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# From the Email Bin



Dear Chaplain Len and Sue, Just want to say thank you, Len, for talking with our son. He always comes home so happy after a visit at the Chapel. He made it home for the men's breakfast on Saturday and came right over with a big hug and said, "I've been talking to your friend at Woodstock, Dad; he said to say hello." He is going through a lot right now, and just doesn't seem to know which way to turn. I hope and pray that he makes the right [decision] concerning his job The truck he has now has caused him

Hope all is well with you people! God loves you, and so do we.

Dale & Audrey Via email

# Good Morning,

a lot of grief.

I just want to [express my] appreciation for all you and your staff do to be available to truck drivers and their families. When I rode with my husband, several times we visited the mobile chapels and even [attended] services.

Elizabeth Via email

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# A Word from Dan

FaceTime with Dad



I'm glad you picked up this month's copy of *Highway News and Good News*. You'll enjoy the features inside. One of the changes is that I get to write this editorial piece. TFC President, Scott Weidner has been writing this for the past seventeen years. He is retiring the end of this month. Scott has kept his finger on the pulse of the trucking industry during his time at Transport For Christ and worked hard to lead the chaplains so that they serve God and truck drivers with excellence and integrity.

Those who have worked with Scott and those who have met him along the way have recognized a gracious and determined follower of Jesus Christ and leader of ministry. We will miss his day-to-day leadership.

God has now called me to leadership of TFC. I fully recognize that I follow a long line of great leaders—those who have navigated this ministry for nearly sixty-seven years. I have been looking ahead toward our 70th and 75th anniversaries. The desire of the entire leadership team is to continue providing meaningful, helpful, biblical, Christ-centered service to those who work in the trucking industry. Truck drivers, especially, have a unique and challenging occupation and life. TFC will always be looking for ways to encourage and help drivers through the challenges. We want to do that through our 70th year and beyond.

Challenges are navigated with the help of relationships. The relationship of fathers to children and the relationship of us to our fathers can be one of the most potent human relationships. The model of a father often shapes the life of a child. What an important role.

On June 18th, Father's Day is celebrated. If you are a dad and cannot be present with your kids or grandkids, do the FaceTime or What'sApp thing. It's the next best thing to being there. And if you can, call your father and just talk. Let the driver story on page 5 encourage you that it is never too late to rekindle the father/adult kid relationship.

The most amazing thing is that God expresses Himself as Father. Here's a profound truth: "And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete" (1 John 1:3-4). Let the truth of God as Father seep deeply into your mind and heart and see if that doesn't change you.

By Faith, With Joy,

Daniel Witwer

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# On the Road with Sam & Bunny (& Susie, too!)

Part 1 of a report by Sam Rittenhouse \* Photos by Sam Rittenhouse

In the January edition of Highway News and Good News we reported on a trip Sam Rittenhouse and Bunny O'Hare (TFC Chaplain Care Team) took to the Midwest, visiting TFC staff and family along the way. The trip was such an encouragement to the local staff, they decided to repeat the adventure, this time heading south. Like before, they were accompanied by faithful little Susie-the-dog. This is Sam's report about the trip.

he purpose for trips like this is to make face-to-face contacts with our chaplains, both staff and volunteers, who serve at the various truck stops where we have chapels, especially since we have not been able to get together for staff conference for several years now, due to lack of funds. The visits are really appreciated by the chaplains and are meant to represent a listening ear from the home office about their concerns. Our chaplains are out there on the front lines, so to speak, and sometimes get discouraged, like we all do at times. So it is good and necessary to sit with them and encourage them in a face-to-face encounter. Bunny and I work in the Chaplain Care Department and do a lot of our work via phone, email,



webinars, etc., but there is nothing that compares to getting out to their locations and spending quality time with them.

And so we hit the road on March 27th, making our first stop in Hagerstown, Maryland, to have lunch with my sister and brother-in-law. After that we headed off to Wytheville, Virginia, to spend the evening with Chaplain Dave Nispel. Chaplain Dave is single and retired from OTR driving. Even while he was still driving he would lay over at truck stops where TFC had chapels and spend whatever time he could volunteering to give the chaplain some time off. Now he has become a much-appreciated presence among the staff of the truck stop.

