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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

This is early Friday morning, October 27th, and I am writing these notes from my home here in Milton, Florida.

Since my last report I have enjoyed preaching meetings in PA, VA, NC, AL, TX, TN, AR, and FL, and for some reason the Lord has blessed every meeting beyond what I expected. Some people have made first time professions of faith, and two young men announced a call to preach. To God be the glory!

The Colonial Baptist Church of Charlottesville, VA, where Brother Ed Leake is the pastor, has their annual Jubilee the first week of October. In this year's meeting, I preached in all three services on Sunday, and Brother Jeremy Chisum and I both preached Monday through Wednesday night. Brother Leake said it was a good meeting and the church was helped, but from my perspective, I am the one that got help. I had free time during the day and used it to work on the book on the twenty-third Psalm I am writing, but the major blessing to me was an ICU plan birthed in my heart during the meeting.

At the expense of being very repetitious, I declare that this idea of keeping everything positive and claiming these are great days for the church is a farce. The Bible never encourages one to stay positive in their speech, but it does encourage us to be honest, and the truth of the matter is that while some of our fundamental Baptist churches are growing in more ways than one (I am grateful to be a part of one of them), there are more churches closing their doors than new ones being started.

I have had several calls from older pastors trying to find some young man to come and prepare to pastor the church when he is gone. Other churches are closing their doors at an alarming rate. VBP has at least a dozen churches drop support for the Scripture printing every year because their attendance is going down, or they are shutting down altogether.

Now we can be like the proverbial ostrich and stick our head in the sand and pretend that the problem doesn't exist, but any

honest, informed person can easily see that over all, the Baptist church in America is like a person with a severe heart condition in the ICU on life support, and the devil would like to pull the plug.

Is there any hope? Yes, there is hope, but it is not in me. I don't have any preachers to send to take the struggling churches or to start new ones. Our hope must be in the Lord who said,

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37 & 38).

The ICU plan is simply a recommendation that we put some sincerity back in our prayers. I have been in a lot of prayer meetings before the preaching services that used the first several minutes to tell our latest joke, or discuss everything from the scores of the most recent favorite sports event to the president's ideas on tax reform, then spend a very few minutes moving the lips, making noise and call it praying.

T.S. Rendall said people quit praying when they took the "O" out of their prayers. There are over one-hundred prayers in the Bible that start with "O God," which denotes a sincerity, a crisis, an emergency, a burden: An attitude like you would find in an ICU of a local hospital if it was your closest family member or best friend just clinging to life by a thread.

Hopefully, many will see the need and begin an ICU in their church where nothing frivolous or disrespectful toward God will be allowed and many intercessory prayers will be prayed to the Lord of the harvest.

For more very encouraging words on the ICU read Mrs. Pam Leake's article on page five.

The Zimbabwe project is moving right along. Read more about it in Bro. Al Berg's notes on the next page.

I have enjoyed the last four days of working from my own office, but I will leave tomorrow for Tallassee, Alabama to preach a four day meeting for Pastor Jim Voss and the Calvary Baptist Church.

Please continue to pray for us,
Jim Fellure

Paper for the Zimbabwe Project

Print shop employee Jacob Fellure, Pastor Tim Fellure, Evangelist Randy Bane and Pastor Lee Cadenhead are pictured in front of the eighteen wheeler load of paper that was delivered to the VBP print shop on Tuesday, September 24.

Total weight= 43,388 pounds: Total cost= \$34,308.46
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Through the very generous offerings of the friends of VBP, the paper is paid for, and we are within approximately 20% of enough funds to complete the entire project.



Print Shop News

Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
 Since our last Newsletter we have been working hard finishing up the Cebuano Bibles for the Island of Cebu in the Philippines. We ended up with just under 10,000 whole Bibles, and they are ready to ship. A special thanks to all that helped put them together; it is a rather lengthy process made a little easier with some extra hands. Please pray now that as they make their journey across the ocean,

that they will arrive safely, and be distributed to those that need them most.

