

Bibleway Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I'm reminded of a pastor who was absorbed in his fundraising efforts for a proposed church building

project. He had prepared a passionate appeal, to be delivered immediately following the morning message.

In his excitement, however, the pastor forgot to specify the closing song for the pianist. Instead, he told her to select a song that would be appropriate for his stewardship drive.

After addressing the congregation, the pastor asked if interested donors would rise to their feet. When the pianist began playing, however, the pastor was surprised to find her playing the national anthem (for which all rise)!

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we likewise are striving to make ends meet financially, while at the same time organizing funds for the purchase of a church facility. God has wonderfully met our needs up until this time, and we trust He shall continue to provide in the future.

We ask that you would rise to the occasion and consider financially supporting the work of *Bibleway Ministries*. Help us reach the Wheeling community for Christ! Through His grace,

Pastor L.W. Edwards

Think on These Things...

- "Faith isn't the ability to manipulate God... Faith isn't a blind leap into the dark... Faith isn't merely devotion to whichever god one chooses to follow. ...Faith is putting one's trust in God, while believing that, in Him, we have salvation!"— excerpt from sermon, *Lighting the Fire that Pleases God*
- "It matters not what you do, nor who you are, that causes you to please God, but your faith. Faith clings to the fact that God will reward those who diligently seek and trust Him." — excerpt from Sunday School Lesson, *Role Call of the Faithful*
- "No matter the size of your gift, when used for the praise of His glory, the Lord *will* use you to be a blessing to someone else." — excerpt from sermon, *Messed Up People Living in a Messed Up World*
- "Surrounding yourself with sin makes you insensitive to its dangerous effects." — excerpt from Sunday School Lesson, *Faithful Through Obedience*
- "The Word of God, and the application thereof, unlocks the abundant riches of His grace." —excerpt from sermon, *Words of Encouragement for a Troubled Church*
- "More important than being in the church of Christ is being in Christ Himself."—excerpt from sermon, *Relationships among Believers*

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Bibleway Calendar 2007:

September 23rd—Friends & Family

September 30th—Youth Day Service

October 28th—Annual Church Business Meeting

November 25th—Friends & Family

December 30th—Youth Service

Our Goals for '07:

- Thank you for your tremendous support during this year.
- We aim to raise an additional \$5,000.00 by the end of 2007.

Ministry Update:

- The *Bibleway Ministries'* web-site is officially up and running! You can visit us at thebiblewayministries.com. With information concerning our core beliefs, support ministries, and most importantly, the plan of salvation, this site is sure to provide an effective avenue for world outreach!
- Rev. Edwards is currently preaching an exciting verse-by-verse series through I Corinthians. Covered topics include Church Unity, Reconciliation, and Faith.
- On Sunday, September 2, Dr. and Mrs. Rod Holler, will be holding their first services at Cape Baptist Church in Cape Coral, FL. We wish to extend our best wishes and prayers to them as they seek to reach southern Florida for Christ. You can also look them up online @ capebaptistchurch.org.

The Message Behind the Ministry...

How can we atone for our sins?

A Canadian Press photo showed how one man from Havana, Cuba, tried to appease God's wrath. The man was lying on his back on a dirt road. Attached to his ankle was a chain several feet long. The other end of the chain was wrapped around a rock. The caption explained that the bearded man was, inch by inch, pulling the rock on a pilgrimage to a sanctuary dedicated to St. Lazarus.

Did you know that Christ paid for your sins so that you didn't have to? When He died on the cross and shed His blood on Calvary, the debt you owed for your offenses (called sins) was paid in full. Isaiah 64:6 says, *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."*

The Bible says we are all sinners, far less perfect than God. Therefore, the best we could ever hope to do still falls short of His standard of perfection. Ephesians 2:8-9 makes it clear: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." The only way one gains entrance into Heaven is by accepting the grace of God alone. The moment you realize that Christ did all the work necessary to save you, you can become a born-again child of God!

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