

Don't worry,  
I always  
look like  
this!



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# TIME FOR TRUTH NEWS!

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It's true,  
he does!  
Little  
misery!



Eddie

**For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**  
Acts 4v20

**ALL for God!**

In his remarkable volume, 'The Life of David Brainerd,' Jonathan Edwards tells of Mr Brainerd's devotion to God. Near the close of the short life of this missionary to the American Indians, he said: "Had I a thousand souls, if they were worth anything, I would give them all to God; but I had nothing to give when all is done... There is nothing in the world worth living for but doing good & finishing God's work, doing the work that Christ did. I see nothing else in the world that can yield any satisfaction besides living for God, pleasing Him, & doing His whole will. My greatest joy & comfort has been, to do something for promoting the interest of religion & the souls of particular persons; & now, in my illness, while I am full of pain & distress from day to day, all the comfort I have is in being able to do some small piece of work for God, either by something I say, or by writing, or some other way." (Taken from 'The Gospel Standard')

**Rules of Life – by Adoniram Judson**  
Be diligent in prayer every morning & evening!  
Never spend a moment in mere idleness!  
Restrain your natural appetites within the bounds of temperance – avoid self indulgence!  
Overcome every temptation to anger or ill will!  
Undertake nothing from selfish motives or personal ambition!  
Never intentionally do anything that displeases the Lord or grieves the Holy Spirit!  
Seek opportunities of making sacrifices for the good of others!

**What is more important to YOU?**  
Studying the Scriptures OR studying for university?  
Church OR work?  
The Lord's will OR your parents' will?  
Achievements for God OR Achievements for yourself/others?  
Living for God OR living for the world?

**For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**  
1 Cor 9v16

### Oaks Community Church!



Well it's all happening! The Oaks Community Church 'rugby shirts' have now been printed including the text 1 Tim 2v5 '**For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**' on the back (see photo). We have also produced the enclosed 'Welcome Leaflet' for the church and had 5000, printed plus some labels advertising the address & time of the service. Now we are in the process of distributing all this material – please pray for us!



Another blessing regarding the church for 2009 is that every Sunday morning, Friday night & one Saturday night each month, has been booked including the deposit of £1140 being paid by two church members (sorry Mr 'Brethren' they ARE 'MEMBERS' – one of them WITHOUT baptism, shock horror!!!) This was a great encouragement to all of us & I am sure the Lord shall continue to bless us as we seek to serve Him in every way we can.

#### Literature Sent Out!

It was very encouraging that Mr & Mrs M. from Co. Antrim ordered another 250 'Life then Eternity!' booklets. They have already had over 350 of these booklets! Please pray for this couple as they try to reach lost souls in Ireland; they're doing a great work!

#### Christians who DON'T keep their word!

2 Cor 5v20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...** What kind of ambassador for the Lord are you if you do NOT keep your word? If you promise something - DO IT; if you say something STAND BY IT! **Keep your word!** One of my 'pet-hates' is someone who says or promises something & DOESN'T DO IT! You represent the Lord & so do I; let us live for Him & please Him in EVERYTHING we do! **Now go & do what you SHOULD!!!**

#### Holland Trip!

Thank the Lord that Donna was able to join me on my recent 6 day business trip to Holland! We were there for the weekend as we were attending one of the Director's wedding reception. We had bought the couple a Bible in 'Dutch' as a gift which they really appreciated! Gerry, who received the Bible, said that they hadn't got a Bible in the house, *how sad!* It doesn't matter what country you're in, there IS a famine of the word of God! Amos 8:11 **Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:** We had also bought a spare 'Dutch' Bible with us to give to anyone else the Lord led us to, & He did! It was to the receptionist at the hotel we were staying in. She received it gladly along with some booklets; in fact without going into it all, it was PERFECT timing! While travelling in taxis around the city we were also able to witness & distribute booklets to the taxi drivers. Overall, it was the best trip we had ever been on overseas, in regard to witnessing & distributing Christian literature. Over 150 tracts & booklets were given out. We also had a great discussion at the evening meal around the dinner table with different people from a number of various countries. It fired us both up!

#### Mark's Testimony!

My brother-in-law Mark has recently become a Christian & is now actively involved in the church & in evangelism. He gave his testimony at the December DG which was extremely encouraging. Now he & his wife Paula (including their little one Darci) are trying to live for the Lord in every area of their lives – please pray for them. I am sure the Lord shall use Mark if he continues to put the Lord Jesus FIRST in his life, above all else, & seek to do His will always. Mark has an incredible voice that God has blessed him with & already he has started to sing for the Lord Jesus. We shall be using his 'gifts' in some of the meetings coming up.

# Oaks Community Church Carol Service!



Three people came from the village of Harvington & the rest were made up by family & friends, some of which were unsaved; however the Lord really blessed our service. The 'Oaks Community Church Team' were all involved either with the reading of the Scriptures, singing, helping in the kitchen, welcoming those that came, giving lifts or transporting the piano! We were amazed how smoothly it all went & thank the Lord Jesus Christ for blessing us. The Gospel was given & two folks



Potential Missionary???

took Bibles! Mark sang a carol & The Lord's Prayer; it is always a blessing to hear him sing! Afterwards we sat around & had some fellowship together over mince pies, cakes etc. tea & coffee!

