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Dear TFC,
I truck drive forty-eight states.
Thank you so much for being out there for us. I am forever grateful!
Esmeralda Laferia, TX

Dear TFC Staff,
May God bless your dedication and love for the truckers and all who visit your houses of worship at the truck stops...PS: I attend the chapel at Ontario truck stop when-ever possible.

Darlene Chino Hills, CA

To TFC,
Thank you for your work. I was blessed to grow up in a home where God was taught to us. My mom and dad were both Christians and my dad farmed and was an over-the-road trucker. That is why I have been out here for thirty-seven years. God has so blessed my life and my family. I have six kids and one wife for thirty-seven years. We thank God every day for all that we have, but most of all for His gift of salvation; without that life is empty.

Randy Litchfield, MN

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A Word from Scott

Imitate!

I recently watched an NFL Network special chronicling the lives of the 2017 Professional Football Hall of Fame inductees. They had different ages, backgrounds, educations, positions—but one thing they all had in common: each had someone they imitated in their efforts to be successful in football and life. Sit back for a moment and think about someone you have imitated (or do imitate) and why you want to imitate that person. Chances are pretty good we all have had someone we imitated. As Christians, the idea of imitation should be a central tenet of our thinking and acting.

When the Apostle Paul penned his first letter to the church in Corinth, he told them, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). The term translated “follow” is from the Greek *mimetes*, from which we get the word mime or imitator; here it is used as an exhortation “to become like” in a continuous and active sense. Meaning it is what we become at conversion *and* what we must diligently continue to be thereafter.

The implications of this Pauline strategy are immense. Consider Paul’s statements early in Chapter 9 describing his “rights” as an apostle (9:1-15)—rights by virtue of who he was, what he had done, what he had experienced—following which he makes it clear that because of his freedom in Christ he freely chose to “not use the right” but rather chose to be “...a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.” And, in order to do that, Paul states, “I have become all things to all men, so that by all possible means I might save some.” Paul’s choice to use his freedom to become a slave is founded in a deep understanding of God’s love and how it works outwardly to others.

Paul saw the heathen culture of Corinth through the loving eyes of Jesus; eyes that saw people’s needs and met them at that point of need. Today we have no less of a call to “be all things to all men” than Paul did. In doing so we do not wreck our ministries, we expand and fulfill them; we do not forsake our beliefs and values, we work even harder to more fully understand them and guard them—not an easy task by any stretch but one we are clearly called to nonetheless.

If we as individual Christians or corporately as ministries are in some way(s) claiming our rights, then we are going to short-circuit the work to which God has called us. It is, then, time to ask ourselves *why* we are doing what we are doing. If it is because we are comfortable, familiar, at ease with or otherwise more concerned with using our rights as individuals and/or ministries than we are with “being all things to all men,” we are not hearing Paul...we are not imitating Christ...and it is time to make a change!

Imitating Paul and, therefore, Christ should spur us on to new, active, and creative ways of interacting with those to whom God calls us to minister.

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“Highway News helped keep four truck drivers connected after retirement.”

A letter from Jerry & Lana Wraa, Highway News Bulk Distributors

“We are enclosing a memorial for a very special friend by the name of Jack Strong, who left this life on January 19th, 2017. Jack and his wife, Carolyn, drove team for Polman Transfer for many years, and Jack had his CDL until he was eighty years old.

“Our friendship dates back before any of us drove truck, continued while we were all driving truck, and did NOT end at retirement. One of the ways we stayed connected was through the Transport For Christ Highway News magazine. We are HN Bulk Distributors, and each month we would mail the current copy to Jack and Carolyn along with a personal note. As the years went by and the Highway News became available online, they chose to keep getting the magazine in the mail because they wanted to receive our personal notes (which we also wanted to send).

“During one of our visits with Jack and Carolyn, we were discussing ‘what would we do if we had our lives to live over again?’ We remember well what Jack told us as he said, ‘I guess I’d drive truck!’ We thought that was a meaningful comment, expressing how he had been content with the career he had chosen. Jack did other important things in his life, too. He served in the military, he had a lovely family, he lived in Alaska for a number of years, and most importantly, he and Carolyn had accepted Jesus as their personal Savior before they were married many years ago.

“We also have to admit that the years in the trucking industry taught us many things. We traveled this great country from north to south and east to west. No other career could have provided scenery and acquaintances like that! We have always felt that it was far more meaningful to experience our homeland doing our daily work than it might have been as vacation travelers. Like Jack and Carolyn Strong, we also asked forgiveness for our sins and accepted Jesus as our personal Savior before we were married.

“A worker at a truckstop chapel in Pennsylvania once advised us to pray for the loads that God wanted us to haul. We decided to heed that advice, and the dispatcher seemed to appreciate the help because he told us years later that he was able to find loads for us in places where he couldn’t usually find loads.

“We plan to continue sending Highway News magazines to many trucking friends. It is a fun way to remember our lives as truck drivers and to enjoy our retirement years. May God bless each and every one of you

as you prepare the Highway News magazine each month.”



From left: Jack Strong, Jerry Wraa, and Carolyn Strong

Editor’s note: In a phone conversation with Mrs. Wraa, she mentioned that the Strongs lived about 150 miles away, and at some point they started meeting halfway for coffee when the new edition of Highway News came out.

“He Wondered If God Was Still There”

By Chaplain Marcelo, Paranaguá Port Ministry Center, Brazil

I met Nilson (on my left in the photo) one Saturday morning outside our meeting room at the Port holding yard. He was just sitting there with his head in his hands, looking downhearted. I approached him and invited him to come inside. He promptly accepted my invitation, still looking dejected.

I offered him some literature and started talking to him. I learned that he was a believer, but also perceived that he was anxious and worried. I encouraged him to talk, and he shared what was worrying him: the loads aren't enough and the pay is low. He said that truckers here in Brazil complain that there isn't much money left for them and their families at the end of the month. Financial worries were the reason for his despondency. After he unloaded his concerns, I told him that God was the only One who could change his life.



Nilson then looked at me and said, “Chaplain, I have been attending church for a long time, but I didn't think God was listening to me anymore. But today I got confirmation that He is still paying attention. When you saw me outside with my head in my hands, I was asking God, ‘Why don't You hear me anymore? Why don't You speak to me anymore? Why don't You send someone to talk to me?’ And right then you came over and invited me to come in.”

I was so grateful to God for the opportunity He was giving me to talk to that man! I prayed for him, and he walked



away with joy in his heart, thankful to God for His having people in that place to communicate His Good News to the trucking community! ☺

Can You Guess This Truck?

