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# A Word from Our President

## Claiming Relationship With God

*"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust'" (Ps. 91:1-2, WEB).*

The psalm begins with a promise to those who remain, inhabit and abide in the hiding place or shelter of the Most High God. They will "stay permanently in the shadowing protection of El Shaddai."

Because of that promise, we get the only "I" statement from this psalm's writer. They claim the Lord as "my God" and say they will have confidence in Him. They demonstrate that trust by making Him their refuge, shelter and defensive stronghold. That's something we can do as well.

This psalm contains truly incredible promises of protection in the midst of trials. We'd probably prefer it if God's protection meant we didn't have to go through trials. But to be delivered "from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence," there must be someone trying to trap you or a pestilence threatening your life. And if "A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand," (Ps. 91:7, KJV) then you must be in a location where people are perishing right and left.

*"Because you have made God your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall happen to you; neither shall any plague come near your dwelling" (Ps. 91:9-10).*

God doesn't always promise to keep us from scary situations. But He does promise to be there for us in the trials. He's promising that we don't have to live in fear because He's got us. We can trust Him.

We all know good Christian people who've gone through terrible trials. They have been fired from jobs for their faith, seen their children die, battled chronic health issues for years and a whole host of other things. But even in the midst of everything falling apart, we have to believe God keeps His promises.

Perfect faithfulness is one of the things that makes God who He is, God. The promises of protection here are real. But He doesn't always keep His promises in the way we might want Him to. For example, the promises of angelic protection in verses 11-12 don't give you leave to do stupid things expecting God to save you. Remember the temptation of Christ in Matthew 4:5-7. And even if we're not doing anything wrong sometimes the promise to keep us from evil happens on a spiritual level more than a physical one. Indeed, that point is brought out in the Psalm's last verses.

God has a different perspective than we do. What's going on in our physical lives matters to Him, but He also sees more long-term. If He promises deliverance, it can be fulfilled in the next life just as easily as in this one. When He promises salvation, it can mean saving us from eternal death even more than from physical trials.

*"Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him. I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honor him. I will satisfy him with long life, and show him my salvation" Ps. 91:14-16.*

Psalm 91 concludes with God speaking directly, confirming the promises made earlier in the Psalm. His words speak to a loving relationship He has with His people now and of how it will carry into the future. God is interested in helping and saving us in a more permanent manner than just assisting us with our struggles in this life although He will take care of that as well. He wants us to become part of His family for eternity and everything He does has eternal consequences in mind.

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior then believe me when I say "Now is the Time!" Do not put it off thinking you will have tomorrow. That may not be the case. Ask yourself, "If I were to die today, on the road I am now traveling, both literally and figuratively, where would I spend eternity?" If you don't know the answer to that then you need to talk with one of our chaplains at a truck stop near you or call us at 717-426-9977 NOW!



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***On the Cover:*** Cheryl Whaley is one of many women who got their start in the trucking industry at Covenant. While she no longer drives for the company, she still has, in her own words, "a lot of love for Covenant, from the president all the way down to the drivers." Covenant currently has the highest percentage of women professional drivers of all major carriers. See Covenant's story on Page 8.

# ON THE HOMEFRONT

We are thankful for the enjoyable and encouraging time spent at our staff conference. Despite our staff going through ministry challenges with the pandemic, our Lord is faithful.

The updated resource, First Steps, a Bible study program for new believers, was launched at our conference. The goal is for new Christians to complete the study under the mentorship of our staff chaplains and chaplain associates. This builds relationships that go beyond just a brief meeting at a FaithLife Center. Each location will be equipped with the ability to discuss each lesson whenever a driver has time in his schedule.

An additional resource that was rolled out at the conference was the step program of Celebrate Recovery. Check out the article on page 7 of this issue for more information.



## HIGHWAY NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

**Can Owner-Operators Crack The Contract-Freight Nut?** Big shifts this year in what freight is moving where, and the extremity of rates volatility, have spurred new processes to engage shippers' bids—where the lion's share of available freight sits. *September 23*

**CDL, Med Cert Renewal Waiver Extended Through End Of Year** FMCSA has extended a waiver that extends the expiration date of CDLs, CLPs and medical certificates that expired on or after March 1 through Dec. 31. A truck driver was named a Highway Angel for waking up a fellow driver whose truck caught fire at a truck stop. *September 22*

