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"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

Mark 1:3

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Onward, Forward, Upward

Onward, forward, upward Should be our marching song, For living in the past time Why, that's a dreadful wrong.

A new year is a-dawning Our slate is clean and clear The starting trump is sounding So give a listenin' ear.

He commissions you to GO And press toward the mark Ours is a High Call 'Tis from the very start.

So run and not be weary Walk and never faint Praying without ceasing Is the way for His dear saint. You may just be tempted To stray and stay aside, But gird and steady on And constantly abide.

Whether from the mountain Or a valley here below The victory is for certain This one thing I know.

Still onward, forward, upward For now the ego's past, And to the bed confined Yet soon at home at last.

So onward, forward, upward Will be my marching song I'm in His blessed keeping, And in that can be no wrong.



MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

With pen in hand, I write this the first Personal Message of 2006. May our Lord's grace, mercy and peace be multiplied to you our dear friend and partner with The Voice in the Wilderness. The door of opportunity is opened to us with the thrilling potential of a new year. Praise the Lord for all that was accomplished in 2005, but now we must press toward the mark not resting on past accomplishments, but by faith, believing our Saviour for all He has in His will and plan for each day ahead. Please join us as together we strive to do all to the Glory of God and our Saviour. The goals are fundamental and honoring to Christ:

- 1. Read the Book.
- 2. Bend the knee.
- 3. Give the mite.
- 4. Plant a church.
- 5. Tote your corner.
- 6. Win a soul.
- 7. Honour your Lord.

These are seven areas we can all strive to do to our Lord's Glory. Elsewhere in this issue are Scripture references for each of these seven goals for 2006. Please commit in your heart to do this for His glory. Not only will this be pleasing to your Saviour who is worthy, but you will profit eternally from the accomplishment. I will look forward to reading your testimony at year-end.

2006 marks our tenth year with The Voice in the Wilderness. October is the actual anniversary, and over the next few months we will chronicle the amazing provision and blessings the Lord has so graciously provided for my family's ministry during these ten years. From the start we had confirmed in our hearts that God's hand was upon our coming to The Voice in the Wilderness. It has been a distinct determination to glorify the Lord and make it evident that The Voice in the Wilderness is His ministry. Yes, it has been my intent to respect the founder of this work, however, all along making it clear The Voice in the Wilderness is the Lord's.

The part I have in this work did not begin yesterday, a week, a month, a year, 5 years ago. We are now in our tenth year with The Voice in the Wilderness. It is humbling to me thinking that it has been over 51 months since Bro. Royce fell ill and had to accept a change in life that possibly none of us would choose for ourselves. But God makes no mistakes and even Bro. Royce's debilitating illness did not catch our Lord off guard. He is always gracious even in the difficult times. Thank God it is by His will, His design, His grace that The Voice in the Wilderness continues in the rich heritage set forth in these pages since its first publication on January 24, 1953.

The Church construction projects in India and Venezuela report progress. Development of The Voice property continues and the Lord has given us so many blessings this little paper could not begin to chronicle them all. Thank you, dear reader and friend, for being such a generous supporter. May God bless us all as we serve Him this New Year.

For Christ and Souls, Ronnie L. Williamson



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Thank you!



Sermon of the Month

"...LET GOD BE TRUE, BUT EVERY MAN A LIAR..." ROMANS 3:4.

HALF TRUTHS – WHOLE LIES

Satan is busy using and abusing people in an attempt to obstruct the Lord's work and pervert God's Truth. Those religious leaders in John 8:44 would not and did not see the truth. Jesus told them, "Ye are of your father the devil," then Jesus states that the devil is "a liar, and the father of it."

From the beginning Satan spewed forth his lies, and from Eve on, people have chosen to believe a lie. "Yea, hath God said" was the vile accusation of the accuser. Then Eve's response was less than accurate when she added to God's prohibition. Contrast what the Lord actually said in Genesis 2:16 & 17 - And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die - with Eve's misquote in



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Genesis 3:2 & 3 – And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. Following Eve's willingness to pervert God's Word, the tempter becomes more brazen in his attack on the truthfulness of God. Eve's statement was partially true. Even Satan's statements contained bits of truth. Yet, are half-truths not always whole lies?

Jesus speaks of the father of the lie. In that context Christ says, "...I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

"...shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness."

How can that be? The Way, the Truth, and the Life speaks the truth to them, and they refuse.

Over the years in my ministry, I have repeatedly seen good people fall hook, line, and sinker for a lie. I've asked myself, "How can that be?" A juicy bit of gossip comes along and church folks seemingly are ready to come on board. Even preachers are party to such ungodliness.

Was Eve there in that beautiful environment minding her own business when the father of lies came to her? Surely she did not go out and solicit his company, but the lie came to her - "Yea, hath God said."

Beware! A lie will come to you. The gossip, the parade of misinformation, and even scriptural error will find its way to you. Then, it will be your responsibility to move away from the lie and embrace the truth. If you remain where the lie rests, you embrace the lie. Move toward the truth.

Obviously, those who know not Christ as Lord and Saviour simply do not understand truth, nor are they discerning of the subject of lying. Charles Spurgeon said, "Show me a man who is habitually a liar, and you show me a man who will have his portion in the lake that burns with fire and brimestone. I do not care to which denomination of Christians he may belong. I am sure he is none of Christ's. And it is very sad to know that there are some in all fellowships who have this great and grievous fault, that you cannot trust them in what they say. God deliver us from that."

Mr. Spurgeon correctly put it when he said, "It is very sad to know that there are some in all fellowships who have this great and grievous fault...." It is expected of the natural mind to not discern truth from a lie. Is not the sinner man such in deeds and words? It stands to reason that to him a lie may not be a lie if it suits his means and the end is justified. To him, the lie is truth if it accomplishes his desired result. Yet for the Christian such situational, circumstantial manipulation of fact and

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truth diametrically opposes all that's righteous and holy. There is absolute authority and God's Word must not be compromised. If one anchors his life to the firm foundation of God's inspired, infallible Word, then the plumb and level will reveal error. Yet if feelings and circumstance dictate, then one's life is subject to contradict Christ. A lie may be perceived as truth, and truth perceived as a lie. Right may be labeled wrong, and wrong may be labeled right.

