

Happy Father's Day!

We thank God for:

Great Balls of Fire and the Gospel of Christ by Edie Jones

She had been hosting a birthday party when the skies turned dark, promising rain and threatening a storm. "Children, come on to the porch," mother called. The little party guests took refuge on the covered porch and mother went inside to get the cake. Suddenly the children were all yelling and calling to her. She ran back to the porch and that's when she saw it. Two or three balls of fire floated in the air about eight feet off the ground. They darted toward each other and then away. They floated and danced for several seconds before disappearing and leaving their audience to wonder what they had seen.

My mom told me that story when I went to high school. It had happened to her twenty years earlier. She hoped I would someday learn about what she had seen. She had not told others about it because she feared she would not be believed. After all, it sounded so strange.

Years later I learned that the phenomenon she described was called ball lightning. According to one a statistical analysis, only about five percent of the world's population has reported seeing it. They suspect many may not have report it because it's so unbelievable.

Why is it so hard to tell people about something you know

is true, when you know they may not believe? Try telling the message of the gospel to someone who has never heard of Christ. Most of them will look at you like you're crazy. The Bible confirms it. 1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV) says "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Of course we should all study to show ourselves approved and able to rightly divide the word of truth, but don't forget this one important thing. No matter how eloquent you are, no matter how well you can explain or attempt to convince, it is ultimately God and God alone who saves. As 1 Corinthians 3:5-7 puts it, *Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*

Mother was probably right to keep quiet about her experience but in matters of Christianity the going and telling is up to you but the making of new believers –well, that is all up to God.

Congratulations Graduates!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



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Lie Like a Rug

by Bill Powell

While I was growing up everyone knew the story of George Washington being asked who chopped down the cherry tree and his reply, "I can not tell a lie; I did it." We kids were always quick to have another version, "I cannot tell a lie.... he did it!" What happened to truth? It just doesn't seem to play a prominent role in our society these days. "The politicians lie like a rug," as we use to say as kids. They will say what people want to hear not what they truly think. Isn't that lying? *John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. (NKJV)* If you tell someone you are going to do something and you don't, isn't that lying? What about the old expression "say what you mean and mean what you say?" *Thou shalt not lie* is part

of the Lord's inexorable truth. *John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth (NKJV).* The word "sanctify" means to set apart for holy purposes and truth is only what God Himself determines and is revealed in the Bible. Truth is not predicated on whether you believe it to be so as the common philosophy today of *your truth is your truth* and my truth is my truth. As our society strives to eradicate God, little do they know that God's existence is not contingent on whether we believe or not. The Lord is, always was and always will be. The Lord has set in motion the way we should live as outlined in His word and it is our purpose here at The Cornerstone, to provide programming from the truth of God's word to a world

that seems to have lost its way. We need to bring back truth. James 5:19-20 (NKJV) *Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.*

Christianity just doesn't seem to have the popularity it once had but its message is timeless because Jesus is the Alpha and Omega and will always be what we need. He is the way, the truth and the life. Together, we are bringing the truth of God's word to Volusia and Flagler counties. Popular or not, what could be more fulfilling and satisfying? Thanks for your prayers and financial support.



Father's day is June 15th



The greatest gift I ever received came from God, I call him Dad!
– Anonymous

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. – Charles Wadsworth

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father! – Lydia M. Child

One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son thinks I am. – Anonymous



Congratulations to Our Winners in the Family Life Weekend to Remember

For over thirty years *Weekend to Remember* marriage conferences have been helping couples create the kind of memories that build a healthy marriage. The Cornerstone was happy to present free conference tickets to six couples and a grand prize hotel stay with tickets to the grand prize winning couple.

2008 Weekend to Remember Winners

Reggie & Lori Harris of Gainesville
Wayne & Andrea of Palm Coast
Yamira & Jorge of Deltona

Josiah & Cheryl of South Daytona
Jeanette & Jason of Port Orange
Mitch & Lisa of Port Orange

2008 Weekend to Remember GRAND PRIZE Winner

John & Lori of Palm Coast

You're Not Alone by Carla Intriago

Recently I had the privilege of speaking at a Ladies Tea Social at my church. I will let you in on a little secret. I was super nervous about doing this. Speaking in front of people is not what I call a fun time. I'm not good at it and never claimed to be. I know what you are thinking- *You just said it was a privilege!* Well, it was, because isn't that just like God to move us out of our "comfort zone?" Oh, believe me; I tried to come up with all kinds of excuses why I didn't want to do it. My big excuse was *I don't like to talk in front of people; it's not my thing.* However, my husband kept saying, "It's not about you or what you are comfortable with but what is it that God is trying to do through you?" Ouch!

You know, he was so right! So before calling back to say I would do it, I prayed about it to see if this was truly something God wanted me to do. I really felt that it was, so I agreed to do it. Then I began to pray for God to reveal what He wanted me to say. I even asked some of the ladies at church and my friends to pray for me.

