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Dear TFC Staff,

Thank you so much for all you do. My wife and I are so appreciative of your work. Although I have now been retired from driving semi truck for fifteen months, I still pray for truckers and the TFC organization. We have been blessed as a family and a married couple by your ministry. Thank you! Enclosed is a small check for the Refuge Chapel; Chaplain Chad really blessed us in a recent trip to Grand Rapids. God bless you,

David Hokenson Post Falls, ID

I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you. You don't know me personally, but I wanted to thank you and your staff for your service, commitment, and love for this community. It is making an impact. Your work is bearing fruit. Be encouraged—you are making a difference. Keep it up! With gratitude, Erika, Via email

God's blessings of rest and refreshment for Mr. Scott Weidner as he retires. Thank you for all your labors for TFC! And welcome to Dr. Daniel Witwer.

> David & Heather Hegedus Manheim, PA

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A Word from Dan



Have you ever received a "phishing" email? You know, the ones that try to lure you to a website that will capture your identity and credit card information. Cell phones so far have been fairly safe, but 'SMiShing' is now an attempt to hack you by text message. (TIP: Do not click links in sms texts or emails. Go to your browser and type in the web address [URL] you seek.)

I am disgusted that hucksters spend so much time and creativity trying to steal others' hard-earned cash. Unfortunately, there are enough gullible people so that in this case crime, indeed, often does pay.

But identity theft is small beans compared to human trafficking. On July 23, 2017, a truck driver was arrested in San Antonio for having 39 people—mostly teens and young adults—as his cargo. Daytime temps reached 102F. Ten people were found dead from suffocation as the people were released.

This editorial is not the place to address immigration issues or determine culpability of the driver. But this is the space to assert human dignity and to cry out for justice and righteous treatment of those created in the image of God. Human trafficking is horrible.

Unfortunately truck stops and truck drivers are convenient resources for human trafficking. Fortunately, TFC chapels and chaplains are placed at some of these travel plazas and have become a place of safety for young girls being transported to their next "handler." In several instances, the adolescents were able to escape the watchful eye of the driver and run to the chapel, where the chaplain called authorities.

TFC chaplains are trained to recognize and report trafficking to the National Human Trafficking Hotline; these tips help the FBI conduct sting operations on trafficking rings. Our chaplains also raise awareness with truckers so they can report what they see while on the road. Lastly, TFC created an initiative called Exit 58 to reduce the demand for trafficking in the trucking industry by helping those indirectly fueling this crime to get help to change.

I am heartbroken that heartless criminals make a fortune by dealing in people. I am angered that some truck drivers are either clueless or heartless enough to participate in human trafficking. Drivers, when you see something suspicious, call the hotline (888-373-7888).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ offers freedom and new life to victims of every kind of bondage. TFC exists to lead truck drivers and the trucking community to faith in Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We are grateful to all our partners who are helping to fulfill this mission.

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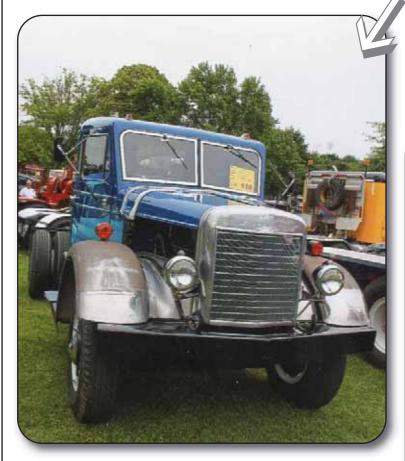


<u>On the cover</u>: An Autocar shines at the 2017 ATHS truck show in Macungie, Pennsylvania. According to Donald Hollinger, trucks of this same style were built from the late 1940s until the 1980s, with very little change in style. See full article about the show on pages 8-9.

Transport For Christ...

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

CAN YOU GUESS THIS TRUCK?



Hint: It was at the ATHS show in Macungie back in June. Look for some fascinating facts about this truck in the October edition of Highway News. Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.

Last month's "Guess Truck"
(below) was a 1977 Ford WT900.



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TFC Chapels—Places of Refuge and Guidance

"The Refuge" and "Guiding Light" are actually the names of two TFC Chapels—but they reflect what all TFC chapels are for truckers: places of refuge, support, and guidance—as reflected in the two accounts below.



Dear Friends.

It was such a blessing to attend this year's TFC Truck Rally and special dedication of the new International Mobile Chapel and to welcome and pray for the new President, Dr. Dan Witwer, as well as the chaplains and their wives and recognize the sacrifices they make to do the work of this very unique and important ministry...

God is good and faithful and it is such a blessing to see Him being honored by so many and celebrate His goodness and, most importantly, to partner with TFC in sharing the message of salvation through the mobile chapels stationed all across North America and now in other countries, too.

