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A Word from Dan

It's Driver Appreciation Time!

Thank you, women and men who ensure that we have the necessities and the niceties that we need and want. Usually, these goods arrive on time—sometimes early—and in a safe manner. You do your work with integrity and quality. We, consumers, salute you for the professionals that you are.

I enjoy attending state motor truck association award dinners and hearing about the candidates who qualified for the awards—drivers who have driven a million or two accident-free miles. That is impressive. On top of that accomplishment, they have been nominated by their peers because they are responsible, dedicated, and are engaged in their communities. That is even more impressive.

There are several classes of truck drivers on the highways. Some are just drivers. They are the operators of a heavy piece of equipment that gets freight from Point A to Point B (and points C, D, and E if they are LTL drivers). Truck driving is a job.

Then there are the "dedicated" drivers. They love driving. They love their equipment. They love their company. They enjoy people they work with and the variety of people they meet. These drivers ask, "You mean I get paid to do this?"

A company driver, especially, is one of the key faces of a company to the public and to others in the industry. A driver who interacts well with the warehouse receivers or other drivers on the road is an excellent representative of the company. For this, the company is appreciative.

During these driver appreciation weeks (September 2-8 in Canada, September 9-15 in the USA), you drivers receive expressions of gratitude at truck stops, from your carriers, and at many chapels. You deserve these. Thank you for your safe and courteous driving, your strong work ethic, and for enduring the challenging lifestyle of a truck driver.

These appreciation weeks are a good challenge to make recognition part of everyone's lifestyle. Drivers, appreciate one another. Express appreciation to the attendant at the fuel desk. Speak to the "four-wheelers" at the rest stop or truck stop with courtesy. Thank the DOT inspector for helping keep the roads safe. Talk to your spouse and children with love and respect. Appreciate the challenges they experience when you are away. Generous, gracious, encouraging words light up most anyone's day.

Driver, thank you for your work that benefits so many of us.

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A 1939 FJ

Mack at the

Macungie

Antique Truck

Show. See more

photos of this

beautifully

restored truck,

owned by Frank

Saunders, in the

online edition of

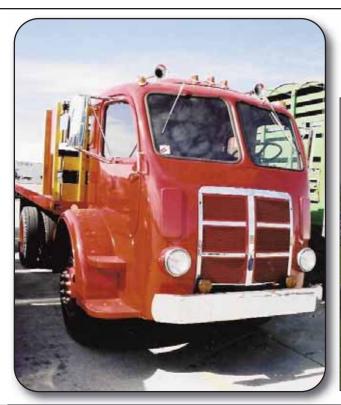
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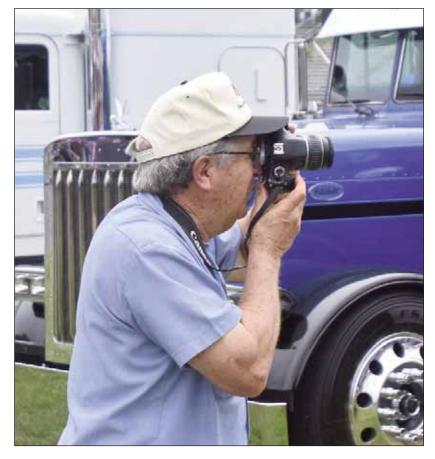
Last month's truck (below) was a 1970 White Model 9500.



Meet the Man Behind the Guess

For years he has provided this magazine's editor with material for one of our most popular items: the monthly "Can You Guess This Truck?" feature.

But as anyone familiar with this magazine for any length of time can attest, retired trucker, antique truck enthusiast, skilled writer, and photographer extraordinaire Donald Hollinger has also contributed with untold number of articles and human interest stories that have been a source of inspiration for our readers for more than thirty years. Thank you, Donald! And keep them coming!





Who are they?

Pete (Pierre), Ken (a.k.a. KW), and Mac discovered each other during an 18-hour blizzard two years ago on I-94 in Michigan. Each was doing whatever he could to help stranded motorists when they connected and realized they had a shared interest in following Jesus Christ and helping others.

Since then, every Tuesday at 8:40 PM (CT) they have been meeting on a group chat. We thought you'd enjoy listening in!

Money: What's in Control?

Pete: Good evening, my brothers. I'm parked at a truck stop on I-94 just east of Minneapolis, enjoying the September cool breezes of northern Wisconsin.

KW: Ugh, I'm jealous. It's Utah for me. Still too hot.

Mac: Nice weather report, lads. Let's pray and take advantage of our time on here. Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your care and direction in our lives. And thank You for the freedom You give us by adopting us into Your family through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pete: Back in July, I heard from my family in Haiti that the government set the fuel prices around five dollars a liter. That's about twenty bucks a gallon! Unbelievable.

Mac: Glad I'm not trying to make a living there. This owner/operator stuff is hard enough with the prices here.

Pete: Well, that got me thinking about running a business and handling personal finances. Ken, you're young and just getting started in trucking. How are you doing?