That first night after I agreed to do it, I was up all night thinking about it. What was I going to say? Why on earth did I agree to do this? Me, Chicken Little, speaking in front of people! Around 2 am, after several hours of tossing and turning, moaning

and groaning, I started praying. I asked God to calm my nerves and to give me the words that He wanted me to say, not what I thought I should say. I immediately felt His peace and words started coming together. I was so relieved and thrilled! The next day I started putting those thoughts down on paper. Isn't it amazing how things work out when you let God do His work in and through you?

I got my little speech all written out and was ready to do it. However, it didn't end there! The very night I was to speak, my flesh got in the way again. I started asking myself...what was I thinking when I said I would do this? Can't I just call them and say I got laryngitis? No, wait...have my husband call them to say I have laryngitis because if I had laryngitis, I couldn't talk right?! Here it was, the wee hours in the morning again and I was worried about something I know the Lord had laid on my heart to do and say. Back into prayer I went again. Then three simple words came to mind; "you're not alone." I know I had heard those words recently and thought it must be a song I heard on our station. Nevertheless, it was the calmness I needed to fall back to sleep. Again, He reminded me of my husband's words...it's not about me but about what God wants to do through me.

The next morning when I got up, I

tried to find the words in lyrics and just about drove myself crazy trying to find where I might have heard them but I never could find anything. I went to the tea social on that Saturday and it wasn't until the following Monday during our morning meeting when they were talking about this new song we have just begun to play on the air. Then they said the title "You're Not Alone" by Meredith Andrews. I just smiled to myself and thought that is such a God thing! I don't need to know everything about why things happen. I just need to trust in Him and know He is right there with me. I'm not alone in anything that He gives me to do. Here are a few words from that song...*You're not alone, For I am here, let me wipe away your every fear. My love I've never left your side, I have seen you through the darkest night, and I'm the one who's loved you all your life, all of your life.*

If you are facing something in your life that is scary, like I was, whether it is something little like mine or something huge, let these words penetrate your heart and remember you're not alone... not ever!

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Music With a Message by Chris Johnson

Every little boy should have the privilege of growing up in the wild country. I'm sure some would take exception to that statement and that's okay.

Summer is here and that brings to mind many great memories of hot days filled with hours of play back home. I grew up outside a little town called Branford in northern Florida. Our closest neighbors were a good walk through the woods at least half a mile away. My brother and I would wake up in the morning, eat our breakfast and then it was off to play. Sometimes we would walk to our fishing hole and spend the day like Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. We'd drag our canoe into the water and fish for hours reeling in big bass and always searching for the three monster catfish whose shadows looked like that of great white shark to twelve and nine year old boys. On the days we weren't fishing, we'd sharpen up our Old Timer® knives and off we would go to build a fort of tree branches complete with a green fern roof. The trick to building a great fort was finding the right branches so we would scope the territory and when we found the right ones my little brother Micah would shimmy (that means climb) up the tree and cut the branch down. One day we were busy cutting down branches for our latest project when Micah slipped and slid uncontrollably down the trunk of the tree. He tried to grab hold and stop himself but instead the stubs hanging out of the trunk caught his hand and sliced it wide open. Thankfully mom worked across the street so we were able to quickly get to the doctor

and take care of the cut. The wound healed but there is a scar to ever remind us of that fateful day in the woods.

This reminds me of our relationship to Christ. Our sins cause great wounds that seemingly never leave our memory. For a long time I was frustrated with this reality. I had asked forgiveness from God and was convinced I'd received His grace but the pain of the sin still loomed in the alleyways of my heart. However, I now understand God's purpose for not wiping the memories of our sinfulness away along with the penalty He does erase. The blood of Jesus has made us white as snow and the Father is pleased to be our Father because of the work of His Son. The reason He doesn't take away the memories is because as we look at our past sins through the windows of remorse instead of dwelling on the weight of the sin, we can hold tightly to and rejoice in the truth of Romans 8:1, "that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." According to Isaiah 53 Jesus was "pierced for our transgressions." He has fully and thoroughly cleansed and healed our wounds but the reality is He has left the scar. And Point of Grace puts it best when seeking to explain why, "...to remind us of how merciful You (Jesus) are." My wife Stephanie sings this song and when she does I well up and spill over with tears because of the great truth that no matter how great my sinfulness the mercy of Jesus in forgiving me of my sin causes me to love Him with all my strength and to seek to make much of Him to everyone I know.

Prayer Corner by Sandy Leisner

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love and rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17

Hudson Taylor had some good advice "...Do not have your concern first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all onto harmony with Him."

So often we make our plans and ask God to bless them when in reality we have that backwards. Giving God our first fruits in the morning will most certainly be a blessing. I've been told for many years that an hour in the morning is worth two in the afternoon. That being so... if we seek God first we should have more time in our day to accomplish our "to do list." Our "to do" list at The Cornerstone is unending

but we can trust God to accomplish His plan. Please pray for The Cornerstone staff to be guided by God in the studio renovation to be started soon. Pray that God will continue to go before us in the plans for the power increase. Permits and funding will be needed as well as many details of the construction. Technology has again been improved for receiving the programs and new equipment is being installed. This is something that requires not only 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but every second of that 24/7. Bill shoulders so many responsibilities. Please continue to lift his arms that God will give him strength and wisdom.