As the wife of a truck driver, I know well the struggles and challenges of life on the road in a world that is riddled with sin, and I am so very grateful for the godly support that TFC provides for my husband and others who are out there on the road, far from home and family, and need a place of refuge and accountability. Many years ago my husband was tempted by sin, as we sometimes are, but I am proud to say that rather than running into sin he ran into a mobile chapel. There, in that place of refuge, he found the strength he needed through good godly counsel of the chaplain and support from God's Word to resist the temptation and help him keep his heart and mind focused on God and His Word as he went on his way.

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and sacrifice through TFC in helping those who know Christ find the godly support and a place of refuge that they need to stay the course; and for providing a place for those who do not YET know Him, to find Him and find salvation.

In His love, Sandra Livingston



Dear Transport For Christ,

I am a professional driver by trade. I recently visited your Frystown Ministry Center and, by the grace of God, caught Chaplain Allan Graham as he was preparing to leave. He prayed with me, and led me in prayer as I gave myself to God's will. I have given myself into God's hands with his guidance.

I cannot thank him and your ministry enough for your counsel, guidance, availability. You truly are doing the Lord's will. I know you will be blessed for doing the Lord's work. Thank you, Chaplain Allan Graham, for setting me on my path.

Sincerely, Toni Ruth P.



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.

- ♦ Drivers came in for some fellowship and prayer to escape the noise and confusion of this trucking life. One driver said the chapel is an "Oasis in a desert."

 Chaplain Howard
- ♦ A driver who is a father of two boys came in. He is divorced and living with his mother, who is taking care of the boys while he is on the road. He has custody of the boys and worries about being able to spend time with them. I told him to trust in God and rely on Him to bless him in this matter. I gave him a Bible and other materials and prayed over him. He left feeling much better.

 Chaplain Dennis
- ♦ Julian accepted Jesus as his Savior here at the chapel. Chaplain Tony called him the next day to pray with him. When Julian answered his phone, he was surprised to get a phone call from the chapel. He said he was so happy to have accepted Jesus and talked to his wife about it. He said his wife reads the Bible but he does not know if she is saved. I told him not to force anything on her, but let her see the change in him as a person and husband. Chaplain Michael
- ♦ Stewart came in telling me that his conscience was bothering him. He is happily married, but recently talked to an ex-girlfriend. He has a religious background and I explained to him about being born again, and asked if he was, and he said no. I went over Scripture passages about faith in Christ with him and asked if he wanted to be born again and he said yes. So I went over the *May I Ask You a Question?* tract with him and asked him if he wanted to accept Christ, and he said yes and prayed to receive Jesus into his heart and life.

 Chaplain Dick
- ♦ A driver from North Carolina stopped in after I arrived. He told me he had an anger issue with the people at his last stop and said he just wanted to "attack" them. He didn't do anything and said this was not like him [to get so angry]. He came into the chapel for prayer. We talked and he admitted he never committed his life to Christ, so I shared the Gospel with him. He told me he didn't want to ask Christ into his life today, but that he would think about it. I gave him a *Daily Bread* devotional, a Bible, and a tract. We prayed before he left. *Chaplain Dean*
- ♦ Driver Louis, from Rockford, stopped here at the chapel two years ago. He called me on the phone asking if I would pray for his friend Jerry. I asked if I could talk with Jerry [who was there with Louis], and I shared the Gospel with him. Jerry said he used to attend church; I told him I did, too; then I read the Bible and realized I must be born again through faith in Jesus. Jerry prayed with me, then I prayed for him, and Louis and Jerry starting shouting praises to the Lord. They are going to come down to the chapel in a couple of weeks.

 Chaplain Jay
- ♦ Tom and Henry came to the chapel for worship. Henry is Haitian, and Tom has been to Haiti several times and brought a drawing of John 3:16 in French Creole. The Holy Spirit brought these two in together. They sang a chorus together in French. Wonderful time of worship and fellowship across cultures. Both shared testimony of God's work in and through them.

 Chaplain Dan
- ♦ I found Driver Rolf in the restaurant; he was waiting while they repaired a tire for him, and we had a chance to visit. He is discouraged with many things that are not going well. Before he left he said that he felt better and enjoyed our time together.

 *Chaplain Allen**
- ♦ Julius came in for the service and we had a great time. He said he woke up and had to come to the chapel, and that the message was just what he needed. He is a believer and said his mother kept asking him if he got a Bible for the truck. I gave him a whole Bible and other materials. He has a nine-year-old son, and it's hard for him to be away from home and on the road so much.

