

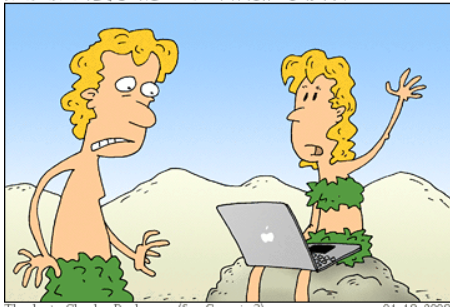


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Yearly Membership Fees Are Due

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 I KNOW WE CAN'T AFFORD IT BUT THAT SERPENT IS SO CONVINCING AND YOU KNOW I CAN'T RESIST APPLES



Yearly membership fees are past due now.

If you have not already submitted them, please do so now.


Thanks!

Insights & Inspirations

“All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.”

---Ralph Waldo Emerson

Watch for news of the up-coming Certification Programs (CP)!
 Check the web by clicking on Upcoming Events



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Valentine's Day

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Save the Date!
Feb. 17-19, 2009

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“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us”

Romans 8:31

President's Message



Spend this year in constant prayer

The year is already flying by. It may be just me, but as I get older, time seems to accelerate past me. I drive a lot in the slow lane "I don't know why" but for some crazy satisfaction it drives my teenager crazy! In the past I have spoken about little blessings and how sometimes they go by undetected, but today I would like to address the huge ones that we see because God is alive and making miracles.

Recently we witness the incredible mercy of God on the US Air flight that landing in the Hudson River. You can bet that many people on that plane were praying to God. During that same week I was at a birthday party, when a friend received a call from his wife. I could tell that something wasn't right.

What we didn't realize was out of that prayer would come our own celebration time. You see God is in the prayer business; I speak about the little prayer that we sometimes miss. But what about the HUGE prayers that God answers. The ones were there can be no other explanation. That was the case on the Hudson and also that night at the birthday party. You see that night God heard our voices cry out to Him! (Ps. 61:1) He asks us to come to Him and bare our burdens. (Ps.68:19). You see that father-in-law lives another day, God may take him tomorrow, but for now God will use that experience with us to further His kingdom. We sometimes don't understand why or how God works. But one thing is for sure; He is alive and hears our cry.

"So what do you do when you are not in control of your situation?"

After the call I asked my friend, what was up? He explained that his father-in-law was being taken to the hospital with chest pains and not able to breathe. They were gathering all of the family and didn't expect him to make it. Now you have to understand that my friend and I were out of town. It would be 12 hours before he could get back home.

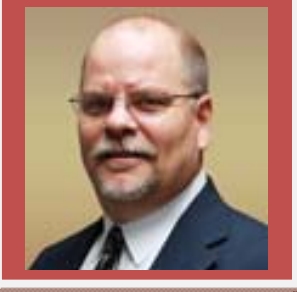
So what do you do when you are not in control of your situation?

We decided to gather some friends and retreat to a back room in the house for prayer, so as not to disturb the celebration times from the birthday.

I urge you this year to spend time talking to God as you would talk to your friends. Pray with Him, it works! (James 5:15-16) We also need to be praying for the President of the United States whether you voted for him or not! God calls us to pray for our leaders. He has the responsibility to lead our country and we have the responsibility to pray for him. God can use him, just as He uses us to glorify His kingdom.

It amazes me that prayer can be so simple, yet we make it out to be hard! God is always there and he wants to hear from us. Spend this year in constant prayer.

He is alive!
Glenn



MESSAGE FROM DEAN JOHNSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHANGE

I would like to share a couple of things with you and they all deal with change.

Ron Quigley has resigned his position as Vice-President of the NACFM. This was effective in January. One of my favorite poems is "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost. The poem ends by saying ***"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."*** Upon reading this you can interpret it by a road you took or a road that you have been led down. The latter is the case for Ron. For several years now he has had the lion's share of the load in dealing with his mom having Alzheimer's disease. What we do know is that particular disease continually gets worse. What we don't know is the emotional, physical and financial burden that Ron has and is bearing. Church staff reorganization and church budget concerns were also listed on Ron's resignation. Again, Ron is on a road less traveled. Unless we've been there, none can know all of the twists and turns, hills and valleys. Speaking for the Board of Directors and myself, we appreciate the work that Ron was able to do in his tenure as V.P. We also understand where his priorities need to be and we will continue to pray for him and support him as a member of the NACFM and our friend.

Kathleen Norris said ***"None of us knows what the next change is going to be, what unexpected opportunity is just around the corner, waiting a few months or a few years to change all the tenor of our lives."*** This was very evident at the annual January Board Meeting hosted by Jim Boyd in Winston-Salem. We knew of Ron's resignation and now we were faced with an empty Vice-President seat in a time where stability is not used in a great deal of sentences in the church or country. As we all prayed about the NACFM and the decisions that needed to be made, I truly believe we got our answer. Our President, Glenn Smith suggested that Jon Owens fill the Vice-President office. Jon is presently V.P. of Membership. He has experience on the Board and knows exactly what will be demanded from him. Jon bathed this in prayer, talked to his family and church leadership and on January 29th, accepted the position. The Board of Directors unanimously voted and the NACFM has a new Vice President, Jon Owens. According to the bylaws, Jon can and will occupy both positions until the Executive Director can find a replacement for V.P. of Membership.

Along those lines, here is an anonymous quote, ***"This isn't good or bad. It's just the way of things. Nothing stays the same."*** Even with all of the change we are seeing, your Board of Directors is still in the business of keeping the association running. I want to commend them for the job they are doing. There is such a good spirit and attitude and I am encouraged. Part of this work will be filling the soon to be empty V.P. of Membership. It is my responsibility to see this through. If you are interested or know of someone that you think would be interested, please let me know. I have a job description and will be happy to send that out. It's a lot of work but you will be working with a great team.

"Do not fear the winds of adversity. Remember: A kite rises against the wind rather than with it." This is a quote from another unknown author. I know of a handful, and the list continues to grow, of Facility Managers who are dealing with adversity because they have lost their jobs. They were let go because of the financial strain that has been placed on most of our churches budgets. I know these men, I know their hearts. I know that one of them was back at the church shoveling snow the day after being laid off. That is ministry. I know they will rise up from this and be better for it. I can't explain it, but I know it. Please add to your prayer list facility managers and churches in general. God knows who they are. For those that have lost their jobs, please pray that God will give them clarity and hope in what they need to do next. For those still working, please pray that jobs will be kept intact and that budgets will be met and that we will not succumb to the woes of the world. For all of us, pray for our ministries and our families. You are making a difference!

Working with Him,
Dean

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