After supper and a good night's rest, Tuesday morning we spent some more time with Dave before heading to Knoxville, where we had lunch with Chaplain Hank



Rader. We had a very good and productive conversation with him related to the ministry and the chaplain's role in it. (I may add here that both Dave and Hank have some serious health issues but keep plugging away because it is their deep desire to minister to drivers and truck stop employees). After spending a few hours with Hank, we decided to head for Nashville, arriving about 6:30 PM. We got to spend an hour or so with Volunteer Chaplain Ralph before heading to the motel for the night. Soon after we arrived there was a massive accident just beyond where we exited and we again thanked God for safety on the highway.



(Top) Chaplain Bunny leading the service at the Nashville Chapel; (middle) the Chapel has a very visible spot at the truck stop; (bottom) Susie wanted in on the photo...but only her tail made it (bottom right of photo).

# Father and Son Reconcile

# As reported by Chaplain Jim Smalley

Driver Chris came in today. He shared some anger issues that he'd had with his father for over twenty years. As we spent some time together, I shared some ideas with him on how to deal with his anger, and then we closed with each of us praying. When we finished praying, Chris was crying. I suggested he write a letter to his father, expressing his feelings. Later on, he came back and showed me the letter, then he took a picture of it and texted it to his father. Chris told me that, as he was writing the letter, he could feel the release happening and that he felt "5,000 pounds lighter." He said that even if he didn't get a response from his father, he'd be okay with that.

The next day, when I was coming back to the chapel, I saw Chris sitting in his truck, which was parked next to the chapel, talking on his phone. He rolled down the window and said to me, "My father and I are having a conversation." I gave him a thumbs-up and walked into the chapel.

Chris came in, with tears in his eyes, just before the service started. He told me that he and his father just had a two-hour conversation that should have taken place twenty years before. They both forgave each other and they cried together. Needless to say, Chris was rejoicing because, in his words, "I have a father back!"

Chris knows the Lord as his Savior, and one of the questions he asked his father was, "Dad, do you go to church?" His father responded, "I accepted Christ as my Savior while I was in prison, but I don't attend a local church." Chris asked him if he would start going to church if he (Chris) asked him to, and his father said yes!



# Can You Guess This Truck?

Send guess to <u>editor@transportforchrist.org</u>.

April's "Guess Truck" (below) was a

1925 Ford Model T.



# ~ A Perfect Father's Day Card ~

t's been many years since I last bought a Father's Day card, as my dad passed away in 1984. Walking through a Hallmark store one day, watching people picking through cards, I found myself missing the old ritual of looking for just the right one that would express my love and appreciation in a way that I'd never been able to do verbally. My father was a good man, but he carried deep burdens and hurts that kept him from expressing love and affection, and kept his children at a distance. Throughout my childhood, he was what I later came to describe as

an "absent presence." My sense of loss, when he died, was for more than losing him physically—I mourned for the relationship that never was.

Back to the card store... I started feeling that old sense of desolation, the sadness that always accompanies my memories of him—a desire to have known him

better and to have had a better sense of the love that I now know was there.

Then words of a Scripture read a long time ago popped on the screen of my mind: "A Father to the fatherless... is the Lord in his holy dwelling" (Psalm 68:5). "You're not fatherless," I reminded myself. "You have the greatest Father anyone could wish for." Then a "crazy" idea crossed my mind... Why not pick a Father's Day card for God, thanking Him for all He has been and continues

to be for me as my perfect And I would thank Him for guiding Heavenly Father?

me and giving me wisdom when I

I started thinking about what I would write in that card.

First and foremost, I would thank Him again for adopting me into His family by the new birth in Jesus Christ: "...you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:15-16 NKJV). When I first learned the actual meaning



of "Abba" I was stunned. The best English equivalent is "Daddy." You mean to say, God actually wants me to call Him "Dad"? But that's what it says there.

I would thank Him for being a Father who will never abandon me. He promised: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Also, for providing for me: "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

And I would thank Him for guiding me and giving me wisdom when I feel befuddled and confused (happens quite often!): "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you" (Psalm 32:8).

And there's so much more. But above all, I would thank Him for loving me and letting me know it! "I have loved you with an everlasting love," He says to me — and to each one of us. "I have drawn you with loving-kindness"

(Jeremiah 31:3).

Obviously, there was no appropriate card in the store. But by the time I walked out, my Heavenly Daddy had gotten my card, sent from a heart overflowing with gratitude.