KW: I guess I'm doing okay. The company is fair and I'm getting enough miles to get by. I pay my bills.

Pete: My company is good, but it is tricky with me on the road spending money and Jezila running the household. Jez is always asking about my credit card purchases.

Mac: It's another story when you're running your own rig. I have to replace ten tires on my tractor in about a month.

KW: What are you gonna do? Take out a loan?

Mac: Naw. I set aside money every week for maintenance and repairs. Upkeep is part of the business so my wife and I plan for it. That way, that huge bill doesn't come as quite a shock. But we've had times when we've gotten stuck. I had a transmission go out on me and we had to borrow money for the repair. But we try to save ahead to avoid borrowing.

KW: So, Pete, back to your spending problem, how do you deal with that? *Pete*: Well, it's not really a problem.

Mac: Sounds like denial to me, ho-ho.

KW: *Y*eah, I'm waiting to hear how Pete gets around this one.

Pete: Hey, what happened to my friends? Where did they go? Seriously, Jez and I talk a lot about spending and where the money goes. She's come up with some pretty good money-saving tips. Before I leave home we pack my truck fridge with homemade dinners, fruit, even some nice desserts. It's much cheaper and healthier. When I run low, I get to a grocery store and buy the basics.

KW: I'm leaving Utah right now and heading to Hudson to try out some of Jezila's desserts!

Mac: Ken, have you ever worked with a budget?

KW: Well kinda. But it seems things come up and the budget gets shot to bits.

Mac: A budget can be a blessing or a curse. You can follow a budget so rigidly that you miss opportunities or you

can be so relaxed that you miss paying for priorities. I think that is what budgets do—they identify what is important to you and remind you to stick with that. Don't forget to put a little spending money in the budget. Sometimes you want to get something extra.

KW: But what if a bargain comes up and I haven't saved enough yet?

Pete: That takes some wisdom and discipline. Wisdom helps you determine if you really need that bargain item. Discipline helps you wait so you don't get behind in your finances.

Mac: We've talked about some good financial ideas but there is one principle we must not forget.

Pete: I know where Mac is going with this. Give your wife an allowance!

Mac: Har, har. That's a good one. Actually, I was thinking about remembering the One who provides the money and things we have. Realizing that God is the ultimate provider helps us live a life of gratitude and generosity. Give to God through your church and Christian ministries first and I think you'll be amazed at how all your other needs will be supplied.

KW: I suppose I should budget that as a priority.

Mac: You got it.

Pete: Guys, thank you for reminding me of these points. I need to log out. Talk to you next time.

Mac & KW: So long, good friend.

CHAPLAINS LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

Driver Frank came in worried about the chaos in the world, as well as his lack of personal peace. He was also holding on to hatred of his father. I told him Jesus could help him with both personal peace and dealing with his relationship with his father. Frank became a new brother in Christ today!

- Chaplain Joe -

- ◆ Driver George came in and gave his testimony of how his wife prayed for him and how the Lord used different things in his life to get him to trust Jesus as Savior. A very good testimony!

 Chaplain Clifford
- ♦ A truck driver came in to share how he was blessed to give the Gospel of Christ to a friend and that before his friend died he trusted the Lord Jesus as his Savior. *Chaplain George*
- ♦ This morning a driver and his lady friend came into the chapel and remained for the next hour or more. I shared the Word of God with them, and they listened very intently as I shared different passages of Scripture and the Gospel, pointing them to the cross of Christ and their need for salvation. I asked them if they would like to receive this new life which Jesus was speaking about, and they said they would. We prayed the sinner's prayer together, and I believe they both got saved—they left the chapel rejoicing. Chaplain Alan
- ♦ Heather and Shawn came into the chapel because they felt God wanted them to. They are a husband-and-wife team and neither of them knew Jesus. We studied the Scriptures and both of them gave their hearts to Jesus.

 Chaplain Tony
- ♦ Driver Claus came into the chapel tonight and began to ask some questions. After listening to him, I was able to present the Gospel to him, stressing especially the mighty claims of Jesus. Then I asked him if he would like to pray with me and ask Christ to come into his life. He said that he did, and we prayed the sinner's prayer together. *Chaplain Allan*
- ◆ Driver Patricia came in. She said it was good to come to a place that is peaceful. We did talk a little about the harshness of the trucking life. She was excited about the service we had. It is good to see truckers who are fine and living/working on the road. *Chaplain Tim*
- ♦ Four drivers came for the evening service. I spoke on prayer, and they all stayed after the service and fellowshipped. One driver stayed after the others left. He said he suffers from PTSD, and thanked me for listening to him. *Chaplain Ken*
- ♦ Driver Ray came into the chapel and we had a great time together. He told me of his alcoholism and some of its consequences on those around him. He told me that he is a follower of Jesus Christ and he has been struggling to walk with God and love his family. I praised God for the message he had me prepare; it was from 2 Corinthians 5:17 on being a new creation in Christ. Ray resonated with the passage and the discussion we had on this. He said he will be entering a detox program when he returns home.

