



NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS!

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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 laid on my heart. Well, it simply explains what I believe God's will is for our lives:

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

NEWS

First, let me say that I am sorry that I haven't put out a newsletter since May. I had every intention of putting out a June -August Newsletter, but life exploded and it just did not happen. Have you ever felt like life just exploded? It's that weird time when EVERYTHING that seems to be stable "all of a sudden" becomes very shaky and confusing. Well, that certainly has happened to us over the last couple of months.

If you look back at my past Newsletters (they are available on my website), you will see that I have REALLY struggled over the last year trying to figure out what God was doing with me and my family. I knew that I was spreading myself way too thin as I tried to uphold all the areas of my life (Personal Time With God, Family, Pastoring Shiloh Baptist, Traveling for Crosseyed Ministries, and holding onto my secular job). While I was able to get all of them done, I was not able to do any of them with any real effectiveness.

My personal time with God was "fit in" where and when I could manage to find the time. My family life was becoming to be just passing each other as I came through. My "Pastoring" had become nothing more than "preaching" because I was on the road too much to actually minister to the families in our church. My secular job was really being strained as I needed more and more time off to fulfill all my ministry responsibilities. AND Crosseyed Ministries was beginning to take a life of its own as many doors of opportunity began to open.

All of this made it clear that God was about to make some DRASTIC changes in our lives in order to force me into a proper balance and to help us as a family become who He was calling us to be. I really had no idea what He was about to do, but something had to give. Well, over the past two months He has made those DRASTIC moves that we were anticipating! And I can honestly say that I didn't see them coming!

Let me sum it up this way, June 30th was my last day at my secular job. July 27th was my last day as Pastor for Shiloh Baptist. And August 1st was our last day in Caswell County, NC! Talk about drastic changes, huh?

So, I am officially going full time with Crosseyed Ministries. Not only is that a huge change, but we also relocated our ministry to the coast (The Outer Banks)! Okay, I'll be the first to say that I didn't see that one coming. Definitely a shocker, but, hey, I guess God can do ANYTHING that He wants. The best part is that if God is in it, it will be great.

The transition was smooth, but admittedly confusing. I know God is in control, but I really like it when He checks with me on MY major decisions. Not only do I like it when "I" get to make my big choices, I also like it when I know how things are going to unfold. Which kind of contradicts two very important passages of scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith not by sight."

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Apparently, God likes it when we have to move forward through life trusting Him. AND trusting Him means that we don't always know what He is doing. We don't always know His future plans for us, but we DO KNOW that He Knows and that it is best for us.

I really struggled with leaving our church. They have been so wonderful to us and such an important part of our lives. They truly were our family and I could never imagine not having each and every one of them by our side. Yet, I also knew that me being gone so much was not helping them. As hard as it is to admit, they are better off and I know God is going to do great things through them now that I am gone.

I also struggled with leaving Caswell County, NC. It was home for almost eight years and we became part of that loving and caring community. The laid back style of rural living was easy to embrace and the simplicity of life was comforting. Yet, God in His sovereignty chose to send us to the hustle and bustle of the tourist driven town of Kill Devil Hills, NC on the Outer Banks. As I mentioned to some, one example of the difference is the traffic. A traffic jam is possible in both Caswell Co. and The Outer Banks. The outer Banks traffic jams come at the hands of the thousands of motorists flying by and the Caswell Co. traffic jam usually had something to do with a tractor. It's all good, we'll adjust.

Our family is adjusting to beach life. Although, I must admit that we don't get to the beach as much as you would think. Family, Work, school, church, and ministry all have to come first. We do try to make time for the rolling waves, though. Sometimes we hit the sun drenched shores. Other times, we hit the moonlit shores. Both are great, but I kind of like the beach at night the best. At night there are a lot less people trying to "throw me back in to save me." Get it? Beached whale! Oh, I kill me sometimes!

MINISTRY STUFF

I guess the greatest challenge for me is the relocation of our ministry. Not that I don't trust God, but before we moved, I thought I had it all worked out, I kind of knew what was going to unfold once we took this huge faith step, but a total relocation really changes my plans! Which brings me to the most important thing:

GOD'S PLANS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN OURS!!!

I knew that God still had plans for me to continue to travel for Crosseyed Ministries, but I had to really try to figure out why He would move us here to the beach! I mean, I'm not against the beach at all. I just always figured that it would be a great place to vacation, not necessarily a place to "live." So, if this where God is leading us, what are we to do here? Then God began to confirm in my heart a simple truth that is found as you read through the book of acts. It's interesting that as you follow the Apostle Paul through his journeys, he is always going to areas of shipping, travel, and highly populated areas of people that would be "passing through."

It seems that his reasoning is that it was the most effective way to reach "The World" with the good news of Jesus. By reaching people as they passed through, they could then carry the message with them to where they were going or back to where they came from. This made me realize that God could use us here in this "tourist" area to reach people as they were just passing through and let them carry Jesus with them on their journey! The question is, "How are we going to do that?" Well, we don't have all those answers, yet.

God has done some pretty neat things when it comes to that vision, though. Some I expected, some that I didn't. First, He is continuing to open doors for me to Preach. I can never imagine not being able to share the word of God. I am so thankful for every opportunity that I get AND ask that you pray that I get even more. I would really love to get more opportunities here locally as well as hopefully getting quite a few Revivals lined up from now through the spring of 2009. So, if you know any churches...

God has also crossed my path with a great couple named Greg and Cindy Wise who have a ministry known as SAIL Ministries. This past Labor Day weekend I was privileged to help them as we had about 75 people join us for a "Beach Worship Service." Never thought of that before, but obviously God had. SAIL ministries has been faithful to serve in this way for seven years!