Christ and His Word in the spirit-filled believer's life will clearly mark the path directed in God's will. Me in the BOOK and the BOOK in me surrendered to His perfect will empower the believer's victorious walk. Read carefully Psalm 19: 1-14; 119: 9-11 and also note Proverbs 3:3-7. Then "...let God be true, but every man a liar..." Romans 3:4. Praise the Lord we can build our lives upon the solid, unchanging Truth of God's Word. Yes, men are fallible, but God cannot lie – Hebrews 6:18.

It is a sad commentary that there are those among us who as a result of lifestyle live a life of lies. Year in and year out they leave impressions by manipulation, fabrication and the twisting of truth to be what they desire rather than as the truth really is. Over a period of time this habitual, yea subtle yet dishonest lifestyle so consumes the individual that their entire world is seen through this jaded lens. They themselves believe the lies they tell. The erosion of core value, the disintegration of foundational teaching leaves one totally incapable of living the truth, the whole truth. Utter selfdeception is fatal to the ability of accepting truth or seeing truth as it is rather than as one would want the truth to be. Then the tragedy is that they rob themselves of the opportunity

to do good and right as well as the inability to handle the circumstances of life. No peace, a negative, critical spirit, and ultimately the cancerous root of bitterness consumes until the belief that all friends and even God has abandoned the one and only person who knows the "truth." The Holy Spirit's conviction is resisted, rejected, and seared over, until indeed the individual is left alone to wallow in his life of lies. Their compass is broken, it's then impossible to move in the right direction. All of life is then adrift on the "sea of self." Indeed a sad state of being.

Is this person viewed as a vile, wicked individual by those who have been associates or friends for years? No, the victim of selfdeception is seen by friends as pitiful rather than a victim of their own lifestyle of lies. Though the so-called "victim" has self inflicted wounds, remaining friends would not call him a liar but simply say he is confused about the facts. And as now the entire world of this "victim" is a continuing saga of how he has been wronged, betrayed and lied to, he now believes he has always championed the truth and built a glorious kingdom beyond question. This alteration of truth has tailored a garment that can only be worn by the one and only – you know who. Sadly, the ego has become so obese the agony of life is now to wear the very garment of lies sown to please that misguided ego. Those "half truths" were thought to serve a purpose for the present, but now is the future - and the consequence is miserable.

May we return to this thought in conclusion? A lie, gossip, or a parade of misinformation will come looking for you. Just as Joseph fled the wicked clutches of Potiphar's wife, each child of God must escape the tempters approach with a lie. Flee that gossip or morsel of misinformation. Move away from the lie and embrace the TRUTH. It is our duty. "Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you." James 4:8. Our Lord is waiting with open arms for his Child to flee the lie and embrace the TRUTH. Again, it is our duty, we are commanded to move with action away from error and move to embrace TRUTH. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Did you understand the responsibility? Do not be ashamed. Handle properly the TRUTH. Then the apostle says "...shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness." This yak, yak, on the telephone, this letter writing campaign of lies is of the devil. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." May we embrace the TRUTH and "abhor that which is evil."

Quickly, there are preventive measures:

- 1. Your strong New Testament Local Church and pastor It is so vital to be a part of God's local body of believers to have the support you need in time of storm.
- 2. Godly counsel Keep around you through your local church family godly counselors whom you can and will trust in hard decisions. Proverbs 11:14
- 3. Stay by the Book You cannot go wrong with "You in the Book and the Book in you." Psalms 119:9,11,33,105.

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The Voice IN THE Wilderness

AN OPEN LETTER TO BRO. ROYCE

(Many of our readers have known Bro. Royce longer than I have seen days in this walk of life. In addition to the respect and material commitment The Voice in the Wilderness has made to Bro. Royce, I, Ronnie L. Williamson, would like to go the second mile and publicly make an even greater commitment personally to Dr. J. Royce Thomason. As my wife and I praise the Lord for 2006 and 10 years of ministry with The Voice in the Wilderness, it is with renewed vision and commitment that we desire to continue this faithful work.)

Dear Bro. Royce,

Far more important than a material or monetary commitment to you -I am sure you will value more deeply what I am about to say. Knowing all you have written in this publication and taken a stand for over the years, I would like to give you, certainly in the estimation of most of our preacher friends and supporters, one of the greatest gifts apart from salvation, possible in this life. The apostle rejoiced finding his converts "walking in the truth." So here is a gift to you.

- 1. I commit before you and our Lord to preach from and use only the King James Bible. Bro. Royce, on the front of *The Voice in the Wilderness* you placed a picture of the Holy Bible with the sun, sky and horizon in the background. That Holy Bible (KJB) is the tried, true and preserved Word of God for English speaking people. The Voice in the Wilderness will continue to stand on the Old KJB! While many we know have waffled and compromised, may God help us to faithfully hold forth the inspired, infallible, Holy Word of God. Amen.
- 2. I commit before you and our Lord to "Contend for the Fundamentals of the Faith." Holiness, separation from the worldly and the preaching of fundamental Bible Doctrine has been hallmark to this ministry. Yes, we must love the brethren and have compassion for the Lost. Yet this must be done without the compromise of truth. Bro. Royce, we are committed to "Contend for the Faith" which was once delivered unto the Saints!
- 3. I commit before you and our Lord to speak out and take a stand against the ungodly, liberal compromise in these United States of America. The Voice in the Wilderness will "Contend for American Freedoms." Thank you for serving in our military and defending the great heritage we so dearly enjoy. May Old Glory wave and the Statue stand tall for liberty in this nation "Under God." This Voice will continue to be heard "Contending for American Freedoms!"

Bro. Royce, I am a nobody, but I pledge to you my best to carry on the treasured heritage of "The Voice in the Wilderness."

To God Be The Glory, Bro. Ronnie



A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

I ASKED GOD TO TAKE AWAY MY HABIT.

GOD SAID, "No. IT IS NOT FOR ME TO TAKE AWAY, BUT FOR YOU TO GIVE UP."

I ASKED GOD TO MAKE MY HANDICAPPED CHILD WHOLE. GOD SAID, "NO. HIS SPIRIT IS WHOLE, HIS BODY IS ONLY TEMPORARY."

I ASKED GOD TO GRANT ME PATIENCE.

God said, "No. Patience is a by product of tribulations; It isn't granted, it is learned."

