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Dear TFC workers and staff,
Thank you for your work with the drivers at our nation's highwaysThank you for the Bible lessons your staff gives us. I am 58 years old and have been driving truck for a long time, from our farm truck to driving for a trucking company to owning my own truck for the past 23 years and have been married to my wife for 38 years; she is my lifelong friend. Through Christ we know all things are made right.

*Randy & Val
Litchfield, MN*

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*David & Mary Hokenson
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A Word from Dan

The *Highway News* features articles by Dr. Karl Benzio from time to time. I was challenged by these sentences in a recent one (see the full feature on page 12):

“My daughter’s smile, a bright autumn day in New England, that glorious sunset, ocean splendor, the Grand Canyon, Hawaii’s volcanoes, the Highlands of Scotland, the Kenyan Serengeti, the Northern Lights, my wife’s face. All these beautiful and wondrous sights are meant to proclaim His presence in the world. Now, take a deep

breath—can you imagine what the Garden of Eden was like? It was far better than anything we see now. The amazing part is that these are just deposits on the real beauty promised and waiting for us in heaven. Are you drooling yet? Because if that doesn’t whet your appetite, I’m not sure what will.”

Many of you reading this editorial are experiencing the cold, gray days of winter. For some, the weather may be colder and grayer than for others. (Drivers in Zambia and Australia are smiling now!) Snow and ice make your journey hazardous. You could tell story after story of large and small vehicles that have slid into the median or over the edge of the highway. Then, you top the crest of a hill and are greeted with the grandeur of sun shining on ice-covered trees. Winter brings out the beauty and the beast in nature. They are both part of our experiences. The question is, which will you focus on?

Human nature seems to gravitate toward the ugly, the disappointing. Our stories at the lunch counter lean toward the stupidity of others or injustices done to us. Those exist; don’t get me wrong. But what about the unexpected positives like the majestic winter vistas?

Could you imagine this conversation at the fuel island? “I don’t know what has gotten into the water around here. I arrived at the warehouse for a delivery and they gave me a dock ten minutes early. Before I left, my dispatcher had a load waiting for me.” Or “Today, three four-wheelers gave me space to merge into their lanes.” Look for the positive and tell the stories about those moments. Thank God for those glimpses of grace.

Facebook and Instagram are ways to communicate the beauty in our experiences. *Highway News* loves to do that, too. Truck drivers get to see a variety of spectacles. Send your photos of wonder and your stories of surprising goodness to editor@transportforchrist.org. Maybe we will see some of the sights you see that will whet our appetites for heaven.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:8-9).

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On the cover and above: This bright blue Peterbilt was one of several Petes Brian Lambert displayed at the 2017 Keystone Diesel Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pennsylvania. This year's show date is July 21st, with July 22nd as the rain date. Photos by Donald Hollinger.

Transport For Christ...

Leading truck drivers as well as the trucking community to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith

TFC chapels offer truckers a place where they can find fellowship, encouragement, a listening ear, prayer in time of need, and at all times, the message of redemption in Jesus Christ.

The Lesson of the Water Glass

By Chaplain Donald Stanton

A trucker walked into the chapel and told me, "Chaplain Don, I won't be attending your chapel anymore, or any other chapel for that matter!"

"May I ask why?" I said.

The trucker replied, "I see people on their cell phones, texting and typing during the service. Some are gossiping, some just aren't living right, some I know are sleeping around—they're all hypocrites."

I stood there for a moment, then asked him, "Would you do me a favor before making your decision final?"

He replied, "Sure, what is it?"

I handed him a full glass of water and said, "Take this glass of water and walk around the outside of the chapel two times, and make sure you don't let any of the water spill out of the glass."

He agreed, took the glass, walked twice around the outside of the chapel, and came back in, proudly announcing, "Okay, it's done; and I didn't let a single drop spill!"

I took the glass from him and then asked him these questions: "Did you see anyone on their phone? Did you see anyone gossiping? Was anyone acting in a sinful way?"

He said, "I didn't notice any of that because I was focused on the glass, to make sure no water would spill out."

I told him, "When you come to this chapel, or any other chapel, or a church, you should be just as focused on Jesus as you were focused on this glass of water. Jesus called us to follow Him, not to follow other Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others act. Let it be determined by how focused you, yourself, are on God!" ☹️



Twice the trucker walked around the Ocala Chapel (shown above), his attention focused on making sure nothing spilled out of the glass of water. The lesson he learned will hopefully not be forgotten!

