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From the Email Bin



As retired truck drivers who are also *Highway News* distributors, we liked your idea noted at the end of Green Onion's article in the August issue of the *Highway News*, to do a feature called "Best of Green Onion." We have long appreciated the Green Onion articles. We wish David Roberts the very best in his retirement. [We thank him] for his twenty-two years of service to truck drivers through his enjoyable, lighthearted articles that always told us that he understood what it was like to be a truck driver, along with his obvious desire to lead truck drivers to Christ. Blessings,

Jerry and Lana Wraa

Yes, I would like to see a "Best of Green Onion" feature in the *Highway News*. I am not a truck driver, but support TFC efforts at Pass Lake in Canada. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the August 2017 issue. It is very Christ-centered and points everyone to the Way effectively. Keep up the good work. This outreach is very encouraging for everyone on the road and for those at home.

Rose McGratten

Yes, please, reprint "Best of Green Onion" forever and a day. Blessings from a non-trucker,

Nick Dewaal

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A Word from Dan

Our roadways and travel centers are melting pots of ethnicities. It is not only major cities where you find people from around the globe. Truck drivers make an impressive tapestry of nations. *Highway News and Good News* is distributed in Zambia, Africa, where English is the trade language; and a small supply is sent every month to a mintsy to truckers in Australia.

Nearly every nationality struggles to welcome people from a different country. We are different from one

another and those differences upset "business as usual." Why don't they speak our language? Why do they act that way? It is easy to stay with our "own people" and critique the "outsider."

Whether you are in Zambia, Australia, Canada, Mexico, or the U.S., you most likely run into drivers from a variety of cultures. There are terrific opportunities just outside your cab. Having lived cross-culturally and served in ministry contexts around the world, I've been taught a few things to take advantage of cross-cultural opportunities.

First, take the initiative and **introduce yourself**. Another driver may be cautious but he or she may simply feel like a foreigner. What a way to put them at ease by talking with them! Here's a tip on starting a conversation: ask, "Where were you raised?" rather than "What country are you from?" I have stuck my own foot in my mouth and learned that a driver I was welcoming was raised in the same country as I was.

If your new acquaintance is new to your country, **inquire** about their country, favorite places, food, activities, truck driving, and religion. This often opens doors for interesting and deeper conversation.

If you are making a business decision or making simple plans, be sure to **ask for clarification**. Cross-cultural communication often contains much miscommunication. Don't assume that each of you mean the same thing. Ask very specific questions.

Pass along helpful tips. It is hard to get along in a new country. Share some of the wisdom you've learned in your years of trucking. You can even pass along driving etiquette and safety. Newcomers to your country may not realize how driving is done in your location.

Truck drivers everywhere share a few crucial things. Most of them have a family of some form and we all try to help them the best we can. All drivers work hard to make a living and make a life. Drivers are concerned about safety. These are all things we can talk about and learn things from one another. And the most important commonality is the forgiveness and freedom available in Jesus Christ that is offered to every ethnic group. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19).

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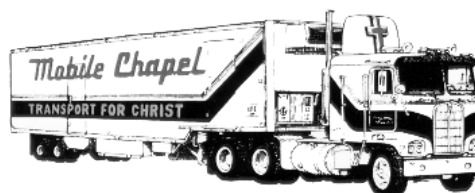
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The annual Ohio Truck Rally Parade of Lights is always a huge attraction with the local community, to judge by the number of calls from folks wondering if it would be cancelled because of the possibility of rain (it wasn't).



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A Different Kind of Show for the TFC Chapel

~ Photos and Report by Doris High ~



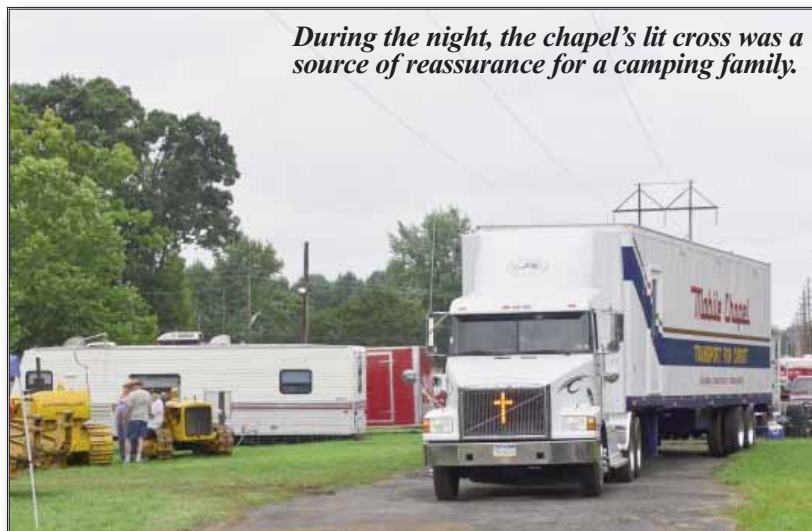
At the antique truck show in Macungie this past June, the TFC Mobile Chapel caught the attention of Chris Collis, a member of the Shenandoah Valley Steam & Gas Engine Association. Their annual "Pageant of Steam" was coming up at the end of July in Berryville, Virginia, and he invited TFC to have the chapel there. Chaplain Jake and Jane Wise joined Cerwin and Doris High representing TFC at the event.

