

Will You Share Jesus With Others?

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We don't have to look around this world too long to know like never before the urgency to proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. This world is a spiritually dark place and as Christians we are to declare that Jesus is "the light of the world: (John 8:12). Christ goes on to say in the same verse, "He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life." After nine short years of walking with God through a personal relationship with His Son Jesus Christ, I have discovered this simple yet profound life changing truth: Jesus Christ is the answer! I don't need to add anything to Him — He alone is sufficient to lead and guide my life. He has certainly proven that He is much more capable of handling my life than I am. I thank God for giving us Jesus. I agree with the Apostle Paul wholeheartedly when He wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile" (Rom. 1:16). Why wasn't Paul ashamed?

I believe he wasn't because He knew his message was the Good News. It was a message of salvation, filled with life-changing power, and it was for everyone. Let's face it—the enemy of our souls tempts us to be ashamed of proclaiming Jesus and His gospel message in the world. But how will we respond? In faith or fear? In obedience or disobedience? More concerned with the approval of man or the approval of God? Jesus gives us a heart penetrating warning in Mark 8:38, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His father with the holy angels." Jesus had just asked two questions of the people who had gathered with His disciples prior to giving this warning. In verse 36 He asked, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" And in verse 37, "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Has the reality set in our hearts that multitudes are dying daily around the world? Souls are entering into eternity.

For those who have placed their personal faith in Jesus Christ and were born again of the Holy Spirit— they enter into a literal Heaven in the presence of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the blessed Holy Spirit. And for those who have not placed their faith in Jesus Christ and were not born again of the Holy Spirit — they enter into a literal hell prepared for the devil and his demons where there is eternal fire, weeping and gnashing of teeth. Can we imagine the inexpressible joy in Heaven and the incomparable misery in hell? I am so thankful that God's heart is to save lost souls. In 1 Peter 3:9 we read, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." And in Luke 19:10 Jesus says, "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Seeing clearly in God's Word His love for fallen humanity and His desire to see the lost saved — are our hearts lining up with His? Do we truly have a genuine desire to see the lost come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ?

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To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.

COLOSSIANS 1:27-29

Are we sharing Christ with others? Are we interceding for people in our sphere of influence who do not bear any evidencing fruit of salvation? Let's look at Romans 10:14-17, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things?" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." I know what you may be thinking after reading — and how shall they hear without a preacher? We may say it's the preachers' responsibility to tell people about Jesus Christ. Let's break down this word, *preacher*. The Greek word is *Kerusso* (Kay-roos-oh); (Strong's #2784) meaning to herald, tell abroad, publish, publicly proclaim, call out with a clear voice, communicate. It also implies a carrier of divine truth. If you are a born again Christian then you are a carrier of

divine truth. Why? Because Christ lives in you and Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." So as a "Kerusso" the Christian herald is to proclaim the message of salvation through Jesus Christ and issue a summons to repent and receive forgiveness of sins. I believe we are all to do the work of an evangelist, which means to be a messenger of the good news of Jesus Christ. We are ambassadors and witnesses for Christ in our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplace, our schools, our ball fields, etc.— Not just at our churches, bible studies, and Christian events! The bible says in Acts 4:12, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." And in 1 Timothy 2:5-6 we read, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all..." When we really believe this in our heart of hearts then the love of Christ compels us to tell others that Jesus is the answer! And I encourage you today, no matter what you are

facing in life, know that Jesus is your answer. He is your way-maker, your lily in the valley, your stream in the desert, and your ever-present help in time of trouble. The bible says, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20). Will you share Jesus with others?

Love in Christ,

Clark Stallings

Moyewood Outreach

April 30—May 1

7PM, Nightly

Last year we saw many people come to the Lord. Praise God! He is bringing transformation to this community. We recently received the police statistics for Moyewood from March 2002 - March 2004 and found a 49% decrease in calls for police assistance. We have been treading this ground and claiming it for the Kingdom of God. Please pray with us!

Kids Crusade

Saturday

10AM - 1PM

Hot dogs, snow cones, games, & lots of fun!

We Need Your Support

We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting Hope of Glory Ministries financially. Your prayers and gifts enable us to fulfill the mission God has given us. Thank you very much for your support! Praise God!



Praise the Lord! He is doing incredible things! Isaiah 55:5 says, "Surely you will call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you will run to you." We are seeing the Lord bring people in that have physical needs, but Jesus is calling them to Himself to meet their spiritual needs. We have already provided assistance for many people this year, and are believing to double the amount we assisted last year. The Lord is increasing our vision, and as we step out in faith, we are seeing He meets us every time!