## December DG!

Barney paid us a visit, which was encouraging. Again the schedule was packed to the 'gunnels' & we made the most of the time we had. Barney was elected to 'Take Your Stand' & handled it very well. Scriptures were read, our lives were challenged & we all went home striving for a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. It was very beneficial!

## Tapes to Africa & India!

We have sent out 4 packages of over 200 cassette tapes of sermons & music to Africa & India. Please pray that these shall save souls & strengthen Christians over there!



Where is the road leading that you are on at present in life? Isn't it time you listened to the Lord & did what He was telling you to do instead of fulfilling your own selfish desires? **For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?** (Mark 8v36) You only have ONE life here on earth; *are you really living for God in all you do?* There are too many worldly & materialistic Christians in the church today! What is your Christian life like? What are your aims & goals FOR THE LORD?

### Some good sayings/quotes...

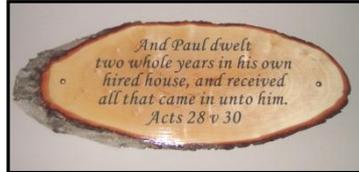
You get your tools ready & the Lord shall find you plenty of work to do!

'Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely & properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act!'

Wesley was once asked how he got the crowds. He replied "I set myself on fire, & the people come to see me burn!"

### 'Cromwell's' Cottage Plaque!

Well the house we have is a 'ministry' house & I thought it was an therefore wanted to on the wall inside the 'investigation' work; got in



were very pleased with the end result! We have named the cottage 'Cromwell's' because after watching the film 'Cromwell' we thought it looked like the kind of house that was around this era (it is a 16<sup>th</sup> century 'listed' cottage). So if you are ever passing & want a coffee just drop in!!!

hired out in Harvington when I read Acts 28v30 I appropriate verse, & somehow, put this verse house. We did a bit of touch with a company &

### Encouragement!

With all the 'emailing & texting' going on these days, letters are becoming fewer; so it's always nice to receive them when they do come in. Recently a brother from Stafford sent us a postcard saying the following... 'I find the TFF Newsletter very informative & look forward to receiving each issue! Thank you for your encouragement brother W.J. Read. Donna & I really do appreciate those of you who write to us, please keep the letters coming!

### Bible Reading!

A French nobleman, Mr De Renty, read the Bible daily for three hours on his knees! Lady Frances Hobart read the Psalms 12 times a year, the NT 3 times a year, & other parts of the OT once! Susannah, countess of Suffolk, for the last seven years of her life, read the Bible twice yearly. Dr Gouge read 15 chapters daily - five in the morning, five after dinner, & five in the evening before bed. Joshua Barnes read a small pocket Bible which he always carried with him, over 120 times. Robert Cotton read the whole Bible through 12 times a year. Mr Romaine studied nothing but the Bible for the last 40 years of his life. Dr Ruckman has read the Bible over 150 times in his lifetime SO FAR! What about you & me? Have you ever read the Bible through from cover-to-cover?

**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** John 17:17

### NIV fits into your life!

Those of you who receive the 'Christian Marketplace' magazine will have seen on the front cover an advertisement for the NIV 2009. The words read thus... '2009 Take a new look at today's NIV. Today's NIV FITS INTO YOUR LIFE!' Now how about that statement! If it were the AV it should have read... 'Today's OLD AV - your life should fit in with it!!!'

### Brainerd's One Desire!

While David Brainerd, one of the most celebrated of our missionaries, was labouring among the poor, benighted Indians on the banks of the Delaware, he once said... "I care not where I live, or what hardships I go through, so that I can but gain souls to Christ. While I am asleep, I dream of these things; as soon as I awake, the first thing I think of is this great work. All my desire is the conversion of sinners, & all my hope is in God." Is there a man in England like this today?

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009!**

To think it was only a short while ago when we were all seeing the '2000-millennium' in - NINE YEARS AGO!!! Quite incredible how fast time has gone isn't it! What have you achieved in those nine years? What have you done for the Lord in those nine years of your life? This last New Year's Eve, Donna, Toy, Dee & I broke bread together, prayed & read Mark chapter 2. 2008 was a fairly good year for us overall, becoming very exciting at the end of October with 'the Church' starting up. We thank God for giving us life & preserving our lives, so we can work for Him!

You wouldn't believe how the Lord looked after us last year; quite amazing!

**January DG!**

Another great meeting that challenged all of us! Mark is increasing in his Bible knowledge & in his confidence; hence, he did well in the 'Take Your Stand!' As usual we covered a lot of ground in 4 hours! If you would be interested in attending a DG meeting let me know!

**During 2008 the DG distributed over 26,000 tracts.**

**God 'Delusion' Debate!**

Recently I watched the debate with Richard Dawkins ('scientist,' author, atheist & FOOL!) v John Lennox (scientist, author & Christian) - Dawkins was outclassed! I would highly recommend this DVD; it is called 'The God Delusion Debate.' It would be a good DVD to purchase & pass around to counteract the 'idiot-books' Dawkins has written stating 'there is no God!' Ps 14v1 **The fool** (*the' Greek for fool is 'Dawkins')* **hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.**

**Hearts of FIRE!**

Zuizendorf said to a Moravian brother at Herrnhut... "Can you go as a missionary to Greenland?" "Yes!" "Can you go tomorrow?" "If the cobbler has finished my shoes I can go tomorrow!" John Wesley said... "If I had three hundred men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, & were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ & Him crucified, I would set the world on fire!"

