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This year marks the 25th year of publication for THE TRUMPET! What began as a one page monthly newsletter in a little storefront church in Owensboro Kentucky the LORD has used beyond our highest expectations! Over the past 25 years this newsletter has went out all across America and around the globe and we are so very thankful for that. We look forward to what the LORD has in store in the years that lay ahead. It is our prayer that THE TRUMPET will continue to be a blessing. As long as the LORD leads and provides we will continue to proclaim the Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ through this publication FREELY to all who request it. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support that continue to make this newsletter and every other ministry outreach here at VOTL possible.

Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV)



### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

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OK CARL ! I FOUND THE PROBLEM ... A WIRE CAME LOOSE IN THE BAPTISTERY HEATER.

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I GUESS IF YOU WANT A JOB DONE RIGHT, YOU JUST HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF !

O.K. CARL FLIP THE SWITCH AND LET'S SEE IF IT WORKS...

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## Cousin Leroy

The misses had taken little Leroy to the doctor for a physical. The nurse wanting to measure his height and get his weight was having trouble getting the frightened lad to get on the scales. "I don't wanna do it Maw I'm scared" he said. To which she replied "Now son, it will not hurt at all. You have seen me weigh myself at home. Just do what mommy does." Little Leroy's face lit up and he stepped up on the scales. As soon as he looked down he proclaimed, in a very loud voice. "WHAT!! THERE AINT NO WAY I HAVE GAINED THAT MUCH WEIGHT!!!" He then turned to his mother and said "Aint that how you do it maw?"

### Church Funnies

Blanche: Herb, if you don't stop snoring, I'm going to toss you out on your ear! Herb: Does it upset you that much? Blanche: Not just me, the entire congregation!

The pastor stood up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to pay for our new building program! The bad news is that it's still out there in your pockets."

The Pastor came to visit Granny Gertrude one day. He told her that at her advanced age she should be thinking of the hereafter. To which Granny replied, "Oh, I do it all the time preacher." "No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

What time of day was Adam created? Just a little before Eve.

### Hymns For The Road

- 45 mph - God Will Take Care of You
- 55 mph - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- 65 mph - Nearer My God to Thee
- 75 mph - Nearer, Still Nearer
- 85 mph - This World Is Not My Home
- 95 mph - Lord, I'm Coming Home
- 100 mph - Precious Memories
- 120 mph - I See The Lights Of That City
- 125 mph - Goodbye World Goodbye





## **Especially Thankful**

Pastor Billy R Douglas

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. Psalms 30:4

As we leave the year 2020 and embark upon the new year that lies ahead it is a great time to reflect and give thanks. Sadly when I hear most folks talk about this past year they are not doing so with a grateful heart. Most are talking about how bad the year was, how hard the year was, how glad they are that it is over! But each and every one of us, this preacher included should look back with a heart of gratitude and thankfulness. Thankful for the LORD keeping His hand upon us, thankful that He is allowing us through His grace and mercy to enter another year in which we can serve Him. My Pastor used to say "You can always find someone else that has it worse than you do". It would behoove each one of us to remember that great truth. To lean upon the promises that we find in the Word of God. The LORD really does know what is best and He will always do what is right. He still works all things together for the good of His children. That's a hard pill to swallow sometimes especially when we have suffered sickness, pain or loss. But it is the truth just the same. We do not have to look very hard to be able to ALWAYS find something to be thankful for. And as hard as it is for us to see sometimes there really is ALWAYS something to be thankful for. Even in times of sickness, pain or loss. I recently found the following story while studying for a sermon and I wanted to share it with you...

