

News From The Heart

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Happy Birthday

- 1/1 Felicia R.
- 1/5 Noah R.
- 1/7 Kendall T.
- 1/10 Lauren D.
- 1/11 Scott B.
- 1/11 Ashley S.
- 1/12 Marion K.
- 1/13 Cindy G.
- 1/13 Rosetta R.
- 1/15 Danielle K.
- 1/15 Janice M.
- 1/18 Abby P.
- 1/21 Will G.
- 1/22 Randy P.
- 1/23 Phyllis J.
- 1/28 Haley P.
- 1/28 Aaron N.

Anniversaries

- 1/4 Dennis & Virginia P.
- 1/16 Cecil & Louise B.
- 1/18 Chris & Tammy L.
- 1/26 Joe & Wanda C.

Upcoming Events

January

- 5 Bus Breakfast
- 6 Communion
- 6 Baby Shower
- 21 WMS Meeting
- 28 Men's Prayer Supper

Happy New Year!

2007 Was a wonderful year. Through our Soul-Winning efforts we were able to see over 100 people come to know Christ as their personal Saviour— Amen!

I have had the privilege of seeing many of our people grow in grace. I have witnessed some overcome obstacle, some overcome heartaches and some become soul-winners.

Overall it has been a year of overcoming and blessings. I am so proud to be the Pastor of Victory Hill Baptist Church. I am so very proud to be involved in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2008 is going to be an exciting year. I have great plans and see great blessings ahead for Victory Hill. Let's get focused on taking advantage of every opportunity the Lord brings our way in 2008.

Philippians 3:13 "reaching forth unto those things which are before"

Love Y'all,
Preacher

*From the desk of
Pastor Bozeman*

A Prayer for the New Year

By: Helen Steiner Rice

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake hath."
Luke 1:46-47

God grant us this year a wider view
So we see others' faults through the
eyes of You-

Teach us to judge not
with hasty tongue,
Neither the adult...or the young,
Give us patience and grace to endure
And a stronger faith so we
feel secure,

And instead of remembering, help us
forget the irritations that caused us
to fret, Freely forgiving for some
offense

And finding each day a rich recompense
In offering a friendly, helping hand
And trying in all ways to understand

That all of us, whoever we are
Are trying to reach "an unreachable
star"-
For the great and small...the good and
the bad,

For the young and old...the sad and glad
Are asking today, "Is life worth living?"
And the answer is only in loving and
giving-

For only love can
make man kind
And kindness of heart brings
peace of mind,
And by giving love we
can start this year
To lift the clouds of
hate and fear.

A very Happy New Year to
everyone!

Contributed by: Debbie King

Letters From Our Missionaries

Christmas Letter 2007

Dear Praying Friends,

The Bible says in James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." Praise the Lord for the greatest gift of all ~ eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. May God bless you for helping share this gift with the people of Mexico.

My wife and I are thankful that God gave us the precious gift of our little baby girl Alejandra for 12 precious days. By the way, if you are interested in ordering the tract about Alejandra's life, you can contact Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries by mail at P.O. Box 6979, Florence, SC 29502; by phone at (843) 393-5065; or by email at beaconoftruth@sc.rr.com. Please pray that God will use this tract for His glory and honor.

I want to share with you a special story that occurred one Wednesday night after church. While driving through a neighborhood, I saw a group of teenage boys walking, so I stopped the car in front of them, got out with my wife, and talked with them. They said they were going to a birthday party. I said, "I don't want to take much of your time, but I want to ask you a very, very important question about where you will spend eternity." After I shared the Gospel, all 7 responded by accepting Christ as their Saviour. As I was going over assurance of salvation with them, 3 more boys named Arturo, Christian, and Damien walked up to the group. I said to them, "I just shared with your friends how they can know for sure that they are going to Heaven, and you can know that, too!" They listened very intently, and they, too, got saved. On another street, Irving, Luis, and Antonio accepted Christ.

Later we stopped in front of a store and witnessed to 3 adults ladies ~ Juana, Yolanda, and Margarita ~ as well as 5 kids, who also responded to the Gospel. Then I noticed a young man and a lady sitting near the store. As I was praying with them, the lady just took off and left for no apparent reason, but Hector was sweetly saved. Later I noticed a group of kids playing soccer in the street. I said, "I am sorry to bother you, and I don't want to take much of your time; but we are just out from the church getting to know everyone in the neighborhood." I joked with them a little bit and said, "Who is the best soccer player here?" Of course, each one gave me a different response. I shared the Gospel with them, and Jonathan, Carlos, Fausto, Isaac, and Oscar got saved. As we were finishing up, a girl named Monica walked up. My wife witnessed to her, and she trusted Christ as her Saviour. As we were walking to the car, I witnessed to 2 teenagers named Oswaldo and Aaron, and they got saved. Praise the Lord! Thirty precious souls received the greatest gift of all ~ the Lord Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

What a privilege we have to give the greatest gift of all. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year! May God's richest blessings be upon you during this holiday season. We love you and are praying for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Darrell Ratcliff

Philippians 4:13





Prayer Requests

Pastor Bozeman & Family
 Bro. Bobby Mann & Family
 Deacons and Families
 Homebound
 Mothers -To- Be
 Missionaries
 Our Nation's Leaders
 Men and Women in Iraq

*“THEREFORE IF
 ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST,
 HE IS A
 NEW CREATURE:
 OLD THINGS ARE
 PAST AWAY;
 BEHOLD ALL THINGS ARE
 BECOME NEW.”*

2CORINTHIANS 5:17

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On the lighter side...

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled,

"Stop - Acts 2:38!" (...repent...for the remission of sins...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar,
 "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"



In the Kitchen With Mrs. Maudie

Pineapple Cake

2 cups Granulated Sugar 2 Eggs
 2 cups Flour 1 Large Can Pineapple
 2 tsp. Baking Soda (drained)

Combine ingredients and pour into greased and floured 9x13 pan
 Bake at 350 for 20 minutes

Frosting for Pineapple Cake

8 oz. Cream Cheese 4 Tbsp. Butter
 2 cups Powdered Sugar 1 tsp. Vanilla

Spread over cake when cooled
 (Can make 2 round pans)



Household Tips



With Mrs. Heather C.

Do you want to clean some tough stuck-on messes without using those heavy duty super-toxic cleaners that make you wonder if you should even be breathing the smell?

Baking soda and vinegar will clean almost anything! My absolute favorite thing to use it on is my smooth top stove and in my oven. I simply sprinkle on a little baking soda, spritz with white vinegar in a small spray bottle, let sit until it stops bubbling, and wipe up with a damp sponge or paper towel.

All of that burnt on food residue that wouldn't even come off with the cleaners that are supposed to be used on your appliances is gone minutes...usually no scrubbing involved.

It also works wonders on soap scum in your tub and shower! The other great part about it is there are no smells or dangerous gases being released, and it doesn't burn or do any damage if it gets on your hands...not even for someone with very sensitive skin. It's also VERY inexpensive!

Do you have a household tip, home remedy or other handy hint that you would like to share. Please send it to Mrs. Heather at tips@victoryhillbaptistchurch.org

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