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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Are you looking for peace in life? Focus on God, not your problems! Life is not a race; it is a marathon. The only way to finish and finish well is to focus on God, not your problems. When you focus on your problems, you become distracted and lose sight of where you should be going. You begin to think you can figure it out on your own, and, for a period of time, it may feel like you've done it. But, eventually the same problem pops up again, and you have that same feeling. How many times have you said, "Why do I keep feeling like this?" Or, "why do we keep going back to this?" The next time you find yourself there, ask yourself what you are focusing on. Are you focused on the problem or are you focused on God and learning the lesson at hand? If you learn the lesson and focus your energy on God, you will be able to move forward.



Colossians 3:2 says "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." To set one's mind on something is to choose to think about it, allowing it to influence one's goals and guide one's course of action. How are we to cultivate the values that are from above while living below? It takes a concentrated effort. We must "set our minds" to it. We are inundated with messages that promote the "below" behavior. If we listen to the radio, overhear conversations at work, read billboards, watch the news, read the newspaper, flip through a magazine at the doctor's office, watch TV programs or movies, etc., we will be constantly directed to embrace values that are clearly from below. Even if the messages we receive are not overtly immoral, the perspective is one that excludes God and prioritizes things as though life on earth is all that matters—our happiness and fulfillment (the "right" to be happy) are top priority. If we want to be directed "from above," we must make an effort to counteract the messages that are omnipresent in our culture. To set our minds on things above, we must read and meditate on Scripture, attend church, listen to uplifting music, and read things that turn our hearts toward God.

Trust God to work it out. God's promises are real. There are so many examples of God's promises fulfilled in the Bible that I don't even know where to start. In fact, there are fulfilled promises from God in each book of the Bible. Why do you think this is? The repetition is to remind us. When God makes a promise, He keeps it. If we truly want answers to our prayers, then we need to be asking for things that are not only in alignment with His purpose for our life, but also rooted in His word. Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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The Smith family of Beech Creek, Pennsylvania are the brains, brawn and driving force behind an annual truck show in the Keystone state's Clinton County. Both Jason and his wife Prella were able to share with Craig Maart, VP of US Field Operations at TFC Global, over the phone and in a radio show interview on TFC Global's segment, "TruckersLife Radio" on TNCRadio.live, which airs on Monday nights at 9:00 pm EST.

"The idea behind this truck show is combining a way of providing for our family, which is truck driving (something Jason and many generations of his family loved and know so much about) with our passion to save our son's life and many like him who suffer from the terminal disease of cystic fibrosis," said Prella Smith, mom and wife.

Hayze is an active, adventurous young 11-year-old boy. He is the son of Prella and Jason Smith and has been living with cystic fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is a terminal disease with a life expectancy now into the mid 40's. However, the struggle and fight throughout those years is not an easy one. Hayze was diagnosed at 2 weeks old. Prella had no idea what cystic fibrosis was when she received the call from the doctor. "All I could think was that there was something wrong with my precious baby boy." So she did what no one should do and turned to Google. She googled for hours and became more and more depressed that she was going to lose her son before she even got to know him. And now she would have to call her husband who is on the road with this awful news! It was devastating and overwhelming. They didn't have a clue what was in store for them or for their son. They didn't want to think of the worst. All they knew to do was to fight! And that is exactly what they did.

With a lot of fight and tremendous support, Hayze's parents said he is doing well and beating the odds that are against him.

"It's a hard thing at times to handle knowing that you as a parent may outlive your child. It's a hard thing to fathom at times that there may not be a college graduation, a chance to watch your child marry or have kids, or the truth that your child may see more days in a hospital than outside playing as a child should," Prella said.

Ten years ago they decided it was not only time to fight back, but also give back. "It all started when they chose to bring the nationally accredited Great Strides Walk to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. This was a way to bring a lot of CF awareness to the community and a way for them and others to connect whose lives are and were affected by CF," she said. The Truckers 4 Hope was a way the couple could bring together two passions in their lives.

“There aren’t many truck shows around, so we decided to bring one to our community. We wanted to make sure there would be something for everyone and all ages,” Jason said.

“This truck show is a little different,” Prella said. Instead of judged competitions, like other truck shows, this event is for the sole purpose of having fun and raising awareness of cystic fibrosis as well as funds for a cure. “There is literally something for everyone to enjoy. Our area has an appreciation for the hard working families, and the world of trucking relates to that. With that being said, those who like to work hard also like to play hard and that is where the truck/tractor pulls, fireworks, live music, food vendors, kids activities, monster trucks and stuff like that comes in. We also added a dyno and a Bullride Mania for more things to see, hear, and feel. I believe this event encapsulates much of our community’s backbone,” she added.