I have a Father in heaven Who cherishes me as His

own, precious daughter. And He cherishes each one of us in this special way. We are His own creation, and every aspect of our person, even down to the quirks that may drive some of our friends "nuts," are part of His perfect plan. No, we're not perfect, but we are perfectly suited for the purpose for which our Heavenly Dad created us. And that's just one more reason to thank Him.

This Father's Day, why not write your own "Thank You" card to your Heavenly Father?

# Spiritual Flip-flops Are Not Appropriate Attire

Take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13 New King James Version





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.

# **♦** Thankful visitor brightens a chaplain's day

Mary stopped in to thank us for what we do, shining the light in the darkness.

Chaplain Chris

# God forgives all of our sins, be they a few or many

Great visit with trucker Jeff from Missouri. He was here for over two hours, and said he was here on Sunday night when chaplains Roy and KC were here. He came tonight to talk about some passages from the Bible. Jeff feels that he is giving in to the flesh too much. He didn't say that he considered himself to be backslidden, but he asked if the Lord gives up on the ones who know Christ but commit too many sins. I assured him that we are in God's hands all the time, that He loves us, forgives us, and washes our sins away. Jeff was refreshed by his time tonight. It was a time of edification and renewing his spiritual mind with the Word of God.

Chaplain Tim

# Chaplains are flexible to answer immediate needs

Driver Alex came in around 8 PM, just as I was preparing to leave. He implied that he really wanted to chat, so I stayed while he parked his truck. He came back and we had a good long talk and prayed together. *Chaplain Rob* 

# A new believer causes rejoicing in heaven

After talking with Kathy, and sharing the gospel with her, she accepted the Lord.

Chaplain Roger

# A mother's prayers are answered

Joel came in for the early service. I asked him if he knew Jesus, and he said no. I went through the Gospel and when I was done, with a big smile, he accepted the Lord. He said he was going to call his mom, who is a Christian, to tell her. *Chaplain John* 

# Late driver promises to be on time in the future

A driver came in after the service and was sorry he'd missed it. I gave him some CDs, as he already had a Bible. He said he comes to Nashville a lot and that he would be in time for the service next time.

Chaplain Buck

# An oasis along the highway

I had one driver in this evening. He admitted he has been rather lacking in his walk with Jesus because of the industry and not being able to find Christian fellowship while on the road. Needless to say, he was happy to find us open and, as he expressed it, an oasis where he felt he could be refreshed.

Chaplain Dave

# Prayer and Fellowship: a regular part of the chapel ministry

Andrew, a new Christian, came in for prayer. I prayed over him for blessings, safety, and that he would be faithful in seeking God. Then Pastor Robert and his wife, Angela, from Dallas, came in. We had a good, encouraging time of fellowship.

\*Chaplain Jack\*\*

# "Comfort me with your love, just as you have promised" (Psalm 119:76 CEV)

Driver John, from Kentucky, came in for a few minutes. He said they just found out his wife has cancer, and he was seeking prayer. I prayed with him and gave him a *Highway News*.

Chaplain James

# "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Scott came in after the morning service. I asked him if he was born again; he said, "I am a Christian and I have been baptized." I asked him what he will say to God when he stands before Him on judgment day. Scott said, "I would ask for forgiveness." I told him it would be too late then. After I explained the Gospel to him, Scott said, "According to God's Word, I've never truly been born again, I am not a Christian." Then he grabbed my hands, repented, and Jesus saved him. *Chaplain Jay* 

# Divorce averted by turning their lives over to the Lord

Driver Ryan shared with me how he got saved at a TFC chapel. He was full of the joy of the Lord. We talked for a time and he told me that his wife and he were almost divorced, then he got saved and then she also received Christ and they tore up the divorce papers!

\*\*Chaplain Richard\*\*

# **GOOD NEWS FOR YOU**

# Hide and Seek - One Father's Story

hen my son was a toddler, he loved to play the game of hide-and-seek. But one day he decided to play without telling me what he was doing. When his absence became conspicuous, I called out to him, "Where are you?" Then I searched the house thoroughly, or so I thought. I kept looking and re-looking at all his normal hiding spots, but he was nowhere to be found. After three hours, I was in a panic.

Then I spotted one place I had not checked, but it was highly unlikely I would find him there so I passed by it many times without looking. Beside the fireplace was a cabinet built into the wall, and it was filled with firewood. I decided to look anyway and did not see him at first, but having nowhere else to search, I stooped down and looked way up onto the top of the wood stacked inside—and there he was! What relief to finally find him.