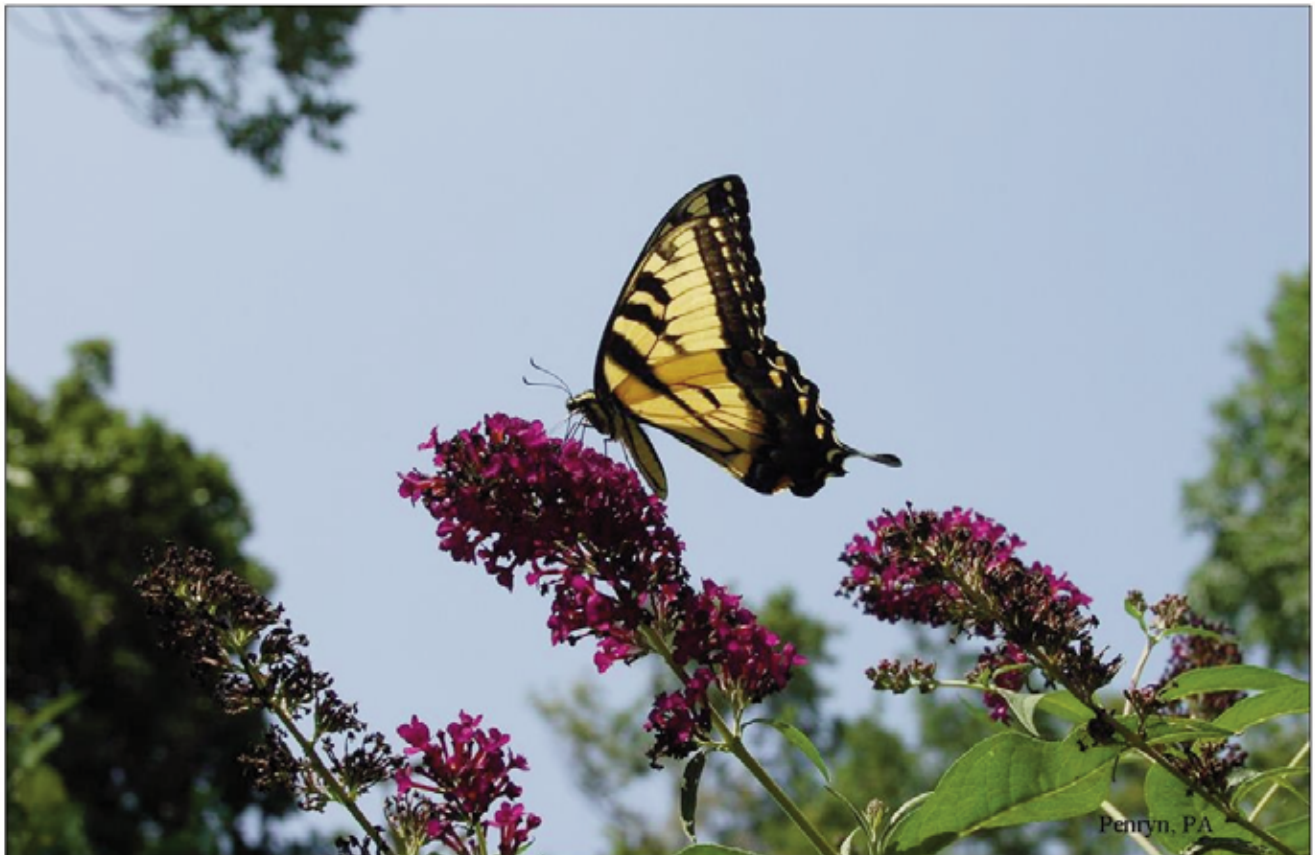


Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
March's “Guess Truck” (below) was a
1936 Reo Speed Wagon



We Have A Dependable God

The LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV



Penn, PA

The Place of Nowhere To Go

Have you been there? The place of no hope. The place where everything you've based your faith and staked your life on has been taken away. I think we all have. Where do you go from there?

I am reading these days of some folks who found themselves there. They had sacrificed much to follow a dream, a goal, a mission to change the world. That mission was centralized in a man whom they followed and served for years. They had staked all their hopes, goals and aspirations and all they were on that man. And he'd failed them—or so they thought.

On a dark Friday, they huddled together, hiding and wondering what to do. Never was a morning so dark as the morning of that Saturday. Never was a day so long. Their whole universe was thrown off center, yet hour still followed hour—as if nothing had happened.

Then came Sunday—with the news of an empty tomb announcing to them and to the world an event so incredible, they couldn't believe it. Two of them even left town, probably running away from the place of their pain and disappointment, afraid to hope again. On the road, a stranger approached, questioning them: Why were they so sad? They poured out their hearts to the stranger, then invited him into the house with them (Luke 24:13-29).

By now, you've figured out that I'm talking about Christ's disciples and the events that spanned from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. This scene of two of His followers leaving town, dejected, always touched me. They had walked with Jesus, heard Him predicting that He would die and rise again. But there on the road, all they talked about was what had happened; their focus was on the circumstances, not on the Lord's promises; and that blinded them to Jesus' presence by their side.

But as they continued walking and pouring out their grief



to that stranger, something started to happen, as they later acknowledged: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road...?" (Luke 24:32). Reaching their destination, they offered their hospitality to the stranger. He accepted and later, around the table, He revealed Himself to them as the Risen Lord.

Suddenly they knew where to go: back to the place He had assigned for them, the responsibility He had entrusted them. They returned to Jerusalem proclaiming that the incredible news of the resurrection was true.

I've found myself many times identifying with those two—times when plans went amiss, hopes were dashed, expectations unfulfilled. And, like them, I've found myself running away from the place of my pain, but not quite knowing where to go from there—only to meet Someone on the road. And when I stopped long enough to look beyond

myself and invite Him into my circumstances, He revealed Himself to me and restored my joy, as He did for those disciples so long ago.

Where do you go from the "place of nowhere to go"? You go to Jesus. But the wonderful fact that we learn from this story is, even if we don't go to Him (running away instead), He will meet us on the road and open our eyes to His presence.

Wherever you are today, remember what those two disciples seem to have forgotten: Friday wasn't the end of the story, but the beginning. In your life, too, the brokenness you're experiencing can be, not the end, but the beginning, if you invite Jesus into your pain and allow Him to open your eyes to His plan. It may not be what you expected—but it will be His best.

And you will know that there's life beyond your pain. There is a glorious morning awaiting you. ☺

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.

The power of prayer

Driver Michael is a believer who found Jesus at the TFC Indianapolis chapel several years ago. We shared our testimonies and had a great time of fellowship. He shared how his wife had cancer and he asked the elders of the church to pray for her. After the operation where the doctors removed the tumor and lymph glands, they said it really wasn't cancer after all. They were puzzled. Michael said we just did what we're told to do in James 5:16: "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." *Chaplain James*

Being a Christian is a daily walk

A driver walked by the chapel three times before he finally came in. He was facing many issues, but first we talked about salvation and I shared some Bible verses. He said he had Jesus in his heart and had been baptized, so we had a long discussion about the walk of a Christian. He was very thankful for the time and prayer. *Chaplain David*

Chaplains have time for those with spiritual needs

Alex stopped in and stayed for a good hour. I asked if we could pray before he left and he said yes. Wasn't long at all and Lenny stopped in. He is from Arizona. We shared for more than two hours, talking about the Lord's return, witnessing on the road, and how we share on the CB, staying in the way of the cross. *Chaplain Don*

The light of His Word by the headlights of a truck

As I walked the lot in the evening, handing out copies of *Highway News*, I met driver Jason, from Indiana. We started talking about Jesus, then he pulled his Bible out of his truck and began to read Scriptures with me by the headlights of his truck! What a wonderful encounter! He walked with me as I finished handing out the magazines, then followed me back to the chapel. We had wonderful fellowship in the Lord, and he got information about TFC. He thanked and praised the Lord for the mission of TFC. *Chaplain Robert*

Is a chapel a church?

