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From the Mailbox



Dear Ones,
Our oldest GRANDson just completed and passed (Praise the Lord!) to obtain his license to become a truck driver. It has given us a fresh appreciation and concern for all truck drivers (those trailers are sooo long, from this grandmother's perspective!). How much we appreciate your ministry! We always look forward to seeing your booth at the Wayne-Ashland County Fair. A chaplain and retired truck driver this summer gave us sound advice regarding our grandson wanting to be a trucker. We are more concerned and committed to praying for truckers today! Thank you all for being on the frontlines for Jesus, going the second mile where the rubber meets the road!

*Mr. & Mrs. Clair G.
Bellville, OH*

I received a care package at the truck stop and just want to thank you for it.

*Bruno, via email
sent to Chaplain Sam McIntosh
Pass Lake Chapel*

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A Word from Dan

My wife, Melody, says I'm a terrible driver. I'll take that as a compliment and I credit my experiences of driving in the Chicago metro area as well as driving in Dublin, Ireland.

Having cut my teeth on driving in semi-rural Pennsylvania, I was taught to be kind to other drivers and let them go first. When I was kind at an Irish "roundabout" (i.e., three-lane [!] traffic circles), I nearly brought the whole system to a standstill. Mr.

Kinsella, my Irish driving instructor, got me to a safe place to pull over, sternly looked me square in the eyes, and said, "Know what you're going to do ahead of time, be watchful, and execute your move like you know what you're doing."

So, Melody dear, I'm not a terrible driver; I am now a confident driver!

Like driving, personal interactions can be aggressive or assertive. Let's get these two words straight. Aggressive is bad and assertive may be positive. Using aggressive social actions, a person insists on his or her way by belittling, endangering, or harming another. The aggressor bullies another into what the aggressor demands. An aggressor thinks only of himself and intimidates the other person or the broader group. An aggressor may even be right but beats others down in the approach. Too many families are torn to shreds by a self-centered, demanding, bullying member.

Assertive driving or assertive social interaction, on the other hand, is knowing your lane and sounding the horn if the texting driver begins to drift into your lane. Assertiveness knows the boundaries and works confidently within those boundaries. There are cases when boundaries need to be created. In an unfaithful, abusive marriage, an assertive spouse says, "I love you but this behavior needs to change." "Let's agree on a plan which includes specific boundaries, and work toward preserving our marriage." Assertiveness is direct, specific, courageous, and has the best intent for all involved.

The Apostle Paul wrote that gentleness is an indicator of the Holy Spirit at work (Galatians 5:23). Gentleness is defined as "strength under control." Gentle and assertive qualities have this in common: pursuing the best with all vigor for one another.

"A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).



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On the cover: This 1974 KW, with a 350 Cummins engine and 13-speed transmission, is the one Dave Kurtz restored and took to shows (see article on page 8).

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

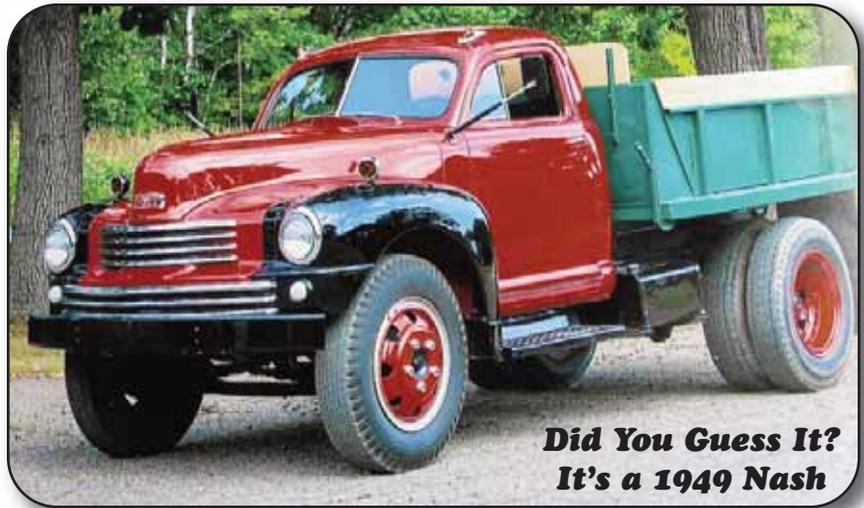
TFC chapels offer truckers a place where they can find fellowship, encouragement, a listening ear, prayer in time of need, and at all times, the message of redemption in Jesus Christ.

Nash: A Very Rare Truck

By Donald Hollinger

I wonder how many of our readers knew Nash made trucks; in fact, younger folks probably never heard of a Nash car. So here's a bit of history about it.

Charles Nash was president of General Motors until 1916, when he bought the Thomas B. Jeffery Car Company in Kenosha, Wisconsin. By the 1920s, Nash



**Did You Guess It?
It's a 1949 Nash**



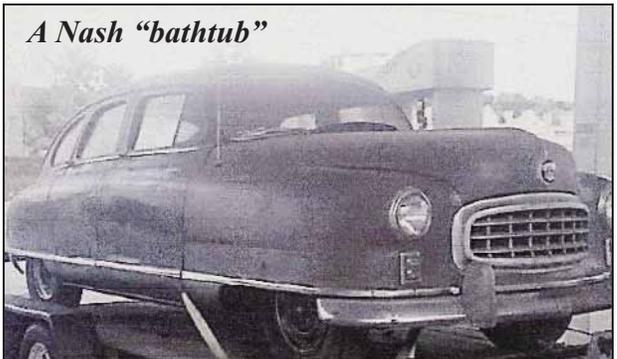
Nash cars from the 1940s—grille just like the trucks'

Nash trucks were built from 1947 to 1954, and the grilles looked nearly the same as the cars from the 1940s. The dash of the trucks was also a carbon copy of the '46 to '48 sedans, painted dark green and with all round gauges. The trucks used the 234.8 CID, overhead valve, and a six-cylinder engine that produced 104 HP. This was actually 8 HP less than the Nash Ambassador sedan!