When I asked if he hadn't heard my voice calling him, he said he did; he knew my voice, but he wanted to keep hiding.

This is not a new story—the same thing happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But

the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?'" (Genesis 3:8-9) They did not answer because they were afraid; they had disobeyed God and did not want to face Him in their sin. Although I did not know where my son was hiding, God knew exactly where Adam and Eve were, but He called out to them to bring them out of hiding and to forgive them and restore their relationship.

God knows where you are, too. If you are trying to hide from the truth of how our disobedience displeases God, there is nowhere you can hide that God cannot find you. And we do not need to fear God—he is a God of love and desires to forgive us of our sins and restore our relationship with Him. All you need to do is to come out of hiding, confess your wrong-doings, and ask for His forgiveness in Jesus' name. Do you hear your Father's voice calling you?

Don't be afraid; approach Him in prayer and ask for His salvation. Your Father in Heaven wants you to be His child. He loves you just as you are and wants to bless you just as we fathers want to bless our children—even when they disobey. "Just as a father loves his children, So the Lord loves those who fear and worship Him" (Psalm 103:13 AMP). This Father's Day, why not get to know your Father in Heaven? He knows everything about you already and is waiting for you to answer His call.

# Your Father in Heaven Is Calling—Are You Ready to Answer?

- ☑ 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.



From Reports by Gary Nussbaum & Photos by Gary Nussbaum and Jake Wise

| haplain Hank and Gloria Rader (Knoxville Chapel), Chaplain Jason and Shannon Nussbaum (Lodi Chapel) with their along daughter, Christianna, and Gary and Pearl Nussbaum (Follow-up Ministries) comprised the team representing TFC this year at the Mid-America Trucking Show (MATS) Louisville, Kentucky. Beginning to set up the 10- by 20-foot booth Tuesday evening, they put the finishing touch on everything shortly after lunch on Wednesday. At 3:00 PM they joined four other truck stop ministries for a time of reporting, sharing, and encouraging one another in the areas God has called each to serve (this is something that happens every year at the show). It has also become a tradition to continue the fellowship at the local Golden Corral for the evening meal.



For the last few years we have been surrounded by numerous booths that did not draw much attention. This year was much different. You might say it was like an Oreo, sweet vanilla filling between two chocolate cookie wafers. There was a 1971 KW on one side and a 1961 B Model Mack on the other, so our place between the two drew more attention to our aisle.

We dreamed with many drivers and engaged them in conversation as they admired and reminisced about the times they spent behind the wheel of the old two-stick Mack.



Among those who stopped by, there were many who expressed their gratitude for TFC's presence at the truck stops, and encouraged us to keep up the good work. It was such a blessing to meet so many drivers who gave testimony of how they had been ministered to at the various TFC chapels across the country. We had the privilege of praying with many of them, but also were blessed by several drivers and their wives throughout the three days who asked if they could pray for us.



On Saturday Gloria, Shannon, and Pearl were invited to attend Women In Trucking Association's 8th annual "Salute to Women Behind the Wheel." Ellen Voie, Founder, President and CEO of Women In Trucking, was a former board member of Transport for Christ from 2008-2014.

A highlight each year is the Paul K. Young Beauty Championship. That's TRUCKS! Lots of work, money, and tender care. One can only imagine both the honor and challenge faced by the judges who had to judge all those beautifully detailed trucks.

It was another year of meeting new people while renewing friendships from prior years, both attendees and fellow vendors, plus meeting two gentlemen from Russia. It was an excellent opportunity for TFC to put a face on its ministry, letting drivers and families know we continue to be there for them.









# MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

**More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace** 

# From the Logs of the Toledo Chapel

- We had a bus come in with six people from France. They came in and took a lot of pictures inside and out. They were excited to see a Christian chapel [in a truck stop].
- Driver Vernarre, a believer, came in for a few minutes. He is a young man who has been driving for about eight months. I offered a prayer for him before he left. He likes to stop at chapels, so I gave him a *Highway News* and pointed out the list of chapels.
- I chatted with a driver inside the truck stop. He expressed an appreciation for the chapels and our work several times.
- Chris came in saying he had been by here before but never stopped in. He said he was tired of the life he was living and wanted what his wife has in her life. She goes to church and talks about Jesus and being in Heaven someday. He said he wanted that, too. We read Scriptures and just verified what his wife had been telling him, and when I asked him if he wanted to do that (give his life to Christ), he said yes, that he would be a fool not to. After a lot of tears, he ended with the big smile of someone who had a big burden taken from him.
- One of the locals stopped by the chapel and asked if I would have breakfast with him, which I agreed. We had a nice breakfast and he told me he appreciated all the chaplains and he had never taken the time to tell us so.
- Herbert came in for the service, and at the end of the service he recommitted his life to the Lord.
- Roman, from the Ukraine, came in all excited to see the chapel. He just started driving two months ago and this is the first time he has come to a trucker's chapel. He asked if he could take some pictures to send to his dad. I said to take as many as he would like!
- Denton, from Jamaica, stopped by while I was out on the deck. He said he is a believer, but had a lot of questions he wanted to ask me. We talked for over two hours and then we prayed. He said he would be back and thanked me for being here.
- Cary came in for prayer and was wondering if we had more chapels, so I gave him some *Highway News* magazines and showed him where they are located. He thanked me, we prayed, and he was on his way.
- Greg had some questions about spiritual matters; he was agnostic. I shared the ABC plan [from the back of the *Highway News*] and then we had prayer. He prayed to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior!
- Ruben stopped in to thank us for being here and to drop off a donation. We prayed and he left with a big smile saying he needed to stop for encouragement and was now ready to go [back into the world].
- Driver Tom came in to leave a donation in memory of his deceased daughter. He expressed his appreciation for this ministry.
- Joseph, an outspoken believer, stopped in for a few minutes. He was praising the Lord and very joyful. He was a real encouragement to me. He picked up some CDs, I prayed for him, and he was on his way.

# From the Logs of the Sioux Falls Chapel

- Jabari came in for the service and accepted Jesus!
- Michael came into the chapel wanting help and someone to talk to concerning his wife. They drive together and she has been stealing money from him. Michael explained about his religious background, and that he never went to church. He was trying to be good and do what he thought was expected by God. I asked him if he knew the Gospel and if he wanted to get to heaven, and explained that salvation was a free gift. He didn't grasp it at first but came around and accepted God's grace.
- We had our Drivers Appreciation Dinner today, with a decent turnout: thirty-seven had signed in, and probably an additional twenty showed up (that hadn't signed in)..
- Don came in for about forty-five minutes. He used to be in drugs, and shared what the Lord has done in his life. We were blessed to hear [his testimony].
- Raney, who used to be homeless and is now living in the area and working, stopped in. He said he was in here a while back. He shared how the Lord has gotten his life back on track. It was great to hear his testimony.
- I noticed a man in the restaurant wearing a WWII cap and stopped to thank him for his service. He accepted graciously. His wife noticed the *Our Daily Bread* devotional I was carrying and told me they both had worked for Zondervan Publishing and that their entire family shares their faith. They took a *Highway News* and agreed to pray for the TFC ministry.

# More from the Frontlines

# From the Logs of the Nashville Chapel

- I got to talk with a trucker that came over before the service, and he gave me his testimony of when he was saved. We had a good time of fellowship and then we worshiped the Lord together in song and studying the Word of God.
- One driver, Ernie, came in for the service tonight. We studied the Book of Jude and other passages and shared our Christian walk and faith. We had a great time in the Lord.
- Two Christian drivers came for the service tonight. We sang old gospel hymns, studied 1st John and Ephesians, shared testimonies, and had good fellowship and encouragement together in the Lord.
- Raymond came for Bible study and fellowship. We studied various passages in Ephesians for over an hour. He shared his testimony and walk with the Lord and how he relies on Christ daily. An impressive testimony!
- Trevor thought he was saved. I went through the Word with him, and he asked the Lord to save him. Then Julio was in for the morning service, and at the end of the service he made a decision for Christ.
- As I was getting ready to leave, a driver who was in the morning service came to continue a discussion he began this morning with Chaplain John. We discussed the Scriptures for a while, then another driver came in and we all discussed various passages and our understanding of them. It was a great blessing to spend time with other strong Christians who know the Word and are eager to study it.
- Al, a new Christian, came in for the service. He has very limited knowledge of the Scriptures but is very eager to learn and was very receptive to the two hours of instruction I gave him. We exchanged phone numbers and I gave him CDs, books, and pamphlets to help him, and we had a time of prayer before he left.
- I saw Randy coming across the lot and gave him a *Highway News* and invited him to come to the 8:00 PM service. He came in and we talked for some time, then we had a study. When we were finished he was ready to make a decision for Christ, and he did.
- One Christian driver, Jeff, came to the service. We had a great session reading the Scriptures, sharing our testimonies, praying, and encouraging each other in our walk with Christ. A great time in the Lord!
- Kenneth, a Christian driver, came for Bible study. He was not very knowledgeable about the Scriptures so I spent more than two hours explaining many topics and passages. I gave all the encouragement and guidance I could during the time he was here and ended by praying for him. It was a great time together in God's Word.
- Craig, a strong Christian driver, came for the service. We studied from the book of Romans and shared our walk of faith and encouraged each other. We ended with prayer.