 Chaplain Dan
- ♦ Driver Keith came in. He said I gave him a Christmas gift and he came in to say thanks! The next day driver John came in for the same reason—to thank me for the Christmas gift I gave him. [Sometimes chaplains leave gift bags on truck door handles if the driver isn't there, and they come back later to say thanks.]

 Chaplain Hank
- ♦ Driver David came in because he felt he was backsliding and wanted to reconnect with God. He shared his battle with temptations, giving in to them at times. I said that if we thank God continually for the things we normally take for granted, this will keep our eyes focused on Him and not the on temptations. We had good fellowship and had a study from Ephesians, about the armor of God. He said what we studied from Ephesians was what he needed to hear, and his spirits were lifted. We prayed before he left.

 Chaplain Warren

As you read these logs, please pray for the chaplains and those they minister to every day.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Are You Thirsty?

t's been a busy summer for most of us—holiday parades, state and county fairs, car and air shows, and truck rallies! Health professionals were quick to warn us, though, of the dangers of overexposure to the sun and dehydration that often affect unprepared attendees. Did you remember to take sunscreen and your water bottle?

Despite the warnings, one man attending a large, all-day outdoor event decided that warm water didn't taste very good, so he chose to just drink a soda. Several hours later, he was on his way to the emergency room with symptoms of heat stroke and dehydration. If only he had heeded the warnings about the need our bodies have for water!

What do you drink when you are thirsty? Do you drink water from the tap, or bottled water? Or do you splurge on some of those expensive brand-name waters? Did you know that there is another water that is free, one that quenches your thirst so that you will never thirst again? Jesus spoke of this "living water" in the New Testament. "Everyone who drinks of this water [from Jacob's well] will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14).

Jesus was talking about living water that quenches the thirst of the soul of every human being—the desire to be

reconnected to God, our Creator, so that we can have eternal life with Him in heaven. Without salvation through Jesus Christ, your soul is condemned to eternal death: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Jesus willingly became man and came to earth so that He could carry all our sins to the cross. When He died on the cross, He paid our penalty so that instead of death, we can have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life...Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God" (John 3:16, 18).

You, too, can have eternal life and have your thirst quenched with living water. Just ask the Lord to forgive you of your sin. Salvation is free to anyone who asks for it. "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life" (John 5:24).

Are you thirsty? Do you want to live forever with God in heaven when your time on earth is finished? Use the guide below to pray for living water that will quench your spiritual thirst forever.

Thirsty? Drink Freely!

- ☑ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- ☑ Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord and turn from your sins.
- ☑ Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross and shed Your blood to pay the penalty for my sins. Please forgive me and come into my life. You are my Savior and Lord."

Easier said than done? Stop by a TFC chapel (listed on page 15) or call a chaplain for more guidance.

☑ On the back of this magazine is a coupon to send to us if you have prayed this prayer. We will send you a Bible study designed for truckers, to help you in your new walk with Christ.

We had another record-breaking number of trucks in this year's Parade of Lights," reports Gary Nussbaum. "About 320 trucks stretched for seven miles as they wound their way through the twenty-two miles from Kidron to Berlin, ending up at the Event Center in Mt. Hope. Highlights for Friday evening kickoff were John Schmid singing in Kidron prior to the parade and then Liberated for Him and Aaron Stutzman capping off the evening in Mt. Hope. It was estimated that there were between 8,000-10,000 spectators along the parade route. Except for driver's registration, the event was by donation only for the food served. Without the drivers this event is not possible. It is a time when we can thank them for their service. And we are so grateful for the dedicated team of volunteers, who are always a vital part of the event's success. It really was our best show ever!"

2018 Ohio Truck Show: Best Ever!

by Gary Nussbaum ~ Photos by Doris High & Kyrell Rissler



Factors for Success
The drivers
Attendees
Volunteers
Sponsors
Those who ministered
in song
Leadership committee
and above all,
God's presence
and direction



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~ Macungie Antique Truck Show Highlights ~

When you attend a show that features more than 840 antique trucks, to decide which ones to highlight is no easy job! So we decided to let Doris High and Donald Hollinger share some that particularly caught their attention (with a lot more to be featured in the online edition of *Highway News*).

Doris High said that this one caught her attention on her first golf cart trip around the grounds. Looking at it closely, she said she expected the owner to be a tattooed motorcycletype guy! "But it turned out to be this clean-cut man, Edward Crock," she said, "who owns a construction company. He and his sons built it by putting two Peterbilts and a pickup bed together. The front is a 1975 Pete and the back is a 1987 Pete. While I was admiring the truck, Edward told me to open the door and look at the gear shift (bottom right). I liked the 'chain and grenade' step-up handle (below)."









This one caught Donald Hollinger's attention. The sign by the front wheel told its history: "In 1926 the Divco Corporation built 25 trucks to see if they could take the place of the horse and wagon. The trucks were placed in dairies throughout the country for a three-month period....In 1927 they had enough orders to make the truck and went into production, and made Divco home delivery until 1985. This Divco is one of the first 25 built and the only known survivor. It has been restored to its original condition and looks."