Approximately 5,000 of these trucks were built, primarily for export; however, Nash dealerships in the United States could each order one of them to use as a tow truck. Some were also used as semi tractors, pulling flatbed trailers hauling car bodies from body plants to assembly line locations. They were equipped with a five-speed transmission; a Timken double reduction hypoid vacuum-shift rear axle that increased the forward "gears" to eight was available at additional cost. Their standard axle was rated at 14,000- or 15,500-pound GVD ratings with an optional two-speed rear axle.

The green and red 1949 Nash featured as last month's "Guess Truck" is owned by Myron Felix, from Cold Spring, Minnesota. Myron did all the restoration himself, and most of it in his own shop. ☺

was building cars with his own name, and thus the Nash Motor Company was born. The company thrived in the '30s and '40s. Some of you reading this may remember the Nash Rambler, very popular in the '50s and '60s. There was also one Nash (not sure of the model) that many called "the bathtub" because it resembled, as the nickname indicated, an upside down bathtub. That's the history about its cars.



A Nash "bathtub"

Can You Guess This One?

Send guess to editor@transportforchrist.org





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!

Letting Go

Mac:...and Lord, thank You for my brothers. I ask You to guide our conversation this evening. Amen.

Pete: Hey guys, I'm going to jump right in 'cause I know we need to keep this short and on point. We just got word that our daughter Tiya was accepted to university in Montreal starting this fall. I've never been to college, but I hear all the horror stories of the trouble that kids get into. Honestly, guys, I'm worried about her. She has her head screwed on tight with her faith and she's responsible and all, but I guess there are no guarantees.

Mac: I hear you, buddy. Seems like some of those professors are determined to mess up their minds.

Ken: You guys know I graduated from university last year, right?

Mac and Pete: Yeah, that's right.

Mac: And look where that's got ya—stuck behind a steering wheel watching the world through a windshield.

Ken: Ha ha. I guess I discovered that I'd rather be looking out a window than looking at a computer screen all day. Anyway, college was the best thing that happened to me. Pete, I know your daughter is following Christ—you told us how you and your wife have been

praying for your kids and teaching them from the Bible. She has a rock-solid base. I didn't have that. My dad tore away any interest I might have had in God long before I got to university. I guess my story is backwards to some people. At university, I discovered God. It seemed by accident that in my first days on campus I ran into some decent guys who seemed pretty normal but were also committed to their faith. They helped me on my journey to faith.

Pete: You *are* a little backwards, KW (chuckle). But you're right. Jezila and I have tried hard to help all three of our offspring follow Christ ever since they were born in Haiti and then when we moved to Quebec. And I think we and our church have given them a pretty good foundation.

Mac: Believe it or not, guys, I've taken a couple courses at my local community college back when I was doing local delivery runs. It was a little scary to listen to some of the regular students. But what I discovered was that they didn't always believe what they were boldly spouting off. I'd talk to some of them and it turned out that they were "trying out" some ideas they picked up on YouTube or from one of the professors. Even the "Christian" kids! Turns out they were trying to work out what they believed for themselves. They didn't want to just parrot their mom or dad's beliefs.

Pete: Sure, I hear ya. But what if my daughter doesn't land squarely on Christ like we taught her?

Mac: You just said two different things. Your daughter being firmly in Christ and "like we taught her." The next generation doesn't always hold to the exact interpretations that the previous taught. I view some spiritual issues differently than my parents, and my kids are different than my wife and me. It's all part of them making their faith their own and not their parents'. The main issue is your daughter walking fully with Christ. So you need to give her space to develop her own relationship with Jesus. I never prayed so hard as I do now for my kids.

Ken: And keep talking with her about the important things. Stay close. The best thing for me during my doubts in college was having a man from my church to talk to since my dad was not a support. And now, it's you guys. Talking out loud about questions helps get ideas in perspective.

Pete: Jezila and I appreciate your thoughts. I hope you'll pray for us as we navigate these new waters with Tiya.

Mac: Good luck on covering that tuition. That's another big issue!

Ken: I'm logging off and will be praying for both of you and your families. ☺

CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

"Randy said he went to church as a youngster, was baptized and confirmed, but never understood the fact that heaven is a free gift based on what Christ did on the cross and that He rose again. He was thrilled when he understood that it was 100% what Christ accomplished for him. He accepted the Lord today. He left with a smile and was very grateful!"