Trucks will come from all over the United States –many last year from all along the east coast — and are both working trucks and show trucks whose drivers all have one thing in common — pride of their truck. All types of trucks from Peterbilt, Western Star, Mac, Freightliner, Kenworth, and more. There are cabovers to conventionals to bobtails and trailers at the show. “Hours are spent if not days in shining up trucks so that they truly shine at every angle. To some, these trucks are their homes and their livelihoods. Solidarity at its best on the road leads many of a driver to shows like this to express their hard work and dedication to their job,” Jason said. “And with all the styles of trucks, paint schemes, and shiny chrome, there is a lot to look at as a spectator.”

Jason comes from a long line of trucking, and much of his family is still currently driving now. “My grandfather, grandmother, father, uncle, brother, and cousins as well as myself all have and still drive truck. I grew up with my family owning their own trucking business,” he said. “As a child I would ride with my grandfather and father thinking it was the coolest thing knowing some day I would also drive truck. It is certainly a way of life and can be hard on the family left at home while I am on the road.”

As he comes home from a run and walks through the doors of his house, seeing his sons (Hayze, and 4 year old son Myelz), he is elated. “This is my way of life and passion ... and that is why this truck show is what it has become. It’s all for my boys to come running, arms wide open, to me,” he said.

This event means a lot to the Smiths. The response was great this year, and they are anticipating even more next year. The first year, we had over 40 trucks. Since then, just completing our 6th year, we had over 300,” Jason said. But, we stopped counting because that is not what this event is all about. We focus on the fun and purpose of the event and the sense of togetherness it give sus versus the exact number of trucks. “It is an amazing and emotional feeling to see them all roll in each year. It puts a huge smile on my face just knowing that it happened, that we did it and it continues to grow! “The event patrons have nothing but good and positive words to say about the event. Many state that they can’t wait to come back each year as they mark their calendars to come again and bring friends. These words can’t be any more comforting. So we anticipate a bigger crowd next year, in all events as well as spectators and event patrons,” Jason said. Follow the truck show on social media at Truckers4Hope and #Hope4Hayze. Next year’s show dates are September 22-24, 2023 at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.



TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

HOMBRECITO, DE LA CARAVANA

Cuando entré en el mundo de los camiones y la chatarra, vi cuántas formas hay de vivir. Lo miras a través del parabrisas y te preguntas, ¿cómo vive la gente de la manera en que lo hace o qué sucedió en su vida que los hace vivir de esa manera ahora? En el mundo en el que crecí, nunca escuché de una casa que pudieras conducir por la calle. Ese era mi pensamiento cuando conocí a los campistas. Ahora, no estoy hablando de autocaravanistas y hay una diferencia. Los autocaravanistas tienen un poco más de lujo, mientras que los campistas parecen tenerlo un poco más duro. Por lo general, son solitarios, tal vez se han metido en problemas algunas veces, no tienen mucho éxito en las relaciones personales y prefieren estar fuera del camino de la sociedad. Pueden o no trabajar, muchos haciendo trabajos ocasionales o diarios. Probablemente no tengan seguro médico ni paguen la manutención de los hijos o los impuestos y les gusta que sea así. Eligen estar bajo el radar. Estos son los rasgos de los campistas que conocí, pero también sé que hay muchos que no son así, ¡así que nada de mensajes de odio, por favor!

Tal fue el caso de Hombrecito. Escuché un golpe en la puerta un día y un hombre pequeño de unos 60 años preguntó si Bill podía remolcar su camioneta hasta el campo al otro lado de la calle. Bill dijo que lo haría siempre y cuando el propietario le hubiera dado permiso para almacenarlo allí. Él dijo que sí, así que se fueron. No lo conocíamos, pero lo apodamos Hombrecito. Unos días después, el vecino nos preguntó por él. Dijimos que todo lo que sabíamos era que él dijo que ustedes dos llegaron a un acuerdo para que él guardara su camioneta allí. ¡Pero él nunca dijo que estaba viviendo en él! No parecía estar causando ningún problema, por lo que el vecino decidió dejarlo quedarse porque estaba pagando el almacenamiento. Nunca supimos qué hacía para bañarse, ir al baño o tomar agua, pero ¿era realmente asunto nuestro? En los días de 32°C, estaría dentro de esa pequeña caravana, sin aire acondicionado, sin ventanas abiertas. Estábamos seguros de que lo encontraríamos muerto como un perro en un coche caliente.

