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## ***A Word from Our President***

### **Journey to Biblical Maturity**

As a man in the mature years of my life, I often reflect back on the unfinished work of God in my life with the complete understanding that He is not finished with me yet nor will His work in my life be done until I am in eternity with Him. However, there are some things that have changed in my life, and some lessons I have learned over the years, that have been part of this journey to biblical maturity that I am on.

So what exactly is this journey turning me into, or what am I being and becoming as a biblical man? I've thought long and hard about this question, especially now that my sons have grown and are out of our home. I realize there are as many answers and opinions as there are people to give them, but if I had to boil it down I would say the very core of biblical maturity is the pursuit and experience of God Himself. And therein lies what I believe to be a man's and woman's two greatest challenges and obstacles to biblical maturity: passivity and pride.

We quickly discover that the authentic pursuit of the triune God will take effort, not just daily, but breath by breath. By the way, "to pursue" means to follow, chase or proceed down a specific path. I will quickly add that God gives the grace for that effort so that ultimately we cannot take credit for it, but we must act on that grace. He calls us and gives us the grace to answer.

We are pretty good about dealing in large volumes of Christian information. We like God's statistics. We're not so sure about going after His heart. Where we seem to get lost is in the actual pursuit of the person of God, of intimacy with God. You don't see many modern-day "Davids" writing passionate praise poems to their Heavenly Father. We're much more comfortable collecting and arranging and rearranging the information.

I think we're passive about pursuing God Himself because we know it will eventually require a breaking of our pride, and for many of us, pride is king. As long as we're just gathering facts and information about God, we can keep Him at a safe distance. When we pull in close to Christ is when we feel the coal being put to our pride. Better to be passive, we reason, than to be broken. I call it courageous humility, and biblical maturity absolutely demands that we go there. And not only that but we are to teach this principle to our sons and their sons (Deuteronomy 4:9).

And how do I get "there"? How do I get a desire for the person of God that is greater than any other desire? I turn off the TV. I unplug the video game. I put this computer to sleep. I go into my War Room (closet) and close the door. And I beg God for a passion for Him like I were pleading for oxygen. I'm not talking about "now I lay me down to sleep." I'm talking about pounding the floor for more of Him in my life. And I do it every day. Over time we experience the unspeakable thrill of the being, and becoming, a biblical man or woman who is following after God. This great prayer I read long ago from A.W. Tozer is a great place to start your pursuit of God:

*O God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory, I pray Thee, that so I may know Thee indeed.*



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***On the Cover: A Mack shines at Truckers Day at the Buck in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Photo by Doris High.***



# TFC Global Needs You!

Do you have a heart for the commercial drivers who travel our highways and for the trucking industry? Have you ever wondered how you or your church might partner together with TFC Global strategically for the cause of Christ in your area? Maybe TFC Global has had an impact on your life by leading you to the Lord or as a means of discipleship while on the road as a new believer. Maybe you have family members who are in the trucking industry. Below are several ways in which you and your church can help TFC Global:

## REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Many individuals and small groups across North America have shown interest in supporting this ministry but have no opportunity to become directly involved. TFC Global Regional Chapters can form and function anywhere by people gathering together to help promote and support the efforts of this ministry. Chapters help raise support for TFC Global in many ways, which include helping us establish new FaithLife Centers, working with a staff chaplain to support the budget of an existing FaithLife Center in their region, help fund overseas ministry outreaches, fight Human Trafficking through our Exit 58 Initiative (see information below), help commercial drivers battle addictions such as pornography and alcoholism, and provide funds for the day-to-day operations of TFC Global. TFC Global chapters are committed to being a tool for God's provision of this ministry by such things as: upholding TFC Global in prayer, providing ministry to local drivers, helping at a local FaithLife Center, passing out TFC Global materials to trucking companies, holding fundraising events, or anything else that promotes and supports the ministry of TFC Global locally and nationally.



## EXIT 58 HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

TFC Global is looking for a woman who would volunteer to help head up this program. You must have a heart for the trucking industry and a desire to help fight this battle. It goes without saying that human trafficking is an evil and horrendous activity and therefore stands in stark opposition to God and to everything TFC Global stands for. We believe that, although it is not clearly covered by our mission statement, helping others whose clear mission it is to address this problem is the right thing for TFC Global to do. It is important that TFC Global provides training regarding what to look for and how to respond when confronted with suspected cases of human trafficking.