*What is the fire like in your own heart? What are you zealous for in your life?*

**Prayer Request!**

Please pray for our dear friend Eric Milton & his wife; Eric has recently had a nasty fall & has fractured his right arm! Please pray for Cyril Baker who has undergone an operation of late, may God continually give him strength. Please pray for Tony (BP's husband) to get saved! For Sarah W. as she experiences university & all the temptations that go with it! Pray for souls to be saved; please pray for Oaks Community Church to grow; don't forget to keep praying for our friends in the USA prisons!

**Keep it going brother Ed!**

One of our friends in the USA, brother Ed Morrison, is doing a great work over there in getting the word of God out! Please pray for this ministry. He recently has ordered a lot of tracts from us to distribute. The problem of shipping to the USA is the cost & Ed has spent much money on this, again showing his commitment to the Lord. He recently sent me the following which I thought was good...

**If each saved one won one,  
And each one won, won one,  
What hosts would be won,  
When each one won, had won one!**  
*(Now there is a tongue twister for you Toxy-Loxy!!!)*

How many souls have you won reader for the Lord?  
*Quite a challenge don't you think!*

### **The 10 Most Wanted Men!**

- 1) The man who puts God's business above ANY OTHER business!
- 2) The man who brings his children to church rather than sends them!
- 3) The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets!
- 4) The man who thinks more of his Sunday class than he does his Sunday sleep!
- 5) The man who measures his giving by what he has left rather than by the amount he gives!
- 6) The man who goes to church for Christ's sake rather than for himself or someone else!
- 7) The man who has passion to help rather than to be helped!
- 8) The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others!
- 9) The man who stands firm in his convictions, based on the word of God – a man with BACKBONE!
- 10) **The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning honour!**

### **The Cross**

Mark 8v34 **And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.** Taking up your cross is a choice but it is NOT a compromise, it is an ultimatum! Gal 2v20 **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.** Gal 5v24 **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.** Rom 6v6+16 **Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

*Have you crucified your old life?*

### **Wanted – can you help?**

If any of you have extra copies of 'Mission Praise' (it has a blue cover) that you could spare, please would you send them to us as we need more for the church! We are also looking for extra 'communion-cups!' Any help would be appreciated!

### ***A Rebel Finds Peace!***

*Randy Travis went from drugs & law-breaking to a country singer; finally he has become a Christian! I have read his testimony & listened to his music, some of which is lovely! He says about himself... 'I want to be remembered as a man who tried to learn as much of the word as he could & who lived it! It is great that some people who are in the spot-light become Christians; another one being Glen Campbell. Pray for them that they shall influence the thousands they sing to for the Lord Jesus Christ!*

**And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**

Mark 9v24

### Is it a 'mote' or 'beam?'

Luke 6v42 **Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.**

The majority of complaints I receive regarding our booklet 'It's Your Choice!' is due to the fact that on page 7, my wife Donna, is wearing 'trousers!!!' Now Christians (predominantly from the Brethren 'assemblies') seem to MAJOR on this 'minor' – it's like a 'little-pet-doctrine' for them! They continually go on about men & women should look different (& I agree with that to a certain degree) – they run to the OT Scripture Deut 22v5 **The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God. But they forget that men wore 'skirts!!!'** – Deut 22v30 **A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.** Deut 27v20 **Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.** Ruth 3v9 **And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.** 1 Sam 24v4 **And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.** 1 Sam 24v5 **And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt** Hag 2v12 **If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.** What about the Scottish & their 'kilts???' (*Kilt – a knee-length skirt of pleated tartan cloth, traditionally worn by men as part of Scottish Highland dress*) So where does it say IN THE NEW TESTAMENT that a woman CAN'T wear trousers? Where does it reaffirm Deut 22v5 in the NT???. This is where the 'Brethren' seem to put tradition OVER & above the word of God! I'm NOT interested in opinion; I want to KNOW what the Scriptures SAY about the matter! Now I'm not going any further than this HERE in 'TfT News!' But if you do want me to pursue this topic, write to me! While you are pondering the 'trouser' issue think about the 'Sabbath' issue! Should we keep the Sabbath? Was that reaffirmed in the NT???. That'll get you thinking & studying!!! (2 Tim 2v15) Let me know what you come up with!

### Evolution is for Idiots – with a capital 'I'

**This is the evolutionary formula for making the universe...**

Nothing + nothing = two elements + time = 94 natural elements + time = all physical laws & a completely structured universe of galaxies, systems, stars, planets & moons orbiting in perfect balance & order!!!!!!

**This is the evolutionary formula for making LIFE...**

Dirt + water = living creatures!!!!!!