Al lado de donde estacionó, Bill desechó vehículos, por lo que Hombrecito decidió ayudar. No era mecánico, era un poco excéntrico y realmente no sabía dónde ponerse cuando las piezas grandes salían volando de cualquier artículo que se estuviera desechando. Bill sintió que era un lastre cada vez que encendía el soplete para comenzar a cortar. Un sábado, mientras desechaba un semirremolque, Bill acercó el montacargas, enganchó las cadenas al radiador y procedió a sacarlo. Estaba actuando obstinadamente, las cadenas tensas, luego algo se rompió y

el radiador salió disparado por los aires como un cohete. Todo sucedió tan rápido, Bill gritó pero no se pudo escuchar sobre la carretilla elevadora inactiva. Todo lo que podía ver era el radiador apuntando directamente a la cabeza de Hombrecito en el camino hacia abajo mientras permanecía allí sin pretensiones. ¡Parecía el yunque cayendo sobre Wile E. Coyote en las viejas caricaturas de Correcaminos! Bill saltó de la carretilla elevadora empujando a Hombrecito a un lugar seguro cuando el radiador se estrelló contra el suelo. Todo lo que Hombrecito pudo decir fue: “Creí escuchar un disparo, pero pensé que nadie me dispararía, así que no corrí, pero ahora veo, gracias”. Bien educado también.

Bill decidió que Hombrecito sería un buen perro guardián de la basura en el campo que esperaba ser desechada, ya que no hacía nada todos los días más que ir a desayunar al restaurante. Él le dijo, “cada vez que veas a alguien por aquí sin uno de nosotros, llámame. Te avisaré con anticipación si envío algún comprador”. Unas semanas más tarde, enviamos a alguien pero olvidamos decírselo a Hombrecito. El visitante caminó hacia el campo pero volvió corriendo, sin aliento. Mientras examinaba su compra potencial, Hombrecito abrió la puerta de la casa rodante y apuntó su Glock directamente hacia él... ¡nunca supimos que tenía una pistola! El visitante explicó que tenía permiso para estar allí, pero decidió no intentar razonar con el cañón de un arma y se fue. Nunca volvimos a hacer una venta con ese hombre y tuvimos que tener un momento de “Ven a Jesús” con Little Man para decirle que preferíamos que no disparara a clientes potenciales en el futuro.

Unos años más tarde, vi la caravana de Hombrecito estacionada en una parada cerca de la cantera. No pasó mucho tiempo hasta que me enteré de que había muerto. No es raro vivir como él lo hizo, especialmente desde el Covid. Hogar significa algo diferente para todos nosotros. No importa en qué vivamos, incluido un camión, no hay lugar como el hogar... especialmente durante las vacaciones.

¡Feliz Navidad a todos nuestros fieles lectores!

TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

LITTLE MAN, THE CAMPER GUY

When I got into the trucking and scrap worlds, I saw how many ways there are to live. You watch it through the windshield and wonder, how do people live the way they do or what happened in their life that has them living that way now? In the world I grew up in, I never heard of a home that you could drive down the street. Such was my thinking when I met camper guys. Now I'm not talking about RVers and there is a difference. RVers have a little more luxury, whereas camper guys seem to have it a bit rougher. They're usually loners, maybe been in trouble a few times, not very successful with personal relationships and prefer to be out of society's way. They may or may not work, many doing odd or daily jobs. They probably don't have health insurance or pay their child support or taxes and they like it that way. They choose to be under the radar. These are the traits of the camper guys I met, but I know there are many not like that too, so no hate mail please!

Such was the case with Little Man. I heard a knock at the door one day and a small man about 60 years old asked if Bill could tow his truck camper to the field across the street. Bill said he would as long as the landowner had given permission to store it there. He said yes so off they went. We didn't know him but nicknamed him Little Man. A few days later, the neighbor asked us about him. We said all we knew was he said you both made an agreement for him to store his truck camper there. But he never said he was living in it! He didn't seem to be causing any trouble so neighbor decided to let him stay since he was paying storage. We never figured out what he did for bathing, toileting or water but was it really our business? On 90 degree days, he would be inside that small camper, no air conditioning, no windows open. We were sure we would find him dead like a dog in a hot car.