## ASSISTING BEHIND THE SCENES

There are many opportunities at TFC Global to serve God with your gifts and talents in practical ways at FaithLife Centers and at the International Office. These include repairs and maintenance, receptionist, shipping and translating the *Highway News* magazine, database maintenance, grounds keeping, house-keeping, and more.

These are just a few ways you can help TFC Global have a greater impact on the trucking industry and allow us to expand our ministry outreach. Give us a call at 717-426-9977 or email us at [info@TFCGlobal.org](mailto:info@TFCGlobal.org). We would love to speak with you about these ministry opportunities!



# Legacy of Faith

*A word from Joanna Maart, Director of Communications*

As a parent and someone who has a sphere of influence, I have often wondered how to pass on or instill in others a spirit of generosity. 2 Corinthians 9:7b (NLT) says, “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully”; it is obvious that this is a value God desires to be present in our lives. For me, the way to pass this characteristic on to those who look to me as an example, is to model this both physically and verbally. It does nothing if I don’t practice generosity; it does little if I don’t make a relationship between my actions and my motivation for those actions. My people need to see me giving of my talents and resources to further God’s work here on earth.

What about you? Does what you do and say provide an example to your sphere of influence? Do you give because God values this trait of generosity? When was the last time you explained your giving as part of your God-inspired character?

At TFC Global, we use our Legacy of Faith initiative to give people an opportunity to give now for our future. At this time, your financial gift is diminishing our mortgage debt. God has charged us with the responsibility to plan for future ministry. We also give you the opportunity to model a lifestyle of generosity to future supporters of TFC Global. Our ministry needs you to pass on that value to the people only YOU can reach.

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## A MINISTRY TO THE TRUCKING COMMUNITY BY THOSE WHO KNOW IT BEST

With more than six decades of ministry to the trucking industry, TFC Global works hard to provide chaplaincy services such as Bible studies, counseling, services and a ministry of presence, to meet the needs of commercial drivers worldwide. Chaplains serve in the United States, Canada, and four countries overseas. Issues of addiction, pornography, depression, suicide, broken marriages, and human trafficking are part of what a chaplain sees on a regular basis. In addition to these issues, drivers also desire a place to find community while they are on the road.



In order for us to reach our ministry directives, it takes a team of staff and volunteers to keep things running effectively. That’s where you come in! Please pray for our need of staff chaplains and chaplain associates (trained volunteers who have completed a Chaplain Training Institute). If you know someone who could meet this need, spread the word. If you are that person, contact us at [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org). We look forward to seeing God provide the right people for this unique ministry opportunity.

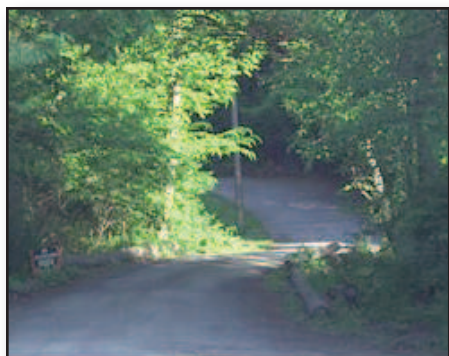


# The Story of Jagtrux - A Ministry Partner

*TFC Global seeks to highlight ministry partners that have supported us over the many years of our existence. It is an important value of our ministry to honor those we respect in the corporate setting. Check out the story of Jagtrux in the following paragraphs. The owner of the business, Jim Germak, has long come alongside TFC Global as a financial partner and former member of the Board of Directors. In turn, TFC Global has provided immediate chaplain care for the company's drivers and their families when counseling and prayers were needed.*

Jim Germak always wanted to be a truck driver. He started his trucking career at age eighteen. While attending college, he worked part-time in a warehouse loading trucks. To help his boss during busy periods he would haul loads of building materials. The year he turned twenty-two, he purchased an F-Model Mack and a flatbed trailer, but was unable to actually lease on with a company until he was twenty-three years old, so on the day of that birthday he was in the office of a major transportation company filling out the paperwork to become an owner operator. He worked for them for ten years, hauling building products and steel.