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TFC Ohio Truck Show from Doris High's Perspective

Cerwin and Doris High attended the TFC Ohio Truck Show and Doris recorded her observations in her blog, from which these notes were drawn. See more of her photos in the online edition of *Highway News*.

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We arrived at Kidron Auction about 2:00 PM and I set up my lawn chair for taking pictures as the trucks arrived. By the time the last one drove into the parking area, there were something like 320 trucks.

To get ahead of the parade, we left Kidron at about 6:45 PM to find our pre-planned spot near Mount Hope for watching the trucks approach. We had chosen this spot (above right) earlier in the day because of the rolling hills, and secured permission to park there. The parade route was filled with people on lawn chairs and sitting on the ground.

It was a beautiful evening to watch a parade.



TFC's Director of Follow-Up Ministries Gary Nussbaum oversees the event with his wife, Pearl (on the first row on right) along with their son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Shannon (sitting behind them), and many volunteers.

More Scenes from the Ohio Truck Show













We Have A Good Good God

They bowed down with their faces to the earth on the pavement, and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever."

2 Chronicles 7:3 Revised Standard Version





Don't Be a Stranger! Join Us at a TFC Event!

September 15 **Edmonton TFC Fundraiser** Banquet: Royal Canadian Legion, Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan, AB; doors open at 4:30 PM, dinner served at 5:30 PM; banquet is free but tickets are required; for reservations or information, call Chaplain Sam at 807-707-4009.

September 22, 5:30 PM ❖ Rochelle TFC Fundraising Banquet: Hickory Grove Convention Center, 1127 N. 7th St., Rochelle, IL; for reservations or questions, call Karen at 815-497-3901. Reservation deadline: September 12th.

September 29, 3:00 PM Bucks-Montgomery Chapter 8th Annual Truck, Car & Motorcycle Show: Franconia Heritage Banquet & Conference Center parking lot; for more information, contact Jason Shelly at 267-718-2841.

September 29, 6:00 PM ❖ Bucks-Montgomery Chapter 39th Annual Fundraising Dinner

Concert: Franconia Heritage Banquet & Conference Center; concert by New Harmenaires Revival; for information and tickets, contact Sam Rittenhouse at 215-872-8426 or Loren Parmer at 215-256-6416. Tickets are free but reservations are necessary.

September 29 **Pass Lake Fundraiser**Breakfast Banquet: Victoria Inn & Convention
Centre, Thunder Bay, Ontario; doors open at 8:30
AM, breakfast served at 9:30 AM; meal is free but tickets are required; for reservations or information, call Chaplain Sam at 807-707-4009.

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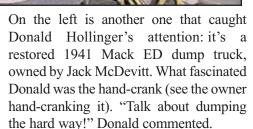
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About that truck on the August cover

That is a 1951 Duplex, owned by Michael Ploch, from Oxford, Connecticut. Chaplain Jake Wise talked to the owner, who said that it is a working truck—he uses it about once a week. Mr. Ploch said he knows of three registered Duplex trucks in the country. One unusual feature is that the front windows tilt to give the driver air (below). This was nice in a time when trucks were not air conditioned!

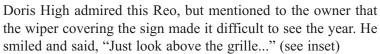






Below, this Autocar brought back a lot of memories for Cerwin High, who recalled he drove one just like it in his early days as a trucker (we didn't ask how long ago that was...).









More Scenes from the Macungie Antique Truck Show













Feel Like You're in the Black Lagoon?

Sing and praise when you feel overwhelmed

s Green Onion was bobtailing and Hog Caller was piggybacking through Las Vegas, they were overwhelmed and amazed at all the magnificent gambling casinos. To run legal, they had to rest eight hours before they could go back on the highway again. One enormous walled structure got their attention with the advertisement of an Australian who could swim through a black lagoon filled with large alligators, crocodiles, and snakes. They watched the man wrestle and struggle to remain alive; and then the casino offered a new Jaguar automobile, a new house trailer, or \$50,000 to anyone in the audience who would dare swim across the pool.

The announcer no sooner finished speaking when he heard a loud splash in the lagoon and saw Hog Caller swimming and fighting for his life. After the uproar of clapping and applause died down, the surprised owner of the casino asked Hog Caller if he wanted the car, the house trailer, or the money. "None!" said the enraged and furious driver. "All I want is to get my hands on the neck of Green Onion who pushed me in!" The only safe place for Green Onion, as Hog Caller was coming after him like a raging bull, was for him to jump into the infested black lagoon himself!

Do you feel you're in a black lagoon, wrestling and struggling against the alligators of mental and physical tension and stress today? Are your bills past due and collection agency agents hiding behind a tree near your house with handcuffs ready to haul you off? Are anxiety and worry causing you to be a nervous wreck because of all the problems that are preoccupying your mind?

