

A Gleam Across the Waves

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Readers,

The Fourth of July has passed; we had a great time of fun in the sun, and at the same time we enjoyed Heartland Baptist Bible College's trio "Assurance." They sang, preached, testified, and fellowshiped with the staff and students. We ended the holiday at Jay City Park enjoying the fabulous fireworks.

This time of the year we hear about "freedom," but what is it? I could ask you many more questions about freedom, but I would just be rattling on. God's perfect purpose for man is freedom. All too often we say freedom is "doing what I want" or "not being tied up in all these rules from parents or from school." Freedom is actually the privilege and power to become all that God wants us to be. Freedom is the opportunity to fulfill our potential to the glory of God. This all starts with salvation by grace through faith by the shed blood of Jesus Christ; our potential for freedom grows from there to total freedom; freedom from sin, from men, from things, from the past and so much more, which gives us true freedom.

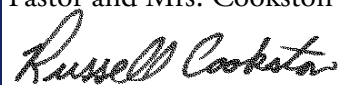
In John 8:44-46 we see two forces at work in the world, The Truth and The Lie. The power of God works through the truth. God's method of freedom is truth given to us through Jesus Christ. We see in John 14:6, God is, "the Truth"... God uses truth to make us free, and freedom brings us to fulfillment. In John 17:17 we read further, "Thy word is Truth...", and in I John 5:6, "The Spirit is truth..."

God's purpose for man is freedom; His method is through the Truth, and the Truth is manifested in Jesus Christ. Our responsibility is to get to know Him. This is done through developing a relationship with Him. Our responsibility is to love Him and to trust Him. The better we know Him, the more we can love and trust Him. Our responsibility is also to obey Him (John 8:31).

Warning: Satan offers a false freedom. Satan "advertises" freedom without responsibility, accountability (Romans 6:1-2) and consequences (Romans 6:23, Proverbs 28:13). So was Satan's lie in the garden: "Go ahead! Why should you listen to God? Exercise your freedom; you can get away with it." Unearned freedom is a dangerous and destructive thing. The only true freedom is with responsibility.

Want freedom? Get to know what it is first. Our Freedom is only through Jesus Christ; Know Him, Love and Trust Him, and be willing to Obey Him.

Together in His service,
Pastor and Mrs. Cookston





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INSIDE PERSPECTIVE



Recently I was using my trusty GPS (global positioning system) to navigate me through some unfamiliar territory. I was making surprisingly good time; with each look at my ETA (estimated time of arrival), I had gained at least a minute or two! Unfortunately, I was navigated to a “dead end” road. The last words spoken by that GPS were, “arriving at destination” **where no destination could be found**. How frustrating it was to make great time in getting to the wrong place. Somewhere between the configuration of my GPS and my current trip, someone had apparently dropped the ball. How devastating would it be if the gospel were treated this lightly? “Arriving at destination” when no destination is in sight!

Ignatius was one of the early church fathers who lived during the first century. He was condemned to die for his faith in Christ and was ordered to be thrown among wild beasts that would devour him. Shortly before his final breath, he spoke these words to fellow Christians, “Pray for me, that God would give me both inward and outward strength, that I may not only say, but do well; that I may not only be called a Christian, but be found one.”

Not quite a century later, widespread persecution went throughout Asia Minor. Polycarp, a long-time church leader in Antioch, faithfully preached the gospel despite the threat of eminent torture. When he was sought after and brought before the proconsul, he was asked to reproach the name of Christ in order to spare his life. Once he refused, Polycarp was led to the stake where he was to be burned. As the executioner began to nail him down, Polycarp said, “Let me alone as I am: He who has given me strength to come to the fire, will also give me patience to abide in it, without being fastened with nails.” As the flame was lit, Polycarp proclaimed, “Eighty and six years have I served Christ, who has never done me any injury: how then can I blaspheme my King and Savior?”

The last recorded words written by the Apostle Paul was his letter to a young man named Timothy. In the final chapter of his life, Paul wrote, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith” (II Timothy 4:2, 5-7).

Taking the gospel to the next generation was not something that Paul treated with levity. Throughout the book of II Timothy, he was careful to instruct Timothy in this vital area. Paul understood that Christianity was only one generation away from total extinction. Today, Christianity is still only one generation away from extinction. It is the responsibility of every Christian to take hold of the baton of the gospel that has been handed to us, and share it with a world dying without Christ. Don't drop the baton of the gospel!

Paul writes, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (II Timothy 2:2). This is the formula that, for centuries, has enabled and equipped the next generation of believers. Will we take the gospel to the next generation or will we allow the gospel to “dead end” with us?

Hello my name is Tricna; I am sixteen years old. I have been here for almost one year and a half, and at first I thought that this place would never change my heart and mind about the way I was living. I planned to be good and serve my time here, just to float on by, unnoticed. Well, things didn't completely work out as I planned. About seven months later, God convicted my heart. I couldn't stay bitter and cold-hearted any more. I acknowledged God's love on October 11, 2011 when I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart.

Ever since that day of salvation, I have been growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. The preaching we receive is very convicting. Just recently God showed me in Psalm 91:4-6 that I am NEVER alone even when the biggest storm in my life is raging. Christ will be there for me always even when I “feel” alone. I can't trust my feelings anymore; I must trust God and hide under His wings forever. (Ps. 91:4) I will be leaving here next month, and I know my God will never forsake me. Now because of Lighthouse I have a new hope for my future.



Graduating class of 2011



Vanessa Chau



Hannah Kilfoyle



Jennifer McKee



Our hats are off to you!



Cara Campbell



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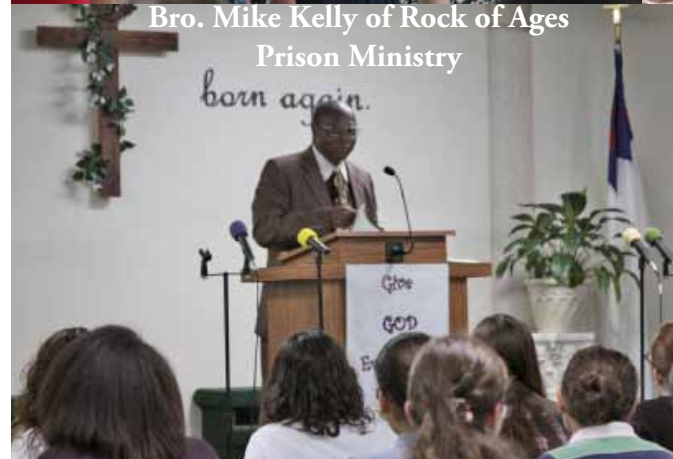


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Rachelle and Kraig Carlson

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**Former grad Alexis helping
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