I ASKED GOD TO GIVE ME HAPPINESS.

GOD SAID, "No. I GIVE YOU BLESSINGS; HAPPINESS IS UP TO YOU."

I ASKED GOD TO SPARE ME PAIN.
GOD SAID, "No. SUFFERING
DRAWS YOU APART FROM WORLDLY
CARES

AND BRINGS YOU CLOSER TO ME."

I ASKED GOD TO MAKE MY SPIRIT GROW.

God said, "No. you must grow on your own!

BUT I WILL PRUNE YOU TO MAKE YOU FRUITFUL."

I ASKED GOD FOR ALL THINGS
THAT I MIGHT ENJOY LIFE.
GOD SAID, "No. I WILL GIVE YOU
LIFE, SO THAT YOU MAY ENJOY ALL
THINGS."

I ASKED GOD TO HELP ME LOVE OTHERS, AS MUCH AS HE LOVES ME. GOD SAID, "AHHH, FINALLY YOU HAVE THE IDEA."

-PETIT

FROM HERE AND THERE

PUBLIC SCHOOL = NO PARENTAL RIGHTS - The U.S.

Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit just ruled that parents' fundamental right to control the upbringing of their children "does not extend beyond the threshold of the school door," and that a public school may provide students with "what ever information it wished to provide, sexual or otherwise...."

The case, Fields v. Palmdale School District, was brought by parents who discovered their sevento-10-year-old children had been required to fill out [an invading, personal] questionnaire.... The shocked parents looked to the court for a remedy....

The three-judge 9th Circuit panel unanimously ruled against the parents. The decision claimed that the purpose of the psychological sex survey was "to improve students' ability to learn...."

The school had sent out a parental-consent letter but failed to reveal the intrusive questions about sex. The letter merely mentioned concerns about violence and verbal abuse, adding that if the child felt uncomfortable, the school would provide "a therapist for further psychological help."

That should have been a warning, but many parents don't realize that the schools have an agenda unrelated to reading, writing and arithmetic....

The court said since the government has put limits on parents' rights by requiring school attendance, the school can tell the students whatever it wants about sex, guns, the military, gay marriage, and the origins of life. The judges emphasized that once children are put in a public school, the parents' "fundamental right to control the education of their children is, at the least, substantially

diminished." *Phyllis Schlafly, Human Events, November 14, 2005*

STAPH INFECTIONS ON THE RISE – *NewsMax* reports that Drugresistant staphylococcus infections are becoming more frequent in the

resistant staphylococcus infections are becoming more frequent in the general population, according to a recent item in Consumer Reports.

Resistant strains of the difficult and sometimes deadly bacteria are escaping from hospitals and striking young, healthy people through contact with infected skin, clothing, towels and other personal items....

Dozens of infections have been reported in high school and college sports teams....the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found clusters of infections in prisons, day-care centers, the military, and other groups....

If the infection is diagnosed late or treated with ineffective medications, it can lead to severe blood and lung infections. *November* 2005

HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

LEGALIZED - ...It looks like South Africa could become the next nation to legalize homosexual "marriage." The country's highest court ruled today (Dec. 1) that it is unconstitutional to deny homosexuals the right to "marry" -- and it has given the country's Parliament one year to amend marriage laws to include homosexuals. *Agapepress.* org, 12/2/2005

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LEGISLATION - ... While

President Bush continues to push his "guest worker" program for illegal immigrants, members of his own party have different ideas for handling immigration reform. Acting House Majority Leader Roy

Blunt says he wants to accomplish some specific goals in dealing with illegal immigration. He says the legislation must do several things. "[We need] legislation that does get better border control -- a real fence, a virtual fence, whatever it takes to really seal the border, to use all the technology available to us to make that happen," says the congressman. Blunt says the House will also work to beef-up enforcement of current U.S. immigration laws. "Frankly [we have to] create the penalties necessary and [require] the identification necessary so that legal immigrants here have an opportunity and folks who are here illegally don't have," he says. Interestingly it appears to be Democrats -- not the majority of Republicans -- who are supporting Bush in the battle over immigration reform. Agapepress.org, 12/2/2005

NORTH KOREA'S CONTERFEIT MONEY - North

Korea's government has produced more than \$45 million in high-quality fake \$100 bills since 1989 and is the world's only state-sponsored producer of the so-called "supernote," according to U.S. law-enforcement officials.

The recent arrest of Sean Garland, head of the communist Workers Party of Ireland, provided the first confirmation of the Pyongyang government's links to the supernote or superdollar, which was discovered as part of a 16-year-old probe by the U.S. Secret Service, which is in charge of investigating illegal money production. *Washingtontimes.com* 12/2/2005

WHO'S HIRING ILLEGAL

ALIENS? – The U.S. Border Patrol, which unknowingly hired an illegal alien after a background check by the

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) failed to identify him, has begun its own screening process for new agents....

The FBI had previously conducted background investigations, but the job was turned over to OPM in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

Oscar Antonio Ortiz was charged in August with using a fraudulent birth certificate to obtain a Border Patrol job....

He became the target of an undercover investigation earlier this year after he was heard on intercepted telephone conversations discussing smuggling of migrants into the United States through a border area near Tecate, Mexico, court records show.

Transcripts from the intercepted calls show that he smuggled several dozen persons into the country and had been paid fees ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 a person. He was accused of smuggling illegal aliens in his Border Patrol vehicle, according to court records. [on through the fog!] Washington Times, Jerry Seper, November 2005

G U L F C O A S T CONTRACTORS HIRING ILLEGALS – Contractors working in the Gulf Coast region say they are actively looking for local workers, and some acknowledge they are turning to day-laborer programs, which often include illegal aliens....

Immigration-reform advocates are concerned contractors in the Gulf Coast are passing over local workers to hire cheaper, illegal aliens to fill the employee shortages in the region.

"Employers should be checking [employees'] backgrounds but they really don't. People are looking the other way," said Peter Kunz, spokesman for Minuteman Civil Defense Corps Inc. a Tombstone, Ariz., border-patrol watchdog group....

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is conducting investigations into the citizenship status of workers in the Golf Coast....

In recent weeks, the federal agency, with the Defense Department www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org

and other law-enforcement agencies, apprehended several illegal aliens who were hired by unidentified contractors for hurricane-recovery work. Washington Times, Marguerite Higgins, 11/2005.

