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Praises:

We praise the Lord for the following lives impacted by this ministry:

- Ninety-six Professions of Salvation
- Seventy-one Rededications
- Numerous Responses for:
 - Better Witnesses
 - Apathy and Indifference
 - Doing more for Christ

We praise God for our military and their families who selflessly defend the freedoms we cherish. Thank you for your service.

"High Definition Living" by Mike Macon

"High Definition Living"—that's the title and theme of this year's community outreach event. This event is scheduled for two evenings, Friday, Oct. 3rd and Saturday, Oct. 4th, beginning at 6:30 PM each night at Fellowship Baptist Church in Willow Spring, NC (see the enclosed insert).

"Love of God and love of country—an energetic, faithful servant to both." These words may best describe our event speaker, Brad Borders.

Brad is currently serving his country as an Army Chaplain and is scheduled for deployment to Iraq in the spring of 2009. Brad is also a gifted teacher and preacher. As one Senior Pastor commented after Brad spoke at his church, "Brad is a great storyteller, which makes him unique among today's Bible teachers, but very much like

the teachers in the Bible. Brad has an uncanny ability to apply the Scripture to common life situations. Brad is engaging, provocative, and often leaves hearers with their ears and mouths open. Brad is a High Definition teacher for today's culture."

Not only are we blessed to have Brad as this year's speaker, but we are further blessed to have Phil McLaurin to lead our music.

This event is open to the public and is free (a love offering will be received). Childcare is being provided for children from birth through the fourth grade.

I want to personally challenge every Christian, as a servant of our Lord, to "Go out and compel..." unchurched friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fam-

ily members to attend this event with them, "...that our Lord's house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

In these dire times people are searching for answers to serious life questions. Jesus IS the answer for every life issue!!! Commit before God

"...be the light, used by God, to touch at least one person for Christ..."

that YOU will be the light, used by God, to touch at least one person for

Christ through this event. Consider also God's challenge from 1 Corinthians 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."

Earnestly pray with us that God will touch lives, families, and our community to the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Solemn Trust by Mike Macon

Soon, the general election will be over. All the advertisements, rhetoric, and hoopla will be past us. Whatever the outcome, I believe that God will ask a convicting question of each person who names Christ as Lord, "'Did you, "...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel..?'" (Phil. 1:7)

God holds each of us accountable for our actions or inaction. If we act (i.e., vote) without respect to His truth, we fail in our Christian duty. If

we fail to exercise our freedom to vote, then, by our inaction, we also fail. Let's face it, in a free nation such as ours, our action or inaction does impact our society. Samuel Adams put it this way, "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote...that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

Some seek to remove anything Christian from the political process. Even if we accept

the false premise of a separation between church and state, that does not preclude individual Christians from speaking their minds and voting their hearts before God.

Make no mistake, the future of this nation IS inexorably linked to the actions or inaction of God's people. Each of us must vote the mind of Christ. Begin now!! Seek God's will concerning your vote, and then,

- VOTE -

Talk Doesn't Cook Rice by Mike Macon

"Action speaks louder than words." That's a familiar phrase to all of us. Examples of similar phrases abound. Consider the following:

- "The proof is in the pudding" ~Author Unknown
- "I'll believe it when I see it" ~Author Unknown
- "You must walk your talk" ~Author Unknown
- "Well done is better than well said." ~Benjamin Franklin
- "The shortest answer is doing." ~Lord Herbert
- "A promise is a cloud; fulfillment is rain." ~Arabian Proverb
- "Remember, people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold - but so does a hard-boiled egg." ~Author Unknown
- "Talk doesn't cook rice." ~Chinese

Proverb

- "I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts." ~John Locke

These phrases are used to express skepticism of another's sincerity to do what they say they will do. The central point to all these phrases is that someone's actions are a more accurate measure of what they truly believe than the words they speak.