During a harvest festival in India, an old widow arrived at her church with an extraordinarily large offering of rice – far more than the poor woman could be expected to afford. The itinerant pastor of the church did not know the widow well. But he did know that she was very poor and so he asked her if she were making the offering in gratitude for some unusual blessing. "Yes," replied the woman. "My son was sick and I promised a large gift to God if he got well." "And your son has recovered?" asked the pastor. The widow paused. "No," she said. "He died last week. But I know that he is in God's care; for that I am especially thankful." traditional

What a beautiful story...what a powerful truth. Many of us have lost loved ones due to sickness or accidents and those things are so heart rending. But what a comfort it is to know that our loved one is no longer suffering. That our loved one is now in the presence of the LORD! And how awesome is the thought that one day we will be with them again in that place where there is no more sickness, no more pain, death or grief. So like this precious mother in the story we too can be "especially thankful" for those things and so much more. I want to close this month with the words to this beautiful old hymn "Thank You Lord"...I can remember growing up in church I had heard the chorus many times but did not remember ever hearing the verses. I pray that they bless you as much as they do me...

Some thank the Lord for friends and home, For mercies sure and sweet  
But I would praise Him for his grace, In prayer I would repeat

**Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul Thank you, Lord, for making me whole  
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free**

Some thank Him for the flow'rs that grow, Some for the stars that shine  
My heart is filled with joy and praise, Because I know He's mine

**Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul Thank you, Lord, for making me whole  
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free**

I trust in Him from day to day, I prove His saving grace  
I'll sing this song of praise to Him, Until I see His face

**Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul Thank you, Lord, for making me whole  
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free**

As I read those words I thought...what a glorious and precious truth!! No matter what we are facing no matter what we are going through these words serve to remind us that we do have something to be especially thankful for! HIS GREAT SALVATION SO RICH AND FREE!! The next time you feel as though the world is crashing in and it seems as though there is no reason to be thankful. Just remember these words..."Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul Thank you, Lord, for making me whole Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free" Until next time may the LORD Bless and keep you is our prayer. Pastor Billy R Douglas

**Spiritual Burnout (part 01)**

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

Luke 5:1-11 - And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Stress and burnout can often happen to Christians in their service to the Lord way to often. Paul encouraged the believers in the churches of Galatia to 'be not weary in well-doing'. There is a reason that our service to the Lord is called 'work'. Jesus reminded us of the priority of doing the 'work' of God in John 9:4 - I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. So I want to talk to you about how to avoid spiritual burnout and how to work for the Lord without growing weary of the Lord's work. Believe me it can and does happen to each and every one of us at times but we can prevent it. Here's a few things I want to share with you today...I. Indicators of Spiritual Burnout A. Lack of Enthusiasm Anytime we become very familiar with something, there is a danger of losing interest. (Consider various ministries we have seen come and go over the years.) We see that even new things are exciting...new clothes...new cars...and even new ministries but we can all grow complacent about them...when we grow complacent about reaching people with the Gospel message...then there are eternal consequences! B. Lack of Activity I am talking about the temptation of quitting... Ask yourself this, "Am I doing less for the Lord than I used to do?" If so, why is that? For some it might be physical limitation but for others...it may be that you are just growing weary...Perhaps you need to refocus and take a look at what needs to be done for The Lord. (Remember the priority of God's work!) Lack of enthusiasm results in a lack of activity...then it is but a short time before there is the...C. Presence of Stagnation What am I talking about? A beautiful mountain stream or the stagnate sludge pit; both are water, H<sub>2</sub>O, but there is a vast difference! This can happen to a believer...so excited about their new life in Christ...but that enthusiasm begins to wane then they quit witnessing...quit reading their Bible...quit praying...quit coming to church! Did they lose their salvation? NO...they simply allowed themselves to burnout spiritually and are on the backslidden road! This is very dangerous for any child of God that's why it's so important to rely on other brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's look at another help....II. Partnership to Avoid Burnout Luke 5:1-11 - And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him. The word 'partners' is found twice in this passage. This word speaks of fellowship. It also speaks of being fellow laborers. Being a partner means being associated one with the other, a partaker, and companion one with the other. These men were partners in fishing, and now God is going to cause them to be partners in ministry as well.