 Chaplain David
- ◆ Driver Matthew came in and just seemed to want to talk. He is a new team driver and is having a rough time. When he left he said that he's glad he came by!

 *Chaplain Ralph**
- ◆ Driver Tony came in and shared his story about how God saved him and how God is using him as a trucker to reach out to others.

 Chaplain Paul

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Homesick

ome... What image does the word call to your mind? Is it the image of what is waiting for you at the end of a long haul? Does it evoke happy feelings or memories? Or were you among those who couldn't wait to leave home because it had never been the safe haven a home is supposed to be? Do you ever feel "homesick for home," as I feel sometimes when I see a lone-star flag fluttering in the breeze?

In this restless society, many of us have lost that sense of where home is simply because we have moved so much. Our roots are spread all over the place. Sometimes it's because we keep searching for something that seems to elude us time and again. Many times the moves are demanded by the simple necessity of earning a living—we go where the jobs are.

We read in the Bible of a man who would have fit well into the mold of our modern society because he moved a lot. The Bible describes Abraham as a pilgrim. He never built a home; instead, he and his family lived in tents (Genesis 12:8-10, 13:3, Hebrews 11:9). Yet his many moves do not seem to have disturbed Abraham because he knew he had a permanent home and that this life was just transitory (Hebrews 11:10).

Jesus confirmed this when He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). There is a place awaiting those who have put their faith in Jesus, a place where we all will finally be "home."

We may not like to think about it, but the end of this journey is as sure as the fact that you eventually will have to unload at the end of your haul, regardless of how long or short it is. For some, there is the prospect of coming back to a warm, happy home; for others, unfortunately, that is not the case. But whatever your situation, each of us can have the assurance that, at the end of life's journey, there will be a home open to welcome us—if we have put our trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you have this assurance? Can you know for sure that, once your journey on this earth is over, you will be welcomed into your Heavenly Father's home? Jesus provided a "way home" for each one of us, through His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. He is waiting for you to welcome Him into your heart—so that He can welcome you into His home when your life's journey is over.

Find Your Home in Jesus Christ - He Is Waiting to Welcome You

- ☑ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- lacktriangledown 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.



ATCA'S 38th Annual National Meet in Macungie: "Another Great Show!"

By Donald Hollinger ~ Photos by Donald Hollinger and Doris High



he 38th Annual Antique Truck Club of America National Meet held at the Macungie Memorial Park in Macungie, Pennsylvania, on June 16 and 17 was again a delight for truck lovers, combining beautiful and unique rigs large and small with good fellowship with old friends (and some new ones, too).

About 684 beautifully restored trucks were at the two-day show. And one can always count on seeing something very rare. This time I actually got to see one truck I had never seen or heard of before, but that will remain a secret because it's this month's "Guess This Truck" (page 4). That truck is owned by the same person who owns the August Guess Truck, the "Red Mule."



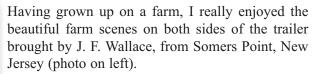
Soon after I arrived, I saw Elam Martin, Jr., and his wife pull in with his restored 1967 Dodge 1000 show truck (photo on left). I was glad to see him looking so well; he'd sustained neck, back, and sternum fractures resulting from an accident while loading his truck back in September 2016 and had a long road to recovery (see May 2017 edition of *Highway News*). We were so grateful to see him fully recovered and back trucking, hauling pipe with his 2005 Peterbilt, as well as dispatching seven more trucks leased to him.

Elam bought the 1967 Dodge more than two years ago, after it was discovered in a wooded area near Rising Sun, Maryland. It had been purchased by the previous owner in 1984, at the three-day sale of Winnie Hogg in Quarryville, Pennsylvania, and put to work for ten years before it was parked in the woods. Elam had to replace the 220 Cummins engine, and since it was geared too low, he also replaced the transmission with a 15-speed one. Elam and his wife, Irene, did a lot of the cosmetic work, including the interior, themselves.

Parked right next to our mobile chapel was a 1971 Brockway tractor with a V12 engine and a 14'6" part of a trailer mounted on the fifth wheel (photo on right). It's owned by David Erb, who told us the trailer was worn out, so he decided to create something unique. David is in the excavating business and said he has hauled some big loads in the past, getting some strange looks from other drivers.

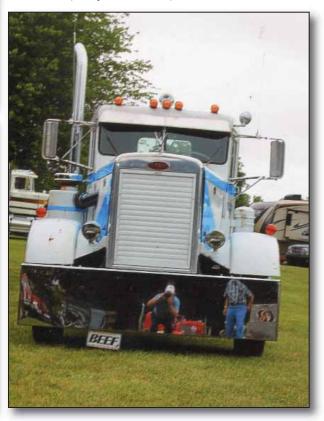






And I think the photo below is as close as I will ever get to taking what the young generation calls "a selfie" (can you see me?).