**Purchasing That First Truck: Be Honest With Yourself, Coldly Calculating The Decision** While it's often driven by an emotional sense of just how much better life will be, ultimately, in the decision to become an owner strive to find the truth in your own calculus. We can be very good at lying to ourselves to justify our desires. *September 21*

**'A Heyday' For Rates On Cross-Border Freight Leaving Laredo** Demand for goods coming into the U.S. from Mexico at the Laredo border crossing is spurring significant rate hikes for loads out of Laredo into the rest of the U.S., says a prominent brokerage. *September 18*

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# EXIT 58



Exit 58 is an initiative of TFC Global providing awareness and resources to the issue of human trafficking as it relates to the trucking community. In recent national news, several important arrests were made in Virginia and Michigan shutting down large pockets of child trafficking (<https://apnews.com/hub/child-trafficking>).

It's important to understand that human trafficking is happening all over the United States. Most of the time, children who are trafficked are used by normal-looking people who pass their victims around at amusement parks and airports using restrooms for their "drops."

In the trucking industry, the highways that provide the means of getting goods from one place to another are also the means for providing human "goods" to clients who sell those people through the sex entertainment industry over and over again.

At TFC Global, we train our staff to recognize signs of human trafficking. See the following signs:

## TRAFFICKER SIGNS

- Emotionally Unstable
- Age Gap with Female Companions
- Promises "Too Good to be True"
- Vague Answers to Questions
- Expensive Gifts

## TRAFFICKING SIGNS

- Bruises/Cuts
- Anxious/Nervous
- Not Allowed to Speak
- Inappropriate Dress/Behavior
- Unaccompanied Minor

If you would like more information about our Exit 58 initiative, email [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org) or call 717-426-9977. To learn more about our ministry visit [www.TFCGlobal.org](http://www.TFCGlobal.org).

## Pastor's Corner - Chaplain Bob Keiderling

### Do Life's Journey by God's Map, Not Your Own - Part 2

*Bob Keiderling is Northeast District Manager for TFC Global and also serves on the Frystown FaithLife Center. He attended TFC Global's Chaplaincy Training Institute this past June and brings his extensive Celebrate Recovery experience to us for our use in helping drivers and their families.*

*In the first part of his story, Chaplain Bob shared about his years as a trucker in the age before the technology of GPS and cell phones, to his journey of faith and leading into ministry until the time the Lord led him off driving professionally – although he was not yet aware of that. Here he continues his story.*

In a series of events over two years that only God could orchestrate, I went into full-time ministry as Executive Director for United Men of Faith. This opened the door for opportunities to serve pastors and leaders and travel for organizations such as Great Dads and Man in the Mirror.

During this time, I sensed the Holy Spirit nudging me to get a Christian education, so I enrolled at Liberty University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Religion and a Master's in Religious Education. I say this humbly. In my own strength, I am not smart enough to get good grades. In God's power, anything is possible.

In 2006, God called Donna and me to Florida to serve on a much larger platform for men's ministry. During our time there the economy tanked and we both lost our jobs at the ministry where we were serving. It was a challenging time, but God turned it into an opportunity. I began serving at a megachurch outside Orlando, Florida and eventually went on staff as Pastor for Community Life. What I learned there about connection, care and discipleship over five years was priceless.

We later served in Durham, North Carolina, and finally back home in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where our three children were raising their families, and where Donna and I spent five years at a local church.

But God often uses change to move you. While we loved that church, and they loved us, changes started happening that we could not support and we knew it was time to leave. At that time I was also a part-time chaplain at a large retirement community. After leaving the church, I began to work there full-time while continuing



to serve a local church in the areas of care and discipleship. I also started the ordination process within the denomination.

This continued into early 2020, when the pandemic changed everything. The opportunity to serve my church as a paid pastoral consultant went by the wayside. The retirement community cut their chaplain staff, and I was let go. What I saw in front of me was quarantine and unemployment. Once again, I was reading my map, not asking God for directions.

An email from a past ministry friend provided His direction. Would I be interested in serving a ministry that would give me the opportunity to minister to a group of people I was once part of? I would do this using the God-given gifts and talents as well as my life experiences, failures, and victories to accomplish this.

The answer would seem obvious, but once again I let my personal road map get in the way. Thankfully, God spoke through people who encouraged me to move forward in the calling He had for me. I am excited to see what God has for me ministering to professional drivers and truck stop staff, as well as equipping and encouraging our faithful chaplains and associates. It is time to put my map away and go with God's.