James touched on this when he wrote, "Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.... For as the body without the spirit [human spirit] is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:18b, 2:26 NKJV) James is saying that faith without works is no better than words without deeds. Words of encouragement spoken to someone who is hungry or in need of clothes are good, but if we do nothing to feed or clothe that person,

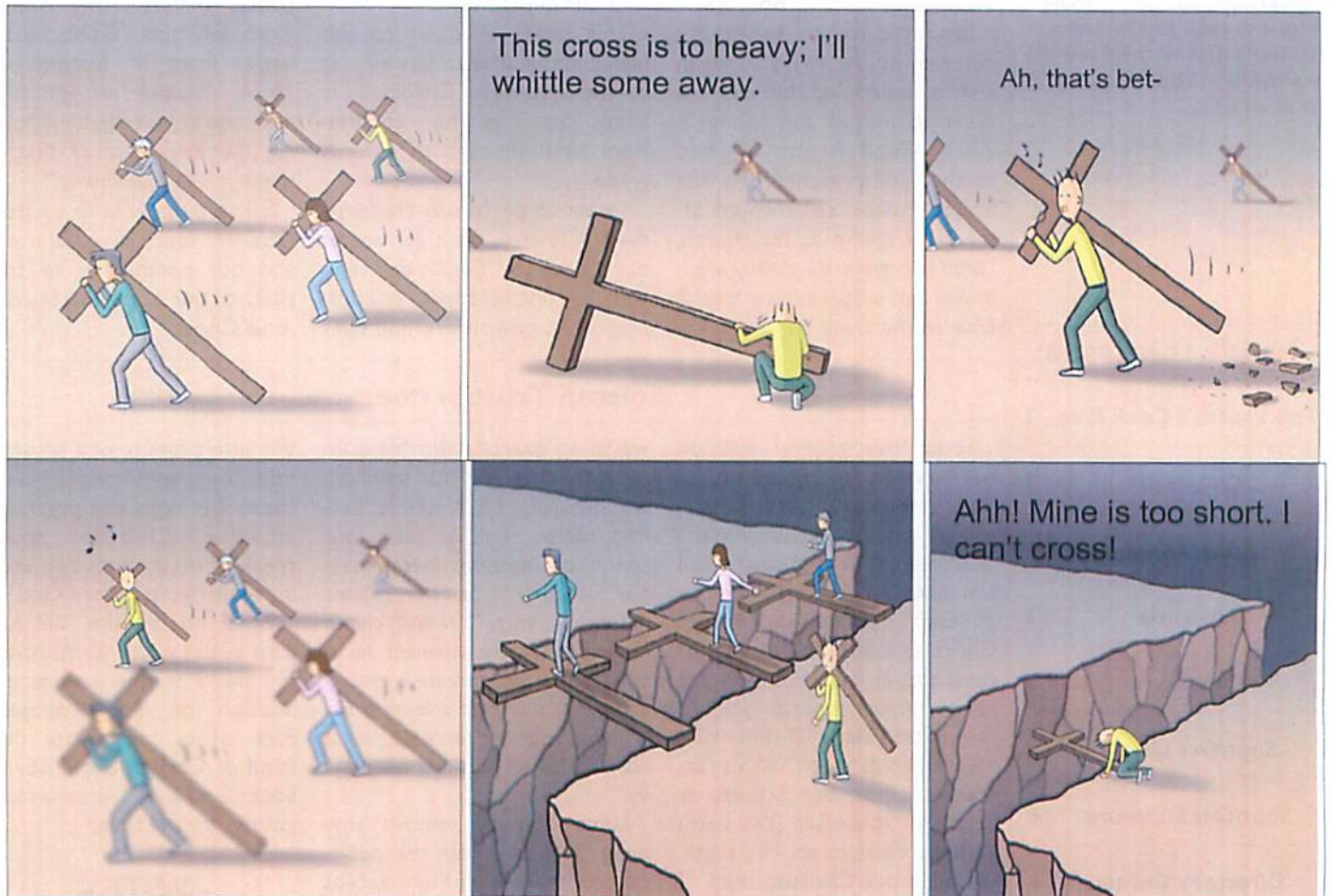
we fall short of our Lord's expectations.