Enrique stopped by the stairs outside the chapel and asked, "What's this—a church?" I said yes, and we sat at the table outside the chapel and talked for a while. Then I shared the Gospel with him and he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. *Chaplain Tony*

Only God gives lasting hope in trying times

No one came in for the evening service and I was beginning to wonder why God had me here today, when a driver came in. He was emotionally down and really troubled from a divorce last month, and now facing financial woes. He is a believer, so we read some Scriptures and God gave him the faith and hope that is beyond all understanding. We prayed together and he left with a reassurance that God is with him and he needs to stay close to God. *Chaplain Fred*

God can forgive even the sin of pornography

Dale, whom I have known for several years and who professed to be a Christian, has always struggled with pornography. The more we talked, the more it became clear that Dale had never surrendered his life to Jesus and had never been born again. The Holy Spirit was convicting Dale, and he was pleading for the Lord to deliver and save him. Praise God, the Lord saved him! *Chaplain Jay*

Encounter over coffee in the truck stop brings driver to the chapel for prayer

I greeted employees at the truck stop and had some coffee while talking to Wayne, a driver from Mississippi. He is a believer and was encouraged to see TFC personnel at the truck stop. We shared about our lives in the Lord, and I prayed with him for a safe trip. Later, Wayne stopped by the chapel and we talked for a few minutes before he left to pick up his load. He shared that our fellowship in the truck stop was a great encouragement to him as he has been depressed this week. He shared some family situations and we prayed that the Lord would intervene by the Holy Spirit until he is able to return home. *Chaplain Earl*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

The Road Ahead

Whether you are driving across town or clear across the country, every delivery trip needs to begin with a well-planned route. By selecting the most efficient routing, drivers save time and fuel, essential keys to remaining competitive in the trucking industry. With the help of a good road map and/or a GPS, they can leave the dock confident of their final destination.

Do you have that same sense of confidence in your final destination in life? We all know that our time here on earth is finite, and we all are confronted with roadblocks and detours along the way. But have you given consideration to your final destination? I'm not referring to your final resting place under a tombstone, but your eternal destiny—where you will spend eternity.

The Bible tells us that there are only two final resting places after we die: "Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2). The decision is yours to make; will it be a heavenly home with God, our Creator and Father, or will it be eternal torment, separated from Him?

Jesus warned many times in the New Testament about the dangers of hell, "where the fire never goes out" (Mark

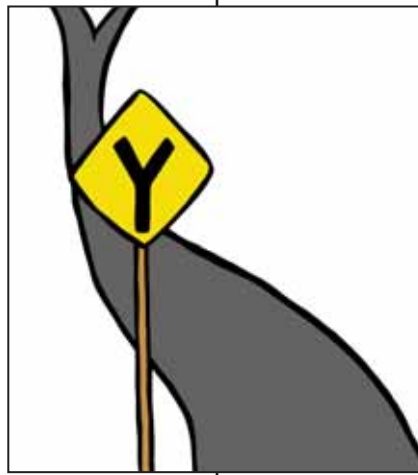
9:43). We need to choose before it is too late. Will you choose to be detoured by the wiles of Satan? Or will you choose God's pathway to salvation? "And this is what he promised us—even eternal life" (1 John 2:25).

If you choose to confess to God that you have sinned, as all of mankind has done since Adam and Eve first sinned in the Garden of Eden, the Lord promises to erase all your sins and give you His free gift of eternal life. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

You have a choice, so choose the super highway to heaven, eternal life with Christ. That roadway is free for all who admit that they have sinned against God and who ask for His forgiveness. The Lord is waiting for your decision. "The LORD says, 'Clear the road! Get it ready for my people.' Our holy God lives forever in the highest heavens, and this is

what he says: 'Though I live high above in the holy place, I am here to help those who are humble and depend only on me'" (Isaiah 57:14-15 CEV).

The prayer below can help guide you to new life in Christ. Then tell us about your decision as you join us on the highway to heaven. ☺



Be Sure of Your Final Destination

- ☒ 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.

Sixty-five Years of Trucking By Donald Hollinger

and God's Goodness

That's right—it will soon be sixty-five years since I began my trucking career in the summer of 1952. It all began when my friend Abe Hershey stopped at our farm and asked me to ride along in his dad's Gold Comet Reo tractor pulling a flatbed loaded with farm machinery. He even let me drive for a bit! Abe told me I handled it like a pro. I was hooked and soon started driving for the Hersheys. Of course, having grown up on a farm and driving farm tractors and trailers from a very young age, driving a tractor-trailer came quite naturally.

I will always remember my first close call. Besides the Reo, the Hersheys also had three Chevy tractors. One day when I was only sixteen years old I was sent to a farm with one of the Chevys and a twenty-six-foot van trailer loaded to the roof with ear corn. I soon came to a long, steep hill; near the top and in my lowest gear, I stalled. I know some of you younger drivers used to the big diesels of today may find that hard to believe, but the 1947 Chevy only had a small six-cylinder gas engine, four-speed trans, and two-speed rear. But the scary part was that the rig had vacuum brakes. As some of you older guys might recall, when your engine stopped you had very little braking power. However, the Lord was with me and enabled me to back all the way down the hill and find another way around.

In another incident with that same rig, Abe and I had loaded our separate trucks with corn and parked the rig with the vacuum brakes on the hill next to the barn, leaving the engine running and the hand valve down while we closed up the barn. For some reason, the engine stopped and the rig began rolling down the hill! It scared us because when we pulled in we'd seen children playing in that area. Again the Lord was with us; the truck ran over a field mower, which got wedged under it, stopping the rig just inches from a milk house, and the children were nowhere to be seen. We praised the Lord for His protection.

Moving forward several years, in 1958, after I had been an owner-operator for two years, I started driving tanker for a petroleum company and continued on that job until I retired in 1999. My first close call on that job was when I was driving with a load of heating fuel on a four-lane divided highway and blew a right front steering tire. Thankfully, there was no one in the passing lane, because I swerved into that lane. But by pulling on the wheel with all the strength I had, I was able to steer right and onto the shoulder. That was in the 1970s, when we still had split rims; the rim had broken loose, causing the tire to blow.

But the time that I hit a whiteout was the most scary in my trucking career. I'd often heard about whiteouts and thought I had been in some before, but I had a wake-up call that night. It was just like someone took a big white sheet and draped it over my cab—I was totally blinded and said out loud, "Lord, You drive!" So I kept on praying, kept the wheel strait, and maintained the same speed. Thankfully there wasn't much traffic. It seemed like an eternity, but in less than a mile I could see the outline of the roadside bank and realized I was still on the road. The Lord must have really taken the wheel!