Until next time, let your light shine for Jesus! Evangelist Mike Heltsley

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**Pastor Steve's 2021 Challenge**

Pastor Steven Huston

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11

At the beginning of each New Year I challenge my congregation in a specific area of study or Bible reading. At this point it's a given that we hope to read through the Bible. Why? Because it's a lamp unto our feet, a light unto our path, and we hide it in our hearts so that we do not sin against God. The Bible "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." The statistics regarding people who call themselves Christians, how much time they spend in the Word of God, and if they believe it to be infallible, objective truth to be followed is appalling. Andrew Snelling puts it this way: "A choice has to be made between Scripture, which is authored by God, and modern science, which is authored by men." The simple fact that much of the world and the church have relegated Genesis 1-11 to the category of fable is reprehensible; and, if rejected as real history, then the trustworthiness of salvation, sanctification, and other parts of the Bible are called into question as well. My challenge to you is three-fold this year. 1) Jesus saw Genesis 1-11 as real history; as you read through the Gospels, write down those portions of Scripture where Jesus quotes from those chapters or alludes to them as being real. 2) The apostles also saw Genesis 1-11 as real history. As you read through the rest of the New Testament write down those portions of Scripture that they quote from or allude to. 3) Share what you learn from these exercises with others that you meet. Encourage those you attend church with, use this as an opportunity to talk about the Bible with those you work, play, or go to school with. This year's challenge may stretch you Biblically, spiritually, and evangelistically. After all, do YOU really believe the Scriptures? If so, then you will want to see others make it to heaven, avoiding the eternal punishment of hell. If you only half-heartedly believe the Scriptures then you need to examine your beliefs and assurance of salvation. Remember, "A choice has to be made between Scripture, which is authored by God, and modern science, which is authored by men." Let me whet your appetite with a few Scriptures to start you off with. (You may want to grab a pencil and a notebook NOW!) John starts his gospel talking about Jesus (he sat under his Master's teaching for years) and says in 1:3, "All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made" Peter declared that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), and Jesus did not rebuke him for blasphemy, but instead praised him for his confession and acknowledged that God ("my Father which is in Heaven") had revealed this truth to him. Furthermore, Jesus claimed, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). If Jesus was telling lies when He made these claims and approved of others for making incorrect claims about Him, then He is not "the truth." With that in mind, it is important that we recognize that Jesus confirmed that Moses was the author of the book of Genesis by using the Jewish subdivisions of the Old Testament Scriptures: "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44) Did you know that in the Gospels Jesus referred directly to details in each of the first seven chapters of Genesis a total of fifteen times? Beyond that, He made an allusion to a detail recorded in Genesis 9. These are things to include in your study notebook—make sure to share them with others. Quoting from Andrew Snelling's book *Earth's Catastrophic Past* (p. 7): "For example, Jesus referred to Genesis 1:26-27 when He said in Mark 10:6, 'But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.' In the very next verse, Jesus quoted directly from Genesis 2:24 when He said, 'For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.' The same comments by Jesus are also recorded in Matthew 19:4-6. It should be noted that Jesus confirmed the details of Genesis 1 when He said that man was created male and female 'from the beginning of creation,' not after millions of years of evolution. Five times Jesus referred to Noah and/or the destructive global Flood of Genesis 6-7 in Matthew 24:37-39 and Luke 17:26-27. One is forced to conclude that Jesus regarded Genesis as real history, and if He, as the Creator, was actually a witness to the events of Genesis 1-11, then we have absolutely no alternative but to likewise regard these opening chapters of the Bible as reliable literal history." This year's challenge is to get you into the Word specifically recognizing why we believe that Genesis 1-11 is fact, not fable; and therefore, the principles that are taught within those chapters are true and right regardless of what man's "science" comes up with. In the next few years, should the Lord tarry, our beliefs will be assaulted unlike ever before. Let us firmly stand alone on the Word of God, believing the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. I would love to hear from any who are going to take the challenge so that I can remember you in prayer. Feel free to share your thoughts as the Spirit guides you into all truth.



