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**Spring Certification (CP)
Church Solutions EXPO
Phoenix, AZ
February 11th-15th, 2008**

The NACFM Spring CP has been moved from May to February and will be held as part of the Educational Tracks of the Church Solutions EXPO. Go to <http://nacfm.com/events.html> to register. You better hurry because the deadline is fast approaching.

**NACFM National Conference (NC)
San Antonio, TX
Hosted at Oak Hills Church by
Rusty Surratt, CCFM and
Jim Dye, CCFM**

Registration information will be posted next month.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Glen Smith, CCFM

Here we are 2008. I remembered just the other day when everyone was in a panic over if all the computers were going to shut down in 2000 because of the Y2K bug. The world was going to come to an end! At least many thought that. When I was growing up, I remember my parents saying something in the next room one night after I had gone to bed. It was something about me being lucky to see next week. What do parents know! Ha! Ha! Here it is 30 years later. I've seen resolutions come and go. It makes me wonder about what we say. Do we keep our word? Do we make resolutions just to see them fall by the way side? Have you made your New Years Resolution yet? What is really in a resolution?

Is there any difference in keeping our word or make a New Years Resolution? Both rely on us to do what we said we would do. I remember back in the days all you needed was a man's word and a hand shake and it was a deal. Those days are long gone, but not forgotten, there are still plenty of people with integrity. Whether we are back in those days or just since the Y2K years we have come a long way. But is the concept much different than when we except Christ? We begin a new life or a new beginning. That's what the New Year's Resolution does; it marks a new beginning for us.

Common New Years resolution are the normal, spend more time with my family, quit drinking or smoking, manage my money better, pray more, to read the bible every day and so on. By far the most common New Year's resolution for Christian's and non-Christian is to lose weight. "That would be mine"! These are all great goals! However, they fail just as often as non-spiritual resolutions. 1 Timothy 4:8 says for us to keep everything in perspective: "For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come". The vast majority of resolutions even among Christians are in relation to physical things. Since there is no power in New Year's Resolutions, starting and stopping certain things have no value unless you have the proper motivation.

So do we read the bible everyday because it's the right thing to do or because it honors God? Why do we want to lose weight? Is it for vanity, "have you seen yourself in the mirror lately", or to honor God? One of my favorite versus, Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". If God is in the center of your resolution, you have a chance for success, depending on your commitment.

So, what sort of New Year's Resolution should you make? I can't answer that question for you, but my thoughts to you are (1) Pray for wisdom. (2) Rely on God's strength. (3) Find an accountability partner. (4) Don't become discouraged; instead allow failure to motivate you further. Keep that New Year's Resolution.

I hope and pray that your 2008 in filled with blessings. Be thankful for even the littlest of blessings; for God wrapped his largest blessing in a little manger.

Serving with you along side Him, Glenn



“Just another day in paradise”

Anytime you would call Bob Bennett at First Baptist Church Atlanta and ask him how things were going, he would say “just another day in paradise”. As of December 1st, 2007, that statement has taken on a new meaning. Bob has retired from FBC Atlanta and can now focus his attention full time to baseball or whatever Barbara has on the list.

Bob is a charter member of the NACFM and was very involved in the start of the organization. He was one of the writers of our by-laws and was instrumental in the leadership and the direction of the NACFM in the early days.

On the Board of Directors, Bob served as President, Secretary and Treasurer through the years. More than that, Bob served the members of the NACFM. He was quick to encourage help and support. He was, and still is, quick to help with thoughts, direction, policies, friendship and prayer. I would not stand alone in saying that Bob is a friend to the NACFM.

He has requested and has been given Emeritus Membership by the Board of Directors and we hope to still see him at future meetings. I for one will still be calling him on a regular basis because sometimes I just need to talk to “kinder, gentler” Bob.

As for Barbara’s list, he started working on that the Friday after he retired and in doing so fell off of a ladder and broke his ankle. All is well though just as long as he can make spring training with the Braves down in Florida. We will pray for Bob and Barbara as they start this new chapter in their life. From the Board, the membership and from me, thank you Bob. You have made a difference.

Working with him,

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