PLEDGE BANNED IN **CALIFORNIA**- According to Judicial Watch (11/05) students in Sacramento County, California will no longer VOLUNTARILY be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Karlton sided with the atheist attorney Michael Newdow that the statement "under God" is unconstitutionally based upon the separation of church and state. Are we forgetting that our founding fathers regularly prayed and asked God for guidance while they were making decisions about our country? Can the judges of our nation even find the phrase separation of church and state in the U.S. Constitution?

CHILDREN NEED THEIR DADS- A recent study stated that almost 90% of Americans believe that it is important that fathers are needed in their children's lives for their proper training. The survey done by the National Fatherhood Initiative also stated that we as "Americans believe strongly in marriage." The study also found that

- 1) 97% stated that fathers were as important as mothers for the training of children.
- 2) Couples who did not live together before marriage were more successful in their marriage.
- 3) Success in marriage increased if the parents were not divorced during the growing up years.

The Washington Times 11/21/05

DEAN ATTACKS BLACK REPUBLICANS- Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, referred to Lt. Gov. Michael Steele of Maryland as "Uncle Tom" and "Oreo" on NBC's "Meet the Press." Mr. Dean has said that these were bad campaign tactics, but has not apologized for the statements that he has made. Instead of apologizing for his statements, Mr. Dean has focused on himself by demanding an apology

for being called "a racist, a terrorist, an abortionist, and anti-Semitic." *The Washington Times* 11/21/05

HIV RISES 8%- Between the years 2003 and 2004 there was an 8% increase in HIV cases among homosexuals. As to the reason for the increase, Dr. Ron Valdiserri said, "We don't know for certain, but we're concerned." He went on to say that, "By transmission category, men who have sex with men continue to account for the largest number of (HIV) diagnoses overall." Most of the people who have the disease are men (112,106 as compared to 45,146 women). The Washington Times 11/21/05

FLEE THE HURRICANE, FREE OF BABIES- Dr. Jerry

Edwards is offering free abortions to displaced residents of the recent hurricanes. *NewsMax (11/05)* reports that the Little Rock, Arkansas doctor has all ready performed six abortions. Dr. Edwards said that if the pregnant mothers were to wait, it might be dangerous for their health. "If we didn't provide it now, they would get it later, a late-term abortion that would give greater risk to the mother's health."



Nuggets of Gold

Gossip is a torpedo that has sunk many friendships.

Church attendance is determined more by desire than by distance.

There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth and pursue it steadily.

Most of the leaves we've turned over in January have already started to fall.

Inflation is making the green pastures of retirement look parched.

Optimism is man's passport to a better tomorrow.

Some people never make a mistake, nor do they ever make anything else.

Laziness is an overwhelming love for physical calm.

There must be a shortage of truth the way so many folks are stretching it these days.

You must arrange in advance for pleasant memories.

YEAR-END ... YEAR BEGINNING Could 2006 Be The Year?

Bio-Pay is now being used in one U.S. food store. The shopper must only insert a finger into the reader and their information is retrieved from the data bank and payment is debited from the costumers account. Tracking devices, GPS, and implant applications are already common place around the world. Could 2006 be the year?

The world, Americans in particular, seem to be exceptionally gullible to misinformation and even blatant lies. When the "Passion" hit the big screen, "Churches" bought out the movie theaters flocking to support this so-called "powerful evangelistic tool." Being produced by a Catholic, Hollywood mega-star, seemingly raised no flags for multitudes of "Christians" paying the admission to movie houses across the country.

TV and news outlets continue to be largely controlled by liberals. Dan Rather tried to smear the Bush campaign with clearly suspect documents. NBC news viciously attacked the "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth!" ABC persisted in the doom and gloom economic reports spinning the good into the bad. Paul Krugram of the "New York Times" wrote: "President Bush isn't a conservative. He's a radical – the leader of a coalition that deeply dislikes America as it is." Krugram described Bush "eviscerating Social Security and eventually, Medicare." Then the article said Bush "wants to break down the barriers between church and state." Of all the liberal asinine commentary Maureen Dowd said, "The president got reelected by dividing the country along fault lines of fear and intolerance, ignorance and religious rule."

This liberal elite describe Americans who stand for conservative agenda, marriage between one man and woman, pro-life, secure borders, and biblical values that made America great as "hateful," intolerant" and "ignorant, religious zealots." During a time of war against terrorism the left in this country are giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

During the brief span of years I have preached the gospel, the unimaginable has happened. Pastors who once held the banner high have compromised. Churches have become a casual corner of come as you are, live as you please. Once strong Christian homes now go

the way of the world. Our nation does not recognize the hand of God. The gross perversion of 150,000 was scheduled to parade its decadence, but Hurricane Katrina slightly disrupted plans. Could the plan be a warning before the real storm of judgment hits in full fury?

Could it be that many in Bible preaching churches do not even understand the point here? Some simply do not care while others are "offended" when you "name names." Sadly such views indicate shallowness. It is only the solid foundation of God's Word that will enable one to perceive the error and distortion in this age. Listen to the very words of Christ in Matthew 24:22-24. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not! For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Like it or not, Jesus told us about the end times. It is in such that the true Christians are separated out from the fair-weather crowd. This accommodating, come as you are, leave as you were, entertainment oriented, purpose-driven, therapeutic churchianity, with its nicesounding lovey-dovey message, does not live up to prophetic Bible teaching. Jesus preached a hard hitting message just as did the Old Testament prophets. Yes, a message about trial and persecution. A message about endurance and perseverance. And for His followers, this message extolled the urgency to carry the Gospel throughout the world. For His disciples this is all we need to know to compel us into the harvest and to live right and to do right. For God's people, these are days of great encouragement. With the close of 2005 and the beginning of 2006, could this be the year – "that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Jesus said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

May God be glorified through us in 2006!
-RLW



A Week For A Lifetime

By Steve Lilly

This past September Rebekah and I had the opportunity to teach English as a second language at a Spanish church in Raleigh, NC. The Lord's blessings were clearly evident as we used this unique tool of evangelism.