### Cherry Salad

- 2 (3 oz.) pkgs. cherry gelatin
- 2 c. boiling water
- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple
- 1 (21 oz.) can cherry pie filling
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts

In a large bowl combine the gelatin and hot water. Add the pineapple and cherry pie filling. Pour into an 8x10-inch glass dish. Chill until set. Soften the cream cheese and mix well with the sugar. Blend in the sour cream and vanilla. Spread over the gelatin mixture. Sprinkle with nuts.

### Coca-Cola Pork Chops

- 8 pork chops
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup coca-cola
- brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place pork chops into a baking pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Mix together the ketchup, cola and and pour cola mixture over the chops, coating well. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake uncovered for one hour or until the pork chops are tender.

### Drop Biscuits

- 2 cups self rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 4 Tbsp mayonaise

Preheat oven to 450. In a bowl combine all ingredients. Drop onto a greased baking sheet. Bake until browned.

### Cowboy Soup

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (16oz) can mixed vegetables
- 1 (10oz) can rotel tomatoes
- 1 (13oz) can Spanish rice
- 1 (14.5oz) can stewed tomatoes
- 1 (17oz) can cream style corn

In a large stock pot brown the ground beef and the onion. Add the remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for about 1 hour.

### Thick & Hearty Chili

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 3 medium ribs or celery, chopped
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1 (15oz) can tomatoes
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 (15oz) can chili beans
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 cup ketchup

Add ground beef, onion, celery and green pepper to a large skillet. Cook over medium heat until done. Drain meat and place in a pot. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes.





### **Keep Seeking And You Will Find!**

George Whitten

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Luke 2:25-32

Simeon must have been a remarkable man, one who continued to seek God all his life. The Lord rewarded him by finally revealing to him the infant Jesus identity as Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world, and allowing Simeon to actually hold and bless the "lamb of God". Why did God reveal himself to Simeon? What was his secret? I believe it was that he never stopped seeking and patiently waiting. Jesus said, "Seek and ye shall find." The Greek really emphasizes the continuing aspect of the Lord's exhortation, literally, "Keep seeking and you will find." We are all aging, that's a given...but do you want to age badly?...then stop seeking. But if, as you age, you desire an exciting, and even youthful spirit-filled life as a believer, then learn a secret from Simeon, a man who aged really well. Don't stop seeking God, or waiting upon Him!" This Godly man discovered that, even in old age – God will reveal awesome things to you! [www.worthydevotions.com](http://www.worthydevotions.com)

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### **The Withdrawing of the Cloud**

Pastor Jerry Blissett



Have there been times in your life and walk when you just didn't feel the presence of God... or His love... or His favor... or His blessings? Maybe you felt He was distant... or withdrawing from you. But there's a blessing you may be missing. If you were in the wilderness with Moses, and you witnessed the presence of God withdrawing from the camp - it wouldn't be a bad thing - but a good thing. The withdrawing of His presence was a sign that He was calling the people of God to get moving. It was the sign that it was time to move forward in the journey to the Promised Land. In the same way, if you're in God's will, and you don't feel Him as close as you did - it's a sign that God wants you to move forward, to not live by feelings, but to seek after Him - to make a change in your routine - to press forward to find more of Him and to enter higher ground. So don't get down - But get up... and follow the cloud!

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### **A New Years Prayer**

Thank you LORD for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days. Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We choose to press in close to you today, and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:18



### Footsteps with the Bible at home

With the wickedness that surrounds our homes and pervades them as well, it is good to remember the power of God's Word. It is told of the mother of a family whose husband was an unbeliever, who jested at religion even before his children that she, nevertheless, succeeded in bringing them all up in the fear of the Lord. When she was asked how she managed this, she said: "Because to the authority of a father I did not oppose the authority of a mother, but that of God. From their earliest years my children have always seen the Bible on my table. This holy book has constituted the whole of their religious instruction. I was silent, that I might allow it to speak. Did they propose a question, did they commit any fault, did they perform any good action—I opened the Bible, and the Bible answered, reprov'd or encouraged them. The constant reading of the Scriptures alone has wrought the prodigy which surprises you."