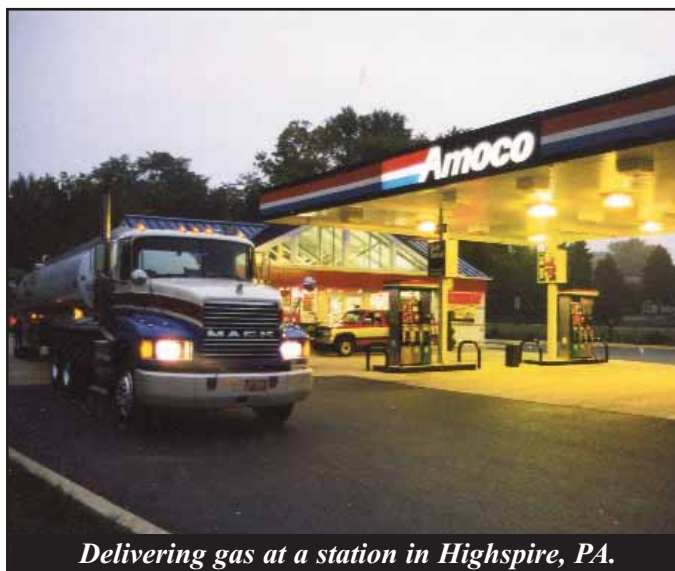
The SICO Oil Company truck Donald was driving before he retired in 1999.

Then there was one time when I know I had a direct intervention from the Lord. I was driving through the countryside back to the terminal, passing a row of homes on my right. Not far up ahead I noticed a minivan slowly backing out the driveway of one of the homes. And no, I did not hear a voice, but somehow I knew that the van would not stop, so of course I stopped. Sure enough, the van kept coming all the way across the road and rolled into the grass field on the other side before it stopped. That's when I saw there was no driver—only a small child standing on the front seat! There was no one else around and no shoulder to pull off, so I pulled in front of the house and laid on the air horn. Soon I saw in my mirrors a lady that appeared to be quite shaken running out from the house. So was it me or the child that had a guardian angel? Maybe both!

The most unusual thing that ever happened to me was the time I blew a trailer tire while sitting still! I had pulled into one of our company gas stations and had been unloading fuel for about fifteen minutes when I heard this loud bang! I quickly shut off the gas flow because I had no idea what had happened. I walked around to the other side of my rig where some young fellows were working on their car. I was about to blame it on them but soon noticed they had big eyes and looked as scared as I was. After a little while trying to figure out what had happened, I remembered I had a trailer tire with a bad spot on the inner sidewall; it had good tread, and the shop foreman had told me to run it since it was on the inside. So that's what happened. I never dreamed I would blow a tire sitting still.

One more thing (a rather strange one) and I'll close, since this article is getting a bit long. In the early spring of 1958 I was still driving dump truck, and we were hauling grain from Ohio, two of us team driving. We made it back to Lancaster and just as we turned on the ramp from Route 30 to Route 23, the throttle linkage broke on one of our trucks. No cell phones back then, so we improvised. You'll never guess how we got the Diamond T to the garage on the other side of town! Taking the back streets on the outskirts of town, with the left side hood open, one of us sat on the fender with one hand hanging on for dear life and with the other working the throttle at the carburetor, while the other person drove. Don't remember who did what, but I think we might have taken turns.

Maybe I should write a book, because these are just a few of the times I knew the Lord was certainly watching over me through my sixty-five years of trucking. Praise His Holy Name! ☺



Delivering gas at a station in Highspire, PA.



Not the same truck, but it was a Diamond T like this that Donald and his friend were driving (story on right).



Donald still drives a truck like this one part time.

World's Longest Truck Convoy Searches for World's Best Mom

Press release submitted by Make-A-Wish

Lancaster, PA—Do you know a super special mom who goes above and beyond to take care of her family? If so, Make-A-Wish® Philadelphia, Northern Delaware and Susquehanna Valley wants to hear about them. After earning the title of World's Longest Truck Convoy by the *Guinness Book of World Records* last year, the stakes have been raised for the 28th Annual Make-A-Wish Mother's Day Truck Convoy to nominate the World's Best Mom. All nominations will be submitted via an online process and narrowed down to the top three finalists. The winner will be announced on the stage before the Convoy departs at 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 14, 2017, at Burle Business Park, 1000 New Holland Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Nominations will be accepted through Monday, March 20, 2017, when Convoy Presenting Sponsor Road Pro will gather their Driver's Council to determine the three finalists. Finalists will be announced on Saturday, April 1st. The top three finalists will be invited to the Convoy,

at which the World's Best Mom will be announced. This mother will not only be acknowledged during the Opening Ceremonies but will be the Honorary Closer of the Convoy by riding in the final truck. All top three finalists will receive a World's Best Mom prize package.

Make-A-Wish and the Convoy Team meet many dedicated, caring mothers throughout the planning of the event: from the wife of a truck driver who takes care of her family while her husband is on the road, to the Convoy Committee volunteer who gives back by selflessly giving up her day to support others, to our wonderful, amazing Wish mothers who endure so much on a daily basis. It is a fact that this family-friendly event is brought together by a variety of moms who enjoy bringing joy to others.

All nominations can be submitted via the Convoy website: philasv.wish.org/convoy.

The Make-A-Wish Mother's Day Truck Convoy began in 1990 when a child, Matt, had his Wish granted to ride in an 18-wheeler and talk to his sister via CB radio. On the day of Matt's Wish, over forty trucks arrived to make his Wish a reality. Thus, the Mother's Day Truck Convoy was born and continues to grow each year. This year Make-A-Wish will again welcome the TFC Mobile Chapel to its event. We are grateful to the organizers for providing a prime spot for the chapel on the grounds of Burle Business Park. Below, a partial view of last year's event.



MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

A Word from the Editor: Both the "Chapel Logs" page as well as "More from the Frontlines" in the online edition are, to judge from comments and notes sent to this magazine, a favorite feature of Highway News, right up with the "Guess Truck" feature. What we publish is, so to speak, just the tip of the iceberg of the reports received by the International Office. So in this edition we decided to do some "catching up," with six pages of reports of God's work at the chapels through the ministry of our chaplains (although it's still just showing a bit more of the "iceberg"; only eternity will truly reveal the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of truckers, as many times seeds are planted that will only grow into the fruit of salvation later on). As you read, join us in praising the Lord for lives changed, and pray for their continued growth in Christ.

From Elkton, MD

- I helped a new driver who was having a weight problem with his trailer; he was 1735 lbs. over on his tandems. I had him slide his tandems back four holes to the seventh hole and he was right where he needed to be. He said to me, "Chaplain, I was praying on the way over here that somebody would be able to help me with this and I guess God sent me you!" I smiled and said, "Yes, He did!"
- Selam came into the chapel for a visit. He is originally from Ecuador and now lives in Atlanta with his wife and two small children. Shortly into the conversation, I asked him if he had ever accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Selam said he was struggling with the idea of accepting Christ. After I shared with him the ABCs of salvation and other Scriptures, he bowed his head, praying the sinner's prayer and asked Christ to come into his life. Pray for Selam as he starts his new journey with Christ.
- Daniel was very upset; he has been on the road for a month and a half. He wants to get home to see his family. When he left, he said he felt better.
- Ken came in upset and angry. He is troubled with unforgiveness. I listened to him share his burden, then I shared some verses with him and also the Gospel of salvation. He assured me he is saved. We looked at the Lord's Prayer about asking for forgiveness for our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. As we talked, he calmed down. He was very thankful for our time together.
- James, a driver from Florida, left Virginia early this morning to come here because he knew there was a TFC chapel here and he wanted to come to church. We had a great service.