- Chaplain Norm -

◆ A driver knocked on the door at 2:30 AM. He has been driving for just two weeks and is concerned about his pull towards porn. He was in a gang from the age of twelve but left it, having seen it for what it was. He accepted Jesus at age nineteen. He had a sincere heart and I prayed for him, taking authority over the hold of Satan upon his life. He said he saw the lit "Open" sign by the chapel door and knocked. As he left he said he was so thankful that I was here for him. *Chaplain Gary*

◆ Two men brought Corey in to hear the Gospel. I opened in prayer, gave everyone a Bible, and had Corey read several verses and asked him what they meant to him. Corey made a decision to repent and surrender to Jesus today! *Chaplain Jay*

◆ John and his wife came in. The wife obviously understood salvation, but John had no clue. He grew up in a religious family but rarely participated in church. I led him to the Lord using the third chapter of the Gospel of John. *Chaplain Jim*

◆ One driver stopped in and we shared testimonies. He used to have a drinking problem, his wife left him, and he was ready to commit suicide when his mother-in-law told him to turn to Jesus and ask Him for help. A seed was planted. He did turn to the Lord and is free of the evil past. Now he desires to get involved in the Lord's work. We prayed together and praised our Savior! *Chaplain James*

◆ A driver from Maryland came in with a heavy burden. His truck broke down, he was broke and in a situation that was causing him to have 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. *Chaplain David*

◆ A driver came in with his wife and ten-month-old baby. He is a new driver, and it was their first time in a chapel. I shared the Gospel and asked if they were saved, and they said yes. I gave both of them a Bible and prayed with them and their son to grow up to love Jesus. *Chaplain Bob*

◆ Driver Andrew came into the chapel and I had the opportunity to ask him if he had time for me to share a passage of Scripture with him. He said yes, and I opened the Bible to Isaiah 12 and read it to him. I read more Scriptures to him and then asked him if he wanted to pray with me and invite Christ to come into his heart. He said yes, and today Andrew was saved! *Chaplain Allan*

◆ Fely and her husband came into the chapel tonight because they heard the announcement at the store. As we talked, they admitted that they were not sure of their spiritual future. Our study consisted of the Gospel of John and the book of Romans. After the study, they gave their hearts to Jesus. *Chaplain Tony*

◆ 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 her hospice care. I prayed with him and for his wife. Charles said they both know Jesus as their Savior. *Chaplain Rich*

◆ A driver from Quebec stopped in, a nice man but not interested in the Gospel. After a while he let me pray for him and also accepted a copy of *Highway News*. *Chaplain Gerrit*

◆ There was a Muslim man sitting alone in the TV lounge when I arrived. We got into a conversation which lasted for a while. He challenged me with some questions. I listened, while praying, and tried to respond to a few and then shared the need for the cross and the identity of Jesus Christ. It was a good meeting, which I believe God ordained. *Chaplain John*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Body Work for Your Rig and Your Life

As truckers, it is critical that we keep our rigs in top mechanical condition so each run ends on time without any unexpected breakdowns. But it's also important to keep our rigs clean. Dirt left embedded in the body can lead to rust and corrosion, weakening its structural integrity.

Our personal lives are like that, too. We harbor hidden sin, the wrong actions and thoughts that eventually will eat away at our souls, condemning us to spiritual death.

And we all are guilty of sin. The Bible says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We are warned in Hebrews that "if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:26-27). Sin will destroy us, just as rust will destroy our rigs.

But you can take your truck to a body shop and have rusted places cut out and replaced, making it like new. Likewise, God has a way to restore your life and to forgive your sin. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without waver-

ing, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:22-23).

All you need to do is pray to God, asking Him to forgive you, to wash away the deadly sin in your life, and to cleanse you so that you can have eternal life through Jesus. "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 ready to have your life restored like new? Pray the prayer below to receive forgiveness for your sins and eternal life in Christ Jesus. "as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 5:21).

Just as you wash the road dirt off your truck to prevent rust from decaying its body, consider asking Jesus to wash away the dirt of sin from your own life and to cleanse you of your unrighteousness. And just as you wax and shine your rig, let your life be renewed so that it shines with Christ's righteousness and testifies of God's glory. "If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light" (Luke 11:36).

As you allow Christ to control your life, you will be a shining example of God's love and forgiveness. ☺

Let Him Restore Your Life

- ☑ 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.

Remembering a Trucker at Heart —and a Good Friend



I hold many good memories of Dave Kurtz, from Denver, Pennsylvania, who went home to be with the Lord he loved on March 31, 2017. Dave was owner-operator of M.S. Horst Garage, where he worked for fifty years and was a partner for thirty-eight years. Although he didn't make a living driving truck, he was always a trucker at heart and had many friends in trucking. That proved true when a long line of trucks showed up for his funeral procession.

Through the years Dave owned several old trucks, like a cabover KW that he fixed up and took to shows, but never put to work. Then about seven years ago he bought his latest toy, a 1984 GMC General sleeper with a 400 Cummins engine and 13-speed transmission. Dave enjoyed showing this good-looking, bright orange truck, rarely missing a show in his area. (You can see him above, proudly posing with the General at TFC's 2011 Pennsylvania Truck Rally.)

Another hobby of Dave's was restoring old Oliver, John Deere, and Farmall farm tractors, and he enjoyed attending tractor shows and tractor pulls. He was a member of the Antique Truck Club of America and attended our annual Lebanon Truck Rallies for many years. He was also an active member of Petra Church, had a heart for missions, and took several short-term mission trips over the years.

(Right) Dave with his family and a friend of the kids (on far left) at the TFC Truck Rally in 1987; his son Jeff is the one in the red shirt.