There were many more great rigs—too many to mention. Once again the ATHS put on a great show, attracting many beautiful trucks, and as always, there were some nice surprises—like the two-wheeler shown above left. Although not a truck, it was a great success! It came driving through, clipping right along, steered by two leavers. I failed to catch up to him, but found out from Doug Maney that it was built and owned by Tom Spencer, who also owns several antique trucks. Nice work, Tom; hey, I want one!

a special macungle scrapbook









1911 Mack Manhattan Chassis #950

Purchased by Daley & Wanzer April 1, 1911

Charles Fleck sent 2 of his men via train from Allerton, MA to the plant in Allentown, PA and they drove it back to Hull, MA arriving in Hull, MA May 10, 1911

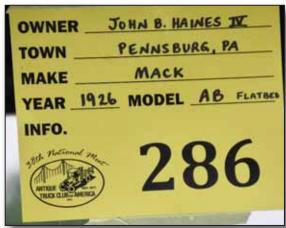




















This dad understands it's important to develop a love for old trucks in the hearts of a new generation!

Pray With Your Eyes On God Not On Your Difficulty

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. Heb 12:2a, 3b NKJV



MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

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

- Ben was here for the evening service. I asked him if he was born again and he said no. I shared the plan of salvation with him, making sure he understood what the Scripture requires of salvation.
- While talking with Terry, he said he hoped he would go to heaven. I shared the Gospel with him, having him read the Scriptures. Terry said he wasn't saved and wanted to surrender his life to Jesus. He prayed and did just that.
- Carl and Heather stopped by. Heather gave her life to Jesus here at the chapel about seven years ago. Carl plays the guitar and we had a "jamming" good time.
- Charles came in after the service, and shared problems he had with a lady friend. I told him that his problems were between him and the Lord. I shared Scriptures with him and asked him if the message made sense. Charles prayed, repented, and surrendered his life to Jesus.
- Jimmy came into the chapel and said he didn't have any idea of what day it was or how he got here. He was in a wreck with his SUV and rolled it eight times. When he crawled out of the vehicle, a Bible was laying on his car, and he said he doesn't own a Bible. He shared a lot of troubled situation in his life and family. Jimmy received a personal invitation to accept Jesus. He realized he was headed to hell; he repented and asked Jesus to forgive him and save him.
- Brittany is a cashier at the restaurant. I have given her Gospel tracts and talked with her a little, but she is always busy and doesn't have time to talk. As I paid my ticket today, no one else was there, so I got a pen and paper from her and drew a diagram of the Gospel. She agreed she was a sinner; she said she wanted to ask forgiveness and ask Jesus to save her. She prayed, and she was so thankful.
- At the end of the service I asked LaJohn why he should go to heaven. He said because he is a good person and was baptized. I showed him from the Bible that we have no goodness in us. He then told me he believes in God, to which I told him, "So does the Devil." I walked him through the Gospel. LaJohn said he wanted to be forgiven and saved tonight.
- Jason came in towards the end of the service. At the end of the service I asked who had 100% assurance and knew they were born again. Jason could not raise his hand. He said he believes in God and goes to church. Through the Scriptures, He realized his sin and the need of Jesus and forgiveness. He was weeping as he prayed and asked Jesus to forgive and save him.
- Brian was in the service. When I presented the Gospel to him, it made sense and he asked Jesus to forgive and save him.
- Larry stopped in to thank us for praying for him. God answered: he got a local job and will be home every evening with family.

From the Logs of the Fresh Start Chapel in Sioux Falls

- Les was here last night, and stopped in again today. His truck is getting worked on, so he is stranded here for a while. We had a great time of fellowship, discussing a wide range of topics.
- We met Jeremy, from Kansas, while we were in the restaurant eating. He wanted to know how long the chapel was open, as he wanted to stop in for prayer but needed to eat first. We met in the chapel later. He said his 38-year-old friend died suddenly from a heart attack and he wanted us to pray with him. Jeremy has been on the road for a month.
- A young driver, originally from Haiti, came in the chapel. We had a great time of fellowship for over two hours. He has been saved for a year and a half and has a great testimony as someone who is truly committed to the Lord. It was awesome getting to see how the Lord was working in his life.
- Driver Arlen stopped in for prayer and fellowship. He thanked us for praying with him, and for us being here when he needed to talk and be encouraged.
- Four men showed up for Bible study. We had a great time of Christian fellowship, prayer, and study on the life of Abraham and how God taught him and Sarah to believe. Great participation.
- Driver team (and couple) Robert and Cindy came in for fellowship and to pray for the TFC ministry. They had just come from the Illinois/Indiana tornado area and praised God for his continual caring for them and their marriage.
- Driver Glenn stopped in. He is a believer and was very encouraging of the ministry and the work we do.
- I had a good witness opportunity with a driver who never heard the plan of salvation. He did not say much, but listened as I shared the Gospel. He wasn't ready to make a decision for Christ at the moment.
- As I was doing my rounds in the parking lot, I invited Alan to come to the chapel. He came in and gave his heart and confessed Jesus as his Lord and Savior!