"It was a very interesting experience," reports Doris High. "This Steam Show is old (I think this was their 46th annual) but we were new and tried to introduce ourselves to everyone possible: at the chapel, when ordering food, and when talking to engine and tractor owners. We each visited with many people during the afternoon who were curious about our rig and ministry."

"Many people stopped by the chapel to check it out. One of them was a visitor from Texas (photo on right) whose job is placing and maintaining scales (for people) in truck stops in Texas and Colorado. His job does not get him out on the truck lot, so he did not know about Transport For Christ and our chapels. He promised to check out the chapel at Houston the next time he goes that way."



“We had heavy rain during the night (about four inches) and it was still drizzly in the morning. Later in the day one of the ladies whose family stayed in a nearby camper told me that they became quite concerned about the rain and wind during the night and were worried about flooding. As they looked out the window in the darkness all they could see was the lit cross on the chapel. She told her family, ‘If we run into trouble, just head to the cross!’”



During the night, the chapel's lit cross was a source of reassurance for a camping family.



Left: An 1878, 6-HP Frick steam engine — and it still works!



There even were a few trucks around!



Doris said they had been looking forward to the Sunday morning service on the fairgrounds—and were not disappointed. It was relaxed and worshipful. This service has been part of the steam show for many years.



Shortly after lunch they watched the Parade of Tractors, which lasted about half an hour. “One thing I learned at this show was that many of these tractors were powered by wood fire,” Doris said. “No wonder I always felt heat when getting close to these tractors!”

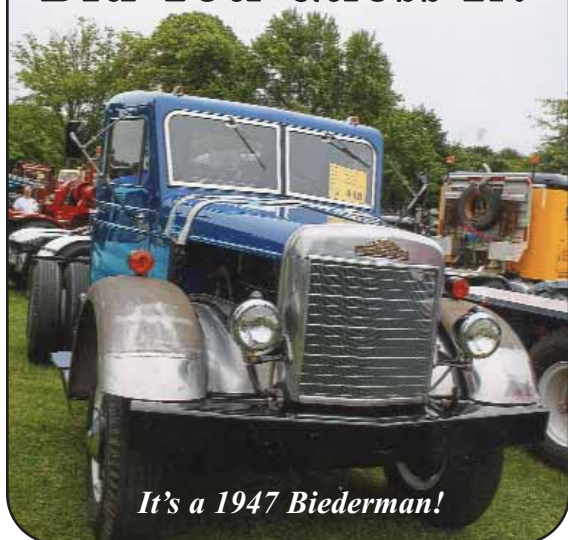


“The tractor on left brought back a memory of my Grandpa Hershey, who said in his book, “I began farming in 1920 with six horsepower – four mules and two horses. In 1929 I bought one of the first tractors in our community, a two-cylinder which ran on fuel oil. (It was a Hart Parr.) I think it’s the first time I’ve ever seen a Hart Parr ‘in person!’”

The History of an Unusual Truck - the Biederman

~ By Donald Hollinger ~

Did You Guess It?



It's a 1947 Biederman!

As soon as I spied the Biederman truck at the Macungie antique truck show this past June, I knew I had found my next "guess truck"! I had never heard of such a truck, as is probably the case of most of our readers. I had a nice conversation with owner John Vannatta, who filled me in and later sent more pictures and lots of information about this truck (thank you, John!).

I did not know at the time that John was also the owner of "Red Mule," the guess truck used in the August issue, in addition to several other antique trucks. John's Biederman is a 1947 model NS, which he bought in 2007. He finally got it ready for the Macungie show in June of this year. He told me his dad had a 1949 model NS dump truck, same as his own, that he used in his excavating business from 1952 to 1960. It only had a standard 5-speed like John's, no 2-speed rear, and was under-powered. It would get hung up a lot, so they installed a larger engine and a 2-speed.

The Biederman Motor Company began building trucks around 1920, and by 1922 had five models to pick from. These were 1- to 3-ton models with four-cylinder petrol engines. After 1923, only six cylinder Continental and Lycoming engines were available. By 1936 their heaviest model was a seven-and-a-half tonner. Also during the 1930s Biederman built several vehicles for the U.S. Army, including a 3-ton, 4x2 tractor and a 5-ton, 6x6 truck. These were not built in large numbers, but this experience led to large orders from the Army during World War II. By 1938, Biederman had a wide range of models from one to seven-and-a-half tons, including a tilt cab COE, snow removal trucks, bus chassis, and fire apparatus. There were also some Cummins and Detroit diesel engines available for these models. During this period, chassis prices ranged from \$1,095 to \$4,200.

These wartime sales enabled Biederman to enter the postwar period in good shape. The new NS model (for "National Standard") was available in four and six wheelers with Hercules gasoline engines. For several years they sold as many trucks as the plant could produce, but by the early 1950s the slump in truck sales hit hard. One of the last orders was for some COE wrecker trucks for use in New York's Lincoln Tunnel. By 1956 the Biederman Company closed its doors and the plant became Cincinnati's largest Chevrolet dealership. ☹

Editor's Note: The regular "guess truck" feature will be back next month.