Another job Dave had for about eight years, along with son Jeff, was to keep his very large church parking lot clear of snow with his big Oliver tractors. During those snow-clearing years they were able to purchase a 1966 Walter Snow Dozer that was in need of some TLC. This is the kind they used at airports. This huge machine had a 24-foot-wide blade in three 8-foot sections. It had plenty of horsepower, with two 534 Ford truck gasoline engines and two Allison transmissions. After getting the beast running, they had lots of fun clearing the church lot in short order for a time (they sold the machine several years ago and they no longer clean the lot).



Dave was planning to retire and reached an agreement for the sale of his share of the business shortly before his cancer was discovered in December of 2016. Of course everything was put on hold and the sale was not completed until

March of 2017, a few days before his passing. As of this printing, Dave's widow, Cheryl, still lives on the home place where the General and tractors are housed. Son Jeff continues to work as a mechanic at M.S. Horst, his dad's former garage, and plans to continue taking the General and farm tractors to shows, as he did this past summer.



Dave always seemed like a happy, fun-loving person, and I always enjoyed his fellowship. Although we know he is in a better place, his friends and family sure miss him! But we are grateful for the assurance that we shall all meet again, as the song says, "some glad morning." ☹️



(Top) At the funeral, Jeff Kurtz drove the Oliver tractor with children in the wagon.

(Middle) The funeral procession looked like a truck parade.

(Left) Dave's General was at the lead.

LET IT SNOW!



***Top and middle:**
Shown in front of
Dave Kurtz's
garage, the 1966
Walter Snow Dozer
Dave and Jeff used
to clear their
church
parking lot.
It had a 24-foot-
wide blade in three
8-foot sections.*

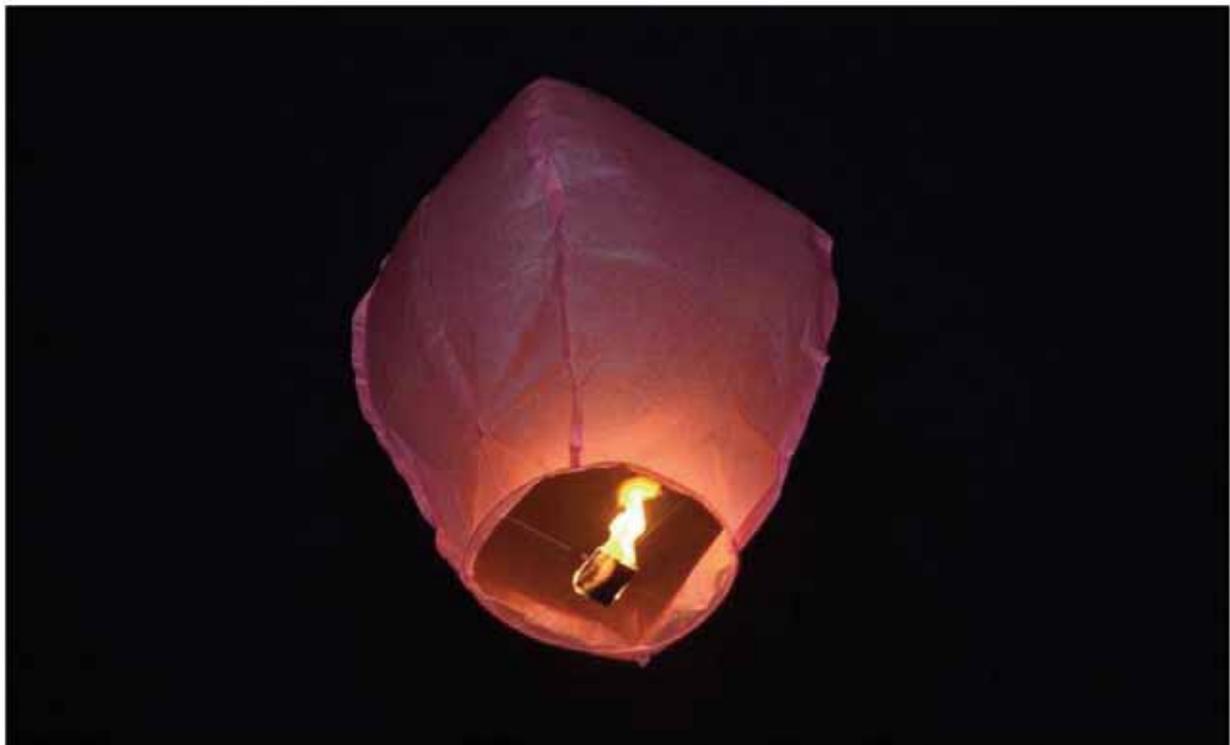


***Bottom:**
Jeff Kurtz plowing
the church
parking lot
the day Donald
Hollinger's
granddaughter
got married.*



Stop Cursing Darkness and Start Lighting Candles

You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14 CEV



THE COST OF “FREE” MONEY

If you found \$5 on a deserted street and no one was around to give it back to, I bet you would pocket it. I know I would. But if you saw that money falling from someone’s pocket, would you respond the same way? Here’s another scenario. I got to the car and realized the cashier forgot to charge me for a significant item. It’s the moment of truth. What do I do? Should I go in and show them and give up a big chunk of money? Or should I revel in my good luck, realize they made the mistake, but rationalize that they overcharge me for many goods I buy? Do I tell myself the item will probably go on sale soon, or this will make up for all the times they made mistakes in their favor that I didn’t catch?