God also continues to open doors for me to use Christian based "Stand-Up Comedy" as a means to reach the lost and challenge the Church to stay "Crosseyed." This of course, is usually done as a church outreach or event, etc., but one of the neatest, unexpected doors that He has opened comes from taking this "Christian Comedy" concept to a new level that I never saw coming!

With The Outer Banks being a "tourist spot", we have many of the same type of "tourist" attractions as other similar places: Sights to see, Things to do, Places to enjoy. One place that I noticed near my home was a place called The Outer Banks Music Showcase. This place has weekly, almost daily, shows similar to the type of entertainment that they have in

Branson, Myrtle Beach, and "Dollywood." They have season running stage shows filled with music, comedy, drama, etc. I got an idea to call and see if they ever thought about having a night of "Christian Comedy" as one of their weekly shows. To make along story short, I was asked to be part of their upcoming "Christmas Show" and to even help with the writing. I am excited about this opportunity! The show, of course, will be filled with great classic Christmas music with funny skits etc. in between, but the show ends with the explanation of the "Real Reason For The Season" and the cast singing, "Joy To The World!"

What a great opportunity to share the story of Jesus with 150-200 tourist a show for three to four shows a week through November and December! I could have planned my own way of reaching those "just passing through", but I could have never dreamed that they would just show up by the hundreds! What a God!

Another area of ministry that I didn't see coming is actually an answer to prayer that I was too scared to actually pray. One of my favorite ministry opportunities that I had back in Caswell County, was writing a weekly "Christian" based article for the local newspaper. It was a great outreach opportunity and I hated giving it up when we moved. In my heart, I wanted so much to continue writing a similar article, but knew that the odds of that were slim and none. Well, our Creator, who by the way, specializes in creating something out of nothing, took the desires of my heart and enlarged them and poured them out on me again!

Beginning in October, I will have a weekly article in the on line magazine, "The Christian Pulse." ALSO, we are working to get a weekly "Christian Talk Show" going , that I will host, that will be available through pod cast! Now how is that for God just having it all worked out? Please pray for all of these things! How I am going to get all of these things done is not yet known. Well, at least not known by me. I have a funny feeling God has it already solved! He knows that we don't have the finances to get these ministries rolling and keep them rolling, but He knows what we need. He is Great and Mighty and we can trust Him!

In a few days, I will be putting out another newsletter to share some of the other things that God is laying on my heart for this ministry. I am getting really excited about all of it. I know that you will too!

DEVOTION

"Who Am I?"

A man walks into a Doctor's office and is greeted by the receptionist, "Hello Mr. Johnson. Just take a seat over in the lobby and the Doctor will be with you in just a few minutes."

He makes his way to the lobby and sits down beside another gentleman and begins to thumb through a magazine. After a few moments the gentleman strikes up a conversation with him.

"So," says the gentleman. "Are you from around here?"

"Oh, no," says Mr. Johnson. "Actually, I am from Georgia."

"Oh, really," asks the man, "That's neat. I'm from Georgia too. What part of Georgia are you

from?”

“I am originally from Gaines, Georgia,” answers Mr. Johnson.

“Wow,” exclaimed the man. “I am originally from Gaines, Georgia, too. What High School did you go to?”

“I graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, “ responded Mr. Johnson.

“Get out of here,” said the man with a puzzled look on his face. “I also went to Thomas Jefferson High School! What year did you graduate?”

Mr. Johnson replied, “I graduated in 1983 from Thomas Jefferson High School in Gaines, Georgia.”

With a shocked look on his face the man said, “This is really weird. I graduated in 1983 too! Where did you live?”

“My family and I lived at 123 Main St. in Gaines, Georgia,” said Mr. Johnson.

The man’s mouth dropped wide open! “This is too scary,” he said. “I grew up at 123 Main St. in Gaines, Georgia!”

About that time the receptionist’s phone rings and it is her husband on the other end of the line.

“How is your day going?” asks her husband.

“Oh, everything is going okay,” she says. “The Johnson twins are here and they are off their medication again.”

Sometimes we forget who we are don’t we? If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, then you need to remember that your identity is in Him:

Ephesians 1:1 says that you are a “Saint.”

Colossians 2:10 says that you are “Complete.”

Romans 8:35-39 says that “Nothing can separate you from God’s love.”

Colossians 1:14 says that you are “Already forgiven of all of your sins.”

John 1:12 says that you are “A Child of God.”

Hebrews 4:16 says that you can “find grace and mercy from God whenever you need it.”

Philippians 4:13 says that you “Can do all things through Christ that strengthens you.”

Your true identity can be found in your relationship with Jesus. Don’t let Satan steal your identity! Stand strong and hold onto the truth!

Verse of the week:

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:2-3

PRAYER REQUEST:

1. Continue to Pray for my family. God has done many miracles in restoring and healing some of the struggles that Satan has brought on us. To God goes all glory and praise. That does not mean that Satan is finished fighting. I am sure that he will turn the heat up again. Continue to pray that we use the spiritual battles to draw us closer as a family and closer to our Lord!
2. Pray for my Bride, Michele, as she dives head first into her Real Estate training. She is going through Real Estate Boot Camp right now. It's got it's real tough moments, but will definitely work for a greater, future, good.
3. Pray for our girls as they adjust to our new lives and new school.
4. Pray for safety and graces as I begin traveling more in this ministry.
5. Pray that God would provide enough opportunities to support my family. I am told that I should begin to seek monthly or at least regular supporters that will join with us financially to keep this ministry going. I'm not necessarily opposed, just uncomfortable with asking. Pray that God would give wisdom in this area
6. Pray that God would either provide us 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 and our struggling van 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.

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 for spending time with me!

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