In January of 1976 he married Linda, and they had their first of three children later that year. Jim loved the trucking industry, but missed the home time with his family. So in 1982 he and Linda incorporated their new business as Jagtrux, Inc., a contract/common carrier. The business started



from their home in rural Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, back a dirt lane in the middle of the woods (left). They cleared an area for a parking lot and maintenance shop, and had an office in a small room in the house. In 1998, Jagtrux purchased an abandoned locomotive repair shop, originally built in 1942, and completely renovated the building. They moved from their



small shop and offices to a larger facility in Marietta, Pennsylvania. Since then they have acquired surrounding property and now have a 75-acre facility with a full service shop, cross dock facilities, and secure trailer storage lots, as well as many other benefits.

During his time as an owner operator, Jim was able to develop many business relationships with customers and shippers, including a strong relationship with Armstrong World Industries. In the mid 1980s Jagtrux became a Core Carrier for Armstrong World Industries servicing facilities in Marietta, Lancaster, and Beaver Falls in Pennsylvania, and Sparrows Point in Maryland. Jim and the Jagtrux organization have worked hard to create positive business relationships with companies in the surrounding areas for both inbound and outbound loads.

Jagtrux has a strong commitment to family. Jim and Linda's two sons, Andy and Zack, are involved in the day-to-day operations of the business. They also have a very dedicated group of employees and permanently leased independent contractors that enable Jagtrux to be an elite carrier.

## Exciting News!

# TFC Global Office of Chaplains Has a New Look

Not only has God been working in giving TFC Global a renewed vision and direction for ministry, as you have seen in the previous special edition of *Highway News*, but He is also bringing a number of new ministry partners who will either be coming alongside us or merging with us as we work together to build God's Kingdom. We are happy to announce that the merger of TCCM into TFC Global is almost complete. We all believe the Lord has led us to this opportunity at just the right time as an exciting way to continue this important ministry of reaching commercial drivers and the trucking industry for Jesus Christ for many years to come.

We are also excited to have some TCCM Chaplains as part of our team, as well as Rich Desmond (former Director and VP of TCCM) and his wife, Linda, who have joined the TFC Global family. Rich is taking on the position of Director of the Office of Chaplains (OCHAP). He brings with him a wealth of experience in the trucking industry as well as a strong business background. He is also a trainer with experience in the development of disaster relief services.

Changes in OCHAP also include the addition of Joe Matthews as overseer of our Corporate Chaplains Network. He will be responsible for the recruitment, training, and development/placement of our new chaplain candidates. With a Chaplaincy Training Institute (CTI) spring class that is almost full, along with his continued responsibilities as staff chaplain at Frystown, Joe will be a busy man. However, his experience as a pastor, missionary, and TFC Global staff chaplain gives him a well-rounded background for the position he now holds.

Bunny O'Hare has also been busy in his new position as the Special Assignment Chaplain at the International Office (IO). His strong servant motivation and his gifting as a pastoral care chaplain have allowed him to minister to the needs of many both in and out of the trucking industry, as well as here at the IO. Just in the last few weeks, Bunny has had 113 ministry encounters as well as fifteen calls to handle driver needs. Along with that, he is developing, on average, three new company contacts a week. Bunny will also be helping us develop a new prayer line team so that we have a 24/7 response capability for drivers, their families, and trucking company owners to reach one of our chaplains. It is this sincere commitment to work collaboratively with the Office of Chaplains, the Executive Leadership, and the staff here at the IO that makes him such a valuable member of our team.



*Chaplain Rich Desmond*



*Chaplain Joe Matthews*



*Chaplain Bunny O'Hare*



Several years ago, God put a burden in my heart and the heart of my wife, Dalva, to minister to the truckers coming into Paranaguá to unload their cargo at the port. We had the desire to reach them but were not sure how to go about it; we started going to the local truck stop to talk to the truckers, taking Bibles and tracts, but longed for a more permanent ministry strategy. With that in mind, we set up CASE-PR and started praying for a partner to join us in this venture. An online search of any organization in Brazil working specifically with truckers showed no results; but a wider search resulted in our finding TFC Global (then known as Transport For Christ). We were excited to find an organization that was already doing the type of ministry God had placed in our hearts. That was in 2011.