Next to where he parked, Bill scrapped out vehicles, so Little Man decided to help. He was no mechanic, a bit eccentric and didn't really know where to be or not to be in the way when big parts and pieces would fly off whatever item was being junked. Bill felt he was a liability each time he fired up the torch to begin cutting. One Saturday while junking out a semi, Bill pulled the forklift close, hooked the chains to the radiator and proceeded to yank it out. It was acting stubborn, the chains taut, then something snapped and that radiator shot up into the air like a rocket. It all happened so fast, Bill yelled but couldn't be heard over the forklift idle. All he could see was the radiator aimed straight for Little

Man's head on the way down as he stood there unassuming. It looked like the anvil coming down on Wile E. Coyote in the old Roadrunner cartoons! Bill jumped off the forklift shoving Little Man to safety as the radiator crashed to the ground. All Little Man could say was "I thought I heard a gunshot but I figured no one would be shooting at me so I didn't run, but now I see, thank you." Well-mannered too.

Bill decided that Little Man would be a good watchdog for the junk in the field waiting to be scrapped since he didn't do anything each day but go to breakfast at the diner. He told him, "any time you see someone over here without one of us, call me. I'll let you know ahead of time if I send any buyers over." A few weeks later, we sent someone over but neglected to tell Little Man. Visitor walked over to the field but ran back, out of breath. While examining his potential purchase, Little Man opened the camper door aiming his Glock straight at him...we never knew he was packing heat! The visitor explained that he had permission to be there but decided not to try to reason while staring down the barrel of a gun and took off. We never made a sale with that man again and had to have a come to Jesus moment with Little Man to tell him we prefer he not shoot potential customers in the future.

A few years later, I spied Little Man's truck camper parked in a pull off near the quarry. It wasn't long after that I heard he died. It's not uncommon to live like he did, especially since Covid. Home means something different to us all. No matter what we live in, including a truck, there's no place like home...especially during the holidays.

Merry Christmas to all our faithful readers!



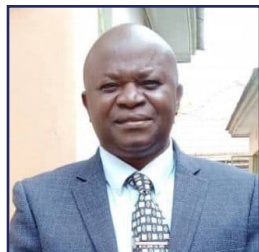
Lynn Bolster loves anything to do with trucks and has been active in the trucking industry since the 1980s. She drove over the road for 12 years with her now deceased partner of 22 years, Bill. She has her Bachelor's degree in Journalism and a Master's degree in Recreational and Leisure Studies Management with a focus on health and fitness. Her Master's thesis was: "The Recreational Pursuits and Health Habits of Long Distance Truckers." She has appeared in The Washington Post, USA Today and has written for various trucking industry publications. She was the sales manager covering three truck stops for several years. Lynn is on the Board of Directors for TFC Global.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Exciting News!

TFC Global's International Ministries reach outside of North America and into the greater world has taken on a new look. We now currently have two fulltime TFC Global office locations in Africa and are continuing to expand. This arm of our ministry establishes local TFC Global entities with an office location and regional manager in order to legally establish ministry within a country. Our new offices are TFC Global Malawi under the direction of our regional director Francis Ananda Chipukunya (left) and TFC Global Tanzania under the direction of our regional director Dr. Norbert E. Mbwiliza (right). Their job will be to recruit and train national chaplains to reach drivers and others in their own communities and countries. Our goal is to spread across Africa to reach the international trucking community with the good news of the gospel and the hope for living a life of faith.



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IRITUAL BATTLE FOR THE HEARTS N THE TRUCKING COMMUNITY

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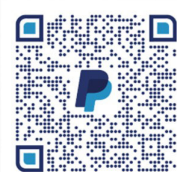


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TFC Global has become increasingly aware that our brothers and sisters in Christ who are commercial drivers and those who are part of the trucking industry, along with their families, have a strong need and desire to build biblical community among their peers. In today's current environment, it's not unusual for new drivers that work for the same company to not ever speak to any other drivers at the company. There's no time for a friendly smile, helping a fellow trucker or motorist in need. It's a thing of the past. The International Christian Trucking Association (ICTA) wants to change this. We want to bring back the sense of brotherhood among the Christian drivers in the way we corporately come together to battle the issues of human trafficking, chemical and physical addiction, depression, as well as divorce and marriage issues. At TFC Global, some of our locations host monthly breakfasts to talk about what's happening in the trucking community. 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 commercial driver tell me that he did not go to college so the trucking community was his fraternity. If there is going to be a movement of God in the trucking industry, it will begin with the Christian drivers and owners coming together to pray for this industry.