Well, if you do end up in jail and you missed the \$200 bonus from "passing GO" in our Monopoly game of life, sing, sing even if you are behind a few bars and can't find the right key. Remember the words of the Apostle Paul: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:4-8).

Sing, sing, dear brother, dear sister, when you feel overwhelmed, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see" (John Newton). Sing "Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand" (Ira Stanphill). Sing, in the words of Andrae Crouch, "How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee."

Sing, sing and dismiss the devil! "Praise God from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" (Thomas Ken). Here below the creatures can be alligators and crocodiles, evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, powers of darkness, wicked spirits in the heavenly realms. Jesus told us that we would experience many trials and sorrows here, but He also said that we can overcome because He came before us.

Green Onion

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"Avast, Me Hearties!"

How a father's creativity enriched his children's imagination

My father was a voracious reader and he taught us kids a love of reading, too. When I was seven and my brother, Bud, five, he read us Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. Whereupon we abandoned cowboys and Indians and made each other walk the plank—an old pine board lain across the garden bench—and, when the last of the garden had been harvested, dug for treasure with Dad's shovel.

Each evening after school, we'd dig down a foot and, finding nothing more than a few rusted tin cans, we'd fill it up and move to another spot. Soon, our garden resembled the site of a gopher's convention. We began to suspect no pirates had ever come as far inland as Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

"I guess we might as well give up," I said.

My brother, even then a man of few words, nodded and

began shoveling the dirt back into the latest hole.

Dad came to the door, smoking his old pipe. "Find any treasure yet?"

"There's none here," Bud said. "No use digging."

Dad looked thoughtful. "You know, you haven't been digging very far down. I'll bet pirates buried their treasure deeper," he said.

Bud stopped filling in the hole. "You really think so, Daddy?"

"If I were you, I'd dig a little deeper...tomorrow. Right now, it's getting dark; your mother says you're both to come inside and get baths."

The next day, we raced home from school, changed into our old clothes, and out to the garden we went. We



started digging enthusiastically in the hole we'd abandoned the previous night. Almost at once, Bud yelled, "I hit something."

We dropped to our knees and started pushing dirt aside with our hands. Sure enough, we soon unearthed a tiny velvet "casket" worthy of holding Queen Isabella's favorite jewels.

"Oh, it's red velvet and has a gold clasp," I said, finding it hard to breathe.

We brushed it off as best we could and, reverently, opened it. It was full of jewelry: ornate rings, strings of brightly-colored rubies, sapphires, pearls, and diamonds, with a gold chain or two.

We waited on the front porch, hardly able to contain our excitement until Dad got home from work, the red velvet-covered box between us.

> When Dad parked the old Studebaker and came toward the porch, I was jumping up and down with joy, and Bud said, "It was like you said, Daddy; we just had to dig a little bit deeper."

"I'm so glad I thought of it," Dad said as he examined each fabulous piece.

"Do you think ol' Long John Silver buried it, Daddy?" Bud asked. "You can bet he did," Dad replied.

Years later, when we'd grown up enough to "cast aside childish things," Mother told us how Dad visited the neighbors after we'd gone to sleep that night and how they'd all scrounged up old costume jewelry and a fancy metal candy box to hold "the treasure."

And I remembered my dad's familiar habit of running his hand through his silvery hair while he assured us that Long John Silver had, indeed, buried the treasure chest in our back yard.

More from the Frontlines

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the Crossroad Chapel in Lodi, Ohio