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
 Last month's truck (below) was a
 1936 GMC pickup model T-14.



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CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

"While I was out to lunch, a girl came in and went through the plan of salvation that's in the *Highway News*. She filled out the form in the magazine, stating that she had prayed to receive Jesus!"

- Chaplain Jay -

◆ Driver Dino came in and unloaded his worries and concerns for his family in Florida, especially about his wife, who was also in the hospital there with a heart attack. We prayed for those issues. *Chaplain Joe*

◆ Shortly after I arrived, I met a driver in the lot walking toward the chapel, so I invited him to come to the chapel with me; there I asked him if he had time to sit down and visit for a while, and he was open to it. He was tired, but listened as I shared with him from several passages of Scripture. In conclusion, we prayed together, and he prayed to accept Christ as his Savior. I told him I believed that had been a divine appointment. *Chaplain Allan*

◆ As I walked the lot, I gave Paul a copy of the *Highway News*. He read through the "Do You Know Your ABCs?" on the back page, and later came into the chapel. After a Bible study, he prayed the sinner's prayer. *Chaplain Tony*

◆ David, from Michigan, saw me sitting out on the deck and came to visit. He shared that he got saved sixteen years ago at a Petro in Oklahoma, and his wife got saved at the TFC Chapel in Nashville! *Chaplain Dwayne*

◆ Luis, from California, came in today, excited to see the chapel. He talked about the things in his life that changed when he trusted Christ many years ago. He looked through the things we hand out so he could have them on his truck. I shared our mission statement and why we are here. He lives in the suburbs of Ontario, California, and I told him about our chapel there and encouraged him to visit. *Chaplain Tim*

◆ A young driver came in stating he hadn't been in church for three months and that he had been driving for only a few months. After a short while, he told me he is dealing with a problem with pornography and wants to find victory over it. Before he left, I prayed with him for the healing and victory over his problem with pornography. *Chaplain Gary*

◆ Mike was very tired but in need of fellowship and hearing God's Word. He was very glad the chapel was open. I shared a message from Romans 12:1-2, and we had a time of prayer. *Chaplain David*

◆ A young couple came in; they're engaged to be married and they're both drivers, but one drives for one company and the other drives for another. They said after they are married they are going to drive as a team. They stopped in 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. *Chaplain Ed*

◆ Doug came into the chapel and we had a good time fellowshiping over the Word of God. Doug confessed he had gotten away from God and from going to church. I prayed that God would bring him back to Himself and for true repentance and obedience. *Chaplain Gordon*

◆ One driver came in and told me he accepted Jesus earlier in his life but said he had fallen away. Tonight marked the beginning of a renewed desire to follow Jesus Christ. *Chaplain Fred*

◆ Three men came in for the service this morning because yesterday they received one of our appreciation bags that were handed out. We had a great time of worship and fellowship. *Chaplain Doug*

◆ Sean came to the corn roast, depressed from a bad breakup with his girlfriend. He saw me go into the chapel and followed me in. His friend, who is a Christian, came in with him. After Sean shared his struggles, I shared Christ with him, and told him Jesus is the answer to his struggles. I asked him if he would like to give his life to God. He said yes, and I went through the Scriptures with him and then asked his friend if he wanted to lead him in the sinner's prayer, which he did. I then laid my hands on him and led him in a prayer of thanksgiving. *Chaplain Paul*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

No Greater Love

Valentine's Day. Time to think of love and friendship. Time to express affection and appreciation to those around us. However, for many, the day may be only a reminder of disappointment, loss, or betrayal. A reminder of love or friendship gone wrong.

Could it be because we so often put a burden on those we love, expecting them to supply all our emotional needs? Let's face it, even the best relationships are open to disappointment, because no human relationship can truly satisfy the need of the human heart, no matter how close and how deep the relationship may be. Why?

Because the human heart was made for God. Only His love can fulfill it. It was St. Augustine who said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You." He's also the one who said, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us." And His love is not dependent on our performance or ability to love Him back. As author Philip Yancey wrote, "Grace teaches us that God loves because of Who God is, not because of who we are."