# From the Logs of the Lodi Chapel

- One driver dropped in and we talked; then an older gentleman came in and it was neat watching them talk, as one encouraged the other; it was evident God had brought them in for each other.
- I had a good talk with a confused driver about living a godly life on the road when one has so much idle time. I gave him a New Testament and *Our Daily Bread* devotional, telling him to read it every day, along with appropriate scripture passages. He said he felt at ease when he left.
- A professor and three students from Ohio State University stopped in to see the chapel and learn what we do here. The professor taught Religion at Ohio State and they were his students.
- Wow, what a day this was! We were blessed so have so many drivers come through for our Drivers Appreciation Day—we went through a lot of hamburgers and hot dogs! When everything was done and I got to sit and relax in the chapel tonight, I was blessed to have some drivers show up, so I didn't really slow down. God is good!
- A driver came in very upset with the government. He, his father, and his grandfather all fought for this country, and a lot of friends died. He was very angry. We talked about God's Word and what it tells us and how we need to act and not to judge, not to be angry. He thanked me for listening.
- Phil, a truck driver, shared the message at the service and Brodie gave his life to the Lord. Then Bob stopped in before leaving to make his delivery. He thanked us for being here.
- Paul stopped in and spent the evening with us as we watched the movie "Courageous." It opened up some good discussion and in the end we prayed for Paul before he left. He is a believer and was challenged by the movie. We prayed for his role as father and husband and also for his father whose health was not good.

oin us for a family fun day—designed especially for truckers, their families, and friends. There is no charge and no preregistration.

Truckers should arrive between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM to receive their registration packets. Many like to come early to polish their rigs and watch others arrive. The Parade of Trucks begins promptly at 11:00 AM



Corby and Vanessa Russell will be in charge of children's activities. There will be a barrel train, face painting, corn bin, scavenger hunt, and Big Bright Bounce entertainment.

There will be the usual food vendors, benefit auctions, BBQ meal at 5:30 PM (tickets needed for this), and evening program featuring Gospel music by The Perrys, from Gallatin, Tennessee.

For information, contact Doris at tfcner@dejazzd.com or 717-665-6347.

Special Dedication Service of TFC's New International Mobile Chapel This chapel will be used at churches and truck shows to minister to drivers and promote the ministry.



To be held in conjunction with the 21st Annual Truck Rally Celebration Sunday, June 25

10:30 AM - Music by The Perrys ❖ 11:30 AM - Dedication Service 12:00 Noon - Catered Lunch (Tickets Needed) Information: 717-665-6347



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

June 3, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM TFC Mobile Chapel at Hilltop Fun Fest: Slate Hill Mennonite Church, 1352 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, PA; games, food, music; for more information contact Cerwin & Doris High, 717-665-6347.

June 16 & 17 ❖ TFC Mobile Chapel at the ATCA 38th Annual Show: Memorial Park, Route 100, Macungie, PA; for information contact Chaplain Jake Wise at 717-808-2030.

July 7 & 8 26th Annual Ohio TFC Truck
Show & Benefit Auction: meet July 7th, 5:00 PM in
Kidron for Parade of Lights; arrive in Mt. Hope 8:30
PM, concert with John Schmidt; July 8, 7:00 AM
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, BBQ & Auction at
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# **Drivers Wellness Focus ~ By Jane Evans**

# Oh, that Burning Feeling!

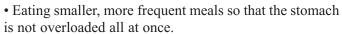
ou stop for a fuel break and rest. Wonderful aromas from the truck stop restaurant waft through the air. You join your friends and enjoy a delicious meal. Back on the road again, and then the burning sensation starts. You wonder...Did you eat something that upset you? Or did you eat too fast or too much?