The week started out on Sunday morning as we played the hand chimes in the adult service and then taught in children's church. There were 154 children present ranging from the ages of 5 to 12 years old. Rebekah and I presented a service that we entitled "Saved, Serve and Smile." Praise the Lord that eight children accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Starting Monday night and ending on Friday night we taught English to people who had little or no knowledge of the language. Some students regularly attend the Spanish church, but many others were unsaved and new to

the church. Each night, we taught new words and reviewed words from the previous night. Part of the review was to play games. It was interesting to watch grown adults act like kids again. They learned very quickly and had a lot of fun. Along with individual words. Bible stories were also taught. Creation taught the truth of sin and the birth, burial, and resurrection of Jesus showed the way of salvation from sin. Each student learned to demonstrate and tell in English each of these Bible lessons.

Right about now some of you are asking if we are fluent in Spanish. The answer is a resounding NO! Then how can we teach Spanish-speaking people English? Well, we told them the first night that they were going to be actors. They first heard the words as we spoke them; then either Rebekah or I would act them out. After they watched, they in turn would act out and say the



The Lilly's used many props and pictures to demonstrate the English lesson. The students enjoyed "playing house" in our cardboard creation after Bro. Lilly taught in/out with the puppet. Later, the house was transformed into the tomb for the crucifixion story.

words. Our inability to speak their language, forced the students to learn English quickly.

Friday was the last night of classes. We reviewed all of the words and stories that they had learned so far that week. We also taught them the alphabet, numbers, and how to say the time in English. Most importantly, the final Bible story for the week, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, was taught. The students read it aloud from the Spanish Bible; I taught the lesson through an interpreter; and Beka told a simplified version of the story as I demonstrated. After the individual groups practiced the lesson, we had one volunteer



Several students take a few minutes to learn the crucifixion story in English.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS AND COMMENTS



TED KENNEDY PROMOTES THE BEATITUDES?- In

support of a group called "Let Justice Roll" (taken from Amos 5:24 not a KJV translation). Sen. Teddy Kennedy (D.-Mass.) said that raising the minimum wage "is a moral issue of enormous importance and consequence. . . whether we are going to follow the great teachings of the Beatitudes, which inspire so many of us in terms of our responsibilities to our fellow human beings, and if we believe in those fundamental tenets of the Judeo-Christian ethic we cannot fail but to believe that the minimum wage must be a livable wage for all our fellow citizen." Dr. Paul H. Sherry, who compiled the report for Let Justice Roll, stated, "Economics can be immoral: Those with the gold, rule. Do to others anything you can get away with. Or economics can be moral, in keeping with the Golden Rule." The group wants "every church, every synagogue, every mosque, and every temple" to hold "living-wage worship events" on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Human Events 11/14/05

MUSLIMS PROMOTE **DECEPTION-** In a recent Berean Call (11/21/05) we find the following about the Islamic religion. "Islamic terrorists have their own terms: tagiyya (pronounced tarke-ya): precautionary dissimulation or deception and keeping one's convictions secret and a synonymous term, kitman: mental reservation and dissimulation or concealment of malevolent intentions. . ." The understanding of these two terms is essential for comprehending the Shiite and Sunni Muslim discourse, fundamentalism, and terrorist operations. An example of these words is an interview done with Sheik Taj el-Din al Hilaly. The journalist writes, "Several times, when direct responses to questions about passages in the Koran begged a simple yes or no, both men preferred to avoid the issues by talking about the difficulties of translating passages

ROLE MODELS FOR CHRISTIAN GIRLS?- The

from Arabic to English."

very successful Women of Faith Conferences spawned the Revolve Tour for teenage girls. This is funded by Thomas Nelson, the publishing house that produces the Revolve Teen girls Bible-zine. Bible-zines are supposedly a tool to get teens to read the Bible so they put Scriptures in a format that looks like "Cosmo" or "Teen" magazine. . . I searched the website but couldn't find one mention

of Jesus. I did see "beautiful" women all over, flawless skin, airbrushed celebrities and music stars writhing in tight clothes on the music videos. Our moral standards have gotten so low in the church that women in low rider jeans and tight t-shirts are considered wonderful role models for Christian girls. At one point, a teen in the video collage says, "I look at magazines and there are all of these skinny models. . ." What do you think the Revolve Tour is presenting as beauty? Many teen girls with weight trouble or skin trouble or who simply just don't look like that will view this and say "Even the Bible(zine) is filled with images of physical perfection. I must really be a loser if I can't even find hope in the Bible!" Excerpts taken from The Berean Call 11/18/05

KJV AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Paul Harvey reported on 11/30/2005 that the KJV Old and New Testaments were being used in Bible Courses in 316 school districts and 37 states in America. Studies show that parents believe 2 to 1 that it should be taught in schools.

BIBLES + CHINA = JAIL

- Julia Duin reported for the *Washington Times* (11/05) that religious persecution in China has reached the point that distributing Bibles is earning a three-year prison sentence. Cai Zhuohua, 34, a Bejing

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under-ground church leader, was sentenced on Nov. 8 to three years in prison for distributing Bibles and other Christian materials.

His wife, Xiao Yufei, got two years, and [her brother] was sentenced to 18 months....

They were accused of distributing 200,000 Bibles and other materials as part of an unregistered house church Mr. Cai oversaw for 10 years.

PRINCETON'S PROFESSOR OF ETHICS - Peter Singer, the

Princeton professor of ethics sees no ethical problem with polyamory, bestiality, necrophilia or some kinds of infanticide. How did the individual called by The New Yorker today's "most influential" philosopher develop such beastly positions, and how should conservatives fight his influence? Singer would like to think that his conclusions are the result of pure intellectual labor; his family history is worth noting. He and President Bush were born on the same day, July 6, 1946. But Singer did not have a future president as a dad and a U.S. senator as a grandfather: Both his grandfathers (as well as one grandmother) had recently died in Nazi concentration camps. Singer told me that he grew up "very aware of the Holocaust," learning from his parents and his parents' friends, and was "impressed early on with my grandmother's argument: "How could there be a God who would let the Holocaust happen?" Singer favors euthanasia of the old whose minds have declined, but it's not hard to see that if "voluntary euthanasia" became common, bullies would take what he had wrought and apply pressure on the elderly or the

disabled to get out of the way rather than use up resources. Similarly, Singer says that parents up to a year or two should be able to kill children with physical or mental problems, with the OK of a group of Singerists on hospital ethics boards. The conditions would soon be loosened, reporters would discover inequities where it was allowed in some circumstances and not others, and infanticide on parental demand would become standard. That's what happened with abortion. *The Berean Call, November 2005*.