# TFC GLOBAL

*presents*

## Celebrate Recovery®

Freedom from your Hurts, Hang-Ups & Habits



TFC Global is excited about bringing the Celebrate Recovery program to our staff as a resource at locations throughout the United States. Our FaithLife Centers will be able to provide information and materials for the step program part of Celebrate Recovery.

There are eight principles and 12 steps that go along with their related Bible verses to provide a faith-based recovery program. Journeying through these steps in a confidential environment led by a facilitator will enable the participant to tackle the hurts, habits and hang-ups that prevent living successfully. The groups are gender-specific and are small in size. Each participant is encouraged to find a sponsor (someone who has completed the program) as well as accountability partners (people who can keep the participant on track throughout the program).

Our FaithLife Centers will be equipped with a leader's guide and training to facilitate a step meeting whenever necessary allowing professional drivers and others in the trucking community to receive this help as their schedule permits. Meetings could also be held at local churches to include members of the local community. Each meeting consists of a short video plus a lesson to discuss led by a staff chaplain.

In addition to this program, each location will be stocked with topic-specific study sheets that will help our staff handle different types of needs as they minister to people they meet.

If you would like more information on this program, email [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org) or call 717-426-9977.



# COVENANT: A STORY OF BOLD FAITH

BY RON FRASER

David Parker grew up around trucking. As a boy he watched the choreography of big-wheeled tractors and trailers at terminal yards, asphalt deserts rich with the aroma of belching chrome blow stacks and hot rubber tires.

Clyde Fuller, founder and longtime operator of Southwest Motor Freight, is who Parker talks about when he shares about his dad. Parker's biological father died when Parker was two. His mother married Clyde Fuller, and a trucking dynasty was born.

"Clyde Fuller raised me," says Parker. "My stepfather was an entrepreneur." Clyde Fuller built Chattanooga-based Southwest Motor Freight into a successful long-haul trucking firm. His sons joined him, each with their own skills—David in sales and operations, Max in maintenance and finance. Both worked their way up and became executives. The brothers then took over leadership of the company after their father retired.

Then, in the mid-1980s, an investment firm came along and offered to buy the company from Clyde and his wife. With the sale, the brothers, David and Max, each took a share of the proceeds from the sale and agreed to a non-compete agreement that forced them out of the market for six months.

David Parker's journey into his own trucking company began on a trip he took to Fall Creek Falls State Park outside Spencer, Tennessee. It was there that God spoke to him and he began to get some clarity as to what God would have him do with his life.

David Parker's faith runs deep. He has a great love for the Lord and it is evident that it is the most important relationship in his life. It's the root of everything he does. It reflects itself in every success story he has experienced and it is what has carried him through every trial he has faced. And it's where the story of Covenant Logistics Group begins. In 1985 at Fall Creek Falls, a divine call was placed on a young man's heart: Go start your own trucking company. "I said, 'God, I'm scared,'" Parker remembers. "I said, 'I don't know how to go and ask banks to lend me millions of dollars.'"

Parker then made an agreement, a covenant, with God. He would run the business the right way, if God would provide. He and his wife, Jacqueline, leveraged all that they had into starting Covenant, with 25 trucks and 50 trailers. David Parker knows two things for certain from that experience: God has provided and will continue to provide, and trucking has paid off.

R.H. Lovin, Jr. was one of the first people Parker hired at Covenant when the new company was formed in 1985. "A mutual friend introduced us," says Lovin. And "at the ripe old age of 34," Lovin didn't expect to find that the upstart founder of a new trucking company was younger than him. "I walked in, and I met a guy that was 28 years old and getting ready to start a company, and I have to tell you, I was taken aback by that." But Lovin soon saw that Parker needed his help. "I knew absolutely nothing about trucking," he says, "and I was thrilled to find out he knew absolutely nothing about accounting."



Lovin, who has been with Covenant for a number of years, calls David Parker "a man of uncommon character." When employees show up at the office, Parker's there. When they leave, Parker's there. "David is a man who has a giving heart, and I found that out very quickly," he says. "Before we ever realized whether we were making any money or not, David was giving money away. I found that over the years to be very refreshing, even at the point in time when we didn't have money to give, and I commend him for that."

God's intervention on behalf of this company was never more evident than in 2008, the same day, ironically, that President George W. Bush complained about the moribund state of the American economy. Covenant officials met with bankers and signed papers for a new \$300 million facility. In February 2006, Covenant stock traded as high as \$16.25 a share. But by late November 2008, less than three years later, the company's stock plummeted to as little as \$1.40 per share, erasing 86 percent of the company's market value.