More from the Frontlines

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the Logs of the Bondage Breaker Chapel in Sacramento

- Two men came in for the evening service. One man had been homeless for a few years and was now driving truck. He believed that God had directed him into truck driving. He really had a great testimony.
- Driver Suni came in. She told us she grew up in Somalia and was raised Muslim. Her family has since moved to the U.S. to escape war. She shared that her family were truck drivers and that is why she got a driving job. She thought the Bible and Koran said pretty much the same things. I told her that there are similarities, but through the Bible we can be saved from the wrath of the Mighty God. I told her that Jesus is the Way and the Truth. She seemed open to her it, thanked us, and went on her way.
- As Wes and I were departing, Brenan came in weighed down with sin and burdens. He told me of his gambling addiction and his job was running him down. He said he saw the chapel and he had to come in. I counseled him toward Jesus, the burden bearer. I encouraged him to get back with Jesus and the Bible. We prayed before he left and I gave him a Bible.
- A lady came in today for advice and prayer. She rode in the truck with her husband. Without a church home, she doesn't feel as close to God as before. I suggested she pray more often and ask God to forgive her if she did something wrong (1 John 1:9). She spoke very highly of her husband. I gave her a Daily Bread devotional and suggested they read one page and pray together each day before they start driving. She left feeling much better.
- Alfonso came in for Bible Study. He and I went through the Gospel of Matthew. I sensed he did not believe; by the end of our study, I asked him if he wanted to ask Jesus into his heart and he said YES!
- Kevin gave his life to Jesus today.
- Driver Sal came in around 8:45 PM. He hasn't visited for a couple of months because his route changed. He said he was glad we were open! He poured his heart out about his struggles. I encouraged him to commune with God through His Word and try to stay close to Christians instead of bad company. I prayed with him before he left.
- A driver came into the chapel and fellowshipped with us. He invited Jesus Christ into his life.
- Driver Artem, from Russia, came in for prayer and some materials. He saw the chapel shining in the night sky and had to come in.
- Driver Harjinder came in a little later. He said he visits the Woodstock Chapel (in Ontario, Canada) when he and his co-driver pass that way. He and his family migrated from India to Ontario, and he said he attends a large church there. He and his family came to the Lord five years ago and he has a heart for the Muslims. We prayed and he departed.
- Jason stopped in for Bible Study. He began telling me is story from the time he was seventeen. He was a wrestler and while wrestling had an accident and was paralyzed from the waist down. While in the hospital, he prayed that God would protect his mom from being devastated and asked God to heal him. A few moments after he prayed, he said he could feel his feet. Doctors came in and couldn't believe it; they took x-rays and his spine was healed. He went on to tell me of many hard times he has endured and has blamed God for the problems he was expressing to me. His mother died and his wife divorced him. I pointed out that the Lord is the potter and we are the clay, and we shouldn't murmur against God. He then said, "how can God forgive me?" and I told him He forgives us just as He forgave Peter who denied Him three times. Tears came to his eyes and he said, "I needed to hear that!" We prayed and he departed.
- Arieal was weighed down with cares of the world and said she was praying to God but wasn't sure He was listening. I told her Jesus wanted to take those burdens and give her rest for her soul. She was encouraged! Then I asked her if she wanted to ask Jesus to come in and save her. She said, "Yes, I want Him to save me!" After reading Romans 6:23, she wanted eternal life and believed in Jesus. Praise the Lord!
- Driver Fred, a return driver, came in and spent the afternoon with me. He drives for Feed the Children and wanted to share the miracle about his wife turning to God!
- Driver Collene came in with a heavy heart because she lost her mother a couple of weeks ago. I listened while she poured her heart out. I was able to encourage her with Scriptures and prayer. She thanked me for listening to her story.
- Sandi and Ed came in. They said they were glad we are open. They visit our chapels in many places, they love coming in and talking to the chaplain

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the Logs of the Rest Haven Chapel in Toledo

