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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings,

Notes like the one from Julie Cahill would encourage the heart of any preacher. She and Michael are totally dedicated Christians, and wherever they go they do what all of us should do: they give a good witness for Jesus Christ!

Julie is the daughter of pastor and Mrs. Ronald Cunningham of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Brother Cunningham and his wife were both

born in Aliquippa, and after a stint in the US Navy, he returned home and started the Aliquippa Baptist Temple in his living room. Now, forty-six years later he is still holding the fort in the only Bible-believing, gospel-preaching Baptist church in that city.

It has been my privilege to preach special meetings in the Aliquippa church for more than thirty-five years, but somehow I feel like that will not last for many more years. Brother Cunningham is growing old (and feeble), and I am older than he is.

Last year in the Quit You Like Men's meeting, Dr. Allan Jones, who is now somewhere in his eighties, said to the young preachers, "If you want a place to preach, just be patient. When you get old, pastors will have you as a novelty!" Before you receive this Newsletter I will have reached another milestone in life and celebrated my 75th birthday, and for some reason, I have a rather busy preaching schedule for the rest of this year. I say "for some reason" because by all human standards, I can't do what I have been doing for the last fifty-three years. Last night I filled in for the pastor in our home church, and before the message, I asked for a show of hands of all those who had less than a high school education. There were only three in the building, and I was the only one who never even reached a high school level. I would guess eighty percent of the adult members of Victory Baptist Church are college graduates, and I had the privilege of preaching to them.

I often say one of the blessings of growing old is the ego dies. So, whether as a novelty or an open door to preach the Book, the blood, and the blessed hope (as long as I am able, and the invitations to preach keep coming in), I plan to stay by the stuff.

At the home base there is nothing to report but complete victory in Christ. Out of all the printing projects we have done, the Bibles for South America and the Zimbabwe projects have been the projects that have generated the most interest. Thank you to all that have a part in helping us send the glorious Gospel of Christ around the world, and please keep praying for VBP.

Till we meet again, may God bless you,

Jim Fellure

I am a life that was changed!

The following note recently came from Julie Cahill thirty-one years after her conversion. This picture is of her and her husband Michael who are both commercial airline pilots. One of Michael's favorite past-times is taking advantage of the time between flights, wherever he might be, and distributing Chick gospel tracts.

Dear Bro. Fellure,

9 just wanted to write a note of thanks to you for this week of meetings. Also, 9 have wanted to thank you for a long time for preaching a week in our church in August of 1986 ... One night you preached on "Hell" ... That night for the very first time ... in spite of being raised in a wonderful Christian home ... 9 realized that 9 was headed



straight to hell! I had known about hell, of course, except I never had faced the reality that I was on my way to hell. So, thank you so much for being faithful then and now to preach the truth ... I am a life that was changed! Thanks for being a friend to my Dad through the years. We appreciate you!

Julie Cahill Jude 22



Print Shop News



<u>Al & Heidi Berg</u>

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last Newsletter, the Lord has done some wonderful things; but then again, the older I get, the more wonderful it is just to be able to go to work serving the Lord every day. This is partly because the older I get, the more I realize just how wonderful and truly awesome God really is. Also, the older I get, the more little aches and pains I get. I remember as a teenager I delivered newspapers, and there

was an older gentleman who helped unload the big trucks, got the papers ready for individual routes, and then cleaned up the place once everybody got out on the road. He did not need the money, but he did need a reason to get up and move every day to keep his stiff joints from freezing up altogether. I am beginning to understand that more every year. The job of putting the collated Bibles into the glue binder has especially taken a toll on my back. It is not heavy lifting; just constant twisting back and forth. I have been doing some exercises that seem to be helping, but this has also prompted me in my prayers for someone to eventually take my place. When I first started printing, I really did not feel confident that I was the best person for the job, and agreed to do it until they could find someone who knew what they were doing. That was well over thirty years ago. God has been good and taught me a lot; mostly through reading instructions, and some from more experienced people who would show me a trick or two now and then. I am still learning, but earnestly desire to teach what I know to a younger man so the work can not only continue, but prosper after I am gone.

All that being said, in July, Bearing Precious Seed of Milford, Ohio, held a first-ever Bible printing summit. They invited Bible and tract printing ministries from all over the country to come together to share ideas, burdens, and triumphs. I am not sure how many groups were represented, but it was an encouraging

meeting for me. Everyone seemed to have a genuine burden for getting the Word of God to the world. It was actually encouraging to hear that others struggle with some of the same things I do, and to hear the stories of how God used men to start different ministries and the reports of those on the receiving end of all these various ministries. By the grace of God, I plan to continue to do my part in the print shop as long as I am able and God provides the needs.