From 2006 to 2011, Covenant was profitable only one year, in 2010, and its cumulative losses over the six-year period totaled more than \$107.5 million. But David Parker's faith and the covenant he made with God, represented by a scroll on the outline of America in the company's logo, kept him going through the rough patch in the road.

"There are times when God tests your faith by bringing trials into your life to make sure that your faith is real because you are going to need to live out your faith before others," he says. "People are watching, and they do not care what you are like in the good times, they want to see how you will respond in the difficult times."

In those hard years, Parker let go of the reins some, handing more power over to his executive team. He put more in the hands of his drivers. He trusted others to carry out his dream. Then, gradually, things got better.



Jobs started coming back, freight started moving, and Americans started buying again. Trucking companies were by-and-large dreadfully understaffed and unprepared for the pent-up demand unleashed by the recovery. Meanwhile, companies such as Covenant have offered incentives and programs designed to put drivers behind the wheel.



David Parker is a man who lives out his faith. He wakes up every morning at 4:00 a.m., works out for over an hour-and-a-half, studies the Bible, and arrives at the office on weekdays at about 6:50 a.m. There in his office he prays for his staff and the professional drivers who work for Covenant as well as their families—often out loud, being sometimes overheard by those whose offices are close to his.

He says he envies college students who have a chance to get a degree, something he never did. He craves knowledge—how to be a better manager, owner, husband, father, friend and Christ follower. David Parker encourages upstart entrepreneurs, but also warns them: It's a lifestyle. It's a lot of work. In reality it is really tough. David Parker's business model has always been a mix of risk and faith. Not a model others may agree with or even be able to follow. That is what makes David Parker so unique and at the same time a real role model for many.

Parker is an admirer of the biblical character David, the man after God's own heart, according to Scripture, and he is not ashamed to tell you that is what he wants to be known for as well—that he is "a man after God's own heart."

***(Top) Real Money Drivers-True Teaming Bonus Awards Ceremony; (Left) Harry Connick, Jr. visited the Covenant Chattanooga corporate headquarters and terminal for the filming of United We Sing: A Grammy Salute to the Unsung Heroes (aired on CBS on 6/21/2020).***

# Stay Healthy While on the Road – It's Possible!

**By Dr. S.L. Geisser**

As a Certified Federal Medical Examiner, I am greatly concerned with the health and well-being of the drivers I meet every day attempting to pass their DOT physicals. I requested to do this article because truckers are the backbone of America and I want to help you, as a trucker, attain a healthier lifestyle. Let's see how I can help you get in better physical shape so you can keep America moving!

Eating better and exercising are the most important ways to stay healthy while being over the road.

## **NUTRITION – Eat breakfast every day**

You've heard it said, "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." It's true! Eating breakfast increases your metabolism and energy levels. Adding fruit (apple or orange) and protein in your breakfast (such as eggs and milk) will add extra energy to your body every day!

Other ideas include oatmeal, fruit, and protein bars. Free hot water can be gotten at the coffee stations for your oatmeal.

Eating breakfast will help decrease your need for lunch sooner, keep you moving throughout the day and give you the energy needed to run those miles to make more money!

## **MORE WATER, LESS COFFEE**

You should be drinking at least 64 oz. of water to be sure your body is working at full efficiency. This will help you work more effectively and be safe while traveling America's highways.

No driver likes the idea of drinking less coffee, but the reality is that caffeine is not the best thing a person can drink. Cutting back to two small cups a day and replacing coffee with water the rest of the day will decrease your sugar intake (if you add sugar to your coffee) and promote a healthy lifestyle.

## **SLEEP**

Let's face it, no driver can run 24 hours a day. Getting adequate sleep every day is important to traveling safely on the road. Every driver needs at least seven hours of

sleep a day to be safe. I know most people think 10 hours off is a lot of time, but I know with showers, eating and phone calls with the family, it's not. With that being said, be sure to schedule enough sleep so your body will function properly.

## **AVOID FAST FOODS**

Fast food is quick, convenient, and available everywhere, but it's also bad for you. Let's look at alternatives to this high cholesterol industry. Most Walmart stores will allow drivers to park on site for shopping purposes (call ahead to be sure they have space). This will allow you to shop for healthy foods such as sandwich meats, fruits, veggies, and protein bars, which will allow for healthier living while on the road. Many trucks are equipped with refrigerators to store fresh food longer; if not, a cooler can be picked up at a shopping center or truck stop.