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

### What A Saviour

Pastor Mike Vaughn

"And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."  
Matthew 1:21

Why did the angel tell Mary and Joseph to name the baby "Jesus"? Is there some holy significance to this particular sequence of letters or sounds? No, these letters and sounds are different in every language into which the name of Jesus is translated. The name "Jesus" is not phonologically unique; it was a fairly common Jewish name and is still used today, though not in English. For example, Jes'us is a fairly common name in many Hispanic countries. Jesus is an English rendering of the Greek name Iesous, which is a translation of the ancient Hebrew Yehoshua. This name is formed from Hebrew signifying "Jehovah is salvation" and is translated in our English Old Testament as "Joshua." The Greek version of this name also refers to Joshua in the New Testament [Heb.4:8] The name of Jesus is significant because of who it represents. It represents God our Savior. Jesus Christ is Immanuel, "God with us" [Matt. 1:22-23]. He came to earth as a man in order to die in our place and to become our savior. This is why the angel said, "you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." In the words of the old hymn "What a Savior" He left the Father with all his riches, With calmness sweet and serene came down from heaven and gave His life's blood, to make the vilest sinner clean. O what a Savior!!!

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Once I was straying in sin's dark valley, No hope within could I see,  
I searched Thru heaven and found a Savior, To save a poor lost soul like me  
He left the Father, with all his riches, With calmness sweet serene,  
Came down from heaven and gave his life's blood To make the vilest sinner clean.  
Death's chilly waters I'll soon be crossing, His hands will lead me safely o're  
I'll join the chorus in that great city, And sing up there for ever more

***Oh what a Savior! Oh Hallelujah His heart was broken on Calvary,  
His hands we nail scared: His side was driven, He gave his life blood for you and me***





# A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

**Verse for Today:** Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

**Additional passages for Today:** 2 Timothy 3:14-15

**Thought for Today:** Putting your trust in God sometimes means that you believe what doesn't make sense.

**Story for Today:** Run, Run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the ... Lisa closed her eyes as she thought about the gingerbread man that allowed himself to get eaten by the fox. Why was life so difficult? The older she got the harder and more consequence she saw in the decisions she made. Beginning her freshman year in high school she recognized the anxiety of many of her peers; a new school building and lots of upperclassmen. She had tried to just blend in but her natural intelligence made that difficult as friends from her younger years often singled her out for information in front of everyone. Why hadn't that gingerbread man just been content? Why did he run away? And why, oh, why did he trust the fox? Lisa recalled the people in her life that often said she was too trusting. "Sometimes," she admitted, "they were right." Desperately trying to not draw attention to herself, Lisa had done things she wasn't proud of. Some things were just trying to fit in; buying certain clothes and getting her nose pierced. But other things like helping someone study only to have them pressure her to do their work brought on the guilt and she wanted to run like the gingerbread man. More than once she had passed up a study date because she knew that it wouldn't turn out well. Jordan called her name again as he rushed down the hall towards Lisa. Catching up to her brought with it the reward of her beautiful smile. Why did he always get tongue-tied when he was around her? Asking her to join him for the party at Doug's tonight was a must so he pushed through the embarrassment and stuttered out the request. Of course she would love to go but she had to check with her Dad first. She would let him know after her next class. Jordan was thrilled. It wasn't that he was so infatuated that he couldn't stop thinking about Lisa, but, he was interested in her and knew that he had to talk to her about the trouble she was being accused of in Mr. Martin's class. He prayed she would do the right thing. Mr. Martin also attended the same church as Jordan and had been mentoring him for the past year. They had been studying the Bible and praying together for ways that they could reach others in their neighborhood. Jordan had studied the scriptures that talk about trusting God and how to take the counsel of God by reading the Bible. As he applied what he learned to each decision that came his way he found that he had a peace even when things happened that were difficult to handle; like when his brother Mitch had been run over by a friend goofing off over spring break. Jordan had grieved hard. He had lost his only sibling and the one he had always looked up to. But as he read he realized that he had to choose to let God be God. To do that, he had to respect that God's ways are higher than our ways and his thoughts than our thoughts. That God could and would work even the death of his big brother out for good and if things went well tonight, God would use him to make a difference in a young lady's life. And who knows, maybe this lady would be a part of his life forever. But he needed to give her the chance to know God and be forgiven even if it meant losing her.