Either one is a possibility, but actually most heartburn (if it's mild and occasional) or Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) if it's chronic and causes other problems, is the backward flow of stomach acid into the tissues above the stomach. The muscle between the stomach and esophagus has failed to close tightly enough to prevent the backflow, and that can result from consistently eating foods that upset the digestive system, from overeating, or from eating too fast.

You are not alone in your symptoms. According to Medline, sixty percent of the adult population experiences some type of GERD within a twelve month period; thirty percent have weekly symptoms; and seven million have some symptoms of GERD.

Treatment: If it's only occasionally that you have a problem, you can easily solve it with an over-the-counter antacid like Tums. However, if you have this condition frequently, you are at the stage where serious, possibly lifethreatening consequences can occur. In addition to indigestion, symptoms can include a persistent dry cough, sore throat, hoarseness, gas, difficulty swallowing, and the feeling that something is stuck in your throat. That's the time you want to see a doctor, because continuous, prolonged episodes can cause permanent damage to the digestive system. A doctor can prescribe a medication to help reduce stomach acid. Common drugs are proton pump inhibitors (reduces almost all stomach acid) and H2 receptor blockers (an antihistamine that reduces some of the stomach acid). If you do take them, make sure you use them correctly. And don't pay attention to the commercials that say if you take this or that pill you can enjoy all the foods you like to eat. While that sounds enticing, the foods are still causing a problem in your digestive track and can lead to further problems. These medications can be purchased over the counter and are fine for a shortterm course of treatment, but, as with any medication, long-term use can cause other complications. That's why it's important to discuss your symptoms and their frequency with your doctor. These medications are intended as an aid while you also work on an alternative plan to help eliminate the root cause of the problem.

Prevention: There are several things you can do to help prevent heartburn and indigestion and assure that it won't turn into GERD. These include:



- Avoiding foods that cause irritation to the stomach (spicy foods, raw onions, citrus juices, coffee, alcohol, and chocolate); this can help reduce stomach acid. Watch what you eat and determine which foods cause distress.
- Avoiding high fat foods (think fast food). They are another trigger as they don't digest easily.
- Eating high fiber foods to help enhance digestion. That would include a variety of vegetables, whole grains, legumes, and nuts.
- Chewing your food well. Gulping food doesn't allow for digestion and can cause gas.

Keeping a journal of what you ate, when you ate it, and how you felt afterwards will help you determine what is causing the problems so you can avoid those items

Take time to enjoy your meal. Eating in a distracted state is like driving while distracted. Here are some tips on how to enjoy your meal (from choosemyplate.gov):

- 1. Get to know the foods you eat—your journal can help you make better choices.
- 2. Take your time—eat slowly and enjoy the taste and textures.
- 3. Use a smaller plate—this helps portion control and you won't overeat.
- 4. Choose healthier options; most restaurants have nutrition information available.
- 5. Satisfy your sweet tooth in a healthy way, with fresh fruit, fruit parfait with yogurt, baked apples, etc.
- 6. Choose to eat some foods more or less often-more often for vegetables, fruits, whole grains; less often for fatty, salty, sugary foods.
- 7. "Sip Smarter"—drink water or calorie-free beverages; drink milk; avoid sodas and other sweetened beverages.
- 8. Make treats "treats" and not everyday foods.







by Gary Nussbaum

# Faith Is Not Safe!

Darkness." It was a movie produced by Samaritan's Purse, telling the story of the Ebola crisis in Liberia and how they stepped in to make a difference. The commitment of all those who chose to become involved knowing the dangers was and is a lesson to all of us. It was deemed necessary to follow strict protocols as they cared for and treated the growing number of lives being decimated by the disease every day. Yet, with all the precautions taken, Dr. Kent Brantly and another medical worker became infected. Dr. Brantly was the leader of the team and after a long fight and many prayers and a miracle, he and his fellow worker recovered.

One thing stood out as I listened to his testimony. Who he is and why he did what he did was summed up in a short statement that could have easily been missed. He ended his account by saying, "faith is not safe." How often are we admonished to simply trust God because by trusting Him we will not experience pain, suffering, difficulties, loss, and even death? Is this the promise and result of our great faith?

I am reminded of what the writer of the book of Hebrews tells us in chapter 11. We are introduced to numerous Old Testament men and women whose lives and deeds were the result of their faith. Hebrews 11:1 states that "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for." A few of those mentioned in that chapter are Abraham, Moses, Rahab, and Samuel. Yet there were those who were flogged, imprisoned, stoned, sawed in two (and let's not forget the Apostle Paul, who related, in 2 Corinthians 11, all the tribulations he suffered while ministering in Jesus' name). Of those, the writer says, "The world was not worthy of them." Can that be said of you and me?