For more information on membership, visit our website at www.TFCGlobal.org and click on the ICTA section of the home page. Scan the QR code to give a financial gift in support of the ICTA and its mission.



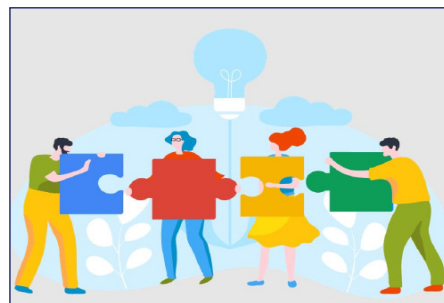
TFC GLOBAL NEEDS YOU START A CHAPTER WHEREVER YOU ARE

Do you have a heart for the professional 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 has been a source of discipleship while on the road as a new believer. Maybe you have family members who are in the trucking industry. Here is a great way you can help.

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TFC Global chapters are committed to being a tool for God's provisions to His ministry through such things as upholding TFC Global in prayer, providing ministry to local drivers, volunteering at a local TFC Global ministry center, passing out TFC Global materials to trucking companies, holding fundraising events or anything else that helps promote and support the ministry of TFC Global locally, nationally and internationally.

Regional chapters can also help raise funds for our International Ministries outreach. There is an urgent need to share the gospel with thousands of ethnic groups who have never heard it. Roman 15:20 "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation. I Cor. 15:34 "Awake to righteousness, for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." You can make a difference. Join us in this important work.



Chaplain's Corner

By Craig Maart



Longevity has huge benefits. In relationships the benefits are more intimacy. You know more about each other. You have celebrated life milestones, grieved together, shared meals, traveled together and other experiences that provide the deep bank of trust and love for each other.

In Christian ministry longevity compounds exponentially also. The reputation and trust of faithful service to God and the community builds and builds.

At the end of October one of our chaplains celebrated 30 years of chaplain ministry. This is amazing and something we want to highlight. Jay Lerette with his wife Karen and others who have served with him have been in Rochelle, Illinois for the past 30 years. THIRTY YEARS!

Ron Fraser, TFC Global's president went to the annual banquet in Rochelle on October 8, 2022, to support, share about the vision of TFC Global, and to recognize Jay's 30 years of service with a special acrylic award.

Life is hard for everyone. The life of a caregiver is very hard. The toll it takes on your emotions and body is heavy. Therefore, the calling of God on your life needs to be powerful and regularly refreshed or you will be overwhelmed, out of balance, depleted and quit.

Thirty years does not happen by accident. Jay has chosen to be a chaplain to the trucking community and also serves the local community at rodeos, churches and other places. The ministry goes far beyond the truck stop in Rochelle.

Therefore, we celebrate what God continues to do through the lives of all our chaplains, but make the time in this issue to celebrate and honor God's work through Jay. And you can't celebrate and honor Jay without the wisdom and presence of his wife Karen. They have served together all 30 years. The support and leadership to women Karen provides is something special.



If you talk to Jay, he will tell you he is just doing what God has called him to do and God gets the glory for anything good that happens.

We ask you to keep all our chaplains in your prayer and we also ask you to give financially to support the ministry of TFC Global. We want to celebrate more and more milestones like the 30 years we recognize today.

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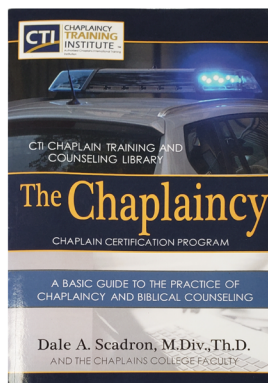


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Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

Meet WITney

The Mission of Women In Trucking includes the goal to, “encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry.” The idea of a mobile unit in a semi-trailer was realized in 2019 when Walmart agreed to donate a trailer to be fitted as a moving educational center. The goal was realized when the driver ambassador program was launched. The construction began and the trailer was fitted with touch screen monitors, videos, a timeline and a clothing display with boots, clothing and safety gear all made for women in trucking by woman owned companies. Graphic designs were considered, and a superhero theme was the winner. A contest to name the trailer resulted in the name WITney!

Donations started arriving, such as tires from Michelin, a donation from FedEx Freight, an automated dolly from Patriot Lift and so much more. Eventually we received donations of fuel from Pilot Flying J, truck washes from Blue Beacon, and numerous discounts from vendors. The work was done by Bolt Custom Trucks and Manufacturing, where doors were added in the back and on the side, as well as inside the trailer. The mobile screens were placed on the walls, cabinets added, and interior graphics applied.