Actions are evidence of sincere faith in Christ. What do your actions say about your faith? What could you be doing that you are not doing for Christ?

"Talk doesn't cook rice." Let your deeds speak of your faith. Consider this final quote from an unknown source, "**I will be a witness for Christ, and sometimes will use words when necessary.**"

Lord, bath all our works in the illuminating light of Your perfect Truth that our actual faith might be revealed. Pour out Your Spirit upon us so that we might NEVER hear the words You spoke to Your church at Sardis, "**I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.**" (Rev. 3:1) Amen.

Crosswalk (See Director's Corner, pg 4)



Youth Forum

Shadow of the Cross (Author Unknown)

A young man who had been raised as an atheist was training to be an Olympic diver. The only religious influence in his life came from his outspoken Christian friend. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often.

One night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended. The lights were all off, but as the pool

had big skylights and the moon was bright, there was plenty of light to practice by. The young man climbed up to the highest diving board and as he turned his back to the pool on the edge of the board and extended his arms out, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body in the shape of a cross. Instead of diving, he knelt down and asked Jesus to come into his life. As

the young man stood, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on. The pool had been drained for repairs.

Only one shadow is cast when the righteous light of our Lord shines on lives—that of the cross of Jesus, Who declares, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Lightside

Famous Last Words

- "Are you sure the power is off?"
- "Don't be so superstitious."
- "He's probably just hibernating."
- "I can do that with my eyes closed."
- "I'll get a world record for this."
- "I'll hold it and you light the fuse."
- "I'm making a citizen's arrest."
- "It's fireproof."
- "It's strong enough for both of us."
- "I've done this before."
- "I've seen this done on TV."
- "Let it down slowly."
- "Nice doggie."
- "Now watch this..."
- "Rat poison only kills rats."
- "That's odd."
- "These are the good kind of mushrooms."
- "This doesn't taste right."
- "What does this button do?"

- A synonym is a word you use if you can't spell the other one.
- MONEY TALKS ... but all mine ever says is GOODBYE!
- I'm in shape ... round's a shape isn't it?
- 43% of all statistics are useless.
- I couldn't fix your brakes, so I made your horn LOUDER!

- Black Holes are where God divided by zero.
- Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

Things You Don't Want to Hear During Surgery

- "Better save that. We'll need it for the autopsy."
- "Bo! Bo! Come back with that! Bad Dog!"
- "Wait a minute, if this is his spleen, then what's that?"
- "Hand me that ... uh ... that uh...thingie"
- "Everybody stand back! I lost my contact lens!"
- "Could you stop that beating; it's throwing my concentration off."
- "I hate it when they're missing stuff in here."
- "That's cool! Now can you make his leg twitch?!"
- "Sterile, shcmedle. The floor's clean, right?"
- "Don't worry. I think it is sharp enough."

You Know Your Getting Old When..

- Everything hurts and what doesn't

- hurt, doesn't work.
- The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- You're still chasing women but can't remember why.
- Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
- Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.
- Your relatives longingly refer to your things as "your estate".
- You are having trouble remembering simple words like....

A man and his wife are sitting in the living room and he says to her: "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine. If that ever happens to me, just pull the plug."

Immediately his wife gets up and unplugs the TV.

Life Before the Computer

An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A cursor used profanity
A keyboard was a piano!

Questions

I asked God to take away my pain. God said, "No. It's not for Me to take away, but for you to give it up."

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, "No. Patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted, it is earned."

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, "No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked for all things that I might enjoy

life. God said, "No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said... "Ahhhh, finally you have the idea."

"This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

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"Reclaiming America Through Jesus Christ"

Sept/Oct Quote:

"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." Martin Luther—
Theologian, Church Reformer

Sept/Oct Scripture:

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me"
(Luke 9:23-KJV)

Director's Corner by Mike Macon, Executive Director

Martin Luther once said, *"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing and suffers nothing, is worth nothing."* After reading these words I received an e-mail from a friend that included the cartoon strip on page 2 entitled, "Cross Walk." These reminded me of Jesus' words from Luke 9:23, *"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."*

These words are God's call to discipleship. We are NOT saved by picking up our cross—Jesus' cross paid it all. However, Jesus does beckon us to follow Him in our daily life.