So I walked in, showed the clerks my receipt and the item, and let them know I thought they made a mistake. Well, the sales clerks started thanking me profusely. They were amazed and said they had never experienced anything like this—ever. The store had no idea the problem had occurred. They wondered why anyone would come back and pay for items that they could have kept for free. Good question.

Please know I’m not sharing this to blow my own horn. Many more embarrassing episodes have happened in my earlier days when I hid mistakes that were in my favor. I share it as a reminder that situations like this are opportunities to impact the world, and more specifically, to be salt and light in other people’s everyday lives. Since they asked me, instead of giving the “aw, shucks, anybody would have done it, it’s just the right thing to do” line, I had a chance to tell them the reasons for my choice: the Bible says don’t steal, and I want to follow God’s commandments; I trust God to take care of all my needs, and that includes financial ones. If I steal, I’m telling God He’s not very smart or good at His job... that I know how to do His job better than He does by finding an answer to my needs.

Satan will sabotage us at every opportunity if we let him. He’ll tell us we don’t need to take responsibility for a mistake, that we deserve a free ride, that no one will ever know, that this makes up for the times we got “cheated,” or even that God has forgotten about us and our needs, so it’s time to fend for ourselves. We get to choose whether to take home stationery supplies from work, to copy

music and movies illegally, to use pirated software, to pocket a pack of gum, or to keep library books. You see, stealing is really robbing yourself more than robbing others. At the heart of each decision we make is the opportunity and option we have to worship and bring glory to God—or worship and bring glory to ourselves instead.

Today, take a look at the little things that are part of your life. Do areas exist where you are trusting yourself and not God to meet your needs? You know, cheating? Hopefully, you’ve learned to make better choices, actually doing what you’re preaching to and expecting from others. But if not, are you willing to admit to making a poor choice? Will you confess and undo some choices? Remember that the God who loves you is the God who forgives you. He promises to supply all your needs. His promises are good and trustworthy; they never fail.” Whether you honor Him or you honor yourself is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear God, You know me well. You know it’s sometimes hard for me to talk about You to others. Any boldness I have comes from the Holy Spirit. Without Your Spirit in me, I would be unable to share who You are and what You’ve done for me. But with Your help I’m learning. So I thank You for teaching and encouraging me. Please give me more opportunities to talk about You. I want to make You the biggest and best thing in my life. Help me to step up and do the right thing because You made me and know exactly what actions will grow and fulfill me. I pray in the name of Jesus, who was all about bringing glory to You.

The Truth

“Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness” (Psalm 150:2).

“I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.” (Psalm 26:6-7).

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RAMBLER



by Gary Nussbaum

Knowing God's Will in a Changing World

There is no lack of conversation or opinion on issues surrounding us today. The responses to these issues run the gamut from verbal outrage and violence to complete indifference and everything in between. Our great gift of social media has given rise to anyone's ability to express self with little thought given to the resulting repercussions. Christians who are committed followers of Jesus Christ face ever-increasing challenges as they seek wisdom on how to respond—or not respond, which may often be the better choice. Our responses are governed by the principles we choose to live by each day; if we adhere to the truth of God's Word (the Bible), that ultimately is the foundation of our worldview.

National societal issues are ripping our nation apart. Financial and ecological issues raise much fear and anxiety, creating many questions concerning the future. Here, again, so much hinges on one's worldview and where we place our trust. Scriptures of prophetic significance spoken by Jesus, the Apostles Paul and John, as well as Old Testament prophets, have varied interpretations within the religious body.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we often state our desire to know God's will for our lives. Many say that they want God's will or plan for their lives, but how many actually pray to know His will each day? What is the process we go through to know His will? Are we simply asking for wisdom necessary for life's daily decisions? We pray, "Oh God, show me what Your will is for such and such, for this or that." What are we actually praying for and why? Are we praying to know God's will on the many issues facing us today? What is His plan for you and me?

As I was thinking on these things this past Sunday, the youth and young adult pastor of my church presented the morning message, and as I listened, it brought greater clarity to understanding God's will and plan and how that has formed my worldview. Why? Because I believe the Bible to be God's Word to the world—to me. As Pastor Jason stated, "Throughout the Scriptures (the Bible), God has been forever inviting us to know Him." And to know Him

is to know the principles He has laid down in those Scriptures.

Our American culture is increasingly becoming more and more anti-God, promoting issues which greatly threaten to destroy what God has created. The world is rapidly changing and few recognize the impact of these changes. When the Bible is denied or considered mere myth, chaos rules. Man, left to create gods in his own image and creating his own laws only compounds the sin that is in us all. How long can this world exist when the foundations necessary for peaceful existence are systematically being destroyed? The spiritual battle rages. Life is no longer sacred. The beauty and purpose of male and female is no longer sacred in its purpose and blessing. Satan is working overtime in his attempt to destroy the beauty of God's creation.

