24, *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.* God's given me a whole new healthy life now to use for His honor and glory. I love sharing my weight loss story, and I try to teach others what I've learned.

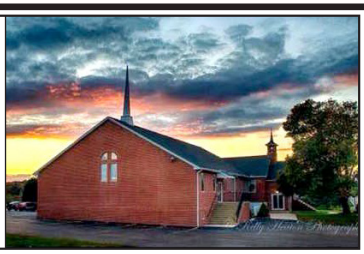
We travel to Christian Colleges, mission conferences, and churches recruiting students, teens, doctors, nurses, and evangelistic teams for the short-term mission trips that are being scheduled on *Mercy's Vessel*. We are excited to see the vision become a reality and cannot wait to see *Mercy's Vessel* in the water reaching souls with the Gospel. ✝

Even after God performed this miracle, He wasn't front and center in our lives.

God wanted more from us, more than being slaves to our jobs and debt.

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# The Safe Place

Psalm 91:1-2

by **Dr. Dennis Petty**, Missions & Evangelism, Co-General Director



This Psalm is the praise of one whose hope is rooted in God. It is the exuberant song of faith. These are the words of one who has known in personal experience the shafts of unkindness and the cruel torments of life, and this is his testimony that in the midst of all, there is a “secret place” shadowed over by the hand of God.

In these two verses, three things are evident. We see the PERSON of whom all these things are true, “HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High.” We see, secondly, his POSITION, he “shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” Thirdly, in verse two, his PROFESSION is stated, “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.”

## I. THE SECRET PLACE, vs. 1

This person “dwelleth,” that is, sits with, abides. He is not a visitor, but he is perfectly at home with “the most High.” If a man would know God, he must have intimate communion in the secret place with Him. “In the secret place” means literally a hiding place. In Psalm 31, it is the “secret of thy presence” where evil things cannot live.

Now, what does the Psalmist say about that man? He describes his POSITION. He says, he “shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” This is,

We must walk very close to a companion if we would have his shadow fall on us.

## II. THE SACRED PRIVILEGE, vs. 1b

This is an expression which implies great nearness. We must walk very close to a companion if we would have his shadow fall on us. Isaiah said He shall be “as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.” Solomon said, “I sat down under his shadow with great delight.” “Sat down” indicates no desire to leave, but to abide there forever. It is he who chooses to “dwell in the secret place of the most High” who shall “abide under the shadow (protection) of the Almighty.”

“The most High” is the SUPREME ONE, the highest. “The Almighty” is the ALL-SUFFICIENT ONE, implying sustenance, strength, satisfaction, sufficiency. Undoubtedly this truth led the Psalmist to cry (17:8), “hide me under the shadow (protection) of thy wings.” Blessed SHADOW! Blessed SATISFACTION! “I sat down under his shadow with great delight,” with great pleasure. His great delight is the exuberance of joy expressed as “joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

## III. THE SUBSEQUENT PROFESSION, vs. 2

“I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.” The two active verb phrases “I will say” and “will I trust” are very important. Without this sincere affirmation, “I will say,” and this strong assurance, “will I trust,” this lovely Psalm collapses. To enjoy the blessings and privileges of the secret place, the door must swing on these two hinges: “I will say” and “in him will I trust.” Let us view each of these phrases separately.

### 1. “I will say of the Lord” — Personal declaration

The Psalmist is bold to claim the Lord in this most intimate, personal testimonial. The Psalmist claims the Lord to be (1) HIS SANCTUARY, “He is my refuge.” When I am weak, exhausted, or overpowered, I turn to Him. He then claims Him to be (2) HIS STRONGHOLD, he is “my fortress,” my tower of defense. When we are unable to meet the impact of battle, He is our safe, quiet resting place. He then proclaims Him to be (3) HIS SOVEREIGN, “He is . . . my God.” My heart shall possess Him. He makes a personal declaration, “I will say.”

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### 2. “In him will I trust” — Personal determination

The speaker ends this second verse with a resounding note of confidence. Here is the application of these words: “. . . in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength,” (Isaiah 30:15) for “He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved,” (Psalm 62:6).

The pressures of circumstances and forces of evil may combine to test our faith, but if we will “dwell in the secret place of the most High,” God will embolden us to declare with Job of old, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust him,” (Job 13:15). ☩

**“As an eagle stirreth  
up her nest . . .”**  
Deut. 32:11



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