The project we are working on in the shop right now is 12,000 Cebuano Bibles for the Philippines. We had a little setback with a part that wore out on our glue binder. It was a small heating element that potentially was going to cost as much as \$900. We tried to find a used part, or an after market part, or to repair it to no avail. When we finally decided that we would just have to bite the bullet, I called the manufacturer back and explained in a little more detail what I needed. The parts man told me we did not need all of what I was asking for, and said that he had what we needed for just over \$230. That is still expensive for what the part actually is, but it provided an opportunity to explain the basic laws of supply and demand to a young man who was helping me in the shop.

Our next project will be nearly 400,000 Shona John/Romans for the country of Zimbabwe, Africa. Bro. Jacob Fellure and several others will be traveling there with Pastor Lee Cadenhead of Brewton, Alabama. They will be visiting Baptist pastors and holding teaching sessions both in the city and in the jungle and distributing these John/Romans among those pastors to use in their churches. We already have purchased the truckload of paper and much of the cover stock. Thank you to each one of you who responded to our fundraising letter we sent out instead of our Newsletter in July.

There are too many blessings to list, His mercies are new every morning, and He daily loadeth us with many benefits. I trust you will count a few of God's blessings today.

May God bless you, Bro. Albert Berg

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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September 2010.

After pastoring two churches for a total of 24 years, and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for printing became so real to Brother Dunn and his wife Emma that he resigned as a pastor to become a representative for VBP.



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Evangelist Jason Kendrick and his wife

Jody have been traveling in evangelism for twenty years. Brother Kendrick was born in Pensacola where he was raised in church. He received Christ at age 19 under the preaching of his uncle, Terry Kendrick. He worked as an assistant in the Gospel Tent Ministry with Dr. Jack Parchman for 6 years, then in 2002, Brother Parchman passed the Gospel Tent Ministry on to Brother Jason. Now they travel throughout the US holding revivals and representing VBP. The Kendrick Family sings gospel music and has four gospel music CDs available in the VBP Bookstore.

Benefits & Blessings

Take the Challenge!



Mrs. Pam Leake

Two weeks ago I sustained my first broken bone after I fell in the living room and broke my left wrist. It has been difficult trying to accomplish my duties, both at home and at the church office, with just one hand, but many kind folks have stepped in to help in any way possible. Every expression of concern or card that let me know someone was praying

for me has been a great blessing and encouragement. When I stopped to consider the powerful effect of certain words written in a "Thinking of You" card or a timely email that lifted my spirits, I myself was once again challenged to be proactive in being an encourager to others.

A few months ago my husband was talking with another preacher friend who brought up the subject of being a *refresher* to others. There are several Scriptures that deal with people who provided refreshment of some sort to another person. Proverbs 11:25, mentions "he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Just obeying whatever the Lord puts on your heart to do for another is a sure way to receive a blessing yourself. My husband challenged our church to become *refreshers* to brothers and sisters in the church family as well to those outside the church. Because of the difficult and often discouraging days in which we live, sometimes the most powerful act that can lift someone up in spirit is just a kind word or note that lets them know you are

praying for them. A handwritten note, though seemingly outdated in these days of electronic communication, is still very welcome and effective! As a matter of fact, one special someone in our church took the refresher challenge to heart in a big way and regularly (as in almost every service) leaves an anonymous handwritten note on my husband's desk and my desk while we are elsewhere in the building. The impact of those two or three sentences is immeasurable. Knowing they are motivated by love, just the fact that she (or he) takes the time to write the notes and hand deliver them, means so much.

There are others who utilize different methods of being a refresher to the brethren – whether it be bringing a bag of homegrown vegetables or a dozen eggs from their hens, or, as I've recently experienced, offering a couple of hours to help in cleaning my home while I'm temporarily handicapped. With Christ as our greatest source of refreshment (His mercies are new every morning), we can put into practice a tried and true means of blessing someone and receiving a blessing in return. I think one of the greatest benefits of being in God's family is the opportunity to express love for one another in even the smallest of ways. There's inherent power in God's love, and since His love is shed abroad in our hearts, we have that power available in us to make a difference for good in someone else's life.

Take the challenge ... ask the Lord how you might be used today to be a refresher in someone else's life!

