

IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER, THE
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On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and Democracy was born. Everyday thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their own American Dream.

The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people. Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with parades, fireworks, barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings. Our forefathers sacrificed their lives so that we may have the opportunities and freedoms that we have today. May we never take these freedoms for granted!

Let's all celebrate as Americans together this Fourth of July.

Happy Birthday, America!

Front Cover of the Business Plan to be submitted to the State of Florida regarding the 640 acres community which will soon be established. It will be a self-sufficient community housing more than 1,250 people in five years. It is projected that it will include: drug addicts, alcoholics, homeless individuals, troubled youth, released juvenile offenders and struggling veterans. Please pray for God's guidance as we finish up this proposal.

God's Place



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A Faith Based Recovery and Growth Community

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Exciting Times!

We are living in troublesome times, that is for sure. But for Christians this can be such a wonderful opportunity for us to reach those who don't know Jesus.

Matthew 25: 31– 46 (KJV) says:

31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
32. And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats:
33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
42. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

How are we reacting to these troublesome times?

We are either sheep or goats!

Please help us reach the truly needy!

How can you tell a sheep from a goat?

A sheep follows.

A goat “but’s.”

I know I ought to ...

Worship regularly ... but!

Serve my Lord ... but!

Give a tenth of my income ... but!

Witness for Christ ... but!

Pray fervently ... but!

Forgive my brother ... but!

Put God first ... but!

When you see all that “but”-ing, you’ve got a goat!!!

Test yourself: Do you have a growing desire to obey God? Are the things, which He asks you to do, not a grievous burden? (That’s a good sign!)

These things are written so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Do you know?

Would you like to make sure?

Has there really ever been such a conversion, or change, within?

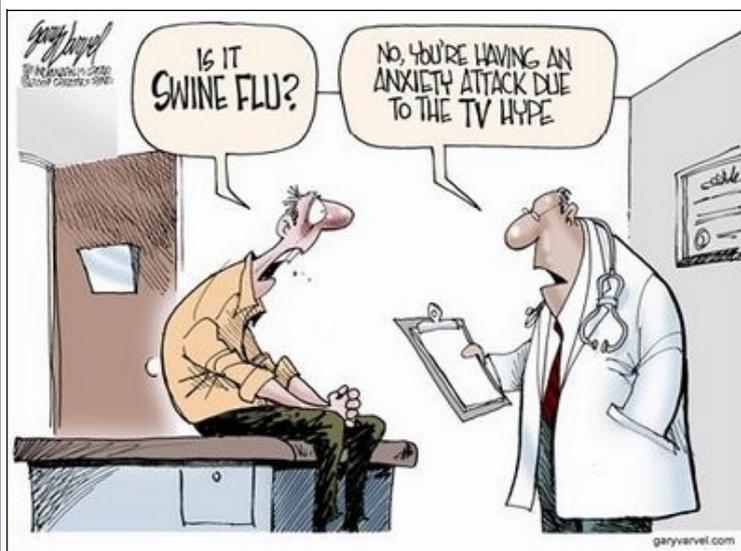
A. **Admit** - you are a sinner. Romans 3:23

B. **Believe** - Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins. I Corinthians 15:3-6

C. **Confess** - your sins for God is faithful to forgive you. I John 1:9 Romans 10:9

By: Pastor James Holbrook (First Baptist Church of Cape Coral)

From: You Can Be Sure Of Your Salvation



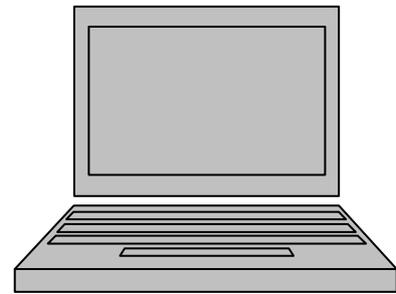
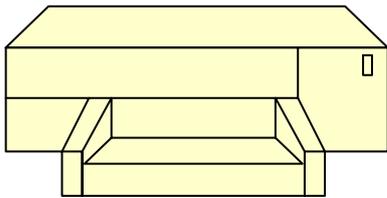
ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"That concludes my presentation on time-tested, sure-fired statements that will stunt church growth. Any Questions?"

LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRY NEEDS:

- NEW OR LATE MODEL MINIVAN
- CELL PHONE
- 2 FLAT PANEL COMPUTER MONITORS
- LAPTOP COMPUTER - REASONABLY FAST AND GOOD SPEED
- FILE FOLDER HANGERS (PENDAFLEX)
- COLOR PRINTER
- INK CARTRIDGES - HP 96, HP 97
- POSTAGE STAMPS



Van Wells has had a desire to minister to the families that live in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Mission trips are an excellent way to experience God's Love as you witness to the people the love of God?

Van Wells, a former director of LCM, has recently returned to the Dominican Republic to continue working and witnessing those people in need. Van says, "The only true way to get to know people in a third world culture is to spend some quality time with them."

Please keep him and all to whom he ministers to in your prayers. LCM needs your prayers also as we are in need of a director who will fill Van's position as Director Of Stand In The Gap, a ministry helping homeless people find Christ as their Savior.



Van Wells With Some Santiago Children

“THE CHURCH” by Monte

Here are some good reasons why we withdraw from others and build walls around ourselves. Below is a list. Check off or circle the ones that apply to you:

- A. Fear of what others will think.
- B. Fear that others will find our weaknesses.
- C. Memories of betrayed confidences.
- D. Memories of old hurts.
- E. Inability to trust others.
- F. Fear of being “used” by others.
- G. Fear of loss of power, of control over turf.
- H. Need for privacy

Some of the ways in which we build walls to hide behind are:

- A. Gaining material possessions.
- B. Attaining physical superiority over others.
- C. Threatening others.
- D. Faking....conniving.
- E. Collecting friends with power, influence.
- F. The know-it-all.
 - 1. Law.
 - 2. Institutional regulations.
 - 3. Scripture.
 - 4. The System.
- G. Withdrawal. The lone wolf, avoiding any real intimacy with others, and maintaining, “I don’t need **anybody**”

Hebrews 10:23-25 (KJV)

23. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

Before my mother passed away in the hospital from leukemia, my brother and I would stay with her in shifts. Late one night, on one of my shifts, I heard an elderly male voice crying out for help.

My mother was asleep, without pain, which was very unusual in itself. So I went out into the hall to see if I could find someone. There was no one around, so I went to investigate, to see where the call was coming from and why.

I found an old man, across the hall from my mother's room who was not in very good shape. He was yelling for someone to come in there. I went to see if I could find someone to help him. I went to the nurse's station; no one was there. I then went back to his room. When I went in I could see the desperation on his face. I walked over to his bed, sat on the edge of his bed, and held his hand. I pushed the call light button, then I asked him if I could be of any help and just that fast, he took his last breath and died.

This man had neither family nor friends no one there for him; he died holding a stranger's (my) hand. He had a very odd look on his face when he took his last breath and slipped away. I then closed his eyes.

I was still holding his hand when a nurse came in, and accusingly asked me, "What are you doing in here?" That's when I realized that I shouldn't have been in his room, but I recovered by saying, "This man was calling out, so I came in to him. He didn't want to die alone." I was brave while I was in that room, but as soon as I left, I went down the hall, sat on a gurney and wept.

No one else on the floor heard his cries but me. I am glad that I was there for him and I hope that he was ready to meet GOD.

For several hours I stood in my mother's hospital doorway to see if any family or friends would be coming up for the old man. No one came, except the hospital staff, who rolled him out in a body bag, several hours later.

I wish I had had more time with the old man before he died. I wanted to know if he knew our Lord as his Savior; if he had a wife and/or any children; what he did for a living; and I wanted some time to pray for him. The Lord only gave us enough time to feel each other's touch.

Question; When do we take time to touch someone's life? *Are we going to wait until they are on their death bed?*

In the Presence of our LORD,

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers. *The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon HIM in truth.* Psalm 145:18 (NKJV).

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need. (Psalm 55:22)

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the glory!