Fast forward to 2014: Kevin Scott, Director of Overseas Ministries for TFC Global, came to Paranaguá to meet with us. The rest, as they say, is history (the story has been told in a previous edition of *Highway News*). Today we have the joy of ministering at two locations, Paranaguá and Imbituba, and have plans underway to extend it to several more locations by 2020 (see sidebar).

Among the experiences we have had, of God's guidance in discerning the best way to reach the truckers coming our way, two stand out. The first is related to the services we started having every Monday evening. Sometimes we would start the meeting and no trucker would show up, and we became discouraged and even considered discontinuing them. Then, one evening we had several truckers show up, and at the end of the service four of them accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. One of them gave me a big hug and said, "I was not going to come, but my wife told me, 'You should go,' and I am sure God used her to get me to come and prepared me for this moment." That experience gave us the assurance



## ***A Journey of Hope and Faith: Reaching Truckers in Brazil***

*by Chaplain Marcelo Soares, as told to Inge Koenig*



*Top—Paranaguá Port triage area*

*Middle—Chaplain Sydney speaking at a service*

*Bottom—Some of the first contacts at Paranaguá Port gratefully accepting a copy of God's Word*



we needed that we should continue with the services, and they are still going on.

The second experience I want to share relates to practical services we started providing for truckers, such as haircuts, blood pressure checks, counseling, and the like. On one occasion, as several of our volunteers were busy helping truckers, we noticed a man who seemed burdened and sad. I went to talk to him, asking if he was all right, and was there anything we could do for him. He shared that he was going through a difficult time, as his wife was in the hospital, in serious condition. I listened and prayed for him before he left to deliver his load. Some time later, as I was talking to truckers, handing them tracts and praying for them, I saw this man again, this time with his son. He called out, saying he needed to talk to me. When I came over, he told me, "Chaplain, thank you for praying! My wife is back home and in good health again!" He radiated happiness and gratitude, and we all rejoiced with him.

These experiences, just a small example of what God is doing among truckers in Paranaguá and now also in Imbituba, are the "fuel" that keeps us going forward. The journey is not always easy, and the challenges are great, but the opportunities to reach Brazilian truckers for Christ are endless. Please join us in prayer that God will continue to use us to reach the men and women in the Brazilian trucking industry with the love, hope and faith that can only be found in Christ.

## **Brazil – 2020 and Beyond**

**By Rev. Kevin Scott, Director of Overseas Ministries**

When we began ministry with Chaplain Marcelo and CASE-PR back in 2014, we knew that we were working with a group with great vision and drive and the desire to reach out to the drivers not just in their own community, but throughout Brazil and beyond. I'm excited to say that we have not been proven wrong. While visiting the U.S. in September, Chaplain Marcelo, his wife, Dalva, and I were able to sit down with the staff at the International Office, and with the help of our tremendous translator, we were able to share with them the exciting plans that our Brazilian affiliates have for expanding our ministry there. By the end of 2020, the Brazilian leadership hopes to have four new ministry locations opened. The locations are as follows:

- **Port of Santos**—this is Latin America's largest container port, and the port that serves Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city. This port handles 40% of Brazil's containers and one-third of the country's trade. The number of drivers a chapel here could reach is staggering.
- **City of Cascavel**—this city is located on the western side of Brazil, less than a two-hour drive from both Paraguay and Argentina, and on a route many trucks travel. A church in Cascavel has reached out to see how they could partner with our ministry. There are about 300 trucks daily passing at the proposed ministry location.
- **Mato Grosso**—this state in north-central Brazil is the staging ground for the produce that is shipped through Paranaguá Port. Daily, hundreds of drivers haul produce and grain from harvest regions throughout the northern part of Brazil into Mato Grosso, where it's processed and then shipped to Paranaguá and other port cities to reach its final destination. A chapel here will reach a whole new set of drivers.
- **A mobile unit to travel throughout Brazil**—when we began ministry at Paranaguá Port, we were told our chapel would have to leave the grounds every evening. However, the port authorities have been so impressed with the ministry happening and the cultural shift it's creating, they have invited us to put a full-time container chapel at the port! This means we'll be able to use the mobile unit in other ways. One of our earliest converts, a driver who still visits the chapel regularly and has become a leader in his local church, is soon retiring, and his church wants to help him travel as a mobile chaplain throughout the various states of Brazil.