TAKING THE "CAPITAL"
OUT OF RELIGION – Brussels
has come up with a new grammar
rule for themselves and the
Netherlands—making it official that
the name of "Christ" will soon be
written with a lower-case "c...."

According to the Kath.net agency, the new spelling legislation will also stipulate that the Dutch word for "jews" (joden) be spelled with a capital "J" when referring to nationality and with a lower-case "j" when referring to the religion. The changes will be mandatory in August of 2006. There is no description of the fines offenders will face if they keep right on spelling "Christ" with a capital "C."

The new spelling regulations are coming from the same folk, who include as one of their seat numbers in the august and austere chamber in which they gather to prevaricate on all things politically correct, the number 666.

The European Union hierarchy may have numbered the seat 666, but at last count no one has had the courage to actually claim the seat as their own....

EU politically correct lockstep

seems to be as infectious as bird flu. Across the ocean in faraway Florida, schools are banning Christmas and Easter holidays in response to Muslin demands.

"Demands from the terrorist-linked Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for an official school recognition of a Muslin Holy Day has resulted in the Hillsborough County School Board banning all religious holidays? Christmas, Good Friday and Easter are off the calendar. Canada Free Press, Judi McLeod. 10/31/2005



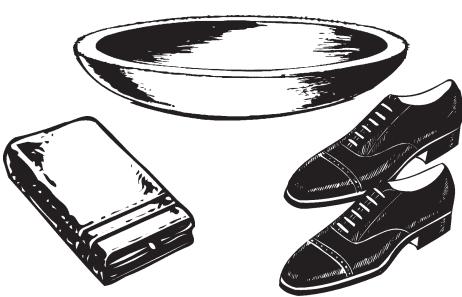
CHURCH OUTLAWED -

Pacific Justice Institute reports that in the spring of 2005, a local pastor and his wife started an outreach in a local mobile home park for seniors. The congregation, known as "The Church in the Park," obtained permission to meet in the community clubhouse on Sunday mornings, and it was well received by the residents. In fact, several older and disabled residents stated that they would not otherwise be able to attend church services. In June, the management of the mobile home park suddenly prohibited the church from having any further meetings in the clubhouse – even though many other types of groups were allowed to meet....

California law specifically prohibits religious-based discrimination in the use of public

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Man's Transition — God Honored



The power and grace of this true story speaks of those who, though in the flesh, rise high above the fleshly. Days, months and years pass until, in a blink, a life has been lived and a transition begun. Like it or not the time will come when our journey ends, and may we pray and live so that a rich and lasting testimony may be placed as a mantel upon the next generation. Such was the story of one pastor.

For many years he had a fruitful ministry and pastorate. The time came to pass the baton onto the next pastor. That difficult Sunday morning arrived – his last in the pulpit as the pastor of the church he had labored for and loved so many, many years. The congregation sang beautifully and the choir was used of the Lord in a mighty way. The new pastor came to the pulpit, but the former pastor was nowhere to be found. Greetings and the announcements were made, but still the former pastor was not present. Obviously, this was to be his last 12 • Voice in the Wilderness • January 2006

Sunday and a special service was planned for all the thank-you's and goodbyes, but no pastor. Suddenly, unannounced in the middle of proceedings, from a side door of the church, entered their beloved preacher. He carried a basin filled with water, a towel over his arm, and a long multi-colored cloth draped around his neck and over his shoulders. The church was filled and every eye was riveted as the pastor entered and silently walked to the pulpit where the new pastor was standing. The older, saintly

preacher then knelt at the feet of the new pastor, removed the young brother's shoes and socks, and proceeded to wash his successor's feet. The power and grace of the event was overwhelming for the congregation. Tears flowed and hearts pounded as a bit of Heaven descended upon all present. Now, having washed the feet of God's man, God's man stood, removed the colorful piece of cloth, the symbolic mantel of leadership, and in a dramatic display of dignity, power, and grace, passed the ministry of the Lord on to the one now called to take the mantel.

Truly a demonstration of character, leadership and integrity. For that congregation of witnesses, those dedicated godly believers, new babes in Christ, how about the lost, and the cold or backslidden, what a testimony to our Lord's glory. Thank God for men who yield themselves to a level far above themselves. Thank God for those who recognize it is not about us, but it is indeed all about HIM!

-RLW

Jhis Month In History

Called the "Father of American Medicine," he signed the Declaration of Independence, was Surgeon General of the Continental Army, and was a staff member of the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he opened the first free medical clinic. His name was Benjamin Rush, and he was born this month on the fourth day of 1745. Rush also founded a Bible Society, a Sunday School Union and Society for the Abolition of Slavery. Dr. Benjamin Rush stated: "The only foundation for…education in a republic is religion. Without this there can be no virtue, there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object of all republican governments."

Religious News Memorial Gifts

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facilities such as the community clubhouse. PJI wrote a letter to the management, explaining the law and demanding that the church be allowed to resume its meetings...church services resumed in the clubhouse, and attendees are rejoicing. Fall 2005

A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL - In

this month's "Creation" magazine, Alexander Williams writes, "While the demand for abortion grows, so does the scientific case against the arguments often used to support it." While the world may not be ready for these scientific arguments, they cannot be ignored.

Every unborn child defends itself against its mother as the baby's immune system battles the mother's T-cell attack – a natural occurrence when "foreign" tissue is introduced into a person's body. In a landmark 1998 paper, researchers at the Medical College of Georgia, in Augusta, GA, USA, found that the mammalian embryo produces a special enzyme called indoleamine 2,3-dioxgenase, or "IDO," which suppresses the mother's T-cell reaction and allows pregnancy to proceed.

What is significant in this research is that, contrary to the proabortion lobby, the baby inside a mother's womb is not part of her body. The baby has a unique genetic makeup – one that would cause the mother to reject it as "foreign" if it were not for this special enzyme! The Berean Call, 11/2005

JUST GIMME THAT ONLINE **RELIGION?** – The pews of the Biola University chapel were filled with 135 Christians from around the head bowed, reverently searching the answer to the same question: "Why is the wireless connection not working?"