Not only can He fulfill the need of our hearts and give us rest, but He wants to do it! He has shown for you and me the greatest form of love: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13); or, in the familiar words of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (NKJV). And in Jeremiah 31:3 He tells us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (NKJV).

That's Jesus' love for us—He lay down His life for us in order that we could be reconciled with Him and find rest in His love. Will you open your heart and receive His love today? He is waiting for you with arms wide open. ☺

Open Your Heart to His Love Today—He Is Waiting for You

- ☒ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- ☒ Confess Him 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.

July 22 was a beautiful day for another beautiful truck show - the 5th Annual Keystone Diesel Nationals at the Maple Grove Raceway. Here are some of the great trucks on display that day; there were many more, coming from several other states. One disappointment this year was that I had to miss most of the evening big truck drag races because of other commitments.

There is one thing about this show that has been consistent through the years: the kindness of the staff, who will go the extra mile to be helpful and please you. So thank you, Mark, Randy, and all the gang for another fine show!



Keystone Diesel Nationals: Another Beautiful Show

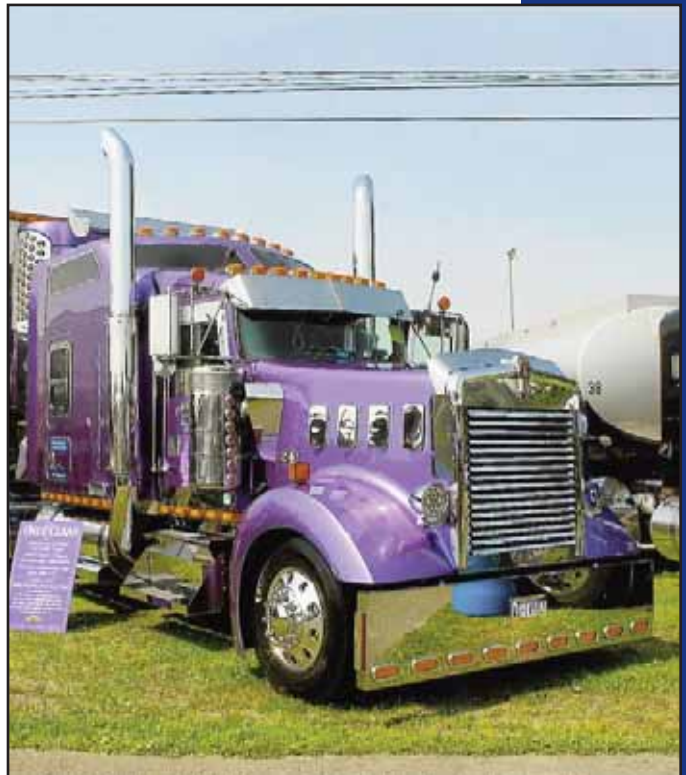
By Donald Hollinger

Photos by Donald Hollinger and Doris High



Below: A beautiful 1999 Kenworth W900L, owned by John & Kim Jaikes.

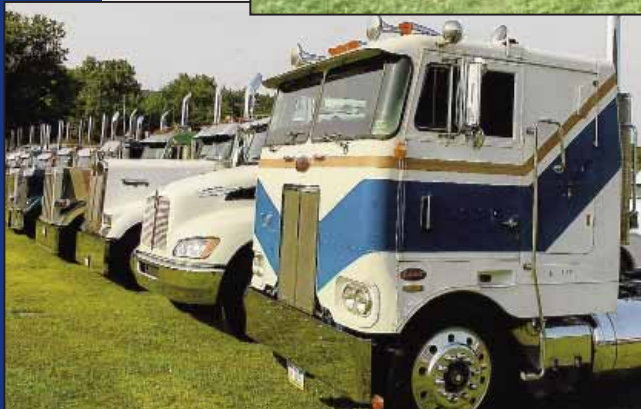
Again this year they welcomed the TFC Chapel and once again provided a choice spot for it, right inside the main entrance, in the shade, and with space enough to set up a table and chairs for folks who may want to stop and chat, or just rest a while.



Remember, there are a lot more great trucks like these to see in the online edition of Highway News!



Above: A totally restored 2013 Peterbilt owned by Mark Hollen from Denver Truck Painting. Later in the summer it won Best of Show at the Carlisle Truck Nationals. The company painted several of the TFC tractors through the years.