Evolutionists theorize that the above two formulas can enable everything about us to make itself – with the exception of man-made things, such as cars or buildings. Complicated things, such as wooden boxes with nails in them, require thought, intelligence & careful workmanship. But everything else about us in nature (such as hummingbirds & the human eye) is declared to be the result of accidental mishaps, random confusion & time!!! You will not even need raw materials to begin with! They make themselves too!!!!!!

**Like I said, 'Idiots!' with a capital 'I'**

**(Get ready for the Darwin year – prepare to be brainwashed!!!)**

## Some verses to use when confronted by the JW Cult!

(Verses in brackets are connected with the PREVIOUS verse!)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear

1 Pet 3v15

- 1) **The Deity of Jesus Christ** – John 1v1, John 5v18, John 5v23, John 8v58 (Exo 3v14), John 10v30-33, John 17v5, John 20v28, Heb 1v8, Matt 1v23, Col 2v9 etc.
- 2) **Only Jehovah God is to be worshipped** – Matt 4v10, yet we see Jesus being worshipped & accepting it – Matt 8v2, Matt 9v18, Matt 14v33, Matt 15v25, Matt 28v9+17, Heb 1v6.
- 3) **Jehovah God alone created the world** – Isa 44v24, yet we see that Jesus created all things – John 1v3+10, Col 1v16+17
- 4) **We were told that Jehovah God would come Himself to be our Saviour** – Isa 35v4 (Isa 45v21) – yet the Apostles who wrote the NT always spoke of Jesus Christ as being the Saviour – Luke 2v11, John 4v42, Titus 1v4
- 5) **The Doctrine of the Trinity** – Luke 1v35, Matt 3v16+17, Acts 3v26 (John 2v19-21, Rom 8v11), Ps 100v3 (Neh 9v6, John 1v3, Col 1v16+17, Job 33v4, Job 26v13, Gen 1v2), Ps 93v2 (Mic 5v2, Isa 9v6, Heb 9v14), 2 Tim 3v16 (1 Pet 1v10, 2 Pet 1v21), 1 Cor 8v6 (John 6v27, John 1v1, John 20v28, Heb 1v8, Acts 5v3+4)
- 6) **BODILY resurrection of Jesus Christ** – John 2v19-21, John 20v27, Luke 24v36-40
- 7) **Existence of HELL** – Matt 5v22, Matt 10v28, Matt 13v42, Matt 25v46, Matt 26v24, Rev 20v15, Isa 66v24, Luke 16v20-25 (Parables NEVER use 'proper' names!!!)
- 8) **Existence of the soul** – 1 Cor 6v20, Matt 10v28, Acts 7v59, John 19v30, Matt 26v38, Gen 2v7
- 9) **Infinite atonement of Christ** – Eph 2v8+9, Titus 3v4-6, Acts 4v12, John 3v16-18, 2 Cor 5v21, Heb 9v28

I really don't know why you bother Barney?



## Boxing Day Defeat!

Beating Barney at tennis & table tennis ended the year of 2008 off nicely! In fact, it was more a 'hammering' than a beating; IN FACT, it was the closest thing to the Jehovah's Witness doctrine of 'annihilation' you could find!!! Tennis ended up 3-0 & Table tennis ended up 11-2 (yes they are the correct figures!) You see, this isn't really a sporting occasion it's a 'counselling' one! I've now been 'counselling' Barney regarding his 'losing attitude' for round about 20 years; don't get me wrong, I have seen *some* improvement considering all the effort I've put in. You could say he is coming along quite nicely & hopefully in 2009 he shall rise above this competitive 'spirit!' He's a great guy really, BUT I DO love beating him SO MUCH!!! Maybe it's me that needs the 'counselling???' Whatever!

But it feels just beautiful!!!!!!

### Even the apostles didn't 'fully' UNDERSTAND the Lord's will!

Now if you LOVE the Scriptures you will look up every verse here & read them in their context & see for yourself how the apostles & followers of the Lord Jesus Christ couldn't grasp the FULL understanding of His work on earth & the reason why He came, even after telling them what was GOING to happen!

Mat 16v21-23; Mat 17v22-23; Mat 20v17-19; Mark 8v31-33; Mark 9v31+32; Mark 10v32-34; Luke 9v22; Luke 18v31-34; Luke 24v4-11; John 20v9 - **Important** – Read also 1 Pet 1v10-12, Eph 3v5, Col 1v24-28, Rom 16v25+26, 1 Cor 2v7-10, John 13v36, John 14v5, Eph 5v32, Eph 6v19.

### **Darci's Dedication! – (Some of the sermon preached...)**

Mark & Paula want to dedicate their daughter **Darci Dorothy Hull** unto the Lord Jesus Christ! Now that is quite a thing to do in this day & age isn't it! They are stating that they want their child to be brought up under the instruction, love & admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ - Eph 6v4 **And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**

Now you either give your child to the world OR you give your child to the Lord - there isn't really any 'middle' ground! The Bible says in Prov 22v6 **Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.** So YOUR responsibility, (NOT the government or the schools!), YOUR responsibility is to TRAIN up a child or at least start him off on the right path! (Prov 29v15)

In James 1v17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.** You see their child is a GIFT from God; therefore Mark & Paula want to dedicate their child UNTO THE LORD.