## **EXERCISING**

It's recommended that drivers exercise three times a week to stay limber and strong. It's estimated that 52 percent of drivers are struggling with excessive weight.

Here are some simple ideas a driver you can use to help melt the pounds away and help with overall health:

- **Walking:** A simple 15-minute walk during the day will help keep you alert and burn calories.
- **Stretching:** Simple stretching can help loosen those tight muscles and prevent a muscle being pulled.
- **Resistance bands:** When you're on your home time, check a local sporting store for resistance bands. These are easily placed on the driver's hand rails (by the doors), and will allow for easy workouts without stepping outside your truck.

In conclusion, a driver should never neglect his or her health just because a dispatcher says "just get it there." Following these tips and guidelines can be an easy way to live a healthier lifestyle.

*Dr. Sanford Geisser is a doctor at DOT Physicals Tennessee in Antioch, Tennessee.*





# HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK!



## GIVING TUESDAY

Did you know that our mortgage balance is just under \$36,000? This year, on the Giving Tuesday global day of giving, we are determined to hit our mortgage debt ***out of the park***. Will you partner with us to make this happen? Your continued support for our project-based Legacy of Faith program has been amazing and so inspiring. We have been steadily knocking down this debt in the past year, thanks to you!

More information will be sent out closer to December 1, the date of Giving Tuesday. We will be using social media, our website and USPS mail to keep you engaged in watching this debt be paid off! If you would like to call in your donation and use a credit card, contact us at 717-426-9977 anytime.





**SURVEYED TRUCKERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES AFFECTING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, SUCH AS LONELINESS (27.9%), DEPRESSION (26.9%), CHRONIC SLEEP DISTURBANCES (20.6%), ANXIETY (14.5%), AND OTHER EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS (13%).**

**FROM PUBLISHING ARTICLES TO TRAINING AND RESOURCES, THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION'S MISSION AT TFC GLOBAL IS TO SEE THESE STATISTICS GO DOWN. BY WALKING ALONG-SIDE DRIVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE CAN ADDRESS THESE ISSUES WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND HOPE OF THE GOSPEL.**

[https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22757596/#:~:text=Surveyed%20truckers%20were%20found%20to,other%20emotional%20blems%0\(13%25\).](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22757596/#:~:text=Surveyed%20truckers%20were%20found%20to,other%20emotional%20blems%0(13%25).)





# Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

## “Does this Truck Make Me Look Fat?”

Recently I reached out to our driver members and asked them about the stresses they are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Challenges included access to personal protection supplies and cleaners, finding facilities open for rest stops and showers, and mental health concerns related to keeping their families safe.

One of the top issues came as a surprise. Many of our drivers said they were gaining weight at an alarming rate during these stressful times. Many of the reasons for the weight gain were due to the closing of restaurants that provided inside seating. This includes truck stop eating as well.

Professional drivers were suddenly forced to look for alternatives. However, a fast-food restaurant drive-through was not an option for a tractor-trailer, and walking up to a window was a violation of the social distancing rules.

Without truck stop restaurants, drivers not only lost some healthy food options (salad bars, etc.), they also lost the chance to relax with their peers in a familiar environment. Drivers' lounges were closed because of the fear of spreading the virus. Workout rooms were also off-limits due to the fear of spreading germs.

Limited food options, no gyms, and no socializing for drivers added to their stress. Throw in the closing of rest areas along the highways and then add the prohibition of using a customer's restroom because of sanitization issues. You've added to the strains of an essential worker.

Drivers cited the lack of food choices and exercise facilities added to increased expectations to deliver their loads, and the pounds started adding up. “I've gained nine pounds,” said Rachel. Connie blamed the additional pounds on only having access to fast food, and Donna cited a weight gain due to stress eating.

These drivers are not alone. A WebMD poll cited in a blog by Norman Winegar, the Chief Clinical Officer of ESPYR, found that 47 percent of women and 22 percent of men said they had gained weight during the pandemic. The 1,000 Americans didn't have the same challenges professional drivers faced while making their deliveries

(or while living in a truck) despite COVID-19 difficulties. The Women In Trucking Association partnered with ESPYR to provide free counseling to our CDL members (thanks to the generosity of both Amazon and Total Transportation of Mississippi who funded the program).

