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Insights & Inspirations

“Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life: not a philosophy of life, but a living presence.”

---Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Watch for news of the up-coming Certification Programs (CP)!
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February 14, 2009

Valentine's Day

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Save the Date!

Feb. 17-19, 2009

church
SOLUTIONS
Conference & Expo

Phoenix Convention Center

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away”

Mark 13:31 KJV

President's Message



“Sudden Change”...how do we deal with it?

It's another new year and a new beginning for many of us. I went back to see what I wrote last year for the newsletter. It was amazing how it applied again this year; however, I will not punish you with my writings. Instead I would like to reflect on things that took place last month.

As many of you may know I am involved with our high school youth program. I am a youth coach for the high school junior boys. They are a great bunch of young men. We recently took them and a hundred other high school youth to our annual New Year's retreat. We go hang out at Spring Hill Camp in Evart, Mi. for 4 days. We loaded up our 55 passenger charter buses and headed out. What I didn't realize was one of the major teaching points for that weekend I would experience the night before we left.

(I had super glue and duct tape at the house that we could have used and wouldn't have cost a thing! But the teenager was worried about his smile. Which teenagers don't smile, at least not around adults, so I'm confused!!) Anyway the bus leaves without us and we leave around 10:30am to drive up to the camp.

During the week we spoke about several things, but one thing that stuck in my mind was a sports term known as “sudden change”. You know your favorite team is moving down the field so proudly and they throw an interception, (sudden change). Our life and jobs have “sudden change” everyday. How do we deal with it? I think we have seen a lot of change this past year. The economy has made (sudden change) in the way the church does business.

“...be the rock that is unchanging.”

You see it was Monday night around 10:30pm. I was just starting to pack when the phone rings. On the other end of the phone was a lady that was trying to explain to me that my son Clayton had fallen on the ice while ice skating. The injuries included abrasions on his chin and face, but most significant was that he broke his front tooth off. There was a nurse there who put his tooth in milk, which is to keep the tissue soft. (Myth or fact it appears to work) We contacted the dentist and made arrangements to be in his office a 7:00am Tuesday morning. Oh! Did I mention that we were to leave Tuesday morning at 8:30am for the youth retreat! Anyway, we get to the dentist and several thousand dollars later he has his tooth epoxy back together.

I hear and see a lot of grumbling because of changes that we have to make. Change means we are not in control. But change seems insignificant compared to the heavenly changes that will take place. (1Cor: 15:51-52). People are looking for something solid to hold on to. As you go through your day to day tasks, be the rock that is unchanging. Turn to God for stability in your life. The future really could not be brighter. We have a God that loves us, despite how we are. 1Cor: 15:58 “Therefore, my brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord”.

Have a blessed year, Glenn



BIOGRAPHY

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I have been married to my wife Rachel for nearly twenty-two years. We have two daughters, Aleisha (18) and Kanitra (12). I was born and raised in Suffolk, Virginia along with six other siblings. Being the youngest of them all, I had many examples set for me to model my life after. After completing high school, like my two older brothers, I chose to enlist in the military (U.S. Air Force). Following the completion of my first enlistment on active duty I decided to join the Air Force Reserves and work fulltime.

I began working with a mechanical contractor located in the eastern part of Virginia. This is where I was given the opportunity to learn skills in plumbing and HVAC. Thus far up to this point in my life, this

would prove to be the most rewarding career path. First, I was given the opportunity to work under the supervision of one of my older brothers for four years. Second, within 3 years I met all qualifications needed to be awarded a Journeyman Plumbing license. I enjoyed this field of work so much that I decided to transfer out of the Air Force Reserves into the Virginia Air National Guard to fill a plumbing position. I would later go on to work as a Pipefitter at a Naval Shipyard as well as continuing my role in the National Guard. Being a part of the National Guard gave me the opportunity to attain supervisory skills. From the very onset in the National Guard I was forced into a supervisory position. Initially, I rebelled against this idea. However, I decided to take on the challenge with an understanding that it could only be an asset to me in the future. The rewards would come sooner than I thought.

In 1989, while contemplating the notion of pursuing a Master Plumbing license I learned that one of the qualifications were having supervisory responsibilities in the plumbing field. Later I would go on to be awarded the license (Master Plumber). I would return to active duty in 1990 as a Plumber until my retirement from the military in 2000. Following my retirement I shifted my efforts to pursue a career in public education. Initially, I worked as an In School Suspension Coordinator for two years. After completing my Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology from Saint Leo University in 2002, I began working as a Special Education Teacher the next three years. Although these five prior years was very special in my life, they could not erase what I knew best and what I consider to be my first love as a career.

In 2005, I began my exodus from working in public education. During my search, I decided to go to my Church's website where I found an advertisement for a Property Manager. I became interested after reading the job description and decided to apply. Following two in-depth interviews, I was selected to fill the position. It also has been both rewarding and challenging. It is by far the best job that I have had in my life. This position has given me the opportunity to put all the skills and experiences that I have attained throughout my life into one job. One of the best lessons that I have learned since being in this position is that working in ministry is more than a job; it must be a calling on your life in order for it to be a rewarding and long term career.

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Upcoming Events

SPRING CERTIFICATION MOVED TO MAY

The economic situation is affecting all of us in many different ways. Many, if not all of our churches, are looking at their budgets and making adjustments in how they do and what they do. NACFM is no different. In order to give you more time to budget and to make the C.P. more affordable, we will not meet in Phoenix in February. Our location is not yet determined but the dates will be May 3rd through May 8th. More info will be available next month.

2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

THE NACFM NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS STILL COMING THIS JUNE

The National Conference will be taking place in Portland Oregon in June. Again, we are looking at more hotels and more options in order to make it affordable as possible. More info will follow soon. Set the date, June 14th through June 18th. Save your nickels and dimes and we will see you there.

Many of you responded to our request for information regarding your participation in both the Spring CP and the 2009 NC. Thanks go out from the Board of Directors for this information. It helped us know how to plan the NACFM calendar of events to best fit the needs of the membership. We know times are difficult, but our God is in control; not just in the good times, but when times are hard. You all are greatly appreciated for what you do for your churches and for the NACFM.

Working with Him,

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