So straight away we all should give thanks to God, who is the Author & Giver of LIFE, for the creation & birth of this child - it is a miracle! *Have you ever stopped & thought about the miracle of childbirth?...Ps 139v13+14* **For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.** Ecc 11v5 **As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.** During those nine months of carrying a baby it grows & develops until it is formed! Now I just don't understand that! It's a miracle! Isa 44v2 **Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb...** (Ps 22v9+10)

Mark 9v35-37 **And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.** Mark 10v14-16 **But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.** Jesus loved children!

Deut 6v4-7 **Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.** NOTE:- they were to teach the children the word of God! Note also that they were to talk about the word of God at home, while travelling, at night before bed & in the morning - in other words ALL THE TIME! We are told to saturate ourselves IN the word of God! What your heart is full of, YOU WILL SPEAK - *did you get that?* Prov 4v23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.** I wonder what your heart is FULL of today? 1 Pet 2v2 **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:** Teach the young ones, give them the sincere milk of the word & then when they are older & more mature you can move them onto the strong meat! Many Christians DON'T get to that stage, they ONLY stay on milk! Listen to the

following verses...Heb 5v12+13 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of **milk**, and **not of strong meat**. For every one that useth **milk** is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a **babe**. When it comes to the word of God are you a mature Christian or are you still a 'babe' unskilful in the word? 1 Cor 3v1+2 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto **babes** in Christ. I have fed you with **milk**, and not with **meat**: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Ps 127v1-5 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, **children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward**. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. **Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:**

So what is a 'dedication' service? What does it mean to 'dedicate' someone or something? Well in the 'Manual for Ministers' or was it the Haynes manual on how to fix an EVO, I forget!!!- there is a manual for 'everything' these days! (It was lent to me by Pastor David Baker) it says this...**Infant Dedication** - This service indicates the intention of parents to bring up their child in the Christian faith & formally acknowledges that this will be possible only by the grace of God & with the help of 'the church' etc. etc. It goes on to say in point 2 that if one of the parents is not a Christian, the minister should verify that he or she is willing for the child to be brought up IN the Christian faith etc. etc. **I thank the Lord that BOTH Mark & Paula are Christians - they are in unity on this issue!**

**Dedicate** - to separate, hallow, or make anew. **Dedicate** - to vow, promise, devote. To set apart and consecrate to a divine Being; to appropriate solemnly (*with gravity and religious reverence; seriousness*) to any person or purpose; to give wholly or chiefly to! The ministers of the gospel dedicate themselves, their time and their studies, to the service of Christ. Many people 'dedicate' their lives to certain things... sport, entertainment, holidays, making money etc - *what have you dedicated your life to?*

**Dedication** - the act of consecrating to a divine Being, or to a sacred use, often with religious solemnities; solemn appropriation; as the dedication of Solomon's temple. The act of devoting or giving to! **Dedication** - a religious ceremony by which any **person**, place or thing was devoted to a holy purpose! Exo 22v29 **Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors** (liquid or fluid substance): **the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.**

Mark & Paula are offering /dedicating Darci to the Lord for His love & protection & there is no better or safer place, than when the Lord is looking after you!

1 Sam 1v11 **And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.** Hannah gave her son to the Lord! Exo 13v2 **Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.** God created Adam, Eve, you & I & little Darci - that is why we give our BEST back unto the Lord for His keeping & protection. Donna & I have no children of our own (*except two who continually follow us everywhere we go!!!*), but if we did, we would give our 'BOY' back to the Lord & from day one, we would read the Scriptures to him & bring him up in the instruction of the Lord. I am sure Mark & Paula will do the same! There is a saying which says 'I cut my teeth on...' i.e.

teething! Well Darci shall cut her teeth on the AV – *now that's what I call teething!* (You can't do that on an NIV you know, it's got no edge to it!!!) **And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** 2 Tim 3v15 – it is imperative that you teach your children THE SCRIPTURES – hear that 'mums & dads!' Prov 3v9 **Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:** Now by dedicating your child unto the Lord you are really saying or stating that you want the Lord to lead, guide & bless the child in everything they do. It also means that you want God's will for the child above all else; even above the parents' will – *that is quite a promise to make!* You see some parents want their children to become successful IN THE WORLD i.e. career, plenty of money, nice house, etc. etc. I have met hardly anyone who would be pleased to allow their child to become a missionary for the Lord! Imagine if your child came home from school one day & said "Mum, dad, I don't want to go to university, I want to take the Gospel to Africa!" I wonder what your response would be?... "Well Dear, what ever the Lord has called you to!" OR would it be "Well Dear, as long as you are living under MY roof, eating MY food, using MY electricity, spending MY money, YOU shall obey MY rules & that is university young lady!!!" Makes you think *don't* it!!! I mean if you are going to dedicate your child unto the Lord you are really saying **THY WILL BE DONE** for **OUR** child! Do you *really* mean it? Listen to this... regarding the missionary David Brainerd (who died at 29 years of age)... **"There is nothing in the world worth living for but doing good & finishing God's work, doing the work that Christ did. I see nothing else in the world that can yield any satisfaction besides living to God, pleasing Him, & doing His whole will..."** So the word 'dedication' is a very strong statement! Remember that! It is NOT something you do lightly! Of course, when Darci is older (If the Rapture hasn't happened first) she will have to make her own mind up & decide WHAT & WHO she is going to dedicate her life to – Mark & Paula have 'the say' NOW, but there shall come a time when Darci shall decide out of her own FREE WILL!!! Prov 22v6 **Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.** Until then Mark & Paula have 'the say' & they have decided to dedicate **Darci Dorothy Hull** unto the Lord...