- We had four drivers for the service and had a great time in the Lord. One of them came back after lunch. He said God told him to go back to the chapel. He wanted to let us know he was grateful he was able to be here for the service and thanked us for what we do.
- David has worked here at the TA for 18 years. He knew my granddaughter and asked some questions about her. I asked permission to ask a spiritual question. He said it was okay, so I asked if he was sure he would go to heaven when he died; he said he was not sure. The Gospel was presented and David surrendered his life to Jesus.
- Jerry stopped in to say hi and thank us for being here. We had a good time of fellowship, and we prayed before he left.
- Taryn came in for prayer and we got to talk with her about her faith. She just opened up and said she was confused about Jesus, being raised in the church and then going to college and being told something different. She was presented the Gospel and said she wanted to ask Jesus into her life, we have a new sister in the Lord!
- Robert stopped in feeling down and as we talked, the Holy Spirit lifted him up and he said he was glad he stopped in and said he felt so much better. He took some CDs and we prayed before he left.
- Audrey came in somewhat distraught from a fight she just had with her co-driver and boyfriend. I prayed for her and we discussed how God sees things versus how we see things. She left in a much better spirits.
- A driver stopped in and said he was struggling with a drug addiction and he was on his way home. He said he had been straight for 31 days and last night he smoked some weed. He said he was upset he let the Lord down and wanted to know what he could do to make it right with the Lord. I said, "Tell Him you're sorry and start at day one again." We prayed and he left.
- My first visitors were driver Jerry and his daughter Samantha. He was blown away that this trailer is actually a chapel. He took a video of the outside and inside. We had a good talk in the Word. He and his daughter are believers and love the Lord. He started out being a street preacher but now works in a church in Wisconsin.
- Had close to eight hours of non-stop fellowship with Tim and Sonny. It was a high energy, non-stop time of songs, sermon, and theology. A time to reflect on, review in one's heart, and consult the Bible. A tall order, but a responsibility that each of us have been called to!
- I got a call from a driver friend that has been off drugs for 30 days and said he wanted me to pray for him. I said I would and sent him some Scriptures. He thanked me for being there.
- Santos came in asking for prayer. He said his journey took him from state to state, and his desire was to settle down in one state and continue to drive truck. He needed the Lord for direction and guidance. I asked him if he carried a Bible in his truck, and he said no. When asked how to get to heaven, he said by works. The Gospel was presented to him, and after hearing the good news, he surrendered his life to Christ in prayer.

From the Logs of the L'Eau Vive Chapel in St-Liboire, Quebec

- I had visitors waiting for me when I came to the chapel. I taught them for all the afternoon and they gave their life to Jesus. Praise God for that! They tooe a New Testament and were really happy to start a new life. The man is a truck driver and the lady is not his wife, but they want to start in the right way. I pray for the power of God on their lives.
- I had one visitor, a young lady truck driver. She is from Nova Scotia and is born again. She needed to talk and was glad I was here to listen to her.
- Joel came in today. He accepted Jesus three weeks ago and he passed the rest of the evening with me. He had a lot of questions about the Word of God.
- I went to the drivers lounge and met six drivers from the same trucking company. I spoke with them about trucking and about God. Praise God for that first contact with those guys.
- Chaplain Jacques Poirier and I received Marie-Josée Roy, a reporter for the religious magazine *Le Verbe*. We had a good time together, and had the opportunity to share about the T.F.C ministry.
- I had a visit from Joel, the young man that came to Jesus in March 2017. He lost his job and he needed to talk about what happened with him. I listened to him and I prayed with him.

God Doesn'4 Fi4 in a Doggie Bag

am a carb lover. Don't get me wrong, I love meat, too. But give me anything made out of dough and I Lam in heaven...cake, pasta, pierogis, homemade bread, rolls, doughnuts, pie crust, and especially raw cookie dough.

Martine and my girls gave me a surprise 50th birthday party at a Brazilian restaurant where they carve the meat straight off the skewer and it plops directly onto your plate. All types of meat and all you can eat—and I loved it. But before they began parading out the meat, they sent us to the salad bar, which is filled with all kinds of breads and salads. It was an awesome spread, but it was really just a distraction from the main event. I had to stop and

focus myself: why was I there? Yes, for the incredible meat...so I needed to tell myself to focus and resist the distractions.

In Luke 10:38-42, the Bible describes a woman who gave in to distractions. Jesus was visiting the home of Mary, Martha, and

Lazarus. Martha wanted to be a good hostess, and there's nothing wrong with that. But she was working herself into a frenzy in the kitchen while Mary remained at Jesus' feet, absorbing every word of His teaching. When Martha complained to Jesus that her sister wasn't helping, Jesus told her that Mary had chosen the essential activity, the main event...time at His feet.

Martha was doing good things, but became so engrossed with the appetizers in her sight lines that she neglected the main course. Then she got stressed and whiney because someone else was enjoying the ultimate main course: quality time with Jesus. She didn't seem to grasp the whole picture. Don't we all make knee-ierk decisions like this sometimes? Aren't we often satisfied with the crumbs while missing out on what fulfills us and helps us thrive?

