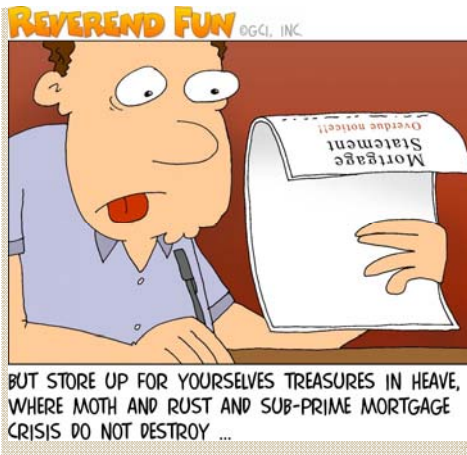




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Insights & Inspirations

“There is one thing one has to have: either a soul that is cheerful by nature or a soul made cheerful by work, love, art, and knowledge.”

Frederick Nietzsche

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Orlando, Florida
 October 5 – 10, 2008
 First Baptist Church of Orlando




The Fall NACFM Certification Program will be held October 5th thru 10th at First Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express, 5605 Major Blvd. in Orlando, Florida.

Check into the hotel will be after 2:00pm on Sunday the 5th

All reservations will be made by the NACFM. Please do not contact the hotel directly.

Each member will be responsible for all transportation to and from Orlando, and all ground transportation while there. Each member will be responsible for their own food during the CP.

A list of topics for the CP will be published soon. We will e-mail everyone when we have all of this information ready.

Click [HERE](#) for a registration form.

President's Message



Where are you living?

Summer is over, and things are getting back to being normal. No they're not! Things are crazy around here. For the first time I have felt that my plate is not only full, but I have a mess on the table. This month I have to go back and read some of the great devotions from Oswald Chambers.

He writes "We tend to think that if Jesus Christ compels us to do something, and we are obedient to Him, He will lead us to a great success. We should never have the thought that our dreams of success are God's purpose for us. In fact, His purpose may be exactly the opposite.

God is not working towards a particular finish. His purpose is the process itself. What he desires for me is that I see "Him walking on the sea" (Mark 6:49) It is the process not the outcome that is glorifying to God.

God's training is for now, not later. His purpose is for this very minute, not for sometime in the future. We have nothing to do with what will follow our obedience, and we are wrong to concern ourselves with it. What we call preparation, God sees as the goal itself.

God's purpose is to enable me to see that He can walk on the storms of my life right now.

"It is the process not the outcome that is glorifying to God"

We have the idea that God is leading us toward a particular end or desired goal, but He is not. The question of whether or not we arrive at a particular goal is of little importance, and reaching it becomes merely an episode along the way. What we see as only the process of reaching a particular end, God sees as the goal itself. "

What is my vision of God's purpose for me? Whatever it may be, His purpose is for me to depend on Him and on His power. If I can stay calm, faithful, unconfused while in the middle of the turmoil of life, the goal of the purpose of God is being accomplished in me.

If we have a further goal in mind, we are not paying enough attention to the present time. However, if we realize that moment-by-moment obedience is the goal, then each moment as it comes is precious."

Where are you living? For me I have been living in the "stuff" that comes to us each day. We need to be living for God's purpose. Slow down and look at where you are living. I know I need to!

Serving for His successes, Glenn

Word of the Month

LEARNING

Learning is a part of every facet of life whether we realize it or not. We are always learning even though we may not be aware of it.

- **Why Do We Learn?**
 - To gain knowledge
 - To teach others
 - To grow, change and deal with new challenges or opportunities
 - Because it looks like fun or it may be useful
- **What Do We Learn?**
 - Information
 - Things about ourselves we might want to change
 - How well we communicate by the results of our instructions
 - How to treat others
- **When Do We Learn?**
 - Doing tasks
 - Studying
 - From others showing us how to's
 - Talking with others
 - Everyday activities
- **How Do We Learn?**
 - Experiences
 - Making mistakes
 - Talking and listening
 - Doing
- **Where Do We Learn?**
 - Our job
 - Our family
 - People we come in contact with
 - Everyday life
- **What Gets in the Way of Learning?**
 - Attitude—I know it all
 - Being ignorant of what we don't know.
 - Convinced that I don't have the ability to learn.
 - Afraid to try for fear of failure

As facilities managers' learning is an everyday experience.

- From walking and talking with our Heavenly Father
- Discussing issues with vendors, contractors and service providers
- Fellowshipping with other believers
- Walking our facilities
- Talking with our staff

Everything We Do Provides An Opportunity for Learning!

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF Clifford E. Adams



I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 30, 1961. My mother was a title clerk for a major car dealer. My father was a coffee roaster for Superior Tea and Coffee. I have two older sisters and three older brothers. In 1971 my father had a heart attack which led to his retirement. We moved to Florida where we lost him in 1975 before my 14th birthday. I went on to graduate from Crystal River High School and married days later.

I worked as cook in a restaurant and eventually went to work as a Sanitation Engineer for 5 years. My wife and I had two wonderful sons just eleven months apart. I joined the National Guard when I was 24. After basic training, I decided to join the Regular Army and was shipped to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where my wife and sons joined me. In 1986, my wife and I were divorced and my mother also passed away. I was then assigned to Mainz, Germany for three years. This is where I met my second wife. When I was discharged from the military, I returned to the United States and waited for her to come home. We were married in 1991 and have two beautiful girls and another wonderful son. We lived in her hometown of Summertown, Tennessee for several months, and then moved to Atlanta, Georgia where I started my own construction business, framing houses. In 1995, we made the decision to move back to Tennessee to be near my wife's elderly father. I remained in the construction business for several years but decided to close my business due to the inability to keep good help.

I then worked as an assembler for Intercity Corporation making air-conditioning Units until the plant shut down. I worked for Saturn Corporation for one year as a temporary employee, then was given a pink slip.

A good friend of mine informed me that the church he worked for needed a maintenance/custodian. I applied for and accepted the job for Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee. I worked there for five years, when I was offered my current position as Associate Facility Manager at Brentwood Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee.

The Lord has been really good to me in my life as he is a Great and Awesome, Almighty God. God has moved me spiritually and made me the person I am as a husband, Father and Grandfather but most of all as a servant in the Lord's House.

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