From East St. Louis, IL

- A driver came in to fellowship and to share what God has done in his life, changing him from drug addict to saved, praise God!
- A driver said he saw the chapel from the garage; it was his first day of driving with his trainer and he wanted prayer for his life and marriage, as he and his wife have been apart for many years, but are trying to start again.

From Frystown, PA

- Brian came in to share his faith. He is concerned about being unable to worship in a church regularly. As an owner-operator, he is on the road constantly, but he feels God led him back to truck driving to share his faith with other truckers. We prayed and I encouraged him to continue to pray to God for guidance.

From Harrisburg, PA

- Jane came in crying and distraught. She said her husband had just texted her asking for a divorce. Both drive and hardly see each other. I talked with her for almost an hour, gave her a Bible and devotional book, and prayed with and for her and her situation.
- Phil came in with a prayer request. We talked for quite a while about different things, including the fact that he accepted the Lord at this chapel when David Roberts ("Green Onion") was the lead chaplain.
- A Costa Rican driver stopped in after he saw the sign for services at the TA across the street. He told his story about coming to faith in Christ – pretty dramatic how God rescued him from a stranded ship in the Caribbean Sea (sounded like a Jonah story!). He now drives truck around the USA and is very vocal about his faith. I prayed for him before he left.

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From Holland, MI

- One in for service and after the service, he remained for fellowship. He had a word of praise for TFC chapels. Danny had been in Ontario CA. He team drives with his wife, and she was out of medication. After the service, at Ontario, Danny asked Chaplain Michael DeBay if there was a Walmart around. Michael said not that he could take a semi to, but if he could wait he would run him there. Well, it turned out that the medication needed was unavailable, so Michael drove them to several places before they found the medication. Danny said that since that time he has found TFC more in tune with the drivers' needs, and wanted me to convey sincere thanks.
- Ray stopped in for quite a while. He was very discouraged and we talked about how to look at life from God's point of view. I prayed for him and he left.

From Hudson, WI

- There was a prayer request left here by a driver who visited before I came in. it was a personal problem with the sin of pornography. The drive left his number. I called and talked with him for some 30 minutes. He described what was going on. I went through some passages he's familiar with and prayed for him. He thanked the Lord and me.
- Guy stopped in and explained that his father died unexpectedly. He has suffered other losses in work, health, and relationships. I explained the Gospel to him and asked if he wanted to accept Jesus into his life. He agreed and I led him in prayer as he prayed the sinner's prayer.

From Indianapolis, IN

- Came to check on the chapel, found a visitor here, praying; he thanked us that the chapel is open 24/7.
- Allen came in looking to understand how to be saved. I led him through the Roman's Road and he accepted Christ as his Savior. I was so excited that I gave him his certificate and Bible studies that I forgot to have him fill out the decision card.

From Knoxville, TN

- Tommy, a driver from Ohio, has been here at the truck stop all week, but finally came into the chapel. He is saved, but not walking with the Lord. He was in prison for 4 years. Prayed with him and he walked out with a smile on his face and said he will be back.
- Arthur, a driver from Florida came in, said he was a believer but had walked away from God, quit reading his Bible, stopped praying and just couldn't get back to God. Everything was going wrong. We went through many Scriptures on forgiveness and repentance and believing God's Word and promises. Arthur prayed and asked for forgiveness and recommitted himself to the Lord.
- Gordon came in the evening shared that the Lord had been dealing with him for some time. He had been reading the Bible some but didn't understand. He wanted some changes in his life shared many scriptures with him. We discussed what sin is and how God hates sin. We presented the plan of salvation and only he could make the decision. He then prayed and confessed his sins and asked the Lord to be Lord of his life.
- Ronald was talking to a couple in the parking lot, and he brought them to the chapel. After about 2 ½ hours later, they both trusted Christ as their Lord.
- Patrick, driver from AR, called. He has been backsliding. He wanted to pray and rededicate his life to the Lord.

From Nashville, TN

- Craig stopped in the chapel. His wife is saved and is in Uganda. At the end of the service, Craig asked Jesus into his heart and save him. He said his wife has been wishing this for a long time. He took a picture of him and me and sent it to his wife.
- I met William on the steps to the chapel. I greeted him and he wanted to ask me a spiritual question about divorce. One thing led to another and he ended up praying the sinner's prayer. He knew about God, but he didn't know what it took to be saved.
- Mike came in the chapel and we talked for a bit. I asked him if he were to die at this moment, if he would go to heaven. He said he didn't know, so we went through the Scriptures and he asked the Lord to save him. This man is 62 and excited about his salvation!

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From Lodi, OH

- A husband-and-wife driving team came in wanting prayer for safe travel and for two ill granddaughters. We talked, and then I prayed for them.
- One driver from WV came in needing prayer for his soon-to-be wife. Her father is dying of cancer. Her father is a Christian. We prayed together for God's comfort for the family.

From Ocala, FL

- Foreign Missions comes to the Chrome Shop. Ivan & Alex, living in Portland, Oregon, stopped to talk. Both are refugees from the Ukraine and are truck drivers. They showed me pictures of their families and said they both go to a church when home that preaches the Gospel. We talked about the reality of Jesus and the need to know Him. They took many pieces of literature including the Truckers Bible. I told them they would be prayed for. Thanks for praying for this ministry to truckers,
- I was coming back to the chapel and saw a driver coming out of the chapel. He was so thankful that we were open in the morning so that he could start his day with prayer & devotion. Then he thanked me for walking the lot earlier and letting him know that we were open.
- Kelly, a professing believer, was looking for encouragement and help with his marriage and job. Shared some truths from Hebrews and 2 Timothy about God's eternal presence and promises. We prayed before he left.
- Alan saw me before I saw him and he jumped out of his truck to talk to me. He was thankful that someone had been here last night to minister to him.

From Omaha, NE

- Chris, an employee from the plaza, brought his wife and son to the service this evening. What a blessing to have young and elderly in the same service. Brian also joined us as we worshiped God in song and word. What a blessed time our Father allowed us this evening.
- I met up with Troy in the coffee shop this evening just before I was getting ready to leave. Troy was in a condition like I have never seen in him in all the years I've known Troy. He needed to talk and God took me into the café. He talked and I listened, all the while I am praying for the Holy Spirit's intervention.
- Had some good visits with some of the employees. So many are hurting over a variety of issues. Thank the Lord that we are able to listen and give them our listening ear.
- As I was walking through the plaza, John came through. I think by the look on his face, I was the last person he wanted to see at the time. When he realized I was there and he couldn't very well escape, he started to unload the burdens on his heart. It was not all pretty, but John realized he needed this time of venting and later, he thanked me for the special time.