You see, Satan is going to offer you many empty, unhealthy, worldly appetizers. He will wine and dine you into thinking his scraps are the whole meal, the only thing needed to get by. He doesn't want you to see the life-giving meal of God's Word, your "daily bread." Flesh is lazy. It seeks shortcuts. Material, physical, hereand-now activities distract us from the psychological and spiritual wealth God offers.

Are your time and attention so focused on the appetizers that you find yourself too stuffed to take in the spiritual nourishment you really crave and desperately need each day—which is spending time with Jesus? God is not to be put in a doggie bag and taken home as a leftover to be reheated when convenient. Don't let anything interfere with your regular time with God and Jesus—in the Word, in prayer, and in worship.

Today, examine your schedule and priorities. Choose God's life-giving main course. Don't get distracted with

> the appetizers or the desserts. Take in the real nourishment that will

off the world's scraps is your decision, so choose well.

fill you now and sustain you forever. Does your relationship with God motivate you to make time for Him? If not, you are filling up on scraps, and your joy and peace will reflect just that. Whether you feed on God's nourishment or you live

Praver

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when convenient.

Dear Father God. I know that I tend to be like Martha. I get so caught up in my "to-do list" that I sometimes neglect spending time with You. Help me to refocus—to choose the main course. Give me discernment regarding the imitations that so closely mimic the real thing, only to lead me astray. Help me build and tune my spiritual radar to Your frequency so I understand how sustaining and valuable Your nourishment is to me. I pray this and all prayers in the name of the One whom you sent to nourish me—Jesus Christ.

The Truth

One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it's the main course, and it won't be taken from her (see Luke 10:42).

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Being Civil in an Uncivil World

"You must let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for the building up of the one in need, that it may give grace to those who hear."

~ Ephesians 4:29 NET ~

ave you noticed that behavior has become more uncivil? It seems like there is more bullying going on in offices, schools, and anywhere there are groups of people. Fundamental ethical values of respect, fairness, honesty, personal responsibility, and tolerance have disappeared. Instead, we are faced with rudeness and lack of common courtesy toward others.

The word "uncivil" is based on the Latin "incivilis," meaning "not of a citizen." If we're to be good citizens, we need to conduct ourselves in an ethical and respectful way. However, lately it seems like we are faced with rude behavior that runs the gamut from cutting in line to road rage and from personal insults to outright bullying, often behind the anonymity of the Internet.

It's no secret that in our dealings with others we can sometimes be brusque, rude, not pleasant to get along with; this happens to everyone at some time or another. The reasons are many—we may be tired, in a hurry, stressed out, not feeling well, or worried and anxious. Anxiety can have many sources—from job performance and hoping the company won't go out of business to worry about having an accident or not being able to provide for our family, and everything inbetween. All these factors affect how we relate to others. However, it's not healthy to be a part of the problem.

"If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame" (Prov. 18:13 ESV). One way we can communicate better and achieve better relationships is by actually listening to

what others are saying. Listening is basic to good communication. But we often have so much going on in our head that we may hear the other person speaking but don't actually listen to what is being said. Or we don't listen because we are busy thinking about how we want to respond.

For an exercise in good listening, reflect back on what is being said; for instance, say, "Let me be sure I heard you correctly. You are saying (fill in what the other person said). Is that correct?" That lets the other person know you were paying attention. Then you can have a productive discussion on the subject. Be respectful of the other person's views even if you don't agree with them. If you disagree, it will be easier to work out a solution that benefits both of you if you maintain a respectful attitude.

Let the other person know how you feel. Resentment can build up if you are not honest about your feelings. This is especially true with family interactions. For instance, if someone asks you to do something or says they need something from you, instead of reacting in anger, let them know how their request impacts you. Respond using the pronoun "I" instead of "you."

Here is a sample: "When I come in off the road and you ask me to (go shopping, out to dinner, help with the kids)" or "when you start complaining about what happened while I was gone, I feel..." (fill in your emotion). And then ask for what you need (time to decompress, etc.). It's not always easy to let others know how you feel, but opening up and being honest helps foster good relationships.

Watch for non-verbal cues—body language, tone of voice, etc. You may be ready to talk to someone but if they are not receptive, you may not get the best results from the interaction. If you pick up on non-verbal cues, you can then talk at a later time when they are more receptive. Here are some non-verbal cues:

- If their arms are folded or they turn away from you: usually means that they are not open to communication.
- If you are talking to someone and they are not making eye contact: they are not interested in what you are saying, or they find the subject difficult to talk about.
- If the other person becomes loud or aggressive: they are becoming emotional—perhaps they feel like you are not hearing or understanding them.
- If you sense that the other person is not in a positon to communicate effectively: it's okay to ask if there is another, better time you can meet.