With the fenders restored; Vannatta said the hood would be next.

CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

Excerpts from the daily logs of chapels across North America. See page 15 for a list of chapel locations.

◆ Met driver John while handing out *Highway News* magazines. He believed in Jesus but had not committed his life to Him. We had a good conversation as I shared the meaning of commitment to him and turning ourselves over to Christ. Prayed with him for his salvation and safety on the road. *Chaplain Dean*

◆ Neal came in and shared about his road to sobriety. He goes to AA meetings but stopped here because he was unable to make his AA meeting this week. He thought this was just as good. It was good for him to talk about it, because he needs to share. We prayed before he left feeling good about his life. *Chaplain Dennis*

◆ Ron, from El Paso, spent about an hour with me. He is a new Christian, having been led to Christ by another trucker who works for the same company. He was a delight to talk to. *Chaplain Jim*

◆ Driver John came to the evening service. He is a strong believer, and we discussed many topics in God's Word. John stayed about three hours. Christian truckers appreciate having someone like-minded to talk to. *Chaplain Fred*

◆ A driver came in for prayer. He said he was a Christian but had struggles with pornography and prostitution. He was looking for victory as he was about to get married. We went over several biblical passages together. I gave him a copy of the *Highway News* magazine and encouraged him to visit chapels when possible. We prayed before he left. *Chaplain Dick*

◆ Driver Ricardo came in to talk. He was troubled about his wife as she left to help her grown son. We prayed and I encouraged him to trust the Lord and He would work things out. Not long after we prayed, his wife called him to reassure him. We praised the Lord for hearing our prayer. After lunch, he came back and thanked me. *Chaplain Richard*

◆ Driver Miguel came in asking to know more about Jesus. After we talked for a while, I asked if he wanted to ask Jesus into his heart, and he said, "Yes!" He did, and you could see a big change in him. He was smiling and said he felt so different. We gave him a "Spiritual Birth Certificate." What a great experience, to see the Lord change a driver's life! *Chaplain Wayne*

◆ I had a nice long talk with driver Herb from Alberta. He is a Christian but in need of encouragement. I prayed for him and he thanked me for ministering to him. *Chaplain Gerrit*

◆ Ron came in for a visit and to pray a blessing on the new location of the chapel. He prayed that God's Spirit would move on all the drivers that come into this truck stop and that many would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. *Chaplain Paul*

◆ While I was in the plaza I met Rick, who was waiting for his laundry to dry. We chatted and it wasn't long before he dumped his heart about a 62-year-old friend who had committed suicide. I listened for a while and showed him love and care. He thanked me for listening, and I invited him to come and see us at the chapel. *Chaplain Len*

◆ I had a visit from Joel, the young man who came to Jesus in March 2017. He lost his job and he needed to talk about what happened. I listened to him and prayed with him. *Chaplain Jacques*

◆ Doug was in for an hour or so and we had a good conversation about the love of Jesus and all that He has done for us. *Chaplain Sam*

◆ Matthew, a driver from San Diego, stopped in to visit. We talked for a while about how God delivered him from a life of drugs and alcohol. We prayed and he said how grateful he was that the chapel was here. *Chaplain Michael*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Pay Attention!

While driving along the Interstate, one of those electronic message boards flashed a warning: “Traffic slow 10 miles ahead.” In other words, “Pay attention! There’s danger ahead. Be prepared.”

A truck driver must have missed the warning sign, as he suddenly found himself barreling full speed into two lanes of stopped traffic. It was impossible for him to stop in time. Rather than plow into the traffic, causing a major highway disaster, he chose to drive down the right shoulder, barely squeezing between the vehicles and guardrail, blowing his horn continuously to warn drivers until he could bring his rig to a safe stop. He had missed the warning sign and found himself in mortal danger (while at the same time putting others in danger).

The Bible is full of warning signs, too; important messages we need to heed to save us from certain spiritual death as a result of sin in our lives. Jesus warns us against the power of sin that can destroy us: “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin” (John 8:34 ESV).

Note the use of repetition in “truly, truly.” Anything in the Bible that is repeated is done to bring attention to what is said. In other words, pay attention! Three times in Mark

9:44-48 we are warned about the devastation of hell where “the fire is not quenched” (Mark 8:48). But God does not want any of us to suffer eternal death in the fires of hell, which is why His Word repeatedly warns us of its peril. And that is also why He provided an escape through the death of His Son, Jesus, so that our sins can be forgiven and we can have eternal life with Him in heaven.

Using repetition again so that we will pay attention, Jesus said: “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 ESV). And once more, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.” (John 6:47 ESV). Note the repetition, as if the Lord were saying, “Take note here!”

If you heed the warning signs and place your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to forgive your sins, you can be assured of salvation and eternal life in heaven. Use the prayer below to guide you in confessing your sins, and thank God for giving us warning signs in His Word to save us from spending eternity in hell.

Let us know your decision, and we will send you a Bible study just for truckers to help you on your journey of spiritual growth. ☺

Pay Attention and Receive God's Saving Grace

- ☒ 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), call a chaplain for more guidance, or call the toll-free prayer line, 1-877-797-PRAY (1-877-797-7729).