Our amazing God has been working behind the scenes making plans that we had never even dreamed of. Would you join us in prayer that all these dreams and more will become reality in the next year?



**Top:** The Brazilian ministry team.

**Left:** Trucks approaching the port under torrential rain.

**Above and next page top:** Truckers are happy to receive a copy of the Bible (notice the "shelf" used for setting up their meals).  
**Next page, middle left:** Practical assistance, like blood pressure checks, often opens the door for sharing the Gospel.

**Next page, middle right and bottom photos:** The chapel seen from the back and inside; one side also opens up to allow for outdoor meetings.





# FaithLife Center Logs

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

- ◆ A driver came in and shared with us that his mother passed away today; she was ninety-three years old. He needed someone to talk to and needed prayer. We talked with him, shared the Scriptures, gave him words of comfort, and prayed with him before he left.
- ◆ A female driver came in to visit; she and her son are team-driving. She has had her license for about ten months. She said she is helping her son make money so he can buy his own truck. She came in to see what we have in the FaithLife Center and for prayer for her and her son, as well as for her husband back home in Illinois. We prayed for safe travels for her and her son, and for her family, that they know that God loves them.
- ◆ A young driver stopped in to check us out. As we talked, it became apparent that he wanted to respond to the Gospel, so I explained it to him and he prayed to trust Christ as his Savior.
- ◆ Alex was riding in the truck with his dad. He came into the service tonight and after the service we talked more in depth. He shared his struggles in life and with family; he said he believes in God but is not born again. As we talked he surrendered his life to the Lord.
- ◆ A driver came in crying, saying he is caught up in porn and can't quit. I told him he was right, he can't, but Jesus can deliver him and clean up his life. We searched the Scriptures and he repented and asked Jesus to save him.
- ◆ A driver I met three years ago stopped in today. Back then he was dealing with drug addiction and we talked about the problems it caused him. I had given him my cell number and we stayed in touch when he got out of rehab. He thanked me for being there for him when he would call or text me, and being a friend when he didn't have many. We prayed before he left.
- ◆ A driver from New York came in today. He said he is saved, but lost his wife and tried to find solace in the bottle. He is now back on track with the Lord and asked for prayer to stay that way. He left saying, "It's such a blessing to find a place like this for truckers!"

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## Denver FaithLife Center Holds Barbecue for Drivers

On July 16 the Denver FaithLife Center had a barbecue for the drivers, in appreciation for what they do. "We had hamburgers, hot dogs, and potato and macaroni salads, and also gifted them with some cooling towels," reports Diana Olver. "We had a couple of young kids serving the drivers. Chaplain Rich did the cooking. We had a wonderful time fellowshiping and just enjoying each other. We had about 75 people show up for the event."





# Join ICTA

***Become part of a community that loves the Lord and supports each other***

TFC Global has become increasingly aware that our brothers and sisters in Christ who are commercial drivers and those who are part of the trucking industry, along with their families, have a strong need and desire to build biblical community among their peers. Although TFC Global has also done a fairly good job at providing scriptural engagement, we have done a poor job at providing biblical community for the trucking industry. In light of that fact, we have taken a page out of our past and created the International Christian Trucking Association. This group has been created to provide a way for those in the trucking industry and their families to know Christ and grow in their Christian life through discipleship opportunities, educational resources, seminars, and a national convention.

Fellowship and Bible study meetings will be provided through our regional chapters and at our monthly ICTA prayer breakfasts held at various locations around the country. We will also hold a members only job fair at locations across the country. This will allow us to con-



nect Christian drivers with Christian trucking companies.

Our desire is to connect commercial drivers, retired professional drivers, trucking company owners, and other Christian trucking-related individuals in supporting and encouraging one another. I once had a com-

mercial driver tell me that he did not go to college but the trucking community was his fraternity. If there is going to be a movement of God in the trucking industry, it will begin with brothers and sisters in Christ who call the trucking community their family coming together to pray and support one another while working to build the Kingdom of God through evangelism and discipleship. Come join us!

To become a member of the ICTA and to review the benefits of joining this organization, you can go to our website or call us at 717-426-9977. Your membership fees go to supporting the work we do in the trucking industry and to help fund the TruckersLife Foundation, which provides resources for commercial drivers and their families in an emergency.

## Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to [editor@TFCGlobal.org](mailto:editor@TFCGlobal.org)  
Last month's truck (below) was a 1935  
Diamond T.



# THIS IS MY STORY

*"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story"*

## "My Need for Speed"

*Psalms 107:2*

I was born in Sydney, Australia, and started working as an apprentice mechanic at age sixteen. I loved fast cars since an early age; when I was seven, I helped my dad replace the V8 engine in his GM Holden Monaro. From there I found myself working with wrenches, repairing bikes and dirt bikes, and building remote control cars.

As time passed my love of dirt bike racing grew, along with go-karts and anything else with which I could feed my need for speed. I really wanted to race cars and be a big name, as I loved to drive and was a natural behind the wheel. By the age of twenty-three I was a very proficient auto tech and landed a job as a racecar mechanic in Australia's V8 Supercars Championship, a "down under" equivalent of NASCAR. I really enjoyed this, but at the same time it tortured me being inches from the other side of the pit wall. The place I really wanted to be was on the track.

I had an equally big desire to party hard. Drinking, drugs, rock and roll, and ladies were big weaknesses and had a lot of control in my life. As much as I wanted to be a successful race car driver, I also had issues from my past pulling me back. They always seemed to be tying me up and making me feel like a failure. They were like a demon I never knew how to overcome, and I just swept it under the carpet with another hit, beer, woman, or porn.

My life slowly grew darker and more out of control. I found myself waking up one Saturday morning alone at the age of twenty-seven, wondering why my life was screwed up. I found myself trying to blame everyone else for my mess. I blamed my parents, past bosses, and girlfriends. Then I finally found myself having an argument with God. Being brought up in a religious family, I learned that God was supposed to be in control. Since God was in control, then He was to blame.

In my argument with God, I cussed Him up and down every which way. When I had exhausted my words and shut up for a few seconds, I heard an audible voice

speaking to me as clear as day saying, "You have been doing everything your way and not My way." Surprisingly, I found myself shocked and agreeing with the voice. From there, I remembered a small booklet someone had given me about the Good News of Jesus Christ and how He came for a sinner like me to forgive me, love me, and make me part of God's family. After reading it, I decided to stop doing things my way and to follow Jesus as my new boss.

From there, God helped me and blessed me in many ways. He gave me a wonderful American wife and I moved to the United States to live with her. Jesus has given me peace and four beautiful children. Like many auto techs who have had enough of being on the tools, I ended up landing a job driving a truck.

I love to drive. I love nothing better than being alone in the cabin, just Jesus and myself, enjoying Him. I know I'm a winner, not because I won a race, but because I now have a Father in heaven who knows me better than I know myself. He truly cares for me. To be a good dad makes me a winner because my dad was never really there for me.

When I'm on the road, I like to tell others I meet about the great things God has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. God has also given me the opportunity to travel to Africa and Asia for Him, getting to know many people who need His love and help. I'm writing this because I know sometimes when you're on the highway alone, it can get real lonely. Life doesn't always go the way we would like, but the truth is that Jesus is right there for each one of us if we will reach out to Him and ask for His friendship and help. I hope you too will find yourself on the same journey I'm on with Him, because to me He is better than life itself.

*Sean, Spokane, Washington*

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# Rambler

by Gary Nussbaum

## What's Your Destination?

Fall ushers in the cool weather and the realization that summer is definitely history for another year. Trees are showing their various hues of color—or, in some locations, are already done with their annual show. Nature is putting itself to rest as plants that were once green have faded away. As they died, they added nutrients to the soil. In death they bring life.

Our own bodies, were they not embalmed and entombed in caskets, would benefit the soil in the same way. The Bible states they were made from dirt and to dirt they will return (Genesis 3:19). Like plants that die off in the cold weather but continue to “live” by enriching the soil for future plants, our life can continue to have an effect even after we die, by the example we leave behind, if we lived a life of faith. But, unlike plants, we all are eternal beings, created by God for a life beyond the physical. Our soul and spirit will live on—they are eternal. The body is simply a house for the real you and me. The Bible tells us that there is going to be a day when we all will stand before God and be judged for the choices we have made while on this earth. He has given us the choice of heaven or hell. The choice is between God, who is our Creator, and Satan, who is the very enemy of our souls.