So, what is God's will for you and me in light of the world we are living in? Pastor Jason said it well: "Living inside the principles of God means you are never outside His will." To this we read in Isaiah 55:8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 12:1-2: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Knowing God's will—understanding His ways—produces the confidence to act in the will of God. ☺

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Meet the Man Behind **GREEN ONION**

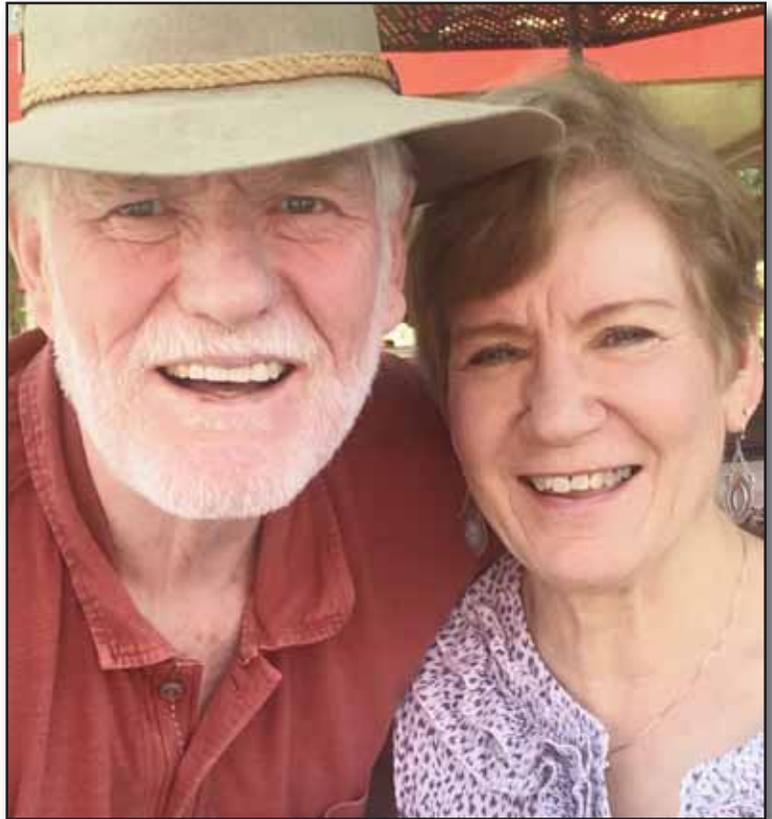
David Roberts came to Christ as a nineteen-year-old; he started evangelizing immediately and has never stopped. Before joining Transport For Christ as a chaplain in 1990, he had a fruitful ministry as a pastor in Canada, his country of birth. He graduated from Ontario Bible College in 1978 and started ministering as a pastor with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, serving Ontario churches in Hamilton, Burlington, Guelph and Scarborough. Prior to attending Bible College, David was involved with The Navigators, ministering at the University of Alberta (where in 1971 he met the lady who would become his wife, Mary Ann).

David and Mary Ann had heard about TFC through a fellow Canadian pastor, so they were already familiar with the ministry when then TFC director Bruce Prestidge invited them to join TFC. They answered the call and moved to Pennsylvania in September of 1990 and have served with TFC since.

David is a gifted evangelist whom God used in the lives of many grateful men in the trucking industry. He was blessed with many wonderful volunteer chaplains, and together they served passionately sharing the Gospel and discipling truckers for Jesus. There couldn't have been a better location for him to use his gifts than the chapel at Harrisburg.

David started writing for *Highway News and Good News* in 1999. The original title of his column was "Fishin' Hole," which came from the idea of a chapel being a place to "fish for men" for Christ. The ideas for writing the column came from the many conversations and humor and laughter that David had on the chapel, interacting with the drivers. It also came from the rich treasury of his life memorizing and studying the Scriptures.

It was Volunteer Chaplain Joe Stuckey (whose handle was "Buffalo Joe") who came up with the handle of "Green Onion" for David, based on his ability to "peel away" the layers of life's issues, one by one, through the Word of God. The handle eventually made its way into the column by way of humorous interchanges between



"Green Onion" and his trucking friends as column openers.

David and Mary Ann have three children: Celeste, Rachele, and Joel. Mary Ann recently gave us an update on the family: "Celeste and Phil have Gabby and Maddie. Gabby is a senior in high school and this year she is training to be a vet tech (she loves animals); Maddie is a 4th grader and did her first year as a cheerleader this fall. Rachele is a floor/tile designer at Armstrong World Industries. And Joel and Gretchen have Annabelle, who is seven and in first grade, and Henry, who is four."

Mary Ann works with a company that assists seniors with their move into retirement (helping them downsize, pack/unpack their belongings, and clean out their homes).

As for David, he is officially retired from TFC, but not retired from ministry; his gifts of evangelism and encouragement continue to bless all those who come in contact with him. ☺



The Best of GREEN ONION



by David Roberts

B.I.K.

Hey, Green Onion, why are you wearing that big button that says B.I.K.?" asked Hog Caller. "Oh, Hog Caller, it means 'Boy, I'm KONFUSED!'" "Onion, you don't spell confused with a K." "Yeah, Hog, that just shows how confused I really am."

Are you feeling mentally and emotionally bemused today over all the uncertainties of our world, our country, the family and even yourself? Does life seem to you like a jumbled riddle wrapped up in a mysterious enigma?

We feel intense fear and panic over the covert terrorism and coercion. We are disillusioned over politics and those who manage our public affairs. There are so many illegitimate answers to life's puzzling questions. We are made to feel helpless, ill at ease and uncomfortable.

I am not broadminded and liberal in my thinking, but I believe I am liberated and set free in my Christian mind because for 40 years I have saturated and soaked my soul in God's holy Word, the Bible. It calms my nerves because it reminds me that God has the whole universe in His loving hands and He knows the end from the beginning. God has revealed many truths so we can understand His will and purposes, but there are still mysteries and secrets. The Bible says, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29). Everything we need to know about God He has revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

History gives overwhelming evidence of man's rebellion and sinfulness. God constantly uncovers our need for a Savior because of our sinfulness, selfishness and our violation of His eternal laws. In His mercy, He provided a Savior in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son..." (Hebrews 1:1-2). He is "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being" (1:3).