- ☒ 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.

Tips When Visiting a Parent Who Has Dementia

~ Part 1 of 2 - By Dr. Pat Otwell ~

Feelings of frustration and helplessness are common among children of dementia patients when visiting a parent in a care facility, yet it is possible to cherish your time together even under these circumstances. Therefore, I offer the following suggestions with the hope that your visits will be enjoyable for both of you.

Be Prepared

Preparation pays off immensely! Learn as much as possible about the illness and how it affects patients. Excellent resources can be obtained from the National Alzheimer's Association. Attending local support groups can also be extremely beneficial.

Anticipate what might happen during your visit and how you would handle various incidents if they arise. Several scenarios include: **(1)** Your loved one may unintentionally say or do things that appear to be mean due to the nature of the illness and limited ways to express anger. Sadly, family members are often the target, and the "favorite" child may become the "scapegoat." Understand this for what it is, and don't take their outbursts personally. **(2)** Your parent may ask the same question(s) repeatedly. If you think your answer would be upsetting, you may choose to ignore the question or direct the conversation to another topic. Always tell the truth, but you don't always have to tell the whole truth! For example, if your parent asks about someone who died, you might say, "I haven't seen George in quite a while now" (which would be true without saying he is dead). Telling the truth keeps you from feeling, and being, guilty in such a situation! **(3)** Your parent may make comments that are not true. Just listen without arguing or correcting. Although we're accustomed to rectifying inaccurate information, arguing with dementia patients

makes the situation worse. **(4)** Your loved one may say or do things that cause you to feel bad or guilty. Don't allow yourself to be manipulated. Ignore this behavior and refrain from exhibiting your emotions. Since he or she is unable to rationalize, explanations are not effective. A good solution is to quickly change the subject. **(5)** Your mother or father may say or do something that causes you to become angry. Maintain control of your feelings and avoid saying anything you would later regret. It's best to leave and simply say, "I love you and look forward to seeing you again soon." Fortunately, in these cases, forgetfulness works in your favor since your loved one will probably soon forget what happened. **(6)** Your parent may not want you to leave. Rather than explaining why you need to go, distract your loved one by taking him or her to an activity in the facility, the dining room for a meal, or the lobby to talk with other residents. Then exit quietly without emotional "goodbyes."

Try to visit when you're at your best mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. You are more alert, rested, refreshed, and relaxed in the morning than after meeting the demands of a stressful day at home or work. Your emotions can affect your parent's emotions. If you stop by when you're in a good mood, this helps set the tone for your loved one. Make frequent, but brief, visits since long ones can be exhausting and emotionally draining for both of you. To prepare spiritually, have a devotional time reading the Bible and praying before you go to the facility. Ask God for wisdom to know what to do and say.

Let your time be their time. You have contact with others throughout the day, but your visit may be the highlight of your parent's day or week. Since he or

she is unable to get into "your world," try as much as possible to understand and enter "their world." Your mother or father, like many older people, may find strength, comfort, encouragement, meaning, and hope as a result of their faith in God. Share activities you and your loved one can enjoy in the moment.

Get Off to a Good Start

Although you have visited many times and are able to remember those visits, due to memory loss each visit may seem to your parent as though it is the first time you have come. So begin every conversation with an introduction by saying, "Mother, I'm Jill, your daughter." If you just say, "Mother," she still may be unable to make the "connection" that you are her daughter. Provide as many cues as possible to "trigger" her memory such as stating your name and relationship. Watch her response. Even if she is able to remember that she has a child(ren), she may think of you as a baby or young child rather than realizing you are now an adult. If such seems to be the case, you can reply, "Yes, Mother, it's hard to believe that I am Jill, your daughter who is now grown." This is a much better approach for starting a conversation than by asking if she knows who you are or not introducing yourself. You want to eliminate the possibility that she would feel embarrassed or be put on the defensive. Plus, she will likely engage more in the conversation if she understands who is visiting her. ☺

Scriptures are quoted from the English Standard Version (ESV).

Dr. Pat Otwell is the author of Guide to Ministering to Alzheimer's Patients and Their Families. The book can be purchased at Amazon. A previous feature of hers was published in the 2015 January & February editions of this magazine.

Wait. God Knows Best.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.
Psalm 130:5 NIV





Truck Parade Lights Up the Night Again

~ By Gary Nussbaum ❖ Photos by Doris High ~

Rain poured down the morning of July 7 as preparations were being made in Kidron and Mt. Hope for the start of the Annual Ohio TFC Truck Show & Benefit Auction; and the forecast was that afternoon showers were also possible. Great anticipation for the “Parade of Lights” in the evening was evident by the many phone calls asking at what time the parade was to be at a certain point, or if there would be a parade at all if it rained. These were all from folks who line the roads waiting for the trucks to come by—and many prayers were lifted for the rain to “go away.”

The “Parade of Lights” team led by Allan and Leon Hochstetler began prepping at 3:30 PM for the arrival of the trucks at the Kidron Auction grounds, while volunteer teams were working in the Sprunger Building, preparing to serve pulled pork sandwiches and homemade ice cream for the drivers, their families, and the general public as they arrived. Trucks began arriving at 4:30 PM, in the rain, with the hope that it would pass through quickly—and it did!