Getting connected to the internet church (they won't).... in church is not yet a common concern, but for attendees at the first-ever GodBlogCon the matter was urgent....

of a motley assortment of styles, both in fashion and theology. Pastor wearing the latest Rick Warren - inspired attire (Hawaiian shirts and khaki slacks) mingled with shoeless emergent church types and buttoned-down Calvinists. The bloggers approached each other tentatively, unsure of how to interact IRL (blogspeak for "in real life") and looking lost without a keyboard and mouse....

According to the Barna Group, 60 percent of Protestant churches have 100 or fewer adults in attendance on a typical Sunday, yet popular pastorbloggers like David Wayne, a PCA minister from Glen Burnie, Md., often reach 10 times that number on a daily basis....

Panel discussions addressed such issues as whether bloggers could

country. The believers sat quietly, make money from their efforts (they can't), whether blogging pastors should be involved in politics (they shouldn't), and whether communities of bloggers will ever replace the local

One reoccurring theme of the conference was how blogging could be used to transform culture...Could 21st-century bloggers with their The online community consisted laptops and hyperlinks be on the verge of igniting a New Reformation? World, 10/29/2005

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Someone had written a note and placed it next to the apples. It read, "Take only one, God is watching."

Moving through the line, to the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

One little boy wrote his own note and snuck it next to the cookies, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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A Week For A Lifetime From the Mailbox

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to demonstrate all three Bible stories – from Creation to Jesus Saves! What a blessing to witness the success of each student as they told the salvation message in English. Following story time, we took a break and used this opportunity to witness to the unsaved students. Several Spanish church members were able to visit and talk with them about their spiritual condition. After the break, Beka and I again presented the plan of Salvation in Spanish (we worked hard to memorize this in their language.)

We praise the Lord for the children that were saved on Sunday morning. We also are thankful for the seed that has been planted in the people that came to our English classes. Our prayer is that the unsaved who came to the classes will one day remember the lessons that they learned in English and accept Jesus. Please pray for Rebekah and me as we continue our short-term mission endeavors in 2006, presenting the salvation plan through our English classes.





Leah Barnett, a Spanish church member, assisted Bro. Lilly in awarding the certificates.

Some students were unable to come all five nights, but many did come every night. Those who attended all four teaching nights and the Thursday night church service received a certificate for completing a 10-hour course of English as a Second Language. Praise the Lord for the hard work of each student and the witness that was given to our unsaved students.



Dear Bro. Ronnie and Terry,

I support the Aquila/Priscilla Ministry. Press on, my friends in Christ. Who said it would be easy? Daily work for the Living God.

-Tennessee

Dear Bro. Ronnie,

I want to thank you so much for that article on tattoos. May God Bless you and Sis. Williamson. Have a wonderful day. Again, thank you!

-New York

Dear Bro. and Sis. Williamson,

I just wanted to let you know my dear husband of 60 years died on June 30, 2005. We have supported the "Voice" for many years and I intend to continue. Thank you for your work you are doing for the Lord. I know Bro. Royce is proud of you. We did meet Bro. Royce on his 50th Anniversary of the "Voice." You and your work are in my prayers.

