



NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS  
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS!

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## **NEWSLETTER # 4      (October 2007)**

Greetings My Cross-Eyed Friends!

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, let me say welcome and thank you for taking the time to read it. You may be wondering why I chose **CROSSEYED MINISTRIES** to be the name of the ministry that God has called me to. Well. It simply explains what I believe God's will is for our lives:

**No matter what happens, keep your eyes on the cross. In other words, as long as you stay focused on Jesus, everything will be alright!**

I hope this newsletter finds you living in HIS blessings and loving with HIS grace. You who have received our newsletter before will notice that I am changing the format around a bit. What you will notice is that I am kind of breaking it up into sections. Each section will help me to best organize my thoughts and better share what The Lord is doing in our lives. As of this time, it looks like the sections will be:

- **News**
- **Devotional**
- **Prayer Request**

Of course there may be additional stuff added here and there. And sometimes, if the Lord leads, I'll change things around. For now, it looks like the above sections will be the format. So, let's dive in...

### **NEWS**

Wow, there is so much to say this month. God is showing himself to be faithful and true. As I have said, in the past, I have moved forward with this ministry with a bit of fear and trembling. It's not that I don't trust God. It's more like I finally realize that I **HAVE TO** trust Him. What I mean is that I **KNOW** that I **CAN** trust Him, but stepping out in faith into this ministry makes me have to live out that faith. There are so many unsure things that I will face, but Praise God I

know the ONLY sure thing. His name is Jesus!

I decided that October would be my last month as Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Milton NC. This is a heart breaking time for all of us. I don't want to go. They don't want us to go. God has done great things in our presence and continues to radically make a difference in our Church and community. Just week before last we baptized four and had a grandmother come forward and say, "I've been a Christian for a long time, but I have been away from God for a long time. I need to repent and come home!" Wow, what a God!

The thought of leaving while things are going so great confuses me. Yet, amazingly, the message I was preaching on the day of the baptisms, and on the grandmothers return to Jesus, was the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch in the book of Acts. The story begins with true, life changing, Revival breaking out. A man named Phillip is right in the middle of it all, preaching and reaping the glorious rewards of God's moving. Strangely, right there in the middle of all the greatness, God called Phillip to leave and go to the desert to share Jesus. I'm sure Phillip must have questioned this move. After all, everything was going so wonderfully! Yet, God did call him away to a new work while things were going really good.

With that said, God has proven that He will do that if He wants and I guess in our lives, He wants. I struggled with that move because, while I sensed God doing that, I did not have anything "lined up" to head out to. If October is when I am supposed to leave, then why don't I have any ministry opportunities to step into for October. This of course lead me to pray, "Okay God, are you really sure? I don't see how this will work!" Then as only God can do, in less than a week, He opened Five Opportunities of ministry. All in October!

I will be preaching one Revival at Ephesus Baptist Church in Roxboro, NC and get this, I will be doing Christian Comedy (Going From Craziiness To The Cross) at four different Christian Coffee Houses! I am calling it my **Jehovah Java Tour!** Get it? Jehovah "JAVA." JAVA = coffee! Oh, I crack me up!!! I went from no opportunities, but knowing God was calling me to step out, to five opportunities! What a God! He didn't have to "confirm" His call, but I'm glad He understands my need to know and desire to be used to His glory! Here is a list of my upcoming dates:

October 19 - Moby's Coffee House - Walkertown, NC  
October 22 - Ephesus Baptist Church - Roxboro, NC  
October 23 - Ephesus Baptist Church - Roxboro, NC  
October 25 - Taste and Smell Christian Coffee House - Richmond, VA  
October 26 - The Encouraging Cup Coffee House - Fletcher, NC  
October 27 - The Throne Room Coffee House - Virginia Beach, VA  
November 23 - The Encouraging Cup Coffee House - Fletcher, NC

# DEVOTION

## “Cross-eyed and Crazy”

When I was a little boy, I loved to play baseball. During the summer, we would get up early and head over to the ball field and play ball all day long. Of course, things were different back in those days. Today it's dangerous to let your kids out of your sight for five minutes, but back then we had one rule, “Be home before the street lights come on!”

We would get to the field while the dew was still glistening and gather around the pitcher's mound to choose teams. We would always let the two best players choose the teams because we didn't want them on the same team. Choosing teams was a very exciting time. One by one the “draft” would occur. The anticipation of whether or not you would be the next one picked was nerve racking, yet exciting!

Well, for some it was nerve racking. Not for me, I was usually one of the last one picked. It wasn't that I did not play well. I just didn't “look like” I could play. You see, I was an odd looking kid. I was about 4 foot tall( a foot shorter than the others). I was one chicken leg short of 150 pounds (about 30 pounds more than the others). For some reason the phrase “Butterball” rings a bell.

My physical stature was not my only down side. I was also as cross-eyed as they come! My right eye could have sued my left eye for nonsupport. The right one looked to the left and the left one gazed wildly past the right. Like two ships passing in the night, they were never on the same course!

Now don't get me wrong. I may have been vertically challenged, capacity overloaded and directionally weak, but I still LOVED to play ball! I can still hear my self screaming, “Pick me! Pick me!” as I heard the next to the last team picker say, “I'll take the girl.” Every now and then, some one new would come into the neighborhood. They would always say to one of the team pickers, “Get the funny looking guy.” To which the team picker would say, “Naw, he's cross-eyed and crazy.”

Cross-eyed and crazy, that was me. I am proud to say that today I continue that tradition. I am still cross-eyed and crazy. However, today in a different way. You see, back on March 26, 1995, at 7:15 p.m., I met a man named Jesus that wonderfully changed my life. He forgave me of all of my sins and He has helped me through the trials of this life ever since. I am no longer cross-eyed in the physical sense, glasses helped with that, but in the spiritual sense, I am still cross-eyed.

I have learned to handle life's problems by keeping my eyes on the cross and my Savior who died up there for me. No matter what I face, I know God loves me. He's already proven it with the cross (John 3:16). No matter what I

need, God is there for me. I belong to Him! He's proven it with the cross (2 Cor. 5:18 ). Do you know that going through life like that will make others think you are crazy? That's okay, cross-eyed and crazy is a great way to be!

**Verse To Meditate On:**

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

2 Cor. 5:20-21

## **PRAYER REQUEST:**

1. Pray for my family. We have been experiencing some very strong spiritual warfare over the last year. Pray that God would protect our hearts and minds, and draw us closer to each other and closer to our Savior!
2. Pray for safety and graces as I begin traveling more in this ministry.
3. Pray that God would provide enough opportunities to support my family.
4. Pray that God would either provide me with trustworthy transportation or do as He did with the children of Israel. He kept their shoes from wearing out during their 40 year trek through the wilderness! He can keep my old car from collapsing if He chooses!
5. Pray for my Health. I need to get more serious and focused on my battle with diabetes. I say battle, but honestly, I have not been fighting too hard. It's time to start fighting back and get it under control.
6. Pray that God will lead me to a Godly group of people to help me form the Board of Directors for Crosseyed Ministries. This is an important process in what God has called me to do. I have to handle it properly.

Well, I guess I have taken enough of your time. Please visit our website and email me sometime. I NEED THE ENCOURAGEMENT!. God Bless you and thank you spending time with me!

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