- ♦ Scott dropped in around 8:00 PM and stayed until 9:45 pm. It was a time of encouraging each other in our daily walk with Jesus and living in the hope we have in Him. I prayed for him and his concern for his daughter before he left. Always a joy to be here to encourage the drivers and to be encouraged as well.
- ♦ Dana pulled into the truck stop just before worship, saw the chapel, and immediately came in. He expressed how the chapel was important to him. After the service, he joined me for lunch in the restaurant as we continued the fellowship. Karl stopped in fifteen minutes before evening worship. He and I spent the next two hours talking as he shared his faith and testimony, having spent fifteen years incarcerated but coming to the Lord during that time.
- ♦ I was encouraged a lot today. Had a great chat with a driver out on the lot before the service, then had four guys in for the service. Jeff showed up at the end, then stayed and we had lunch together, talking until 3:00 PM. Before the evening service Michael came in and he and I had a lovely evening as he had brought a clarinet. He played and we then spent most of the time sharing how great God is.
- ♦ I was blessed to pray with a man and woman that caught me at the back door. They were from Florida and just want to be prayed over. Around 9 pm, Brian stop by and we chatted until after midnight. We had a nice time talking about life and the Lord.
- ♦ One man from Canton, Ohio, stopped in today. He said he had not been here before and he stopped in to see what the chapel was like. He said he was not staying the night but if he is ever here on Sunday morning he wanted to attend Sunday service.
- ♦ A family of three came in today—father, mother, and six-year-old daughter. We had a great time of fellowship. They love to stop at the chapels.
- ◆ Driver Billy, from Tennessee, came in for prayer; he wants more of Jesus in his life.
- ♦ A young driver came in stating he hadn't been in church for three months and has been driving for only a few months. After a short while he told me he is dealing pornography and wants to find victory over it. Before he left I prayed with him for healing and victory over pornography in his life.
- ♦ A young couple stopped in, both drivers who drive for different companies. They are engaged to be married and said that after they are married they are going to drive as a team. They stopped because they saw the chapel and wanted to see what it was like. They said they had seen other chapels but had never stopped at one before. Both were very stressed out. I talked to them for a while and had prayer with them. They said they will attend services Sunday morning.
- ♦ An ex-driver from Canada stopped in looking for tracts he can hand out as he comes in contact with professional drivers and others. Before he left we prayed for each other.
- ♦ Ron who stopped by for about an hour and talked about what is going on in his life. The culture some drivers come from and still live within is a real challenge to living a Christ-like life. So it is for Ron. He thanked me for taking the time to listen and for the Scriptures made new to him. I prayed with him before he left. He stopped back to briefly say thank you for being here.
- ♦ Octavio came on around 9:00 PM asking how long we were open. I assured him I was here until the morning. He said so often chapels aren't open. He needed to get a bite to eat and said he would be back. He was back in twenty minutes and had a lot to unload. As is so often the case, there was strife and unforgiveness in his marriage, but he wants to be the husband he should be. After listening I challenged him to be the godly man he needs to be, allowing God to change. I prayed for him after which he thanked me for being there for him.
- ♦ We were watching the movie "Courageous" when Luis came in. He said something about needing to pray, so I told him to sign in later and join us in watching the movie. I sensed the movie speaking to him as we watched. Afterwards we had a special time of ministering from the message of the movie. Luis shared his struggle of being an owner-operator and the pressure it puts on being the father his children need, not to mention what he misses by being on the road. I prayed for Luis and his wife and the decisions that are before them.



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From the Logs of the Master's Inn Chapel in Rochelle, Illinois

- ♦ I met Chad over at the truck stop store; he just needed to talk and have a word of prayer. He seemed beaten up by the blows of life. I believe he was encouraged by our time together—twice he gave me a big hug and said thank you.
- ♦ Yvette came in for the evening service with her husband. They have been married for about one month, and she has been in America for just two months. At the end of the service I asked for their testimonies. Her husband was saved, but when I asked Yvette if she had ever been born again, she began to sob. With tears running down her face, she repented and asked Jesus to save her. The whole time her husband kept shouting, "Praise the Lord!" and clapping his hands.
- ♦ Johnny just started driving on his own and really misses his family. He professed to be a backslidden Christian. Praise God he repented and rededicated his life to Jesus!
- ♦ Glenn came in just needing prayer for himself. His wife passed away one month ago.
- ♦ Bob stopped in very frustrated with his day. We spent thirty minutes together in prayer and study in the Word. He left encouraged and a lot lighter.
- ♦ Josh used to be an outlaw biker; he left the club after losing two wives. He is now married to his third wife and wants to get his life in order. I told him the only way I can help him is for him to repent and surrender to Jesus. Praise the Lord, he did just that!
- ♦ I met Ray in the truck stop and we struck up a conversation. He couldn't answer when I asked him about how to get to heaven. I shared from the Bible the plan of salvation and Ray said he needed to be saved. He prayed and surrendered his life to Jesus.
- ♦ Marcus came in on his way to Chicago. He had a job waiting for him as a bartender. We talked for a couple of hours on his need for salvation and a new life. He repented and asked Jesus to save him and deliver him. I was able to find him a place to stay, with a job and a local church.
- ♦ While speaking at the Gideons International Conference, I had the privilege of addressing a youth group and five young people surrendered their lives to Jesus for salvation.
- ♦ I was called down to my Christian neighbor to pray for his cancer. Before I prayed, I asked everyone to come out of the house so I could share with them. I shared the Gospel and challenged them to repent and surrender to Jesus. Praise God, seven young people repented and surrendered to Jesus.

From the Logs of the Restorer Chapel in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

- ◆ Driver Pablo, from Florida, has been coming to this truck stop for two years, but this was his first time in the chapel. He came in for prayer and conversation. He stated, "There is peacefulness in this place."
- ◆ Driver Roger, from Iowa, entered the chapel. He just needed fellowship and sharing of the Word. He was unable to return home for the holiday and was discouraged. We shared the Word together and then went to lunch. Roger really appreciated the ministry he received and said he would look for TFC chapels from now on while he is on the road.
- ♦ I talked to a driver and his wife, who are living in their truck until they can buy a home. They plan to have children when they own their own home. His dream is to purchase three trucks and run his own trucking business. We prayed for the success of their plan and asked the Lord to direct their path.
- ♦ While in the overflow parking lot, I ran into Cliff. We talked about TFC and what our mission is. He shared his background. He was raised a Baptist but walked away from "religion" when he was in his twenties. We talked about the difference between religion and lifestyle and he broke down and cried. He had been looking for "real" religion but had been disappointed, so he gave up. He prayed to rededicate his life to Christ and he also agreed to meet with Cheryl and me and his wife in the near future.
- ♦ Viktor attends a Russian Baptist Church in Rhode Island. He said he couldn't get to his fellowship because of driving and was listening to a church service on his cell phone. I extended an invitation to come to the chapel. He came and was here for about two hours, taking everything that the Holy Spirit gave me, asking questions, and finding answers. I prayed for him and his family still in Russia. He kept thanking me and shaking my hand!
- ♦ I was in the upper level of the truck stop when I passed driver Jimmy. We chatted for a little while. He was appreciative of TFC's presence here at Flynn's.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the Refuge Chapel in Grand Rapids, Michigan