In the mean time, paper has already been delivered for the Zimbabwe project, and we have at least two groups offering to help with the collating and binding. One group, Walnut Avenue Baptist Church right here in nearby Pensacola, has been putting John/Romans together for years, but have been driving up to Bearing Precious Seed in Milford, Ohio to get the signatures. We were recently able to help them get over 80,000 John/Romans to the mission field. Now they would like to help us with the Shona project. Seedline International, headed up by Keith Davidson, located in Brazil, Indiana will also be helping with their many volunteers. With God's help, we may finish this project in record time. I have already started printing the covers, and will start printing the text soon. These John/Romans are just one part of a planned trip next year to help local Baptist pastors. Bro. Lee Cadenhead has been there before and was burdened with the need for scriptures in these local churches. So on this trip he determined to get them some help in that area, and we agreed to take on the project. A few others have also donated discipleship and Bible study materials to help better equip these national pastors be able to better feed their flocks.

November is Thanksgiving month in the USA, and I always look forward to it. One of our family traditions has been to listen to the pilgrim's story as told by Aunt Caroline from the Children's Bible Club right here in Milton, Florida. She is one of the best story tellers I know, and even though I get a few senior discounts now, I enjoy listening to her stories. They remind me of how truly unique and blessed our nation was in its founding. Much of that foundation is eroded now, but there are still so many things that we have as a result of that founding that no other country has. It may be difficult to say God bless America in her present condition, but revivals have swept over this land in the past, and God can do it again. I am reminded that revivals do not come when things are good, but when they are bad. I do not profess to know the future for our country, but there is always hope for revival as long as God is still alive, and I know that He will take care of His children either way.

In regard to prayer requests, they do not change much. There are several pieces of equipment that I would like to see updated. I seem to always be praying for the one I am working on at the time. The main reason for updating is to increase efficiency, and thus reduce costs overall. Sometimes along with machine updates, there is required a brain update. The Lord has taught me many things over the years, but I am constantly aware of how much I still do not know. So if the Lord does give us some new equipment, it is always nice to be able to run it.

May you find it in your hearts to give special thanks this Thanksgiving season, and worship the one who came from Heaven to become a man and suffer for our sins, that we may be able to spend eternity with Him.

God bless,
 Bro. Albert Berg

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Brother Tony pastored for 24 years and taught at three Bible colleges. During the summer they traveled to recruit young men and ladies for college. Now they are traveling full time for VBP as field representatives,

Benefits & Blessings

Prayer rooms are being designated **Intensive Care Units** for praying.Mrs. Pam Leake

He's a long-time dear friend of my husband, a pastor who has given his life to serve the Chief Shepherd as an under-shepherd of a church not too far away. Last week, in the morning meeting of our church's Jubilee, he slowly mounted the platform to preach, supporting himself with a

cane, due to persistent problems with leg pain. For most of his life he has served in ministry, but time has taken its toll on his body. Still, with fervency and power, he brought forth the truths of God's Word and challenged and encouraged those in attendance. Following him, another pastor friend was called to preach. He, too, needed assistance to step up to the pulpit, but there was no weakness in his declaration of the Word of God. It was obvious that his physical body was displaying the results of time and wear, but the "want to" was still there!

Nearly every week it seems we hear of older men of God, some who have been in the pastorate for most of their lives, that are resigning, maybe willingly or maybe not, but out of physical necessity. The news also filters in of thousands of churches closing their doors each year, for many different reasons I'm sure. But, no doubt, in many cases they are closing because of retiring pastors and a lack of young men to take their places and carry on the work of those churches. I'm certainly not the one to suggest the reasons for a dearth of young men surrendering to the call of

the preaching ministry, but it remains a troubling issue. Who will be the pastors for our young children and grandchildren in the years ahead?