**'Teachable teens; tireless twenties; thriving thirties, fiery forties; failing fifties; sickly sixties; senile seventies; aching eighties; deathly nineties; the sod; (piece of turf i.e. the ground!!!) – GOD!!!'**

**If that Book (AV 1611) can't keep you...**

You cannot legislate morals. People are people – you cannot regiment human nature. Human nature is a mess. Consequently, you have to count on the preached word of God (that's spiritual power) & prayer (that's spiritual power) to keep a congregation right! If that Book (AV 1611) can't keep you right, NOTHING can! If you won't listen to God... what more can be said or done – *the handwriting is on the wall!* You, yourself, as an individual have to deal with God & live your own life. You are going to have to die by yourself, & there isn't anybody who can step into your shoes for the way you have lived.

**What kind of Christian are you?**

**The trouble with telling a good story is that it always reminds the other guy of a dull one!!!**

## Love NOT the world!

Most Christians I know do LOVE this world; they are certainly too 'worldly' for any 'spiritual' good - they LOVE the world TOO MUCH!!! Webster's Dictionary says the following in regard to the world...

**WORLD** - A secular life. By the world we sometimes understand the things of this world, its pleasures and interests. A great part of mankind are more anxious to enjoy the world than secure divine favour. The carnal state or corruption of the earth; as the present evil world; the course of this world; the ungodly part of the world.

**WORLDLINESS** - A predominant passion for obtaining the good things of this life; covetousness; addictedness to gain and temporal enjoyments.

**WORLDLING** - A person whose soul is set upon gaining temporal possessions; one devoted to this world and its enjoyments. If we consider the expectations of futurity, the worldling gives up the argument.

**WORLDLY** - Secular; temporal; pertaining to this world or life, in contradistinction to the life to come; as worldly pleasures; worldly affairs; worldly estate; worldly honor; worldly lusts. Titus 2. Devoted to this life and its enjoyments; bent on gain; as a worldly man; a worldly mind.

**WORLDLY-MINDED** - Devoted to the acquisition of property and to temporal enjoyments.

**WORLDLY-MINDEDNESS** - A predominating love and pursuit of this worlds goods, to the exclusion of piety and attention to spiritual concerns.

So that is what the 'dictionary' says BUT what about the Scriptures; what do they say?

**Love not the world,  
neither the things that are in the world.  
If any man love the world,  
the love of the Father is not in him.**

1 John 2v15

### WHY? What is wrong with this world?

Phil 2v15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, **in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation**, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Mark 8v38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words **in this adulterous and sinful generation**; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Acts 2v40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from **this untoward generation**.

Luke 9v41 And Jesus answering said, **O faithless and perverse generation**, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

Gal 1v4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this **present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father:

1 John 5v19 And we know that we are of God, **and the whole world lieth in wickedness**.

John 17v14-17 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because **they are not of the world**, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest **keep them from the evil**. **They are not of the world**, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth**.

John 17v9 I pray for them: **I pray not for the world**.

## The Rapture & Second Coming (2<sup>nd</sup>) of Christ are Two SEPARATE events!

A key factor in understanding the pretribulational Rapture revolves around the fact that two future comings of Christ are presented! The 1<sup>st</sup> Coming is the catching up into the clouds the church BEFORE the 7 year Tribulation, & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming occurs at the end of the Tribulation when Christ returns to Earth to begin His 1000 year kingdom. The Rapture is clearly presented in 1 Thes 4v13-18. In v17 we read... **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** The Rapture (1<sup>st</sup> Coming) is Christ coming **FOR** His church (see also 1 Cor 15v51+52); the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is Christ coming **WITH** His church, descending from Heaven to establish His earthly kingdom (Zech 14v4+5, Matt 24v27-31 etc.)

### RAPTURE PASSAGES

### SECOND COMING PASSAGES

John 14v1-3	2 Tim 4v1+8	Dan 2v44+45	2 Thes 1v6-10
Rom 8v19	Titus 2v13	Dan 7v9-14	2 Thes 2v8
1 Cor 1v7+8	Heb 9v28	Dan 12v1-3	1 Pet 4v12+13
1 Cor 15v51-53	James 5v7-9	Zech 12v10	2 Pet 3v1-14
1 Cor 16v22	1 Pet 1v7+13	Zech 14v1-15	Jude 14+15
Phil 3v20+21	1 Pet 5v4	Matt 13v41	Rev 1v7
Phil 4v5	1 John 2v28-3v2	Matt 24v15-31	Rev 19v11-20v6
Col 3v4	Jude 21	Matt 26v64	Rev 22v7+12+20
1 Thes 1v10	Rev 2v25	Mark 13v14-27	
1 Thes 2v19	Rev 3v10	Mark 14v62	
1 Thes 4v13-18		Luke 21v25-28	
1 Thes 5v9+23		Acts 1v9-11	
2 Thes 2v1+3		Acts 3v19-21	
1 Tim 6v14		1 Thes 3v13	