From Racine, WI

- Driver Clifford stopped in for a short visit. He is struggling with drinking recently after being alcohol-free for a long time (about 10 years). Prayed for him and encouraged him to go to God to avoid drinking when the desire comes and for the Holy Spirit to give him the strength to resist.
- Driver Stephen came in when he saw the "Open" sign when returning to his truck. He was rather downcast and burdened. He was tired, it was 10 PM and he had to get up early, but he was in and in want and need of prayer. He is 69 years old and only gets home every 3 months. He's had a few financial setbacks since retiring in 2012. We spoke for quite a while. I prayed for him and his family, he was very thankful and greatly encouraged.
- Driver Reinhart came in disturbed over a recent divorce and dealing with the pain of it and his wife's unfaithfulness. We talked for over an hour and a half and I prayed for him and his family before he left. He left feeling much better and with a "lighter load."
- Driver Pete came in for a Daily Bread and prayer. His mother is in the formative stages of Alzheimer's, his brother is on dialysis and awaiting a new kidney and his sister is suffering with Lou Gehrig's disease. I prayed for him and his family.
- Driver Brenda stopped in for fellowship. She is strong in the faith and brought up a number of family issues. Brenda was happy the chapel was open and stayed for over 4 hours.

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From Ontario, CA

- A female driver came in crying. She is alone and remembered her 25-year-old son who died last May. She wanted to calm down. I gave her some food and drink, and we talked for some time about how Jesus was with her. She is a believer and just wanted fellowship. After eating, we prayed. She felt much better. I invited her to come back for the night service.
- Jessica came in and for the first time in a chapel gave her heart to Jesus.
- Joe, from Brazil, heard the message and gave his heart to the Lord.
- I talked to a driver about Jesus Christ. He said his mom is a Christian but that he never accepted Jesus. After sharing the Gospel with him, he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Delbert came in after the service and gave his heart to the Lord. Nicholas also accepted Christ today!
- Nathan said he needed the Lord, but didn't know how to get there. I told him if he prayed a prayer to receive Jesus into his heart and to forgive him of his sins. He prayed and received Jesus.
- Driver Jessie was an old timer. He lit up when he prayed to receive Jesus Christ.
- I was sitting outside the chapel reading my daily Bible study when I noticed a truck driver noticing the chapel. I engaged him in conversation; he had not been home for three months. I mentioned that's why we want to be available for the drivers. I told him that Jesus loved him and he began to weep. I ministered to him, prayed with him, and gave him a New Testament.
- Driver Matthew was already waiting for the chapel to open; he wanted to pray before he left to go home, not knowing if he would make it back before his mother dies. We talked and prayed.
- Spoke with KJ at his truck and shared the Gospel with him, and he prayed to receive Christ. Gave him a Bible and a new believer's certificate.
- Christine came in and made a commitment to follow Christ. She is eager to develop her relationship with Him, and will do the Bible Studies that were given to her.
- The TA security officer, a Christian, called me and wanted me to talk to a driver about Christ. The driver, Terry, came into the chapel asking about Jesus Christ. We went through the Scriptures and the plan of salvation. He prayed and asked Jesus to forgive him of his sins, and accepted Jesus Christ.
- Alex came in and said he believed in "gods," and thought they were all the same. We shared Jesus with him and he wanted the Lord right then. We prayed and he received Christ.
- Two drivers came; both broke down and cried, and let out some baggage. We prayed with them. They left feeling blessed.
- Cory came in the chapel today. He had a lot of baggage and said he wanted to change. After asking him if he really wanted to change, I shared the Gospel with him. He accepted Jesus.

From Wildwood, FL

- Truck driver Jim asked prayer for Elizabeth, his wife. She was just saved and being baptized on Sunday. He wants prayer that she grows in the Lord.
- Chris, with whom I talked several weeks ago, was again in the lot. He now wanted a whole Bible as he said reading the New Testament had changed his life and was hungry for more!

From Wytheville, VA

- Brian came looking for a new life; he was tired of living his old life of sin. I took him through the tract, "May I ask you a question?" He received Christ as Savior. Praise the Lord.
- Steven came and stood on the deck of the chapel. I went out to talk to him. He came in and gave his life to Christ.
- James walked by the chapel twice before he came in. The Lord had him under conviction. When he came in, he wanted to be saved. We talked for a while, and then he prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Kaline and Hannah both work at Taco Bell. I pray with them every day just about. They asked about how to be saved. We went over it after they got off work. I talked with them about receiving Christ as Lord and Savior. They both are in high school and going to college next. Praise the Lord. Praying for the employees does work.
- Joe came down from NJ to pick up his girlfriend, who was left at the truck stop by her mother. They came into the chapel and we shared the Heavenly Father with them. Both received Christ as Savior!
- David broke down here today with radiator trouble. He came over for Bible study. I shared with him the "May I ask you a question?" tract. He prayed to receive Christ as his Savior and Lord.

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From Rochelle, IL

- Spent time with Tim, a Christian man from Canada, who struggles with porn. I shared some Bible verses with him, and he repented and rededicated his life to Jesus.
- At the end of the service, Maggie and her husband, Dennis, said, "Your message convicted us." Maggie said she is saved, but has backslidden and is out of the will of God. She repented and rededicated her life to God. Dennis said he had never been saved and wanted to be born again. He repented and asked Jesus to save him and he committed his life to the Lord.
- Jeff came in and listened intently to the teaching of the Word. Jeff prayed, repented, and asked Jesus to save him tonight. Then, with excitement, he said, "I need to let all my friends know this great truth; people need Jesus!"
- Jason came in for evening service. There was only one other driver here so I had more of a Bible study. Jason had a lot of good questions. I was able to share from the Word of God and my testimony—how Jesus saved me and delivered me. Jason said, "I want Jesus to save me and deliver me and make me a godly man, husband and father."
- Brian, a trainee, came in after driving for only five days. He said he misses his wife, home and church. He doesn't know if he can be a trucker. We spent an hour in the Word, letting the Bible talk to Brian.
- Driver Roger came in today. He professes to be saved but there is no fruit or assurance in life. He prayed a prayer of recommitment and seemed sincere.
- Tom, a two-year-old Christian driver, came in with a lot of questions about the Bible. We had a wonderful time in the Word. He came back for the evening service.
- Tami said she is concerned about going to heaven without her husband. Steve is a very good man, but without salvation through Jesus he will not go to heaven. Steve shared how he grew up in church, but was very confused and had no assurance of heaven. After I shared the Scriptures with him, he accepted Christ.
- We had a great service tonight. One couple asked what were the requirements to get into heaven. They both said they do good to others and keep the commandments. When showed from Scriptures that none is good and we all deserve hell without Jesus, they both asked Jesus to save them; now they want to know how to live for Jesus!!
- John came in for evening service, saying, "I have no peace or hope in my life. I just want someone to love me." I shared Scriptures with him and how God poured out His love to us while we were still sinners. John started crying and said, "I want to be saved now." He knelt down and accepted Jesus into his heart.
- I met Larry in the parking lot during the driver appreciation day. While talking to him, I found out he had never been born again. Tom, a former chaplain, shared and prayed with Larry and his wife, and he accepted the Lord.
- Keith came in for a service. After the service as we talked I could tell Keith was not saved, even though he could quote the Bible and was a leader in his church. When I asked him when he was born again he said I have been baptized. I asked him what is the requirement to go to heaven and he said you needed to be good, be baptized, go to church and read the Bible. He then realized all his futile efforts cannot save him. With tears in his eyes Keith cried out for Jesus to save him and deliver him. We rejoiced together and Keith came back to the evening service and shared his testimony.
- Bobby came into the chapel with a heavy load of family issues. Included in these issues, his daughter overdosed over a year ago and his wife's health is failing, and she can't drive with him anymore. He was dialing his phone and I asked him how his wife was handling all this. He handed me the phone and said, "You ask her." She said their lives haven't been the same since their daughter died. I shared the Gospel with both of them over speaker phone. His wife cried and repented and asked Jesus to come into her life. I looked at Bobby and asked, "What about you?" He too asked Jesus to come into his life.
- When I pulled up to the chapel, Fred walked inside with me. He shared about his unfaithfulness to his wife. He said that he'd sat in his truck, looking over at the chapel for two days, telling himself he needed to go in. He sat there and did most of the talking, as I listened to him. Fred said he needed to repent and get saved. I said, "Let's do that right now." And he did!
- Steve walked in this morning in tears over his mother's death. We talked, and I opened the Scriptures and showed him how God can release him from these heavy burdens and change his life. I asked him to ask Jesus to forgive him and cleanse him. His troubles seem to fade away right in front of me.
- Had five drivers in for service. After the service, everyone shared their testimony except Eddie, whose wife is saved. I asked him if he was born again and he said no. We went through Scriptures with Eddie and he repented and committed his life to Jesus.