For this cause my husband, at the suggestion of his friend, Bro. Jim Fellure, has instituted the "ICU" for prayer in our church. Our prayer rooms for men, women, and teens on Sunday evenings before the service are being designated intensive care units for praying "therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38). This is not to the exclusion of any other prayer requests, but rather to persistently and regularly bring this need before the Lord of the harvest. Certainly He told us that we have not because we ask not, so our intention is to bombard the throne of heaven with the request that He would call young men (and that they would answer) into the preaching ministry, and, specifically, as pastors to step in and fill those emptying pulpits!

Oh, by the way... during one evening service of our Jubilee, as each of the two preachers stood to preach, I happened to glance across the auditorium to observe a young man, ten years old, leaning forward in his seat, intent on every word that was being said and oblivious to what was going on around him. That young man has publicly announced that he senses the Lord calling him to preach. He has been "preaching" in his home to his family on Thursday nights and recently in one of our nursing home ministries. I believe the Lord is indeed answering our petitions, and I'm excited to see what comes to pass in this young man's life in the years ahead!

Note: Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. Email her at: pamleake@colonialbc.org

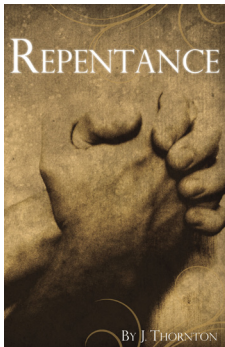
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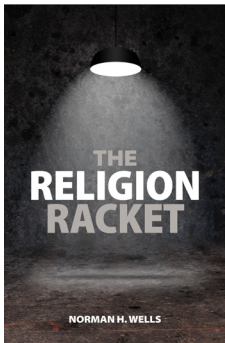
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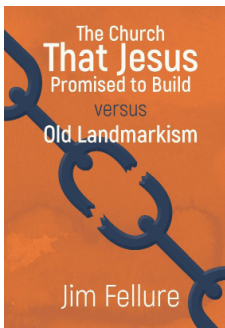
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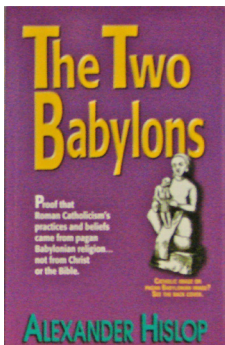
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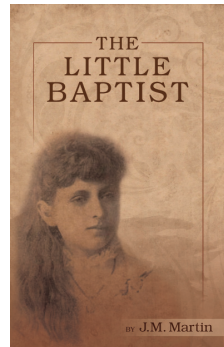
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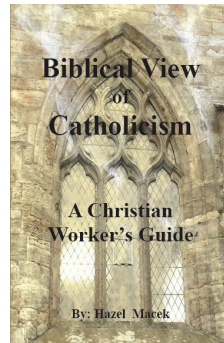
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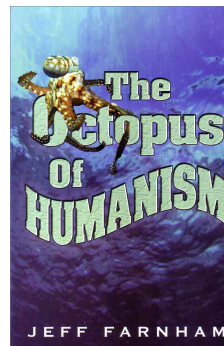
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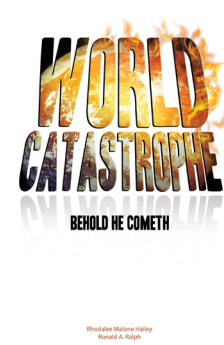
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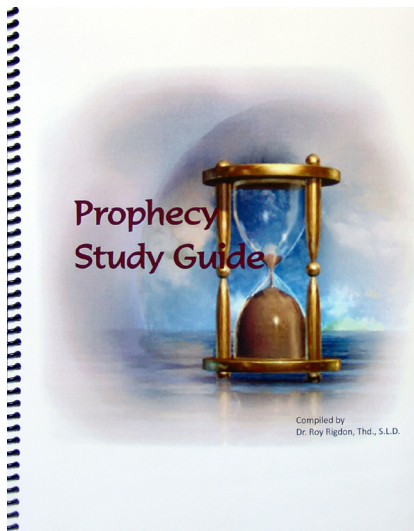
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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure**The Settled Soul****Psalm 119:89–96**

David was an emotional man. At times he was on a mountain praising God, while at other times he was in the valley crying out for help. David did not live in victory—he had good days and bad days. If you will read Psalm 119 and pause between each section, you will see that David's emotions are in play in this chapter.