### RAPTURE

### SECOND COMING

#### Translation

#### Establishment of Kingdom

1) Translation of all believers	1) No translation at all
2) Translated saints go to Heaven	2) Translated saints return to earth
3) Earth not judged	3) Earth judged & righteousness established
4) Imminent, any-moment, sign-less	4) Follows definite predicted signs inc. 'T'
5) Believers only	5) Affects all men
6) Before the Day of Wrath	6) Concludes the Day of wrath
7) No reference to Satan	7) Satan bound
8) Christ comes FOR His own	8) Christ comes WITH His own
9) Christ comes in the air	9) Christ comes to the Earth
10) He claims His Bride	10) He comes WITH His Bride
11) Only His own see Him	11) Every eye shall see Him
12) Tribulation ('T') begins	12) Millennial Kingdom begins

Paul speaks of the Rapture as a 'mystery' (1 Cor 15v51-54); that is a truth NOT revealed until the disclosure by the apostles (Col 1v26); making it a separate event, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming was predicted in the OT (Dan 12v1-3, Zech 12v10, Zech 14v4).

## ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE?

## Oaks Community Church Leaflet Distribution!

Well on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January LaToya, Dionne, Donna & I delivered over 500 church 'welcome-leaflets.' We decided not only to distribute them to houses surrounding the church & nearby villages, but to approach other places. It was very encouraging that local hotels said they would display them, as they are often asked by those visiting where the local churches are. We were also given permission to leave some leaflets in 'Nero's coffee bar,' Tchibo, Costa & a tea room. A number of hair-dressers also accepted them (*these are good places to leave some as often conversations are struck up about local 'stuff!'*); when passing we also dropped some off in phone boxes. The Kidderminster library, main post office staff room, (*they are not allowed to display leaflets in the Post Office itself!*) & Kidderminster Leisure

Centre. Morrison's & CO-OP Supermarket put them on their 'notice board', a number of newsagents allowed us to display them in their windows (some free of charge others we had to pay up to 50p a week) etc. It was a great day & we were very encouraged by the responses we received! I only had one bad response from a guy in Harvington village itself, he said that he didn't want any more of our literature posted through his door! He said 'Oaks Community Centre' is a 'community centre' & NOT a church!!! He was very aggressive in his attitude especially when I asked him if he believed in God? - Very sad!

Mark & Paula the following week also distributed over 550 of these leaflets around the local area, including extra hotels, museums & B&B's!

### **It means NOTHING to you; or does it?**

There are still thousands of children across Cambodia working on the streets. Hundreds of them are found every day at the large dump on the outskirts of Phnom Penh. A visitor from the US describes what she saw... *'We just got back from a very disturbing & eye opening visit to the dump. Imagine that dump with people; naked children playing with broken glass, pregnant women carry bags of trash, men drinking water through a small hole in a plastic bag, a family sifting through layers of dirt mixed with mouldy food, flies & yesterdays newspapers, houses on stilts resting on the rim of this smoking pile with children running barefoot. If you can imagine that, then you only have the slightest idea of what life is like. Those people live in the dump, every day waking up & going to that pile, searching for things they can sell. There is no picture that can capture the powerful faces that look up at you when you have a nice camera in your hand & you're just staring at them through a lens. I'm about to go to eat a nice meal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time today, & those people probably won't even eat a decent piece of fruit; it will probably be on a mound of trash & covered with flies. There are so many images from Cambodia that will stick with me for a long time, but what I saw today will never fade.'* Keep praying for the street children of Cambodia & for the Bridge of Hope Team as they show Christ's love to these children – taken from Intercessors Worldwide Newsletter (Source: T. Paton, WEC Cambodia) *How many times have you eaten TODAY? What are you spending your money on this month? Have you thought about sending a gift to help a missionary???* James 2v15-17 **If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.** 1 John 3v17+18 **But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.** Luke 3v11 **He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.**