While eating, folks enjoyed the music of John Schmid as he entertained them with many well-known trucker songs and Gospel tunes. One of the songs he performed was the one he wrote for TFC, titled “Eyes on the Son,” which was produced in the 1990s for TFC to give out to the drivers who made a profession of faith in Jesus at the chapels. It depicts the life of the driver and his or her need to read the “Road Map of Life” (the Bible) every day. While TFC no longer carries this item, you can find it on John’s site, www.JohnSchmid.org.

With the blast of 287 truck horns, the parade began its 22-mile-long trek from Kidron to Mt. Hope. The line of trucks





stretched for seven miles while winding through Berlin and Fryburg. The crowd along the way increases every year as more and more people fill front lawns, fence rows, and parking lots, waving the trucks on their way and pumping the arm and fist to hear the sound of the air horns.

The trucks arrived at Mt. Hope at 8:45 PM. Some headed home while the majority parked and enjoyed the food, fellowship, and music from John Schmid; and, of course, the spectacular display of the trucks with their array of lights! The volunteer team was already serving burgers and hot dogs for those patiently waiting for the trucks to arrive. The crowd was so large that food planned for Saturday had to be served that evening, and the team had to hustle the next morning to meet the need for the day. Over 1,500 were served at the two locations.



Saturday morning began with a breakfast of sausage and pancakes served at 7:00 AM; also available were delicious donuts, cream sticks, and cinnamon rolls, compliments of Troyer's Bakery. Soon the air was filled with the aroma of BBQ chicken and burgers being prepared for serving at 11:00 AM. Before lunch, drivers assembled for the drawing of thirteen door prizes. Our thanks to the businesses that made this possible for them!

At noon the benefit auction began, under the skilled management of auctioneer Steve Chupp. While parents were bidding, the kids enjoyed the jump houses and other activities. The day ended with fun and safety for all, and TFC was blessed by the generosity of many. A huge thanks to the many sponsors and volunteers who made all this possible. ☺



Ohio Truck Show & Parade of Lights Online Special Scrapbook









MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the Logs of the SeedPlanter Chapel in Elkton, Maryland

- Jim was troubled with many issues in his life. I listened, and shared God's Word at times. We talked about Who Jesus is, and how we can be in relationship with Him, and shared the salvation verses from Romans and Ephesians. Jim said, "This is what is missing in his life!" He wanted Jesus to save him, and prayed asking Jesus to come into his life. He left a very different man.
- Met Terry in the truck stop. He asked me to pray with him for his marriage of thirty-three years, and for their four children. We prayed together and had a long talk. He and his wife are saved, and he is committed to his marriage. It was great to have that time with him.
- Pedro came in wanting to talk to someone. He has some problems with his past employer. I listened and then I prayed with him. He had God's peace when he left.
- Francis came in asking for a Bible, and I gave him one. I asked if he has received Jesus into his heart and he said no. We went through the Romans Road verse, and he prayed for Jesus to save him.
- Darrell came in to thank us for being here. He is a new driver and loves the Lord. Had prayer before he went back on the road.
- George stopped in with questions and needed guidance from God's Word. I shared some Scriptures with him and we had prayer time. I gave him a Bible before he left.

From the Logs of the Gateway Chapel in Omaha, Nebraska

- I ran into Dennis and Roger in the café, where I also met Carson; much comradery over coffee. Later we returned to the chapel to continue to talk about the way the Lord is in complete control even when we think we might be. Bob came in and joined in the conversation. We had not seen Bob in a long while. Praise the Lord!
- What a blessing from God this morning! We had six people in the morning service, with a great time of testimony, praise, and meditation in the Word.
- I had a call from Steve this forenoon, telling me he was headed this way and would be in for dinner. When he arrived, we enjoyed fellowship around the evening meal together, discussing the wonderful works God continues to do in our lives. Steve had another driver, Dave, with him. Dave is a new brother in Christ; how exciting to watch the change in a person's life when Christ is invited in.
- Five girls from a ladies conference on evangelism stopped in to see what we are all about. I shared with them the history of TFC and explained how we go into the parking lots, and into the plaza, inviting the drivers to come to the chapel or just talking and praying with them.

From the Logs of the Lighthouse Chapel in Racine, Wisconsin

- Met driver Reuben in the restaurant. He is a believer and we enjoyed sharing Jesus Christ in conversation. I pray that driver Rick, who was sitting next to us, was listening. He is a non-believer and I was able to share a little with him, but he didn't care to continue our conversation.
- Driver Kevin stopped in for fellowship. We spent several hours discussing various topics. He is a long-time believer but wanted to start spending more time growing in Christ. We had a wholesome and edifying talk. It was good time of sharing.

From the Logs of the Beacon Light Chapel in Wytheville, Virginia

- Joshua came looking for something to fill the empty spot in his life. We talked for a while and he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord!
- Ian has been working in the shop for about two months. He came in today to talk, and admitted to being away from the Lord. He needed a relationship with Jesus, not religion or rules. He rededicated his life to the Lord before he left.
- Chris came in looking for a Bible, which I gave him. I talked to him about his relationship with the Lord (he did not have one). I prayed with him to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior.
- Noel came in ready to give up on life. He has been married five times, and his current marriage is falling apart. We talked for a long time. He turned his life over to the Lord before he left!