Above: While the wording and logo are gone, most folks who saw this truck knew that at one time it hauled a TFC chapel!

Right: A heavy-duty 1987 Mack Superliner, owned by W. Hetrick from Oreland, Pennsylvania.





Cerwin and Doris High took the chapel to Maple Grove, and Doris, of course, had her faithful camera along. These are some views from her perspective.

Top: Another fancy truck lineup

Middle right: Lineup of trucks arriving through the gate (right next to the chapel)

Above: This trucker would probably insist that's not pink, that's magenta!

Right: The reflection of the yellow lines on the bumper made for an interesting shot!

More Trucks for Your Viewing Pleasure





God Wants You to Get Where God Wants You to Go More Than You Want to Get Where God Wants You to Go

I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

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

- ◆ I met Chad over in the trucker store. He really just needed to talk and have a word of prayer. He seems just 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.
- ◆ Johnny just started driving on his own and really misses his family. He is a "professing 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 30 minutes together in prayer and study in the Word. He left encouraged and a lot lighter.
- ◆ Josh used to be an outlaw biker, and 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. PTL, he did just that!
- ◆ After the service, I had a brother in Christ come in and begin to testify and share God's Word. Then he suggested he pray for me and we had a glorious time in the Lord.
- ◆ I met Ray and we struck up a conversation. He couldn't answer how to get to heaven. I shared from the Bible the plan of salvation. 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 gay bartender at a gay bar. We talked for a couple 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 Gideon's International conference, I had the privilege to speak with the youth group, and five young people surrendered their lives to Jesus for salvation.
- ◆ I was called down to my Christian neighbor to pray for him about his cancer. Before I prayed, I asked everyone to join us 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 Solid Rock Chapel in Denver, Colorado

- ◆ While I was eating supper, this man commented that he liked my hat which is a TFC cap with "Jesus Is Lord" on it. He gave me a donation. I thanked him for his gift.
- ◆ A driver, a native American from New Mexico, came in while his truck was being washed. He was very frustrated and unsettled. He admitted being an alcoholic and trying to stop drinking. But he said he could not ask God's forgiveness until he forgave others. We prayed before he had to leave.
- ◆ Fernando came over while his truck was being washed. He has some Bible background but still thinks that he can go to Heaven by doing good things. His mind is very open to hear what the Bible says. He had to leave, but gladly accepted a New Testament in Spanish and two tracts.
- ◆ A man by the name of Armand, from Iowa, came into the Chapel and we had quite a discussion about the Holy Spirit, Jesus, and the God the Father. He is originally from Brazil.
- ◆ A woman came in to the chapel seeking prayer for her son's tractor trailer. It seems the linkage to the accelerator had malfunction. We prayed for the Lord's intervention.
- ◆ James came in looking for a book of prayers. I told him we don't have such a book, but also informed him that he didn't need a book of prayers to pray—he could just talk to God and tell Him what was on his heart.
- ◆ Hubert stopped in for an hour or more of good fellowship. Being a person who passes out tracts, he was glad to have a box of New Testaments to hand out.
- ◆ At 8:00 PM I was at the fuel counter and a conversation began with a driver. Apparently hungry for fellowship and conversation about the Lord, he invited me to have a bite to eat with him. We left at 10:30 PM!
- ◆ Susie and Gary came in for prayer. Gary is a driver and they had fueled up and saw the chapel so they came in, glad the chapel was open.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

From the Logs of the Bondage Breaker Chapel in Sacramento, California

- ◆ I met driver Tony out front. He hadn't been paid from his company and wanted to know if there was free food around. As I was responding to him, another driver walked up whom I recognized as a somewhat frequent visitor. He offered to take Tony to dinner. I am always amazed to see God work right in front of me.
- ◆ Driver Jerel came in to visit. He is a veteran and just became a driver. Not long after we began, Sandra came in and joined our conversation. The time went by as we were fellowshiping. Then driver Tom came in for Bible study; it was a productive night for fellowship and Bible study. Praise the Lord!
- ◆ Driver Malian came in for the evening service; we had a good time of fellowship, study, and prayer. He left with a smile on his face.