"And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Heb. 13:16). And remember-good manners (saying "please" and "thank you") and proper etiquette (holding doors open; helping someone with their packages; letting someone merge ahead of you) are great ways to have good communication with others. It is refreshing when someone we encounter uses manners and etiquette. Be a good citizen! If we treat each other gently we may just find that we don't get on each other's nerves as much, and everyone will feel better. (Or at least we will feel better about ourselves!)



AMBLER



by Gary Nussbaum

Going to Heaven? It's Your Choice.

any people speak of heaven as a place they wish to go to when they die. Often what they mean is that if heaven is a place, it is where they wish to be (someday). But simply wishing for heaven does not guarantee entry. Some have been bold enough to believe that there is no such thing as heaven, while others speak of it as the ultimate destination of everyone, regardless of how life has been lived.

But heaven is a choice. If God, the Creator, is holy, just, and loving (which He is), then we have a decision to

make. Why do I want to go to heaven? Do I simply want something, anything, better than what I am experiencing now? Do I want to make sure I have "fire

insurance" because, if there is a hell, I surely don't want to go there? Or do I sincerely believe the Bible is God's truth and that my sin is what keeps me from heaven?

A sad mistake made by many is thinking indifference is a safe place to be. But to not make a choice is to make a choice. Others think it is too narrow to believe there can be only one way to enter heaven.

Heaven is being prepared by a just God for those who hold fast to His Word as truth. It is for those who have acknowledged that their sin has separated them from God, and that Jesus is the only Way, Truth, and Life, and that no one can come to the Father (God) except through Jesus. Many say that is being exclusive—and it is. But Truth, by its very nature, *is* exclusive.

We all have a choice. I often think of a statement I heard from my pastor, Bill Detweiler, when I was a youth. If anyone would question the reality of heaven or that believing Jesus is God's Son and the only way into heaven, Pastor Detweiler would simply reply with a quote that is usually attributed to Pascal: "If I'm wrong and you're right, I lose nothing. But if I'm right and you're wrong, you lose everything."

Whatever heaven is going to look like is immaterial to enjoying the absence of sin and God's presence forever. Those who grieve over their own sinfulness are bound to welcome heaven. We read in Philippians 3:20-21: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

And the ones who take their sin lightly will not look for-

ward to heaven because they treasure the things of this world more than their relationship with God. C.S. Lewis said, "If you read history you will find that the

Simply wishing for heaven does not guarantee entry

Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this."

I love the beauty of the natural world. I would rather spend my vacation bird-watching than visiting Disney World. But the beauty of this world is not enough to hold me when I consider all the evil and pain sin brings upon our world every day. When truth is spurned, it destroys life like a flood. "But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13).

Driver, the choice is yours. What will it be?

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Whose Voice Are You Heeding?

ey, Green Onion," said Hog Caller, "did you hear about the frightened mouse that was starving for some cheese but wouldn't come out of its hole because the old house cat was meowing outside the rodent's little den?" "No, Hog Caller, what happened?" "The anxious mouse heard a dog barking and came out thinking the cat was scared off. Suddenly the cat pounced on him, saying, 'Aha! Didn't know I was bilingual, did you?'"

Satan, our adversary, is not just bilingual—he's multilingual, as well as crafty, clever, and cunning. He will use any language, appeal, skill, attraction, or device to catch us in his trap. The great disguiser conceals his true identity, even presenting himself at times as an angel of light, and his evil servants as servants of righteousness (see 2 Corinthians 11:14). But under that mask is the face of the prince of darkness.

Satan is like a ventriloquist, who can make his voice appear to come from another source. "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). He uses dangerous half-truths, trying to destroy many in the church by mimicking the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. But he will ultimately face defeat, and his destiny is eternal hell.

The Apostle Paul told the church of Rome and tells us today, "I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naïve people. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you" (Romans 16:17-20). Satan's false teaching comes through his slick, smooth snake-oil-selling disciples who desire nothing but self-gratification and pleasure.

But the good news is that we who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ need not fear Satan if we are walking in obedience to the truth of God's Word. As we seek Him through the Bible and through prayer, He will give us the wisdom we need to discern Satan's tactics.

"But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you" (James 4:6-8).

Driver, I invite you to take this chaplain's challenge: Turn off the radio, mute the CB, and silence your cell phone for a while and listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. Get some Scripture CDs and allow His Word to fill your mind. "...the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice" (John 10:3-4).

I pray you will seek Him and hear His voice today.



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