**Questions for Today:** How much is God a part of your life? Do you study to know what God desires for you? Do you seek His will before making decisions or do you ask him to bless the decisions you make on your own?

**Prayer for Today:** Heavenly Father, Thank you for the promises you made and that you are faithful. Please help us to let you be a part of all we do. In Jesus' Name we pray, AMEN.



### **The Tale of Two Thieves**

by Pastor Billy R. Douglas

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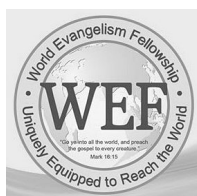
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### **Ministry Partners**



### **MINISTRY PARTNERS NEEDED**

Please prayerfully consider becoming a VOTL Ministry partner by sending a love gift of any size each month. We need your help to continue this World-wide Gospel outreach. All of our ministry partners receive our sermon of the month on CD along with their newsletter each month.



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### **Weekly Radio Programs**

The Voice of the LORD Broadcast

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*Airing on FM, AM & Internet stations across America*

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[www.wotlradio.com](http://www.wotlradio.com)

[www.voiceofthelordministries.com](http://www.voiceofthelordministries.com)

[www.votlministries.com](http://www.votlministries.com)

[www.theoldgospelship.com](http://www.theoldgospelship.com)

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### January Featured Music CD

#### Ready To Meet Him (2009)



1. Ready To Meet Him 2. There's No One I'd Rather Give Him To  
3. Judgement Day 4. Someone Prayed For Me 5. Soul Fillin' Station 6. Never  
Been This Homesick Before 7. Family On Both Sides 8. Momma's Prayers  
9. I Believe He's Coming Back 10. A New Life I Can Share 11. Devil In A  
High Dollar Suit 12. The Walk Back Home 13. What Heaven Means To Me

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WXPS FM 92.1 - Spartanburg, SC

91.5 FM McDaniels / Leitchfield /  
Central City KY

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Owensboro KY

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WOTG Radio - Pinellas Park, FL

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VOTL Radio  
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WKEY-AM 1340 - Covington, VA

WKEY-FM 103.5 - Covington, VA

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WPAK 1490 AM Farmville, Virginia

Showers of Blessings 104 FM  
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WJJT FM 105.9 WJJT AM 1540  
Jellico, TN

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WGAA 1340 AM - Cedartown, Georgia

RKP Radio 1710 AM - Washington, PA

WEKT 1070 AM - Elkton, KY

South Wind Radio - Montesano, WA

ASLN Radio - Cordova, Alaska

GCIN Radio - Wiggins, MS

WNY Radio - Youngstown, NY

WHSB Radio - Columbus, OH

Swain County Christian FM  
Bryson City, NC

WTRP 1620 AM  
Lagrange, GA

CCRG & WUUK 105.7 FM  
Erie, PA

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Pulaski, VA

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My Friend: we are about to ask you the most important question of your life. Your joy or your sorrow for all eternity depends upon your answer. The question is: Are you saved? Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal LORD and Saviour? It is not a question of how good you are, nor if you are a church member, but have you put your faith in Jesus? Are you sure you will go to Heaven when you die? The Bible makes the plan of salvation plain and simple. *Romans 10:13* says *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* Call on Jesus today. Put your faith and trust in him and ask him to forgive you of your sins and to be your LORD and savior and you will be born again...SAVED!! Do this today, tomorrow may be too late! Please write or call us if you have made the decision to accept Jesus.



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Sunday Morning Service 11 AM

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