From the Logs of the SeedPlanter Chapel in Elkton, Maryland

- ◆ Driver Matthew, 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.
- ◆ A driver came in with many questions. I witnessed to him and presented the plan of salvation. He knows what he must do but is not ready to make the commitment. He did ask for a Bible and I gave him one, and other materials as well. Praise God the chapel was open.
- ◆ Quentin came in for a long time. He had a lot to talk about and asked about how to find God's direction for his life. I shared several Scriptures and then we had a time of prayer. He doesn't have any other place where he can get the truth, God's Word, except here at the chapel.
- ◆ A driver came in saying he didn't know why he came in, but he needed to talk. He is a Vietnam vet and is suffering mentally from what he had to do in the line of duty to protect him and his fellow soldiers. I listened, shared God's Word and prayed with him. He said it was good to be able to share all this and it was a big help to him.
- ◆ Driver Steven came in for some encouragement. I read God's Word to encourage him, and prayed for him.
- ◆ I had a visitor from the Ukraine. He is here for the summer, and staying in Toronto. I gave him a Bible and a copy of the *Highway News* magazine. He was very interested in the chapel. I prayed God's blessings upon him. He took pictures of me outside the chapel.
- ◆ A driver came in with his wife and ten-month-old baby. He is a new drivers and it was his first time in a chapel. I shared the Gospel and asked if they were saved, they said yes. I gave both of them a Bible and prayed with them and their son to grow up to love Jesus.
- ◆ A driver from Maryland came in with a heavy burden. His truck broke down, he was broke, and facing a situation that was causing guilt issues. I listened to him and then encouraged him to get back to God and pray for forgiveness and strength to get back on track. I bought him a meal and then we prayed together.

From the Logs of the Indy Lighthouse Chapel in Indianapolis, Indiana

- ◆ Leroy and Valerie, a trucker and his wife, visited the chapel. He talked about his desire to serve God as a pastor in some capacity, beyond what he does, ministering as a trucker—possibly prison ministry.
- ◆ Abel came in saying it was his first time in a chapel. We talked for a while and then I asked if he was saved, or born again. He said no, but he went to church. He now knows Jesus as his Savior, as he was born again today. PTL!
- ◆ Father and son, both drivers, came in and stayed for forty-five minutes; both had great Bible knowledge and broad experience in their Christian walk. We had a great discussion on book of Revelation, the end times, and the Gospel of John. Before they left we prayed together for the Lord's return and peace for Jerusalem.
- ◆ A driver from Tennessee came in, originally from Jamaica. We had a great time sharing our faith.
- ◆ I and Chaplain Tony met with two people, truckers who had been here during the afternoon and returned for the evening service. They stayed and played guitar and we all sang hymns; I played along with my harmonica and sang with them—we had a great time of worship!

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

From the Logs of the Harbor Light Chapel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

- ◆ A driver came in for some fellowship. He is still grieving the loss of his wife back in April from a heart attack, but said that he was feeling God wanted him to give his entire life to Him, but he is afraid to take the next step. I prayed with him and asked the Lord to give him guidance in his walk with Jesus. Then Paul came in for some fellowship. He gave his testimony of how the Lord has been good to him. He talked for about an hour and then said he would be back for the service tomorrow.
- ◆ Andy came in today. He stopped here yesterday saying he just wanted to pray. Today he wanted to talk. He let a lot of personal issues out. He wanted some prayer and was seeking counsel. We spent about three hours in the Scriptures and prayer.
- ◆ A driver from Serbia, now driving truck in the USA, came in. He is a Christian and we talked for a while, he just wanted some fellowship.
- ◆ A driver came in around 6:00 PM. He had a lot going on in his life and needed someone to talk to. I asked him if he knows the Lord as his Savior, he said he did. He said when he prayed it made him feel good but when he did not pray his day would not be good. I asked him to stay for the evening service because that is going to be the message tonight.
- ◆ Had a visitor, Donna; she stopped in to get a *Daily Bread* devotional and to thank us for the service we provide for the drivers.
- ◆ Charles came in and asked if we would pray for his wife who is dying of heart disease. He can't be home with her because he needs to work to pay for hospice care. I prayed with him and for his wife. Both know Jesus as their Savior.
- ◆ A driver from Mississippi came in and we talked for about four hours about faith and life. He was a long way from home and his family. He said he has been on the road for a week and has two more to go before getting back home. He just needed someone to talk to. Glad I was here for him!
- ◆ A lady was here Sunday night asking us to pray for her because she is on her third round of cancer treatment. She stopped back in the chapel today to say thanks for praying for her. She stayed for about two hours, and we talked about the Scriptures and how Satan does his best to deceive us but we have the victory in Christ.
- ◆ A driver came in seeking prayer. He has been out of trucking for a few years and is back driving truck. He is having a hard time with the shifting and his trainer is getting impatient with him. I prayed with him to get his shifting down and for his trainer to have patience with him.