The highlight of the unit is a simulator donated by Advanced Training Systems (ATS) located in the front of the trailer. People stand in line to test their skills and get a little feel for maneuvering a tractor through traffic with a state-of-the-art simulator.

A trailer needs a tractor to pull it and Schneider offered to provide a driver with a branded truck to work for Women In Trucking Association one week per month and KellyLynn McLaughlin was hired. She continued to drive as a training engineer at Schneider for two weeks each month, working around her duties as the driver ambassador. It took two years to get the trailer fully wrapped with graphics and filled with the simulator, kiosks, monitors, cabinets and doors and stairs. It is stunning. We had a front row parking spot at the Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville, Kentucky in March this year. Over the three-day event there were hundreds of visitors through the trailer. A noted attendee was (then) Deputy Administrator, Robin Hutcheson, who spent time behind the wheel of the simulator. Earlier this year Andrea Adeyanju was hired as our Director of Driver Engagement, and she is now in charge of the driver ambassador program. KellyLynn moved on and a new Driver Ambassador was hired. KayLeigh McCall is a professional driver and training engineer for Schneider. She has already attended numerous events as our driver ambassador, including the opportunity to speak at a program for Driver Appreciation Week at the Department of Transportation.

The WITney trailer (and KayLeigh) was at the Accelerate! Conference and Expo in Dallas, Texas from November 13 to 15. We saw around 1,500 attendees who had the opportunity to walk through the display and learn more about careers in trucking, focusing on the professional driver role.

You can take a virtual tour of the trailer to get a small feel for the magnificence of this program, there is also a link on our website. The trailer is a rolling billboard for the Women In Trucking Association and we could not have made this a reality without the passionate supporters who provide cash, items and discounts on services.

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Being Wise with the Presents We Give

By Brad Huddleston

The “Holy Day” season is upon us. I wrote it that way to combat the commercialized version of Christmas and bring our attention to the real meaning of what we should be honoring and celebrating.

I have mixed feelings about Christmas. I have grown to despise a culture that uses our history-changing event for a few days off of work to indulge in hedonism and materialism and then tells us not to use the word “Christmas” lest someone be offended. Public schools hide its true meaning by calling our Holy Day season “Winter Holiday.”

We Christians are celebrating the fact that history changed when Jesus was born. As a result, this universe-shaking event changed the calendar. We now count the days, weeks, and months from Jesus’ birth. A couple of hundred years ago, it would have been common to say, “this is December 2022, in the Year of our Lord.” For example, the phrase “in the Year of our Lord” appears in Article VII of our US Constitution. (Obviously, our Founding Fathers were Jesus-honoring and not politically correct.)

What I love about Christmas is God’s generosity. God graciously sent His Son so that we might be saved from an eternity in hell. “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” Philippians 2:6-7 (NIV) What an incredible gift! There are essentially two ways in which we give.

1. We give to get. In other words, at Christmas, we covet material possessions, so to get “stuff,” we give “stuff.” This method of giving is rooted in materialism.
2. We give with no expectation of getting anything back, which is an act of worship to the Lord. The Christian tradition of giving goes back to the wise men:

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2:10-11 (NIV) Notice that the wise men did not receive anything in return. After bowing down, worshiping, and giving their costly gifts, they left. That’s it. They presented gifts and departed. They received nothing in return. This is the true spirit of Christmas.

If you have read this column regularly, you know I write about technology issues. So what does this have to do with Christmas?

Just about everything.

An article titled “How Technology Has Changed Christmas” accurately describes how giving has changed in the modern world: Spending time with loved ones, festive decorations and decadent meals still make for a merry holiday season. Yet the internet, smartphones, social media and other innovations are putting high-tech twists on a whole range of Christmas traditions. Last year (2021), it was predicted that holiday tech spending in the US would total \$142 billion.

After hearing my Digital Rehab seminars, it is not uncommon for parents to tell me they are frustrated because grandparents often give digital devices to their children at Christmas. I know these precious grandparents are well-meaning, but after reading this, my prayer is that grandparents will instead give their grandchildren better gifts: family stories, Bible reading of the birth of Jesus, hugs, and warm conversations over meals.

Teach children to give with no expectation of a return. Of course, someone has to receive those gifts. Children must also be taught how to receive gifts in such a way that greed does not grip their hearts.

Game consoles, tablets, and smartphones will wear out, but memories will last forever. You can learn more about Brad Huddleston at bradhuddleston.com.



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- 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 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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