God's Word says that Jesus created everything there is: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3). In other words, nothing exists that Jesus didn't make. The Apostle Paul said, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:15-17).

Life itself was in Him and this life gives light to everyone who believes. He is the source of eternal life to all who trust, believe and rely on Him to take away all their sins. Jesus is the faithful and true message and the true witness for God Himself. He has given to us everything we need to know for living a life pleasing to Him in all godliness through the Holy Spirit whom He sent. The Apostle Paul also said, "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12 KJV).

This confidence can only come in this sick, confused world as we discipline ourselves to study and know the Bible. God has promised to teach us as we read. Remember, we walk by faith, not by sight. Confusion disappears when we know the truth that sets us free in Christ. ☺

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MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

From the Logs of the SonShine Chapel in Ocala, Florida

- ◆ Driver Larry came in for prayer. I gave him a New Testament and encouraged him to return to reading and praying fifteen minutes a day [as he had not kept up with it]. Larry was very grateful for the chapel being here.
- ◆ A local gentleman came by for prayer and guidance in regards to his sister committing suicide two days ago. Spent time talking and praying with him, and gave him my contact information, as well as the chapel's, in case he needs to talk more.
- ◆ Doug came into the chapel and we fellowshiped over the Word of God. Doug confessed he had gotten away from going to church and God. I prayed for him, that God would bring him back to Himself and for true repentance and obedience.

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

- ◆ Clarence stopped in to pray for me, and I prayed for him. What an encouragement!
- ◆ 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 in some place "apart 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, and closed in prayer. All stayed after the service to talk.
- ◆ Ernie, a Christian from Ontario, Canada, came in for fellowship. He used to be a farmer, so we had a lot in common. He is grateful his wife is cancer-free at the present time. I prayed for her.
- ◆ Larry stopped in. He is a friend of mine and a believer. He was on his way to work and stopped in to see where I hang out. I gave him a tour and he was duly impressed.

From the Logs of the Powerhouse Chapel in Hudson, Wisconsin

- ◆ Drivers Amelia and Charles stopped in for a couple of minutes. I gave them a tour of the chapel, as they had never been in one before. I gave them a copy of *Highway News* and showed them the back page where they could find the locations of our chapels.
- ◆ A trucker came in the chapel today. He did not sign the log, or stay very long. He asked if he could spend his time silently praying. I said, "Definitely, this chapel is yours." When he was finished praying, he left.
- ◆ Frank came into the chapel a couple of days ago, when Chaplain Tim was here. Frank has a difficult life. He said that without Jesus he did not know what to do. Tonight, Frank came in and said, "I want to get right with God." He was like a man living in a dry and weary land. We went through the prayer of salvation.
- ◆ A trucker from Oklahoma came in. He shared a lot of his life story and his testimony. He was saved after attending a Christian concert in 1990. He just started trucking over the road in May. He had not been in a chapel before, and stayed for two hours.
- ◆ Trucker Bruce, from New York, stopped in. He shared a great testimony, then we sang and studied from Luke 15. After communion and prayer, he prayed for a blessing on us chaplains.
- ◆ A lady and her two grandsons came in today. Her husband stayed outside in the van while they were in the chapel. Both grandsons immediately recognized the two paintings of Jesus on the chapel walls. Praise God that they already know Jesus!
- ◆ One visitor came in the chapel because he was curious about the chapel being in a truck stop. He lives in the south end of the Twin Cities. He stopped at the TA on his way back to Minnesota. I gave him a tour, an explanation about TFC, and a copy of *Highway News*. We prayed together before he left.
- ◆ Late at night, a husband and wife came in. Their RV broke down. They are Christians and they were excited to see what God has done to bless truckers through the ministry of the chapel.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

From the Logs of the Second Chance Chapel, Beaverdam, Ohio

- ◆ I talked to a driver who drives for Operation Blessing. He wanted to tell me about sharing the good news with another driver.
- ◆ A young driver who was originally from the Ukraine came in to see the chapel. He was a believer.
- ◆ I talked to a driver who was sitting at the patio. His truck broke down and he had been waiting for several days, and hoped to get going today. We had a long talk about faith and religion.
- ◆ Driver Stephen came in late tonight. We looked up many Scriptures, as he said he is interested in being a better witness. I prayed for him before he left.
- ◆ Hank, from Canada, stopped in. He was born in Holland and migrated with his family to Canada in 1948, just after WWII. He is a Christian and loves the Lord.
- ◆ Trucker Perry stopped in for some CDs and *Highway News*. I prayed for safety on the road for him.
- ◆ Trucker Michael stopped in, he was limping. He said he just had surgery. I prayed for healing.
- ◆ I was sitting outside playing music when a trucker walked by and said, "Thank you Jesus!" A little later, the same trucker stopped, lifted his hands, and began praying to God. I began praising God also. You never know how God touches a person.
- ◆ A trucker named Peter stopped in. He just wanted to encourage me.
- ◆ I talked to driver Sam on the phone. We both encouraged each other and had a great time of fellowship.
- ◆ Driver Robert stopped in. We spent much time encouraging one another. He talked about what he is going through; we both know God is big enough to handle it all. We prayed together.
- ◆ Driver Al stopped in. We had a great time praising the Lord for His many blessings. Al found Jesus in prison. He showed me his truck with Bible verses and Gospel messages in the windows and on the side.