From the Logs of the Crossroad Chapel in Lodi, Ohio

- ◆ A driver and his wife stopped in to pick up a *Daily Bread* devotional and leave an offering, and they ask for prayer for their travels, loads, health, and for the Lord's blessings.
- ◆ Scott dropped in around 8:00 PM and stayed until 9:45 PM. It was a time of encouraging each other in the 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 we started the worship service; he 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, 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 wanted to be prayed over. Around 9:00 PM Brian stopped by and we chatted until after midnight, talking about life and the Lord.



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Beauty Deposits from God

By Dr. Karl Benzio

Last evening, I glanced out my window and noticed the most unusual, eye-catching colors in the sky. The setting sun created a spectacular scheme of light and shade that dazzled my eyes. After a minute of soaking it in, I walked away. Then something brought me back to that window for a much longer gaze. Then and there, I was struck with the realization that displays of beauty must have been designed to declare the existence of His Holy Being. I realized only God Himself could create such day-halting beauty.

My daughter's smile, a bright autumn day in New England, that glorious sunset, ocean splendor, the Grand Canyon, Hawaii's volcanoes, the Highlands of Scotland, the Kenyan Serengeti, the Northern Lights, my wife's face. All these beautiful and wondrous sights are meant to proclaim His Presence in the world. Now, take a deep breath—can you imagine what the Garden of Eden was like? It was far better than anything we see now. The amazing part is that these are just deposits on the real beauty promised and waiting for us in heaven. Are you drooling yet? Because if that doesn't whet your appetite, I'm not sure what will.

Heaven's amazing, divine splendor, untainted by the decay and sin of this world, will be like an endless museum of masterpieces, leading to the ultimate perfect Master, God. Everything else will pale and become insignificant after we see Him. Just as time seems to stand still when we gaze at a sunset, time will stand still forever in His divine, awe-inspiring, magnificent presence.

However, there's a problem. Satan's plan is to: 1) get us to worship the beautiful art and forget about the Perfect Artist (chalk it up to the Big Bang Theory); 2) keep us so busy and jaded that we don't appreciate God or the gracious blessings of beauty deposits that are appetizers to the real banquet we will enjoy someday; and 3) distort

our lenses, so that sin appears beautiful or valuable to us and purity seems weak, ugly or an obstacle.

Today, do not rush past these proclamations of beauty without enjoying and giving thanks for them. The beauty of life is hard to see while sin and destruction in this world provoke so much pain. Think about what they point to—our eternal place, gazing at God and being with Him. Hopefully this assurance, hope and reality will overshadow the darkness, ugliness, and problems you are encountering today. Whether you view God's beauty deposits in this world or you focus on the sin and destruction, it's your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father God, I worship You in the beauty of Your Holiness. Thank You for giving me glimpses of Your ultimate beauty. Help me, Father, to savor the beauty deposits You have provided. Your beauty is a gift. Thank You, Father. Help me fix my lenses on You, liberated from this upside down world that sees beauty in evil. Help me dig for Your gems in a dark world. But most importantly, help me remember that I, too, am a beauty deposit. I carry a responsibility myself—to declare Your glorious being to the world just as Your beauty deposits declare your beauty to me. I pray these words in the name of ultimate beauty, Jesus Christ.

The Truth

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork” (Psalm 19:1).

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



Is Stress Getting the Best of You?

Everywhere you look these days, there is stress. Life has guaranteed it. Or should I say, sin has guaranteed it. Jesus told his disciples in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus delivered these words of encouragement after He had informed the disciples of the threats they would experience due to the message they would be proclaiming about Him after he was gone. Talk about stress!

Is stress overcoming you? Have you given up on life? Stress is most often caused by poor choices and decisions that result in poor health, poor relationships, and unstable futures. If that is so, is it possible we create our own stress? Or is it merely the way we respond to our stress?