- ♦ A driver came in saying she was feeling guilty because she hasn't been to church in six months. She said she was not at ease in the church she had been attending. I suggested she look for one she could feel better about being in. I gave her a Bible and prayed with her. She left considerably more peaceful than when she came in.
- ◆ Joe came in just needing to have fellowship and come aside from the world. We talked, told stories, and just had fun.
- ♦ Four drivers came for the evening service; all were believers. We sang, prayed, read from Luke 7 and 8, commented, sang some more, and closed in prayer. All stayed after the service to talk.
- ♦ Ernie, a Christian from Canada, came in for fellowship. He used to be a farmer, so we had a lot in common. He said his wife battled cancer, but is cancer-free at the present time. I prayed for her.
- ♦ Mike came in needing prayer. We talked for a while and I found out he was unsure where he would go if he died. I shared the Gospel and He accepted Jesus into his life today!
- ♦ Laurie came in to unburden herself. She left thanking the Lord for the presence of our chapel and God's assurances found in His Word.
- ♦ A driver from Missouri stopped in for conversation and assurance from God's Word. We discussed his family and then prayed together before he left.
- ♦ A driver stopped in for prayer for his new company, his wife, children, and for the Lord's will to be done. He said his day was busy but prayer is a necessity. He thanked God for our availability to pray with him and other truckers.
- ♦ Chad came in with a heavy heart. His son's girlfriend was shot and killed and his son was shot in the shoulder. He was in tears. I prayed with him and just listened.

From the Logs of the Hope Chapel in Ontario, California

- ♦ Bobby gave his heart to Christ tonight!
- ♦ A woman traveling with her husband in a truck stopped by; she just needed to talk.
- ♦ As I was riding the lot, I invited Ryan and his twelve-year-old daughter to the service. Both came and gave their hearts to the Lord!
- ♦ Gerry came by to check out the chapel. He found Jesus and gave his heart to Him today!
- ♦ Luke, from Romania, came in and said he needed to confess, thinking I was a priest. I shared with him about the High Priest, Jesus, and told him that Who he needed to meet. He did that today!
- ♦ I met Geraldo outside the chapel as he was walking by. I asked him if he knew Jesus. He said yes, but really didn't know Him as Lord and Savior. I told him he can really KNOW Him and receive eternal life. I went through the Bible to show him how Jesus paid for our sins. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior!
- ◆ Scott walked in and said he was ready to be saved. He accepted Jesus today.
- ◆ Kerrie walked in the chapel. I shared my testimony and she gave her life to Christ.
- ♦ As we walked the lot, we met driver Frank. Chaplain Rudy engaged him in conversation and led him to the Lord!
- ♦ I met Jose outside the shop and talked to him about the Lord, and invited him to come to the service. He came and accepted the Lord.
- ♦ Christopher came in for the service. I asked him if he died today, would he go to heaven. He said he would go to hell, so I invited him to come to Jesus for forgiveness and he was very eager to pray the prayer of salvation.
- ♦ John and his son, Seth, came in after the service and shared how they were stranded and needed to get to Washington State. We shared the Lord with him and John gave his heart to the Lord in tears.
- ♦ While walking the lot, we encountered a Muslim man. We had a good conversation and debate in friendly terms.
- ♦ A young couple came in and got some CDs and books. The husband is a driver and both are believers. We talked about how difficult his job was and about how different people are. His wife needed prayer for her mother who is struggling with addiction. We prayed together.
- ♦ John Came in and accepted the Lord today. We had a great time of fellowship and worship together.
- ◆ Donna came into the chapel and accepted the Lord today.





by Gary Nussbaum

What Mirror Are You Using?

mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?" If you have read the story or viewed the movie *Snow White*, these words are familiar, are they not? It follows the story line of the original Grimm's fairy tale which tells of a wicked queen who stood before a magic mirror posing this question each day. This tale brings two questions to mind.