From the Logs of the Rest Haven Chapel, Toledo, Ohio

- ◆ Santos came in. He told me he received salvation here when Chaplain Tom was here. He said when he comes this way, he comes in for prayer. I prayed with Him.
- ◆ Driver Larry came in saying that God had moved him to stop by. He also said more drivers should come into the chapel.
- ◆ Bill stopped in to see the chapel. He is a believer and stayed for over an hour and we prayed. He said he will stop in again and thanked us for being here.
- ◆ Driver Tony stopped in and asked if he could play the keyboard; I said, "sure!" I told him it is there for drivers to use and relax. He played for thirty minutes, thanked me, and left.
- ◆ Driver Chris stopped in to get some CDs. We prayed and he left thanking us for them and for being here.
- ◆ Six visitors stopped by today, a steady stream of earnest people. I can honestly say that I enjoyed myself more today than for a long time. More than the pleasure of the day was the earnestness of the conversations and the prayers. May God seal His Word to their hearts and bring them safely back.
- ◆ Driver Bill, who had been here about a month ago, stopped in today for prayer and fellowship.
- ◆ A mom and son stopped in to check out the chapel. They were traveling to New York while her husband was finishing up schooling to become a pastor. She didn't know about the truck chapels and asked if there were others out there. I gave her a copy of *Highway News* and showed her where to find our locations.
- ◆ Driver Dave came in and we had a great time of fellowship. He left two hours later, after prayer. Later, driver Larry stopped and talked with me for over an hour. He said he hadn't been in church in years and said he just couldn't find one. He thanked me and said he was glad we talked and said he would be back.
- ◆ We had a driver in from Hungary. He had never been in any of our chapels before. He has been in the U.S. for ten years, and his wife is from Russia. We had a great time of fellowship. He said he and his wife are struggling with their marriage. I told him my wife and I have been married for 52 years this month, and we have had our struggles as well, but decided that being with each other meant more than our feelings. We prayed before he left and he thanked me and said he would be back.



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WHO WAS ST. PATRICK, ANYWAY?

They show up everywhere this time of year—shamrock-patterned decorations, shamrock-shaped cookies, cakes with green icing, and anything else that Hallmark and its counterparts can come up with. But who really is the man behind the myth? Because, yes, the big story associated with St. Patrick (that he drove the snakes out of Ireland) by all accounts is just that—a myth. Yet the real story of the real St. Patrick is actually more fascinating than the myth.

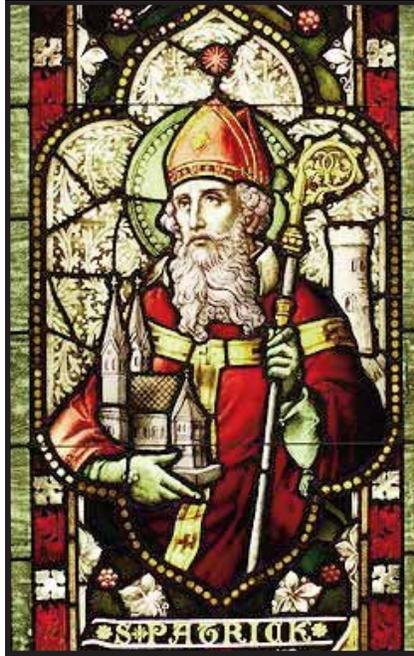
St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, yet did you know that he wasn't even born in Ireland? He was born in Britain around 387 AD, the son of a prominent Christian family. At age sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish marauders and sold into captivity. For six years he worked as a slave tending the flocks of his master, who was a druidical high priest. Later he would write that while tending the flocks he "prayed many times during the day."

He eventually escaped from his master and made his way back to Britain, where he decided to dedicate his life to the service of God. He became a priest and returned to the land of his captivity to spread the Gospel in Ireland, becoming known as "the Apostle to the Irish." Patrick spent the rest of his life in Ireland, dying there on March 17, 461.

His life is a lesson on God's sovereign hand on the lives of His children. During the six years of his captivity, Patrick

acquired a command of the language in which he would one day announce the Gospel of redemption in that land, and in his master's household he became familiar with the druidic religion from which bondage he would liberate the Irish race.

God's hand was on him during every single day of those years, when he would have been (from a human point of view) justified in thinking the Lord had forsaken him. God knew the plans He had for Patrick—they were plans for good and not for evil, plans to give him a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). And that future included blessing the very people who had taken him into slavery.



His life is a lesson on redeeming forgiveness. Captivity could have bred anger and bitterness in Patrick—both toward his captors and toward God who had allowed it to happen. Instead, he developed a deep burden for the Irish, and dedicated his life to taking the Gospel to them, even at the cost of much tribulation and persecution.

So the next time you eat a green-iced, shamrock-shaped cookie or don a green sweater on March 17, remember a man who exemplified in his life, in so many ways, the character of a true Christian: someone who trusted God in the midst of much tribulation and trials, who practiced toward others the forgiveness that had been granted him by Christ, and who was determined to bless those who had hurt him. ☺

The Prayer of St. Patrick (excerpts)

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity,
The Three in One, and One in Three, of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

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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).

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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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