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From Sacramento, CA

- Driver Don came in to talk. He is having a lot of personal issues and he was mad at God for not listening to him. We talked for about two hours and then prayed. When he left the chapel, he was feeling much better.
- Tino came in to visit, and found the reason for coming in: he wanted to know Jesus. We shared with him the road to salvation and he asked Christ into his heart.
- One driver came in the chapel for prayer for himself and his wife; they are co-drivers and having some trouble with their marriage. I gave him two books, *The Praying Husband* and *The Praying Wife*. We talked about the situation they were having, then I read some Scriptures to him and prayed with him. He left the chapel feeling somewhat better.
- This was Larry's first time in a church. He had quite a story, starting at the age of thirteen, when he was incarcerated for murder, and released at the age of eighteen. He came in for the evening service, and after the service I talked with him for a while and saw that the Holy Spirit had touched him. I prayed with him when he told me he wanted Jesus in his life. I prayed the sinner's prayer with him and he accepted and received Jesus with all his heart. He was amazed that he could be forgiven for what he had done.
- S. is from India. I talked with him and he does believe that our Father in Heaven is the only God and that Jesus is His Son and died for our sins, and that He rose again. I asked him if he would like to have Jesus come into his life tonight, and he said YES!! I prayed the sinner's prayer with him and he accepted and received Jesus as his Savior tonight.
- A driver in training came in for prayer. He was dealing with fear of driving. I prayed for him and encouraged him to keep his eyes on Jesus and keep his vision down the road.
- A driver named Raul walked in and said he was delighted this chapel is here. He had questions about his marriage, struggling with his wife's commitment. We opened up the Bible and read that God's desire is that he love his wife as Christ loves the church. I encouraged him to read God's Word and I prayed for him.
- Randy stayed after evening service to talk to me about his salvation. He said he was unsure that he had been saved. I told him there was one way to know for sure, and he prayed the sinner's prayer with me. He said as he left the chapel that he felt different. He asked me to baptize him when he came back in a couple weeks.
- A couple came in for prayer and encouragement. They wanted to know where chapels are located so I showed them the list on the back of the *Highway News*, and they were blown away.
- John stopped while I was going in to make the announcement for the evening service. We talked for a short while about the problems he was having. We prayed. I invited him in for the service. He came in early for the service, again we talked and prayed. He accepted Jesus as his Savior. Praise the Lord!
- Albert came in this afternoon and was in trouble. He is facing jail time and was at the end of himself. He had nowhere to go but to Jesus. I asked him if he knew God and he said no. I explained to him that God is the only One who can deliver him. Albert said he would like to know Jesus. I shared God's Word with him prayed and he accepted Jesus Christ into his heart. Praise God!
- Driver Andre came into the chapel this afternoon in a very confused state. He told me he had an addiction to prostitution. I read some Scriptures with him and we prayed for deliverance. I offered a new life in Jesus and he accepted. We said the sinner's prayer together and he accepted Jesus as his Savior. We thanked and praised the Lord for a while longer. When Andre left he told me that he felt completely different and felt no trouble in his life. He was going to call his mother immediately and tell her he accepted Jesus today.
- Driver Chip thanked my wife and me for being here and keeping the chapel open.
- A Mexican family came in for prayer. The parents didn't speak much English, so the daughter translated as I prayed with and for them, and gave them a New Testaments in Spanish.
- While having lunch at the diner, I talked to a man sitting next to me. He said he was surprised there was a church at the truck stop. I shared with him about the ministry of TFC.
- A lady visitor came in needing consoling and prayer. My wife, Sandy, listened and cried with her. Sandy also asked her if she was saved, and the woman said, "I think so." Sandy prayed for her before she left.

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

April 1, 7:30 AM ♦ Drivers Appreciation Breakfast: Blenheim Baptist Church, 24 Talbot Street East, Blenheim, ON; for information contact Chaplain Len at 519-536-6045 or 519-539-2137.

April 8, 5:00 PM ♦ York-Adams Chapter Spring Banquet: Dover Fire Hall, Dover, PA; concert by *Set Free*; for information & tickets, contact Bill Menges at 717-324-1592.

April 25, 6:30 PM ♦ West Michigan Annual Banquet: The Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, MI; for information contact Dwayne Johnson at 616-745-1012.

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Let's Talk (Again) About Financial Wellness

Have you filed your 2016 tax forms? Have you received your refund? Were you depending on a large refund to pay bills or buy necessary or discretionary items? Last April's Drivers Wellness column gave tips on how best to use your refund. Here is a refresher course and some tips about how to protect your assets.

Your tax refund is simply that: a refund on your overpayment of taxes throughout the year. One of the worst ways to spend it is by making frivolous purchases or frittering it away on things you may not even remember you purchased. Psychologically, people who receive a large tax refund tend to think of it as a reward and, as a result, spend the money differently than they would their paychecks. It's okay to splurge a little; just be careful that your refund doesn't disappear and that you have nothing to show for it. Remember: you worked for that money!

A survey by Bankrate.com notes that thirty percent of Americans will use their refund money to pay down debt. Clearing your credit by paying off credit cards is a good use for your refund. Even if you can't pay them off entirely, at least reduce the amount you owe. Did you know that a balance of \$2800 will cause you to pay \$500 in interest (based on minimum payment)? Reducing the balance will reduce the interest. Use the extra cash to pre-pay your home mortgage to reduce the principle and save money on future interest payments. Use your refund to pay down student loans or car loans. This saves interest payments as long as the money goes toward the principle amount owed.

Tax refunds are not a way of saving money through withholding. You might get a financial windfall in the spring but you've also lost any interest you could have made by investing the money. Instead, open an IRA account or add to it if you already have one. You can make a good start toward saving with this year's refund by opening or adding to a CD for future spending, an IRA account, or a 529 college savings account for your children.