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the Logs of the Pathfinder II Chapel in Woodstock, Canada

- I met John, his wife, and nine-year-old daughter at the Plaza. They were waiting for a load home. We had never met before, nor had they ever been in a chapel. I invited them to come, and while here we mentioned coffee, so I made some and found some leftover food. We had a great time of Christian fellowship and finished with prayer.
- Shortly after I opened the chapel, Bernard arrived. I asked how I could help, and he asked for CD messages, a Bible, and some study material. When I asked if he ever prayed the sinner's prayer, he said no. My next question was, "would you like to?" and he said yes. So we went through the *Four Spiritual Laws* and he chose to read the sinner's prayer. I gave him TFC literature to study and mail. What a joy!
- Driver Greg, from Maine, dropped in. When I asked how I could help, he said he dropped in because years ago, his dad (a priest) told him if he ever saw a chapel open, to drop in. So, he was following his father's instructions. He stayed for a while.
- It was a quiet day until Daniel arrived. We had one of the best faith conversations since we met years ago. He shared about his faith in Christ and how he feels for those who do not have Jesus.
- A new driver, on his first driving job, dropped in and we were able to encourage and pray with him. He is hoping for his marriage to reunite. He thanked the Lord for His grace and guidance.
- I went in for dinner, and while eating I noticed someone sit down at another table and say grace before he ate. Soon after, he invited me to his table. He said, "I could have gone to the next truck stop, but I wanted to chat with a chaplain." It turned out that he was a pastor in a Mennonite church. What a fellowship we had! He wanted the chaplain to encourage him, and we ended up encouraging each other.
- I was driving through the plaza parking area when I heard someone call my name. Driver John, an unsaved friend, said, "Len, where have you been? We've been waiting for you with your nightly and much appreciated words of encouragement on the CB radio." I thanked him and promised I would get back to it soon.
- An over-the-road driver came for a very important time of sharing. He shared, wept, and shared some more. We were able to pray with him before he left. As he was leaving, another driver came in with a heavy heart. Today was a difficult day as he grieved the loss of his nineteen-year-old son four months ago in a car accident. He wept as he shared how much they miss him and today was one of those special times. I was able to share how we lost our own son a few years ago, and our grieving. We closed with a time of prayer. He had never been to our chapel before.
- I went for a walk around the fuel bar where I met a driver we had given a Christmas stocking to last Christmas, and he thanked us again and gave a small donation.
- While I was having supper, the lady in the next booth commented on my TFC sweatshirt. When I finished eating, I turned around and talked to them. They were Christians and I invited them to see the chapel. They came in a little while later. We talked and had prayer before they left.
- Hayden had just come out of the hospital, where he spent two weeks because he was tired of living. He came in and told us his story, wondering where he would go from here. We introduced the plan of salvation and the sinner's prayer. We asked him if this was something he wanted to do and he said, "Yes." When we finished, he said, "What a great experience!"
- Norman dropped in. He was here a year ago and we prayed for his nephew who was in a motorcycle accident. He came in today to thank us for the prayers a year ago. His nephew is home and doing well. He has some challenges, but the important thing is, God answered prayer!
- Chuck came in with a great story: ten years ago he got saved after visiting here at the chapel a few times. He said that the chaplain "saved his life and got him refocused." I prayed with him before left.
- As I was leaving the travel plaza, a driver waved at me, and he later dropped in. What a story about how his wife died due to cancer and a few other issues. It was interesting to notice how he was dealing with it, the peace he had knowing she had gone to her heavenly home and was pain free. He also shared some personal struggles. We chatted for a time, and then I prayed with him before he left.
- While walking through the lot, I passed by a special load of machinery and the driver invited me to his truck. We had a good informative visit. He asked about TFC and encouraged us to keep on doing it.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the Logs of the Second Chance Chapel in Beaverdam

- A driver stopped by and we had a good time of sharing with one another. He had been away from home for several weeks. I prayed for him to be able to return home soon and rest.
- Driver Brian, from Iowa, came in. He is seeking a closer walk with the Lord; he said he has fallen away and wants to get back. We talked and prayed about this.
- Spent some time on the phone encouraging an ex-inmate. He has remained faithful to Jesus.
- Peter, a Russian driver and a wonderful Christian, came in the chapel. His English wasn't very good, but he managed to explain that his son was to meet him there at the truck stop the following day. We prayed together (he prayed in Russian).

From the Logs of the Whispering Hope Chapel in Columbia

- We had one driver in for the service; he had a good testimony. Sometimes I wonder why I am here when I don't see anyone for a while and it gets boring, and why we are seeing so few visitors, and then He sends someone like James and it lifts us up, and all we can do is say, "Thank you Lord."
- We had a woman truck driver at the Bible Study. She and her husband had been away from home for a while. She was anxious to get home to their ten-acre ranch in Montana. She said missed her family, especially her aged grandfather whose life had exemplified Christianity. She said he had been a great influence on her life. I felt she left with the confidence and happiness that only God can give.