Our faith is no guarantee of a life without pain, suffering, or disappointment, but it guarantees a hope that is cer-

tain. Why? Because our kingdom is not of this present world. When I was in high school there were four of us young men from our youth group at church who sang in a quartet we called "The Teenaires." One of the songs I remember us singing often was "I Am on the Battlefield for My Lord." It is obvious that in any battle there are casualties. It's just that none of us wish to be counted as one of them!

What is it I love most? We sing "You can have all this world, just give me Jesus," but how deep do those words go? Does the world hold us from being sold out because the cost is too great? Am I living a sold-out life? Faith means I am all in, no matter what is ahead. There is a cost in every decision we make. There is a cost in going and there is a cost in not going. For Dr. Brantly and his team there was a cost. His going cost him his health and possibly his life. On the other hand, to not go would have cost the lives of many more people. There is always a cost.

Living out our faith doesn't mean we will be safe, and that is becoming more and more apparent when we consider the events taking place all around us. As one of my driver friends reminds me, "Pay attention to what is not being said, not what is said." Or, in other words, "read between the lines." The more our conversation is focused on the news we hear every day, the more we may fail to see the faithfulness of God and the scope of what He is doing.

To follow Jesus each day is not always safe. It is not safe when our convictions may not line up with our friends' convictions, and it becomes necessary to take a stand and sometimes that can mean standing alone. When such tiems come, remember, Faith is not safe!

Gary Nussbaum is Director of Follow-up Ministries for Transport For Christ



# REEN ONION



by David Roberts

# Burn Out or Rust Out? There Is an Alternative!

ey, Green Onion," said Bag-of-Bones Jones, "now that everything has failed in our world, I guess we have nothing left but prayer!" "I don't know, Bones," Green Onion replied, serious for once. "I think I detect a defeatist tone in your voice. We need to learn that if we walk in close fellowship with our Father in Heaven, worshipping and praising Him, He will give us His joy regardless of the circumstances, and then He wants to send us out to share our joy with the lost." "I see, Onion," Bones replied, convicted. "Thanks for setting me straight!"

Who is more miserable than a believer who has lost sight of the focus of the Christian life, and to compensate has redoubled his efforts to frantically serve God in some capacity? These misguided people's motto is, "I'd rather burn out than rust out," which they may have heard at a Christian conference when they were young and enthusiastic. But striving in the flesh will only wear them out. They have never learned that there is an alternative.

In an odd way, this makes me think of the brother of the prodigal son in Jesus' parable. Remember the story? He was the sober, dutiful son who stayed home and worked hard, as he self-righteously pointed out to his father when his younger brother, after wasting his inheritance, came back home and was welcomed back.

Yes, he had faithfully stayed home working by his father's side, and so we commend him for that, but he seems to have missed out on any real intimacy with his father. There is a real sense of resentment in his words, when the father comes outside to find out why he will not join the celebration: "All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends." Was that true? Consider the father's response: "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours!"

That reminds me of what Jesus said to His disciples (and says to us today) in John 15:13—that He no longer called

them servants, but friends. Oh, how easy it is for us to live in bitterness and resentment toward our own father, or a family member, or a church and its leaders, and even our own dear Heavenly Father, when we think that He is not "paying attention" to all our hard work! We so easily can become like the elder son and prefer just to work hard in our own strength, forgetting that Jesus calls His disciples to "be with Him" and then, filled with His Spirit, go into the world working for Him, empowered by the promise that He would never, ever, leave us or forsake us.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection, He told His disciples to wait and pray until they were "endued with power from on high." Once they were empowered by the Holy Spirit, they learned never to go anywhere without this constant intimacy, communion, and conversation with God. Those who walk in this constant fellowship with the Father (and I pray that is the experience of everyone reading these words) know they can come to His throne of grace, not only in times of need, but at any time, worshipping Him in gratitude and praise for His every blessing.

That's the company of the committed, freed to serve and minister anywhere the Lord leads them, not in their own power but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Are you among them? If not, I encourage you to go to Him today, like the prodigal coming home to his father. Like that father, the Lord wants to receive you into His family and grant you all the privileges of sonship.



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# Do You Know Your ABCs?

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

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

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