There are some stanzas of victory, while there are other stanzas of despair. If you back up a few stanzas you will find that David has mostly been under a cloud: the mood of the previous stanzas has been dark and cloudy. Oh, there have been a few glimmers of sunshine and hope, but for the most part the scene has been stormy. But when you come to these verses, David is writing with sunshine in his soul. He has found strength and stability that has driven the dark clouds of doubt away. Notice four discoveries that strengthened his soul.

Thy Precepts Are Permanent!

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." This is the first discovery that you must make if you would have peace in the midst of your storms though the world may rock and reel, the Word of God is firm. God's Word is not fickle or uncertain; it is settled, determined, fixed, sure, and immovable. David is declaring once and for all that God's Word is the anchor of his soul and that nothing can move it. Spurgeon wrote: "After tossing about on a sea of trouble the Psalmist here leaps to shore and stands upon a rock."

The Duration—*"For ever, O Lord,..."* That is, it is permanent, durable, lasting, abiding, unchanging, enduring, indestructible, continual, unalterable, steadfast, established, and forever.

The Domain—*"... thy word is settled in heaven."* There were times when the Word was not as settled in his soul, but it was settled in glory, far beyond the reach of men where none can ever destroy or dilute it. The most foolish of all men are those who make vain attempts at unsettling God's Word. It was said that Diocletian, the Roman emperor, harnessed the resources of the Roman empire to stamp out the Bible, but he might as well have tried to stop the wind from blowing. Voltaire held up a copy of the Bible and said, "In fifty years I'll have this book in the morgue." Yet in fifty years Voltaire was in the morgue and the Geneva Bible Society owned his house and used it to store Bibles. God's Word is settled in heaven, and it cannot be reversed, called back or overruled.

Thy Faithfulness Is Forever!

"Thy faithfulness is unto all generations." God's Word is unchanging because God is unchanging. God is not affected by the ages: He is not only faithful to one man throughout his lifetime, but to all generations. "The promises are ancient things, yet they are not worn out by centuries of use, for the divine faithfulness endureth forever" (Spurgeon).

It is a blessing that we can look back and remember that our fathers knew the faithfulness of God. We recall their testimonies of how God faithfully kept, provided for, and protected them. It is a bigger blessing to know that God has not stopped being faithful in our day; to know that God is as faithful to us as He was in days of old. But the biggest blessing is to know that when our days are spent and our children must carry on without us, God will still be faithful. His faithfulness will not expire with us; He will be as faithful to the future generation of those who love Him as He was to us and those before us.

Thy Creation Is Constant!

"Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." The laws of light and electricity, of heat and sound, of magnetism and gravity, of chemistry and physics, are all established and constant. David has looked around at the creation of God and noticed that everything is working just as God planned. The stars are in their path, the sun and moon orbit as they are directed, the seasons are always on time, the laws of physics have not been altered. God is still in control of the universe He created.

Thy Servant Is Settled!

"Unless the law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction." *"I will never forget thy precepts."* Once David has these truths established in his heart, he could then say that he was at peace in his soul. You can have stability and strength and surety in your heart when you realize what David has just determined. In the last stanza, David had said that he was almost consumed, but now he is shouting the victory. His victory came through the Word of God. He would not have made it without the Word of God. Furthermore, it was not his knowledge of the Word that carried him—it was his love for the Word. "Unless thy law had been my delights." Four times in Psalm 119 David says the Word of God is his delight. The word, *delights* is plural to emphasize the intensity of his love. It will be your delight in God's Book that will pull you through the moments of terrible affliction.

"But thy commandment is exceeding broad." God's Word is broad. It covers it all. There is nothing—no circumstance, no problem, no situation, no heartache, no emergency, no individual, no attitude, no threat, no danger—that is not covered by the Word of God.