From the Logs of the Solid Rock Chapel in Denver

- Driver Pete came in for fellowship, and to ask questions about faith. We had a good discussion and he said he felt much better about his feelings.
- Tim came in while his truck was being washed. He was really on fire for the Lord! When a driver comes in I usually ask, "Is there anything I can pray for you?" but this time he was the one who asked *me* that question. So we prayed together.
- A driver who said he would have nothing to do with "organized Christianity" was open to talking about Bible. He had doubts about its validity, but was willing to talk about it.
- Had a good lunch visit with one driver. He needed encouragement in meeting the needs of his family.
- Carlos came in and shared his testimony. It was a blessing to hear it; he also used helpful examples to illustrate ideas.
- As I was locking the front door, Tony, formerly homeless, came up and just wanted to say thanks for help we gave him last December. He is no longer homeless—he has a job, is doing well, and is giving God the praise.
- JuliAnne came in this morning having many problems to discuss and pray over. When she left, she was in a much better spirit than she came in with.

From the Logs of the Harbor Light Chapel in Harrisburg

- Driver Chris stopped in to leave a donation, saying, "Keep doing good work for God!"
- I went outside and met Thomas and James. They had never seen a TFC chapel before. They were telling me how the Lord came into their lives. We had a good time of fellowship.
- A driver came in to get some CDs. I asked him if he was a believer in Christ, and he said he was struggling in his walk of faith. I shared some Scriptures and prayed with him to help him in his walk with the Lord.
- Alvin, a pastor from southern Virginia, came in. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and also shared dinner together. During that time, we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with a member of the staff and answer some questions.
- Erica, a woman truck driver, was in today. She comes into the chapel periodically to get Bibles to hand out to drivers.



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

October 3, 9:00 AM ❖ 13th Annual John Platt Golf Tournament Benefitting the Columbia Chapel:

Northwoods Golf Club, 201 Powell Road, Columbia, SC; for more information, contact Ron Feaster (803-741-4846) or Chaplain Clifford Royal (706-373-4314).

October 12, 7:00 PM ❖ Hope Chapel Fund-raising Event:

Music by Virgil Gibson, formerly with The Platters; Living Word Assembly of God fellowship hall, 11887 Telephone Avenue, Chino, CA; doors open at 6:30 PM; snacks and drinks served; for more information call Chaplain Michael at 909-374-8356.

October 21 ❖ Woodstock Chapel Fundraising Banquet:

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, Ontario; doors open at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM; for reservations or more information, call Chaplain Len at 519-539-2137 (chapel) or 519-536-6045 (cell).

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October Health Observances

Each month of the calendar year has a day, a week, or even the entire month labeled to create awareness of various illnesses. Here are a few health topics for October.

October is **Healthy Lung Month**. Several conditions can cause Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). This is a broad category that covers everything from chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and non-reversible asthma. These conditions can be the result of smoking, working in industries where toxic fumes are present, long-term exposure to irritants, not using proper protective equipment, or genetics.

The Mayo Clinic lists the following as symptoms of COPD:

- Shortness of breath, especially during physical activities
- Wheezing
- Chest tightness
- Having to clear your throat first thing in the morning, due to excess mucus in your lungs
- A chronic cough that may produce mucus (sputum) that may be clear, white, yellow, or greenish
- Blueness of the lips or fingernail beds (cyanosis)
- Frequent respiratory infections
- Lack of energy
- Unintended weight loss (in later stages)
- Swelling in ankles, feet, or legs

Talk to your doctor about a spirometry test. This can help determine the extent of the disease and course of treatment. Other tests include x-ray, CAT Scan, and arterial blood gas analysis. Medications and lung therapy can help ease symptoms and prevent flare-ups.

October is also **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. This is an important topic for women truck drivers as one in eight women will be diagnosed in her lifetime. Women generally know more about what to look for during self-exams and the importance of annual mammogram screenings so that treatment can begin.

However, **don't think you are exempt simply because you are a man**. According to nationalbreastcancer.org, while male breast cancer is rare, those who develop it are more likely to die because awareness is low and it may be some time before the diagnosis is made and treatment

started. According to the Mayo Clinic, symptoms are similar in both women and men, and include:

- A painless lump or thickening of breast tissue
- Changes to the skin covering your breast (dimpling, puckering, redness, scaling)
- Changes to the nipple such as redness or scaling, or a nipple that turns inward; or discharge from the nipple.

Factors that may increase your risk are:

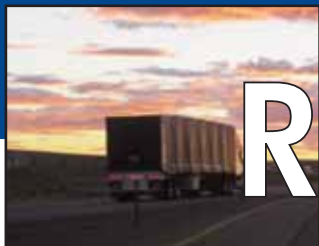
- Your age (peak incidence is between the ages of 68 and 71)
- Exposure to estrogen (usually from hormone replacement therapy or drugs for prostate cancer)
- Family history of breast cancer in a close relative
- Klinefelter's Syndrome—a genetic syndrome when a male has more than one copy of the X chromosome
- Liver disease, obesity, radiation exposure, testicle disease, or surgery

The NationalBreastCancer.org website is a good source of information; or you can order helpful booklets from them. Also, talk to your doctor at your next appointment to assess your risk.