First, how often do we look into the mirror each day, preparing ourselves to meet the world? Second, what is our reason for looking into the mirror? Do we not begin our day looking in our mirrors to make sure we are presentable enough to the world we expect to face that day? Of course, it's to make sure we look good, our best, seeking public approval. It is necessary to have every whisker shaved and every hair in place (that is if we have any left). Or, if you are a woman, every form of makeup applied in order to appear beautiful to those we meet. Some may look only slightly in a mirror to do the basics like combing the hair, thinking there is very little they can do to enhance their image; while others may think there is nothing more they need to do to look great. If it is our image we are concerned about, what (or whom) in our life do we hold responsible for creating that image? Thus the two questions.

The Bible addresses this issue in the Epistle of James: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who looks to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25).

The Bible is God's mirror for all of us to look at. When we look into the Word we see ourselves for who we really are. It also shows us what and who we can be. It reveals blemishes (sins) that need attention. It is not like the mirrors we see in carnivals, which distort the image

and we just laugh at it. Satan deceives us with his distorted mirrors and gets us to make light of the reality of who we really are.

We are quick to make ourselves beautiful on the outside, a beauty that will soon fade, but fail to pay attention to that which is eternal—our spirit and our sin that separates us from our loving Creator, God. The Bible tells us we were and are made in God's image. But there is one thing that mars any good evaluation we may assume of ourselves and it is what the Bible (God's Word) reveals to us in Romans 3:10-11,18: "As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God....There is no fear of God before their eyes."

A believer in Jesus who compares himself with others (whether believers or unbelievers) needs to remember that both have to face up with God's mirror. When Samuel was to find a king for Israel, he was told by God, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Our prayer and desire must be as King David expressed it in Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive [or wicked] way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Drivers, what mirror are you using daily?

"As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man" (Proverbs 27:19).

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In Song... In Prayer... In Action

By Dr. Karl Benzio

orship. It's an awesome word that we throw around freely in Christian circles. Although I heard that word a lot in my youth, its meaning was vague and out of reach. Understanding worship can be a bit difficult, so here is a big tip: Overcoming life's distractions and focusing on God is easier when our highest priority is worshiping and praising Him. But what *is* worship? And how do we worship God?

Worship can occur in song, in prayer, in actions such as tithing and fasting, as well as in all the decisions we make every day. People worship in different ways, but the essence of worship is *perceiving* (seeing and interpreting) God accurately and responding appropriately to what we perceive. Not coincidentally, *Perceive* and *Respond* are two of the six essential steps in all decisions.

When we perceive God accurately, for who He really is (the all-knowing, all-powerful but loving Ruler and Creator of everything) and recognize who we are, our natural response should be praising, loving, thanking, and adoring Him. This adoration can be expressed in many ways. Some people honor Him with words. Some sing. Some raise their hands. Some kneel. Some remain quiet before Him, just basking in His presence.

But more important than an hour-long church service each week is the way you respond to God in every area of your life outside the "worship time" of a church service or when you hear a "praise and worship song." Are you putting God first in all the activities in your life? As we see regularly in the news, some will perform the ultimate act of worship, martyrdom, and sacrifice their lives for proclaiming Jesus as the only way. Are you ready to worship your Savior that faithfully? Most of us may never face that ultimate test, but we all have many important daily decisions about how we will worship God as we face life's distractions, adversities, temptations, and relationships.

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 12 that offering our bodies as living sacrifices is our spiritual act of worship. Our bodies are what act out and execute our decisions, so Paul is enlightening us regarding our decisions being our ultimate act of worship. So what kind of worship, that is, decisions, do you want to offer to God? This is where the rubber meets the road in our relationship with God.

Worship that perceives and responds is the key to experiencing an encounter with God and growing in the knowledge of Him. It is the means to a closer and deeper personal relationship with Him. Praise is a declaration of Who God is. Worship is an encounter with Who God is. God makes Himself known to worshiping people. He calls us to worship Him alone, for only He is holy and can restore us from being broken to being whole in Him.

Today, learn to seek Him and to worship Him with passion. Just as you express your love to your spouse, parents, children, or friends in many different ways, be determined to discover the freedom of worshiping and loving God in different ways. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. There is no right or wrong method; it is the love in your heart and your willingness to respond in all areas of your life that is true worship. Godly decision-making is how you offer up your body as a living sacrifice, and that is your spiritual act of worship. Whether you choose to worship God with good decisions, or you worship something of lesser power and authority with bad choices, is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father God, I do love You and adore You. I praise You for who You are and for all that You have done for me. You are my Father, Daddy, Savior, and Deliverer. You are my Comforter, Teacher, Guide, and Protector. I praise You for Your love, Your power, Your goodness, and Your grace. Strengthen me so I can worship You seven days a week, not just on Sunday mornings. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who showed the ultimate spiritual act of worship with His obedience unto death for me.

The Truth

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:1-2 NASB).

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Do You Know Your ABCs?

If you were to die today, where would you spend eternity? You can know for sure.

DMIT YOU ARE A SINNER. "... as it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10, 23).

ELIEVE IN JESUS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS AND FOR ETERNAL LIFE. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

ONFESS JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD AND TURN FROM YOUR SINS. "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:9, 13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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