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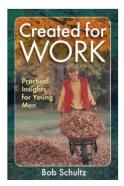
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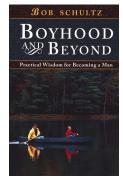


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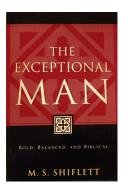


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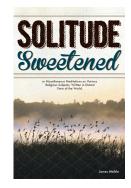


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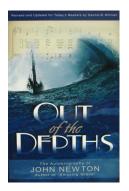


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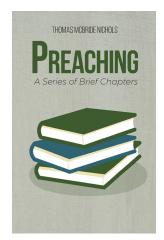
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The Pastor's Page



<u>Tim Fellure</u>

Christianity On Trial Acts 26:24-29

Acts 26 takes us to Caesarea where Paul has been in prison for two years. The Jewish elders were in a blood-thirsty rage again and wanted to kill him just like they had killed Jesus and Stephen. However, they needed the Roman government's permission. So, two corrupt Roman politicians — Festus, the governor and Agrippa, the

king – met and decided to interview Paul. They knew the Jewish nation was stirred up against this preacher, and they wanted to hear his side of the story.

Paul was brought before Festus and Agrippa for a private inquiry and was invited to speak freely. His defense soon turned into a sermon: he spoke of his past life, his conversion on the Damascus road, and his commission to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. The politicians listened intently, and each formed an opinion. Three men stood before the Gospel – Festus, Agrippa, and Paul – and all three walked away with three different persuasions.

1) Festus: Christianity is Insanity!

Acts 26:24 – Festus was a pagan who knew nothing of religion except the idolatrous temple worship that swallowed the world at that time. Like most powerful men, he regarded religion with secret contempt, unworthy of the attention of a great man like himself. He listens as Paul gives his testimony, and his darkened mind turns away from the truth. When he can be silent no longer he interrupts Paul rudely and loudly with his verdict, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." His opinion is that this is all insanity. What Festus heard from Paul is that he had lived a privileged life but gave it all up to be a preacher – all because he heard a man who had died years earlier speaking to him by the side of a road one day. He saw Paul as a lunatic.

Do not think that the spirit of Festus is dead. Many of those you come into contact with every day are of the opinion that you are crazy for what you believe and how you live. They live as if they had nothing to care for but the physical and no world to prepare for except this one. Their only god is themselves and their bible is their own vain intelligence.

And they think you are insane! You refuse to work on Sunday, don't laugh at their dirty jokes, won't go to the bars and dance clubs, don't smoke and drink, are faithful to your spouse ... and you are insane. You don't support the homosexual agenda and you oppose abortion ... and you are insane. You don't idolize the heroes of the world and you go to church three times a week, pray over your meals in public, don't listen to worldly music, dress with modesty and decency ... and you are insane. You

believe in the virgin birth, a literal interpretation of the Bible, the physical return of Christ, a burning hell ... and you are insane.

2) Agrippa: Christianity is Inconvenient!

Acts 26:27-28 — Agrippa was nothing like Festus. He had been brought up in Jewish regions and was well familiar with their customs and religion. When Paul spoke of the prophets, Agrippa knew who he was speaking of. He understood the message of Paul and probably had a secret conviction that there was much truth in the testimony he was hearing. There is some debate as to whether Agrippa spoke sincerely or sarcastically, but I must give him the benefit of the doubt.

Agrippa listened intently and maybe even asked some questions along the way. He weighed what he had heard and wanted to believe in what Paul had said about Jesus Christ. He was almost there, but there was so much to give up. He had his position, the respect of his superiors, an easy life ... what would happen to him if he became one of the Christians?

"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." He was so close, yet so far away. One of the greatest tragedies in all of life is for a person to be almost saved, but lost. What a tragedy it would be for you to hear the Word of God faithfully preached, to tremble under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, and yet turn and walk away and never be saved.

Have we not met Agrippa before? Do we not know of men and women who have no objections to the truth of the Gospel? They know the difference between truth and heresy, admire the convictions of godly people, respect the Bible as a divine book, and even give appeasement offerings to the church. But the inconvenience of confessing Christ stops them from going any further. They plan to one day, but the convenient season never comes.

3) Paul: Christianity is Imperative!

Acts 26:29 – What a paradox! One man is in power, and one is in chains, but the one in chains is in the more desirable state. One man has every material possession he could desire, while one man has nothing, and the poorer of the two is in the more desirable state. One man is surrounded by friends and admirers, and one stands alone, but the one who stands alone is in the more desirable state.

"I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." This is the language of a man who knows in whom he has believed and is persuaded that nothing – neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor depth nor any creature – can separate him from the love of God. There is no hesitation in his voice and no doubt in his mind. He had no questions about the merit of the claims of Christ, no doubts about the truth of the Scripture, and no fear of the future state of his soul.