ESPYR offers easy access to mental health professionals through TALKNOWTM, a tele-mental health solution that provides immediate support for driver mental health and work-life related issues. Drivers and their family members can speak with an ESPYR mental health professional without an appointment and without waiting.

To help drivers ensure their ability to pass their CDL physical, they were provided with Fit to Pass<sup>SM</sup>, which is a customized coaching program designed to improve the health of professional drivers and help them meet the physical requirements of the DOT recertification exam.

The number one reason our drivers participated in the program was to lose weight. The average weight of these coaching clients was 230 pounds, and these were all women! They recognized the need to drop pounds to lower cholesterol, decrease the stress on their hearts and bodies, and just to feel better and look better.

The response was truly remarkable for those who took advantage of the program. “I've been doing really good since I started with the program ... I've gone from a size 16 to a size 14. I'm happy that it's working out...Thank you so very much for your help,” wrote Candy.

“Before I started working with [my health coach], I was depressed and felt there was no hope in losing weight. My biggest struggle was trying so many different diets and weight loss pills. None of these worked for me. I was afraid of getting a health coach because I was afraid of failure and letting my coach down ... With a little hard work and a lot of confidence, losing weight is possible,” said Donna.

The Women In Trucking Association has continued our partnership with ESPYR and will be providing another 90-day free program for all our driver members. For more information, visit [www.womenintrucking.org](http://www.womenintrucking.org).

# MINISTRY REPORT FROM GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

What do you do when you are a chaplain but the location that serves as your ministry base is ordered to be closed – and remains closed for three months?

That's the dilemma Chaplain Chad Roedema (in the photo with this family) was facing when the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the closing of the Grand Rapids FaithLife Center (FLC). But he didn't wonder for long; the FLC may be closed, but the parking lot (with capacity for more than 100 trucks) and the drivers' lounge were as busy as ever, or even more so, and there was no lack of opportunity for relating to drivers. Trucking was one profession that was not affected by the pandemic – if anything, the role of truckers became even more vital. Also, the pressures of the pandemic made them often very open to share their stresses and concerns, and to be willing to listen to the message of the gospel. "It didn't take long for them to be pretty sick of it – no pun intended; they just wanted it to go away," Chaplain Chad said.



He also has a field of ministry off site, visiting trucking companies. "People at companies know me," he says. "I have gotten calls from them to counsel with truckers facing problems, or help with other needs. I've even gotten calls to do funerals." So this was another field of ministry that was not affected by the closing of the FLC – which, by the way, is open again full time (of course observing the mandatory rules of social distancing).

Asked if there is any recent experience where he saw the Lord's work in a special way, he recalled the driver who stopped by asking for prayer for his sister, who was dying. "The driver was not sure of her salvation. We prayed for the sister and she came to Christ before she died, as did her son."

The logs below are an additional glimpse of how the Lord is using the witness of the ministry in Grand Rapids:

- ◆ Jim came to the FaithLife Center in May. COVID was scaring him to death. I shared the hope and love of Jesus and Jim prayed to become a Christian.
- ◆ A driver from New Jersey came in to share some things that were on his heart. We talked for a bit and I asked if he knew he was going to heaven when he died; he said no, but he would like to be sure. I had the privilege of sharing Jesus with him and he prayed the prayer of salvation. We prayed before he left.
- ◆ Kathy was going truck-to-truck selling herself for sex. I confronted her and asked if her father knew what she was doing? I said, "Kathy I bet he would be heartbroken." I then showed her a picture of my daughter and I said, "I would be heartbroken." I told her that God is heartbroken as well and shared the gospel with her.
- ◆ Chris and Dawn stopped in because their marriage was hurting. We spent time in the Word and prayer and discussed many things. They have been back four times since then and their marriage is doing better.
- ◆ A driver came in to talk. He knew something was missing in his life, and he knew it was Jesus. I shared John chapter 1 with him and what Jesus has done for me. He put his trust in Jesus today!
- ◆ A driver came in who seemed hopeless. He was afraid of catching the virus and losing his job. I shared the hope we have in Jesus and the Holy Spirit worked in his heart. He put his trust in Jesus today.
- ◆ A girl came in hurting and struggling. She walked away from God and is not living right; she is pregnant and wants to abort the baby. I shared scripture with her and had prayer. She recommitted her life to the Lord and decided to have the baby.



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# Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to  
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Last month's truck (left)  
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- A. *Admit you are a sinner. "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).*
- B. *Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*
- C. *Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and turn from your sins. "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).*

To give your life to Christ, pray the prayer below.

*"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."*

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