Satan has deceived many into thinking that they have no need for God; that they are in control of their own lives, or, as Henry the poet expressed it, they are the master of their fate, the captain of their soul. That is the spirit that destroys the very fiber of a society.

Just because we are all eternal beings does not mean we all have the same eternal destination. Driver, the choice you make now concerning Jesus

Christ determines your eternal destiny. Your eternal destiny isn't a matter of making promises, it's not even a matter of “being good” or “doing good.” It is acknowledging your need and trusting the One who can meet that need.

Again, you and I are eternal beings. Although born separated from God, we have been rescued by His love and grace. He paid the price for our sin, something we were totally incapable of ever accomplishing ourselves. You and I have been given the precious choice of loving and obeying God and accepting His offer of salvation provided by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross—the price for our salvation.

Driver, I hope you are one who has chosen to align yourself with God, accepting the gift He is offering you, instead of being your own boss, “the captain of your soul.” Remember, your life will not end when you take your last breath; it will continue, but the question is, where? Heaven or hell? God wants to begin that relationship with you now in preparation for eternity. What will be your choice?

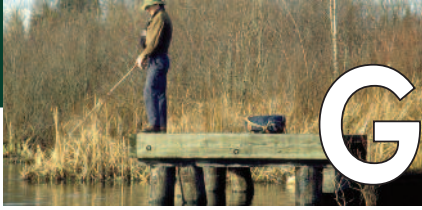
The prophet Isaiah reminds us that man is like grass: “All men are like grass ... The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever” (Isaiah 40:6-8). This season reminds us that life as we experience it now is for a moment. Driver, you have been given a choice that determines your eternity. Choose Jesus Christ!

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### Memorial Gifts

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# G The Best of GREEN ONION



## ***Distracted by Heaven***

*"Hey, Green Onion," said Ladies Man, "my wife said it was my turn to feed and dress the kids for Sunday School and her turn to go out and honk the horn and yell, 'We will be late for church!' We are not getting along, Green Onion. What can I do?" "Well, Ladies Man, knowing you, the only answer is to pray! Pray God takes one of you home to heaven. Then your wife can go and live with her sister in Duluth."*

One day our Lord will look down from His majestic celestial city and call His faithful ones home. If it were today, would you be ready to go? Christians live in this world like foreign residents who have not been naturalized to this world's system. While we are here God gives us everything we need for our journey: divine power through knowing Jesus Christ; His Word as a road map and a compass; the Holy Spirit to navigate the highway ahead of us; fellowship in the community of His church; and Jesus as our intercessor in God's presence, ever interceding for us (John 17:1-21).

We are looking forward to a heavenly homeland that holds our true citizenship and allegiance. We will see the angels, our beloved family members, and the saints praising and worshiping God day and night. We will hear a loud voice from God's awesome throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:3-5).

If your soul is thirsty, Jesus gives the water of life without charge. He paid the full ransom demanded to set us free from sin and death. "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit" (John 3:5-6). We cannot buy our way into heaven — neither religion nor philosophy, psychology, or

good behavior can get you there.

But the Creator and Maker of all things is calling all who are thirsty to come and drink freely from the water of life. Have you come to Him? Have you drunk from the waters of salvation? If not, listen to His call, for the life of your soul is at stake. He is ready to make an everlasting covenant with you. Call to Him in prayer, for He is near. Believe Jesus is the only Savior that God has sent into the world (John 14:6, John 3:16-17). Accept by faith that Jesus took your full punishment, was crucified, and paid the full price for your salvation on the cross. Jesus Christ died and rose again from the dead for you and me. All we can say is, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against You. I am sorry for my sins; please forgive me, and come into my heart and life. I want to live for You until I see You face to face."

Until the day when we see Him face to face, let us continue on, praying daily, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10), and remembering that "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" (Philippians 3:20-21).

Believers in Christ are distracted by heaven because they have tasted the heavenly gift, and this eternal hope sustains them. For God has reserved "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:4-5).

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# Do You Know Your ABCs?

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You can know for sure.

**A**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).

**B**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).

**C**ONFESS JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD AND TURN FROM YOUR SINS. "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:9, 13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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