

From the D.O.M

Wow! Is God good or is HE good? I am absolutely humbled by His grace, love and healing over these past seven weeks. Words cannot adequately express my deepest thoughts and gratitude for the scores of prayers on my behalf. We know that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much and so I concluded that the prayers of a righteous group, which included so many of you, availeth very, very much. The love, support and encouragement of a wonderful son and an incredible wife were blessings beyond measure. I felt the power of your prayers in my body and they were the reason I was able to come off the ventilator and begin my healing.



We can know God's great truths in our minds, but often it takes an event or experience to move His truths into our hearts. That has been my experience in recent days. I may not understand all the theology involved in adversity and suffering, but some things have become very clear to me.

When His gracious providence allows us to suffer in some form, it becomes a time of cleansing. Suffering has a way of dissolving the superficial things in our lives and bringing us to the fundamentals. Bottom line, it is all about Him and not about us. Suffering is a tool that brings this reality into our own experience. It is very easy in ministry to be so involved in our programs and activities and plans that we unintentionally plan God out. We become so

Never let your worries get the best of you. Always remember:
Moses started out as a basket case!

busy "doing" when He desires most of all is just for us to **be**.

He calls us to **be** that new creation which is Christ in us the hope of glory. (Col. 1:27) He empowers us to **be** by allowing the divine life He has imparted into us (2 Pet. 1:4) to flow out of us. The Apostle Paul understood this when he stated he no longer lived, but Christ lived in him. (Gal. 2:20) Our guiding truth must be, "not I, but Christ". My recent experience has boldly reminded me that His life in me is to be life for others, not for myself or "my ministry." It has simplified my days to take each one as a gift in which I invest in others the love and grace of Jesus. In a world of constant change and uncertainty, I can demonstrate my confidence in His certainty and bring glory to Him. Remember, that God is continually writing His script in our life and growing us into maturity. He may choose to do it through a great victory or through a difficult hardship.

Thank you, Father, for both and may we bring glory to you in the process.

Pressing On!

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Your Church Needs Your Worship With Your Stewardship:

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving".

Recommended Reading

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

Red Sea Rules by Robert Morgan

Not A Fan by Kyle Toleman

God Without Religion by Andrew Farley

Mission Trips

Kingsley Lake Baptist Church—There are two mission trips planned for 2012. Ocoee Outreach on July 8th thru 14th and Brazil Amazon on July 24th thru Aug. 2nd.

Trinity Baptist Church—Mission trip to Cuba on October 4th.

Touching Hearts & Changing Lives The Cooperative Program

Every time you drop your gift in the offering plate of a church that participates in the Cooperative Program, you help someone hear the story of Jesus. Your CP gifts reaches from your home across the globe. Your dollars empower the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Big Thank You!

What a great job Stephen Ahrens, the Minister to Preschool at Madison Street Baptist Church, has done as our Associational VBS Director.

FREE!

Need Hymnals or Stand Up Room
Dividers: Contact Beulah Baptist
904-529-9530

3rd Annual Association Combined
Choir Concert

Practices for this great event have started but it's not too late for you to join in. Contact Scott Stanland @ Trinity Baptist Church, Charles Warren @ Madison Street Baptist church or Matt Stuckey @ 1st Baptist Church of Starke for times and additional information. We are hoping to have 200 in this great choir this year!

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Treasurer's Report April 2012

Churches	Budget	* Other	Y-T-D
Air Park	\$35.00		\$245.00
Bayless Highway	\$888.00		\$2,089.00
Bethel	\$200.00		\$1,510.00
Beulah	\$244.53		\$1,830.08
Brooker	\$365.72		\$2,380.92
Dedan	\$0.00		\$0.00
Evergreen	\$694.75		\$1,733.46
Fellowship	\$0.00		\$900.00
Gadara	\$0.00		\$404.75
Grace	\$80.50		\$563.50
Heilbronn	\$75.00		\$525.00
Hope	\$802.80		\$3,663.96
Keystone First	\$291.67		\$2,333.36
Kingsley Lake	\$1,285.58		\$3,873.07
Lake Hill	\$300.00		\$900.00
Madison Street	\$833.34		\$5,208.36
Morgan Road	\$390.00		\$1,543.00
New Covenant	\$0.00		\$0.00
New River	\$25.00		\$150.00
Northside	\$163.37		\$1,196.55
Raiford	\$287.73		\$3,466.69
Sampson City	\$0.00		\$0.00
Starke First	\$1,208.33		\$4,624.99
Trinity	\$300.00		\$2,141.85
Victory	\$0.00		\$325.06
FBC			\$1,412.62
Misc. Income		\$0.09	\$6,737.66
Total Income	\$8,471.32	\$0.09	\$49,758.88
Total Expenses	\$5,476.78		\$42,334.55
Net Income	\$2,994.54	\$0.09	\$7,424.33
Bank Balance			\$12,009.21
Florida Baptist Credit Union Balance			\$5,230.33
Other = Interest			

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New Trailer has arrived
Trailer is being retrofitted
More than a dozen people attended training

This Ministry of Compassion Gives:

- Help
- Healing
- Hope

Call our office to get involved.
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Some people have just enough religion to
take the fun out of sin, but not enough to
enjoy the abundant Life!

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