-Pennsylvania

Bible Reading Schedule For 2006

YY 1	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Week	(Sunday)	(Monday)	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	(Thursday)	(Friday)	(Saturday)
1	Romans 1-2	Genesis 1-3	Joshua 1-5	Psalms 1-2	Job 1-2	Isaiah 1-6	Matthew 1-2
2	Romans 3-4	Genesis 4-7	Joshua 6-10	Psalms 3-5	Job 3-4	Isaiah 7-11	Matthew 3-4
3	Romans 5-6	Genesis 8-11	Joshua 11-15	Psalms 6-8	Job 5-6	Isaiah 12-17	Matthew 5-7
4	Romans 7-8	Genesis 12-15	Joshua 16-20	Psalms 9-11	Job 7-8	Isaiah 18-22	Matthew 8-10
5	Romans 9-10	Genesis 16-19	Joshua 21-24	Psalms 12-14	Job 9-10	Isaiah 23-28	Matthew 11-13
6	Romans 11-12	Genesis 20-23	Judges 1-6	Psalms 15-17	Job 11-12	Isaiah 29-33	Matthew 14-16
7	Romans 13-14	Genesis 24-27	Judges 7-11	Psalms 18-20	Job 13-14	Isaiah 34-39	Matthew 17-19
8	Romans 15-16	Genesis 28-31	Judges 12-16	Psalms 21-23	Job 15-16	Isaiah 40-44	Matthew 20-22
9	I Corinthians 1-2	Genesis 32-35	Judges 17-21	Psalms 24-26	Job 17-18	Isaiah 45-50	Matthew 23-25
10	I Corinthians 3-4	Genesis 36-39	Ruth	Psalms 27-29	Job 19-20	Isaiah 51-55	Matthew 26-28
11	I Corinthians 5-6	Genesis 40-43	I Samuel 1-5	Psalms 30-32	Job 21-22	Isaiah 56-61	Mark 1-2
12	I Corinthians 7-8	Genesis 44-47	I Samuel 6-10	Psalms 33-35	Job 23-24	Isaiah 62-66	Mark 3-4
13	I Corinthians 9-10	Genesis 48-50	I Samuel 11-15	Psalms 36-38	Job 25-26	Jeremiah 1-6	Mark 5-6
14	I Corinthians 11-12	Exodus 1-4	I Samuel 16-20	Psalms 39-41	Job 27-28	Jeremiah 7-11	Mark 7-8
15	I Corinthians 13-14	Exodus 5-8	I Samuel 21-25	Psalms 42-44	Job 29-30	Jeremiah 12-16	Mark 9-10
16	I Corinthians 15-16	Exodus 9-12	I Samuel 26-31	Psalms 45-47	Job 31-32	Jeremiah 17-21	Mark 11-12
17	II Corinthians 1-3	Exodus 13-16	II Samuel 1-4	Psalms 48-50	Job 33-34	Jeremiah 22-26	Mark 13-14
18	II Corinthians 4-5	Exodus 17-20	II Samuel 5-9	Psalms 51-53	Job 35-36	Jeremiah 27-31	Mark 15-16
19	II Corinthians 6-8	Exodus 21-24	II Samuel 10-14	Psalms 54-56	Job 37-38	Jeremiah 32-36	Luke 1-2
20	II Corinthians 9-10	Exodus 25-28	II Samuel 15-19	Psalms 57-59	Job 39-40	Jeremiah 37-41	Luke 3-4
21	II Corinthians 11-13	Exodus 29-32	II Samuel 20-24	Psalms 60-62	Job 41-42	Jeremiah 42-46	Luke 5-6
22	Galatians 1-3	Exodus 33-36	I Kings 1-4	Psalms 63-65	Proverbs 1	Jeremiah 47-52	Luke 7-8
23	Galatians 4-6	Exodus 37-40	I Kings 5-9	Psalms 66-68	Proverbs 2-3	Lamentations	Luke 9-10
24	Ephesians 1-3	Leviticus 1-3	I Kings 10-13	Psalms 69-71	Proverbs 4	Ezekiel 1-6	Luke 11-12
25	Ephesians 4-6	Leviticus 4-6	I Kings 14-18	Psalms 72-74	Proverbs 5-6	Ezekiel 7-12	Luke 13-14
26	Philippians 1-2	Leviticus 7-9	I Kings 19-22	Psalms 75-77	Proverbs 7	Ezekiel 13-18	Luke 15-16
27	Philippians 3-4	Leviticus 10-12	II Kings 1-5	Psalms 78-80	Proverbs 8-9	Ezekiel 19-24	Luke 17-18
28	Colossians 1-2	Leviticus 13-15	II Kings 6-10	Psalms 81-83	Proverbs 10	Ezekiel 25-30	Luke 19-20
29	Colossians 3-4	Leviticus 16-18	II Kings 11-15	Psalms 84-86	Proverbs 11-12	Ezekiel 31-36	Luke 21-22
30	I Thessalonians 1-3	Leviticus 19-21	II Kings 16-20	Psalms 87-89	Proverbs 13	Ezekiel 37-42	Luke 23-24
31	I Thessalonians 4-5	Leviticus 22-24	II Kings 21-25	Psalms 90-92	Proverbs 14-15	Ezekiel 43-48	John 1-2
32	II Thessalonians	Leviticus 25-27	I Chronicles 1-4	Psalms 93-95	Proverbs 16	Daniel 1-6	John 3-4
33	I Timothy 1-3	Numbers 1-4	I Chronicles 5-9	Psalms 96-98	Proverbs 17-18	Daniel 7-12	John 5-6
34	I Timothy 4-6	Numbers 5-8	I Chronicles 10-14	Psalms 99-101	Proverbs 19	Hosea 1-7	John 7-9
35	II Timothy 1-2	Numbers 9-12	I Chronicles 15-19	Psalms 102-104	Proverbs 20-21	Hosea 8-14	John 10-12
36	II Timothy 3-4	Numbers 13-16	I Chronicles 20-24	Psalms 105-107	Proverbs 22	Joel	John 13-15
37	Titus	Numbers 17-20	I Chronicles 25-29	Psalms 108-110	Proverbs 23-24	Amos 1-4	John 16-18
38	Philemon	Numbers 21-24	II Chronicles 1-5	Psalms 111-113	Proverbs 25	Amos 5-9	John 19-21
39	Hebrews 1-4	Numbers 25-28	II Chronicles 6-10	Psalms 114-116	Proverbs 26-27	Obadiah	Acts 1-2
40	Hebrews 5-7	Numbers 29-32	II Chronicles 11-15	Psalms 117-118	Proverbs 28	Jonah	Acts 3-4
41	Hebrews 8-10	Numbers 33-36	II Chronicles 16-20	Psalms 119	Proverbs 29-30	Micah	Acts 5-6
42	Hebrews 11-13	Deuteronomy 1-3	II Chronicles 21-24	Psalms 120-121	Proverbs 31	Nahum	Acts 7-8
43	James 1-3	Deuteronomy 4-6	II Chronicles 25-28	Psalms 122-124	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Habakkuk	Acts 9-10
44	James 4-5	Deuteronomy 7-9	II Chronicles 29-32	Psalms 125-127	Ecclesiastes 3-4	Zephaniah	Acts 11-12
45	I Peter 1-3	Deuteronomy 10-12	II Chronicles 33-36	Psalms 128-130	Ecclesiastes 5-6	Haggai	Acts 13-14
46	I Peter 4-5	Deuteronomy 13-15	Ezra 1-5	Psalms 131-133	Ecclesiastes 7-8	Zechariah 1-7	Acts 15-16
47	II Peter	Deuteronomy 16-19	Ezra 6-10	Psalms 134-136	Ecclesiastes 9-10	Zechariah 8-14	Acts 17-18
48	I John 1-3	Deuteronomy 20-22	Nehemiah 1-4	Psalms 137-139	Ecclesiastes 11-12	Malachi	Acts 19-20
49	I John 4-5	Deuteronomy 23-25	Nehemiah 5-9	Psalms 140-142	Song of Solomon 1-2	Revelation 1-6	Acts 21-22
50	II John	Deuteronomy 26-28	Nehemiah 10-13	Psalms 143-145	Song of Solomon 3-4	Revelation 7-11	Acts 23-24
51	III John	Deuteronomy 29-31	Esther 1-5	Psalms 146-148	Song of Solomon 5-6	Revelation 12-17	Acts 25-26
52	Jude	Deuteronomy 32-34	Esther 6-10	Psalms 149-150	Song of Solomon 7-8	Revelation 18-22	Acts 27-28

A CHALLENGE For 2006

Dear Reader: In my personal message the challenge was set forth for these goals in 2006. I pray by faith we will reach higher for His honour and glory with the opportunities of this New Year. May the following not only be a blessing to you personally but a benefit to others and pleasing to our Lord.

1. READ THE BOOK. Let's read God's Word through in 2006.

II Timothy 2:15

2. BEND THE KNEE. May 2006 find us daily in prayer.

I Thessalonians 5:17

3. GIVE THE MITE. May we give as God has so graciously blessed.

II Corinthians 9:7

- **4. PLANT A CHURCH.** Could your church plant a new church in a needed place? Acts 16:9&10
 - **5. TOTE YOUR CORNER.** They tore off the roof to get the needy to Jesus.

Let us carry our responsibility.

I Corinthians 4:2

6. WIN A SOUL. May each one win one.

Proverbs 11:30

7. HONOUR YOUR LORD. Do all for His Glory.

I Corinthians 10:31

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