The demand for food is increasing and our supply is very low at this time. Any assistance that you could give will be greatly appreciated. In the past, we have had people sponsor food drives on our behalf (i.e. local churches collecting food on Sundays, and youth groups holding food drives at grocery stores). If you would like more information about how you can help in this area, please call (252) 215-9042. Please call for a suggested list of non-perishable food items.



"For they drank of that spiritual Rock...and that Rock was Christ" - 1 Cor. 10:4



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

HEY MOM AND DAD, MAKE SURE TO SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR LARRYBOY'S LOONEY SUMMER READING PROGRAM.

THIS YEAR WILL BE A GREAT TIME FOR KIDS TO READ AND HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING IT.

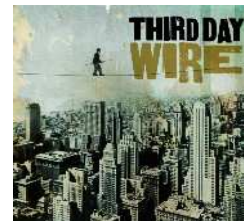
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Women's Community Outreach with "Daughters of the King"



Ladies,
 I consider it pure joy to have the privilege of being with you on Thursday mornings. Since we began our study, "Daughters of the King", I have seen and heard of many things that the Lord is doing in your lives. As you give Him the authority to rule and reign as King in your heart, you will grow in intimacy with Jesus. Praise the Lord! Jesus says in the Gospel according to Mark that we must receive the Kingdom of God as a little child. As daughters of the King, we will continue the next few weeks together believing and receiving the fullness of His Spirit. I look forward to seeing you all! Our next bible study will begin in August; more information will be announced soon at The Rock. And we are pleased to announce that our Fall Women's Community Outreach Event will be **September 18, 2004** with Lisa Ryan from the 700 Club. We will be meeting soon to pray and plan for this event. Please seek the Lord on how He could use you, or your local church, to partner with us during this women's ministry event.

Just a few weeks ago, the Lord reminded me of a word that He placed in my spirit in February, 2001. It was a time of deliverance and victory for me personally. He showed me through His Word and His people that the harvest was at hand. I promised the Lord that I would follow Him into the deep waters. Longing more of Him has brought trials, but victories as well. He is now telling me again that the harvest is at hand and My daughters want to go deeper with Me, but they must enter in. His Spirit is saying My daughters are not just ready to believe—but they are ready to receive. As we learned in our bible study, "Daughters of the King", why would we want half the kingdom, when we could have the King? His love is amazing!

In His Care,
 Gina Robinson

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MISSION STATEMENT

To stand in the gap between our community of believers and the church, and between the church and the lost. We will come alongside these three groups to proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and minister through Christian resources, evangelism, discipleship and community outreach.

Needs:

- Non-perishable food items
- Delivery truck for God's Gracious Gift to pick up & deliver food, clothing, furniture, & household items. Also used for outreaches.

Needs fulfilled since last newsletter:

- Large-capacity Color Copier for Ministry Center
- Microphones (3)
- Microphone Cords (5)
- Microphone Stands (3)
- Piano Monitors (2)
- Automatic Tape Player for recording

Praise be to God who supplies all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus! (Phil. 4:19)

Prayer Requests:

- Powerful move of God's Spirit in new Thursday Night Bible Study & Women's Bible Study.
- God's corporate anointing upon our community. Pray Psalm 133 for Pitt County.
- More area churches to partner with God's Gracious Gift/ Approval of grant proposals (2 are pending).
- For God to light a burning desire for evangelism in our community churches to see the lost come to Christ.

Praises

- For our ministry partners who support us prayerfully, financially, and give of their time and talents. Thanks!
- For God enlarging our territory at The Rock and God's Gracious Gift.
- For a ministry staff in one accord who believe in the vision and are committed to fulfilling it.

NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

We would like to invite you to join us beginning Thursday, May 6th at 7p.m.—8:30 p.m. as we begin a 10-week bible study on "Israel, God and America". We will be using this book as a study reference which was written by David Stein. He writes in the introduction the following: "The conflict raging in Israel and the Middle East today has to do with only one thing—God's plan for Israel in the last days! All the nations are seeking a human solution, which has failed, because their plans are contrary to God's covenant plan for His people, His land, and His holy city, Jerusalem." We are excited about growing in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The cost of the book is \$15, and will be available at the first meeting. Both men and women are welcome. Clark Stallings and John Lofton will be teaching. Each teaching will be taped. Call 321-6857 to pre-register.

Upcoming Ministry Events:

- Monthly Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon (2nd Tuesday of month @ 12 PM).
- Monthly Pastors Wives Breakfast, (last Tuesday of month @ 9:15 AM).
- May 6 (7PM): Beginning of 10-week bible study, Israel, God & America.
- July 2 (7 PM): Elaine Lofton w/Lofton Covenant Ministries recording live CD. Please join us!
- Sept. 18 (8:30 AM - 12 PM): Women's Outreach w/ Lisa Ryan from 700 Club. Please pre-register.