Let's talk about relationships. We fail to connect the dots. We partner with people every day; people we do not even know. We partner with people on the highway or in the checkout line. We choose to ignore someone cutting us off in traffic instead of letting him know what we think. Or we may invite an individual with fewer items to go ahead of us at the checkout counter. Often we do better partnering with these strangers than with those closest to us. Are we more gracious to a stranger than those closest to us? Partnering means being considerate, forgiving, and helpful for the expediency of a relationship.

Stress can come from either a great love or hate for someone. When does love turn to hate and more often indifference? Maybe you are stressed over the realization that the communication of your deepest feelings did not meet with understanding. Or it is the nagging question, "Is the other person living a lie simply for their advantage?"

Taking a relationship for granted can also be stressful. It is assumed that no matter what I do or say, the other person will always love me. It is that need we are born with—to love and be loved. It is inherent in all of us. But

the sin of self wars against the fulfillment of this deepest need.

When two people live to satisfy and bless the other, a bond is established and, if maintained, can become the human picture of God's love and commitment to them. Thus, the marriage of a man and woman living in a life-long commitment is the foundation for a life better capable of handling the stress that is sure to come. But the foundation begins with the relationship one has with Jesus Christ. It begins by acknowledging the sin nature within us that constantly wants to please self. It is the decision to confess sin, repent, and believe the sacrifice of Jesus' death on the cross frees us from the penalty of being eternally separated from God.

Jesus overcomes the stress in our lives when we realize the need to yield our lives to Him and live according to His will. That is when we live by the power of His Holy Spirit. Without that power we are powerless to battle the sin nature that is always looking out for #1. When you squeeze an orange, you expect orange juice. The Apostle Paul tells us that when a believer in Jesus Christ is squeezed, the result should be "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-25).

When life squeezes you, do people see Jesus?

Happy Valentine's Day! ☺

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G The Best of GREEN ONION



by David Roberts

Lost and Found

Hey, Green Onion! I found them!" shouted Hog Caller, excitedly. "What did you find, Hog?" "My lost teeth! Would you believe they were still in the truck stop restroom after two days?" "Yes, I do, Hog — who would even touch some old yellow dentures, let alone steal them? But don't worry, if you hadn't found them, I would have let you use mine after I had finished eating my lunch."

Lost treasures are at the heart of many great stories. There's a story of a king who found the greatest treasure that has ever been lost. The story is in the Bible, and the treasure was God's Word. It was discovered by Hilkiah, the high priest of Judah during the days of King Josiah. During the restoration of the temple, some workers found the book (or rather, the scroll) and took it to the high priest, who told the king, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord" (2 Kings 22:8). When King Josiah "heard the words of the book of the law" (verse 11) and realized how far the nation had strayed from God, his reaction was true repentance, which brought revival to the nation of Judah.

Throughout the ages, God, in His grace, providentially preserved His inspired Holy Word. The Holy Spirit of God guided all the writers to record all that He wanted us to know until we see Him, the Author and Finisher of our faith, face to face.

God's Holy Book tells us of the greatest, most awesome gift He has ever given to us, His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross of Calvary to pay for the penalty of our sins. After spending an incredible day with Jesus, Andrew, who would become one of Christ's disciples, found his brother, Simon Peter, and told him, "'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:40-42). And another disci-

ple, Philip, said to his friend Nathaniel, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:45).

Have you found Him? Do you know Jesus Christ in a personal way? John wrote that his purpose for writing his Gospel was "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Bible says that all who have not been born again, all who have not personally repented of their sins, are lost. Jesus the Good Shepherd is searching for them like the man who left ninety-nine of his sheep safely in their pen and went out to find the one that was lost; when he found it, he carried it home rejoicing. In the same way Jesus says there will be rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:7).

Repentance means turning from your sins and believing that Jesus Christ is the only way, truth, and life and that He alone can save 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).

When Jesus came into this world, He took the humble position of a servant. God appeared in human form. His eternal purpose was to provide salvation through His death on the cross for us lost, sinful rebels. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

The Bible says that "we all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). We are all lost! But we are found when we receive Him. If you are lost, you can be found! And if you are found, seek to help the Lord, the Good Shepherd, find others so there will be great rejoicing in heaven. ☺

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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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