The first full week of October is **Mental Illness Awareness Week**, and October 5 is **National Depression Screening Day**, an effort to educate people about mental health and to connect them with support services. Mood disorder screening is as important as testing for diabetes and high blood pressure. You can visit your doctor or local clinic, OR you can take an anonymous screening at <http://helpyourselfhelpothers.org>.

Last but not least, October 15-21 is **International Infection Prevention Week**. Time to get an annual flu shot so that not only do you remain healthy but you stop the spreading of this deadly virus to others who may be immuno-compromised. Remember to wash your hands, sneeze/cough into a tissue, and stay home if you have a fever. And keep in mind that a bad cold is not the flu. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness that can develop complications such as pneumonia, sinus infections, asthma, congestive heart failure, and others. Take care of yourself: prevention is the key! ☺

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



What Is Truth?

Everybody is sure that what they believe is right. Because of this, marriages end in divorce, business partnerships break up, and sports teams experience fighting among players because of ultra-inflated egos, resulting in the team not performing at its full potential. And those are just a few examples.

Everybody has an opinion or conviction about life in general. We may jokingly say to one another, “I don’t discuss politics or religion,” yet the fabric of our lives is woven with political and religious views. Those views are formed mainly from our culture and position in life, and often form a barrier between us and those who think differently from us. To blend our differences calls for strength to cross that barrier.

Problems arise when we refuse to see, hear, or acknowledge another person’s idea, conviction, or argument. This happens even with people of similar beliefs; how much greater is the strife when convictions and ideologies clash. Each is as sure he is right as the next. But so often what we deem right is merely a preference—not a life or death matter. The definition and use of words can cause much confusion. We discuss much about what we value, but when we speak of our values, we may mean something completely different from what someone else means.

The term “values” is directly associated with a standard of truth. Values are worthless unless there is a standard from which they are drawn. Some in the political arena flippantly speak of “values” being important to them while ignoring and defaming the “standard of truth.” They characterize the fatal belief today that says, “Truth is whatever you make it to be.”

There was a government official who once posed the same question many are asking today: “What is truth?” Pilate asked that question after Jesus stated, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was

born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me” (John 18:37). Earlier, Jesus had told those who believed in Him, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32).

We lost sight of the truth when we rebelled against God. But today each of us has the God-given privilege to make a choice. Do I desire to obey God and live by His truth (that is learned from the Bible) or rebel against Him and live outside truth? It does not become a matter of whether I am right, but is what I believe to be right governed by truth?

It is no wonder we flounder in confusion and pain when we do not plan our trip through this life by using God’s “Road Map,”—His Word—the standard that brings stability and peace to a nation and its people.

Driver, even if our nation and churches neglect God’s Road Map, you and I dare not, for it provides the standard by which we can know and do what is right in God’s sight. ☹

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G The Best of REEN ONION



by David Roberts

Getting 'Round-to-it

Green Onion handed Fog Horn a button with a round circle and the words "to it" written inside. "I figured you needed it as a reminder," he told Fog Horn. "What do you mean, Green Onion?" asked Fog. "I mean, maybe it will finally motivate you to get 'round-to-it! Or are you going to continue lounging around in your chronic disinclination to exertion?" "I don't know, Onion... I'll tell you when I get 'round-to-thinking about it." "I rest my case," said Green Onion in exasperation.

Not getting 'round-to-it is to procrastinate and to put off until tomorrow (or whenever) what could be done today. It's an addiction to postponement. "I'll do it later," is the song of the procrastinator.

But, as disturbing and counter-productive as procrastination can be in our daily lives, it can be outright devastating when it comes to our spiritual life. Did you "get 'round-to-it" when it comes to receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Are you born again? Do you agree that without Jesus you are a sinner without hope? "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12-13); "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" (1 Peter 1:23).

When you admit that you are a sinner and ask God to forgive you in Jesus Christ's name, God transfers all your sin, wickedness, rebellion, and willful selfishness onto Christ Who died for all who trust in Him as the only way, truth, and life (John 14:6)—and that includes you. Yes, He died for you so you could be born again!

The new birth occurs when God implants the Holy Spirit in you. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). As it is written, "There is no one

who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Romans 3:11-12).

The prophet Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV); and speaking through His prophet, God declared, "'Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD your God and have no awe of me,' declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty" (Jeremiah 2:19).

Emotional experiences will not save you. Seeing an angel or having an out-of-body experience or a healing will not save you. Going to church, reading the Bible, doing good works will not save you. Only trusting, believing in, and relying on Jesus Christ will save you; and if you are truly born again, the Holy Spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you belong to Him. The Apostle Paul said, "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:4-5).

So get 'round-to-it! "For he [God] says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Join me in prayer: *Lord God Almighty, I come before You in Jesus' name, knowing I cannot be saved by reason, religion, philosophy, or even good works. I believe You sent Your Son to die on the cross in my place. I now trust and believe in Him as my only way of salvation. Please come into my heart and life by the Holy Spirit. Amen.* ☺

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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.

ADMIT 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).

BELIEVE 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).

CONFESS 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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Come to Jesus Christ today and trust in Him alone for your salvation. 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."*

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