### **'Dear Friend' Letter!**

We are thinking of using the following letter (or something similar) in our outreach; we would appreciate any comments you may have 'good or BAD!!!' Please drop us a line & let us know your thoughts... *'Dear Friend, I am writing to you because this world is in a mess and nobody really seems to have any of the answers or solutions to the problems we all face, however the Bible does. The further we walk away from the Lord Jesus Christ the worse things become. The majority of people in this world have turned their back upon God and want nothing to do with Him, yet He is the ONLY one who can help us. You may not agree but the main cause of ALL the world's problems is SIN i.e. man's rebellion towards God! God saw us in our sin and sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to earth to take our sins upon Himself and die in our place facing the wrath and judgement of God for you and me – that is how much Jesus loved you. Three days later He conquered sin and death by His resurrection. My friend, both you and I are sinners; we have rebelled against God not only in the things we have done, but also in our thoughts and our words. We have even used His most Holy and Precious name as a swear word at times. You and I need to repent of our sins and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us and save us from Hell. He really does love us and wants to save us from this terrible place. He will not force us - we must commit our lives to Him willingly. Have you asked God to forgive you of all your sins? Why not do it NOW before it's too late? I have written this letter to thousands of people hoping that they too shall repent of their sins and turn to God. This world continues to turn its back upon God; schools no longer teach the children the Scriptures (the Bible) and most parents NEVER read or teach the Bible to their children at home. The results become obvious when we look around and see the state our world is in. Take God out of your life and you have no hope! Time is running out before the Lord Jesus Christ RETURNS – He is coming back to collect the ones who have put their faith and trust in Him for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not saved when He comes, you shall be left behind to face the awful judgement of God upon this world that has turned its back upon Him. Please read the following Scriptures from the Bible and think upon them. Your eternal destiny of either Heaven or Hell (there is no such thing as purgatory) is determined on whether you have asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins, FROM YOUR HEART! Religion cannot save you, governments cannot save you, money cannot save you... ONLY Jesus Christ can! Romans 10v9 **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.** Romans 6v23 **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.** Acts 13v38 **Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Ephesians 1v7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;** Jude 1v14-18+21+24+25 **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.** I hope and pray that this letter will cause you to stop and think about your eternal destiny. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or comments please write to me at the above address, it would be great to hear from you. I would also like to offer you some free literature that will help you to answer any other questions that you may have. All you have to do is write and request it. **John Davis - Time for Truth!** Once we have finalised this letter, we shall start printing & distributing it in batches of one hundreds; therefore I would really appreciate ANY comments to improve it! If you like it & would like to use it yourselves but with your address on it rather than ours please do so!***

**The 'CULT' of being a Bible Believer!!!**

Boy oh boy, it just gets worse! One day, soon, Bible Believers shall be classed as a cult! Already since setting up Oaks Community Church, one family in particular (the mother & father of one of our DG members of all people!), has implied that we are a 'cult!' The fact that this woman believes you can lose your salvation is neither here nor there; the fact that she believes that signs & wonders are for today is about par for the course! Now listen, if I said there are 'errors' in the Bible; if I said that we all ought just to 'love one another' & NOT argue over doctrine; if I said that being a worldly, materialistic Christian is permissible in the eyes of God & we ought NOT to preach about sanctification, holiness & living the Christian life 100% ALL OF THE TIME – that would be OK!!! I teach the AV as THE word of God PERFECT! I teach that we ought to live for Jesus Christ 100% in EVERYTHING & that our lives should have HIM at the helm! Now I've started a church, these 'worldly-charismaniac' Christians are calling me a 'cult!' *It is just beautiful isn't it???* You can do & be anything in life & most people will leave you alone, BUT YOU DARE be a Bible Believer & live FOR, & IN that Book, & I tell you this, NEVER turn your back towards a Christian, always stand face on, as you never know what they might try & do...catch-a-my-drift???

Most Christians I know are cowards who DON'T stand for 'anything' – or should I qualify that; they don't stand for anything that is IMPORTANT i.e. the word of God & living a sanctified Christian life!!! I shall continue to preach & teach the word of God until God calls me home – like it or LUMP IT! In fact I'm thinking of calling our Friday night meeting... **Come Under Lots of Teaching!!!** *Sounds great don't it!!!*

**HMP Peterborough!**

We have had a request for our literature plus AV Bibles to be sent to a prisoner incarcerated in HMP Peterborough! The day we received it we packed up a load of tracts, booklets & Bibles & sent them out! Pray that the material will penetrate these lives behind bars! We also added the person to our mailing list.

**Making the BEST out of what you have!**

Folks, apart from 'Oaks Community Church' there is *no other* perfect church!!! (If you believe that, it is time you came off our mailing list!) If you are IN a church at present, STAY THERE until the Lord moves you on. Even though the church has its faults & 'errors,' as long as they are minor ones (i.e. make sure the AV is preached & the Blood of Christ is NOT lost/perished & salvation is by grace through faith & NOT of works etc.) – do the best you can to INPUT & HELP the people around you! DO GOOD where & when you can – don't just up & leave! We spent SEVEN years at Hope Chapel before moving on! Only last week I had a DG member's father ask me if I deliberately 'infiltrated' Hope Chapel to get some 'custom' there seeing as I had now started a church!!! Boy I really do get 'em don't I! Your church isn't perfect & neither is mine; but there is no point in just 'up & leaving' all the time & wandering from one church to another – make the best out of what you have got! I sat through some of the worst preaching I have ever heard when I attended Brierley Hill Church (under Keith Skelton NOT Barney – I would recommend Barney's preaching believe it or not!!!) & I heard some rubbish at Hope Chapel (a lot of rubbish!!!) but I didn't up & leave right away, I fulfilled my duty there & did not go until the Lord saw fit & made it clear to me to leave! When they decided to allow perversions into the pulpit, GOD closed the door for me!!! And now I am accused of 'infiltrating' that church by a man that doesn't attend church – *just plain old beautiful!!!*

So there we have it, 'TfT News!' number 45!!! 2008 GONE!!! January 2009 GONE!!! The Rapture imminent! So many souls to reach – what are you doing to reach them? Let us strive for a closer walk with the Lord asking Him to lead & guide our every decision. *Write soon!* **John & Donna**