Take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit! Workers, self-employed people, and farmers who earned

\$53,505 or less last year could receive larger refunds if they qualify for the EITC. Eligible families with three or more qualifying children could get a credit of up to \$6,269. EITC for people without children could mean up to \$506 added to their tax refund. Unlike most deductions and credits, the EITC is a refund. In other words, those eligible may get a refund from the IRS even if they owe no tax. Last year, more than 27 million eligible workers and families received almost \$67 billion in EITC, with an average EITC amount of more than \$2,455. Consult with a professional tax preparer. (You can file for free on IRS.gov, and there are many volunteer organizations that will help you for free or low cost.)



One more note of concern: this information has been all over the news but some people are still being taken advantage of by scammers claiming to be from the IRS and attempting to "collect past due funds." Remember, the IRS will never call, fax or text you demanding payment. If you are in arrears you will be sent a certified letter. You will never be asked to pay with gift cards

or in cash. If you get a call of this nature, hang up immediately. The longer you are on the line, the greater the chance the scammer will scare you into paying money you do not owe. Check the Internet for information on these scams. Do not let someone steal your hard-earned money.

If, by chance, you do owe taxes and have not resolved them satisfactorily with the IRS, the agency is now using four professional collection agencies. These are CBE Group of Cedar Falls, IA; Conserve of Fairport, NY; Performant of Livermore, CA; and Pioneer of Horseheads, NY. The IRS will also give you written notice if your account has been turned over to one of these agencies. If a caller claims to be an authorized collection agent and is not from one of these four firms, they are most likely a scammer.

Be aware and be safe. ☹

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



Safe Under His Wings

I grew up knowing what life is like on a farm, with its daily routines and challenges. My grandfather and two uncles had farms, and I would always look forward to helping them in the summer, baling or helping combine the grain. I remember the days when I would see my uncle cultivating his corn in the field next to us. I couldn't get to the field fast enough to sit on the back of the cultivator and jump off to uncover shoots of corn that got covered by the cultivator. It usually required him to stop momentarily to uncover the corn with his long stick, but having me do it saved him the trouble. Knowing this made me feel needed. Although my family didn't live on a farm, I was always closer than most of my friends because my father had his own business of hauling cattle. Not only did that connect me to the farm but it was the beginning of my love for trucks and being a truck driver.

Those formative years, observing and handling God's creation, imprinted on my heart and mind the miracle of life, such as witnessing the birth of a newborn calf. It was as if God Himself was present saying, "this is my creation." My early memory of Easter is carrying my basket out to Grandpa's barn looking for Easter eggs with my sister and cousins. When Grandpa concluded we had found them all, we would retreat to the house where Grandma and our mothers would finish up the baskets by adding the candy eggs and marshmallow chicks which were more our goal from the start.

Easter is the time when new life is much in our thoughts, as nature begins blooming all around us at the start of a new season. It is merely one of the many reminders of the cycle of life and death that daily surrounds us; but its significance goes far beyond life and death to the ultimate reality of life after death.

Getting back to my early "farming experience," for the past two years I have engaged in raising backyard chickens. It has become my "Gospel from the Chicken Coop." Twice we have had our Silkie, whose character is to

brood, sit on a group of eggs placed under her, incubating them until they break their shells and enter into their destined world. Witnessing her care for her chicks and how they scurried under her wings when they sensed danger reminded me of Jesus' words to the Pharisees and teachers of the Law, spoken in the days approaching the celebration of Passover: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing" (Matthew 23:37).

Watching the young chicks gradually discovering their new world and launching further from the nearness of mother hen but quickly rushing to her safety when they sensed danger reminded me of how we live each day with or without God in our lives. The chicks learn to forage as they follow the example of their mother hen. We learn from God our Father as we forage on His Word and run to Him when life brings its attacks. This reminder comes from the writer of Psalm 57:1, "Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed."

The cross and the open tomb are God's lasting reminders of His great love for you and me. To acknowledge that Jesus' death was the payment for saving us from our sin is completed by holding fast to what He promised His disciples days before his death: "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

In the words of the old song, "Under His wings, I am safely abiding." How about you, Driver? ☺

Rambler

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GREEN ONION



by David Roberts

Toxic City

Hey, Green Onion," said Hog Caller, "I can't believe the toxicity of programs on the media today which are programming our children for the future." "Yeah, Hog, Satan and all his hench-demons are telling them that everyone can do what is right in their own eyes. They want liberty from God Himself—'Get out of my face, God.'"

In 1970 I attended the Congress on Evangelism held in Kansas City, hosted by John Williams, a prominent African-American pastor, and counting on the participation of leaders like Billy Graham and Bill Bright. Never before or since have I heard such dynamic, Holy Spirit-filled preaching. When Billy Graham spoke, he had just returned from Viet Nam, where Christians by the thousands were tortured and murdered for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then he said, "I believe demons are coming through the messages on TV and the movies to destroy us." How can we counter these attacks? We must put on the full armor of God. We must study to show ourselves approved to God, workmen who pray without ceasing, who are ready always to give an answer to everyone for the reason that we have hope. Don't tell them how wonderful your church or organization or parachurch organization is. Tell them how wonderful Jesus, the Son of God, is.

If the Holy Spirit sets up an appointment for you with unbelievers, He will let them see the good works of God in you. They need you to come alongside, like Jesus did on the road to Emmaus, and just share the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We know our precious Lord has been working in their heart, and you have the greatest privilege in all the world to tell them of Jesus. We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus, our Lord, who instructed us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15 KJV). Jesus alone is Lord and God. He paid for all our sins by His sacrificial death on the cross, was buried in a grave for three days, then He rose triumphantly and ascended to sit at the right hand of our Almighty, Holy, Eternal Father until His return to earth some day soon to judge all mankind for eternity.

Toxic City is being exposed through the pornographic filth that can be easily accessed not only by us, but by our children. They are lured into the international sex marketplace body and soul. They are lured by "Turkish delight" candy, alcohol, drugs, and lies. These lies started with Satan when he said, "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5 KJV). That was the begging of the lie, fake swamp news that needs to be drained from our life. Who then can be saved in these terrible days that are so like Sodom and Gomorrah? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31 KJV).

If Jesus is not God come in the flesh, if he didn't come to destroy the devil, demons, and false prophets, don't believe Him. Satan, from the beginning, was a liar and a deceiver and a murderer; and God has a final place in hell for him and all his demonic forces and all those who do not believe that God, the Son, has come in the flesh and is Lord of all. But faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Only by reading and studying God's Word, and through preaching and the power and revealing of the Holy Spirit can we come to repentance and receive Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives. Now Jesus warned us of these perilous last days, but He wants us to live, sing, shout the Good News of His love and sacrifice for us even as we dwell for a while in Toxic City. Our Lord and Savior is preparing a place in heaven for all who receive this Good News. In heaven, there will be no temple in God's city "for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light" (Revelation 21:22-23 NLT). There will be no toxicity in that city. ☺

Green Onion

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If you were to die today,
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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).

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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