"If any man..."— Jesus' words were not just for the disciples' consumption; they are directed to all Christians in every generation.

"If any man will come after me...". God's desire is for every believer to pursue Jesus' example. But, how do we do that?

Pursuing Christ first involves a choice to deny oneself, *"...let him deny himself..."*. What does denying self look like? It involves choosing God even if that choice involves suffering. This scripture isn't speaking of general suffering that comes

from sickness or an accident, but suffering that comes from choosing to follow Jesus. This suffering is what **our** cross is made of.

Choosing Jesus always involves a cost in this life. Jesus gives several examples of what He means in Luke 9:57-62 (NIV): *"As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.' He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'"*

We should be willing to sacrifice our homes and financial independence (*"no place to lay his head"*). No life obligation or person should take precedence over God's call (*"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God"*); *"No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God"*).

Now, that brings me to the message of the cartoon "Cross Walk." Most of us will never be asked to give up our life for Jesus, but we should be ready to do so. Few of us will be asked by God to sell everything and follow Him, but we should be prepared to go when He calls. A small number of us may be asked to give up a family relationship to fully follow of our Lord, but all of us should be prepared to put Christ first in every relationship. Each time we choose the things of this earth over Christ we diminish our cross—we whittle a piece from it, lessening Christ and His power in our lives. Our cross gets smaller and smaller. Then, when faced with a trial, our ability to "cross-over" it diminishes as well.

Martin Luther had it right, *"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing and suffers nothing, is worth nothing."*

How big is your cross? Are there chips of disobedience scattered along your life-path bearing witness to calls unanswered?

"And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." (1 John 2:28)

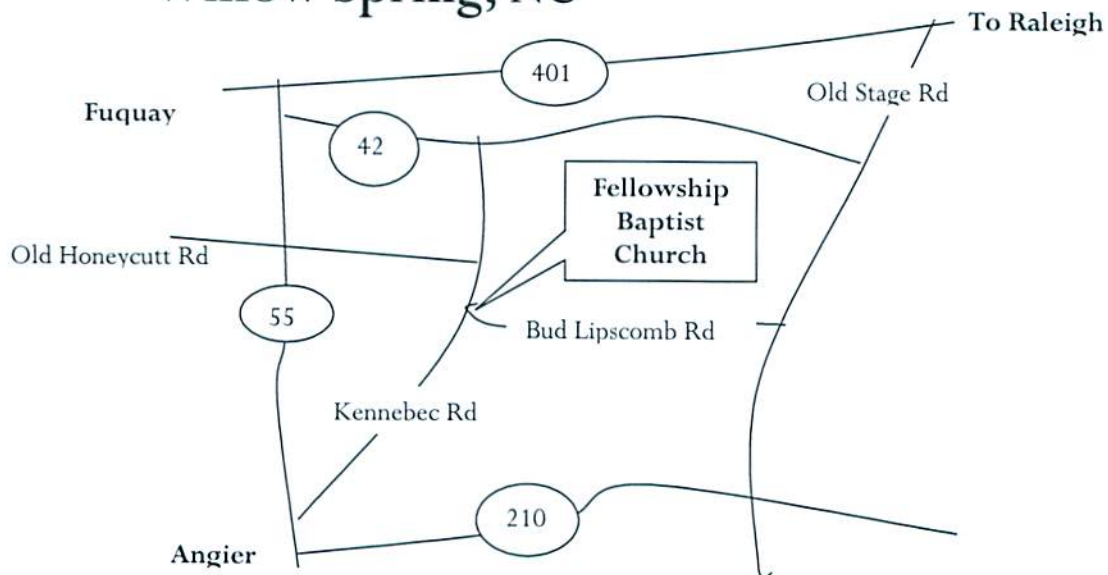
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