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EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY

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FUTURE MEETINGS

April 3-4, 2006

Canyon Springs
Baptist Church
Apache Junction, AZ
Andy Wirtz—Pastor
(480) 982-6960

June 5-6, 2006

NorthPointe Baptist
Church
Chandler, AZ
Ron Cannel—Pastor
(480) 620-8548

Dear Arizona Brethren,

I would like to invite you down to Tucson, Arizona and Sonrise Baptist Church for the first Arizona Baptist Bible Fellowship meeting of 2006. The meeting will start on Monday night at 7 PM and begin on Tuesday morning with the business meeting at 8 AM with preaching beginning at 9 AM.

Our theme for the meeting is "Exhort One Another Daily" (Heb. 3:13). My desire and the desire of our church is to be an encouragement to each and every one of you. We are planning to have a great time of fellowship, preaching, golfing and food.

We also have a great schedule of preachers for these two days. Monday night we are excited to have our staff evangelist Cliff Lawton challenge and encourage us through the Word of God. He has been a true blessing to me and Sonrise Baptist Church. He also has had several meetings throughout Arizona and will soon be starting a radio ministry here in Tucson. Be sure to attend Monday night and hear from this preacher.

On Tuesday we have a wonderful lineup beginning with Phil Roades. Brother Phil was the assistant pastor to Cliff Lawton while he pastored Milwaukee Baptist Church. Be sure to come and see Brother Phil's heart for the Lord and wonderful music talent. Our second preacher on Tuesday will be Brother Jeff Hartsman. He is a missionary with the

International Board of Jewish Missions. He has a true heart for the lost, especially for those of Israel. Finally, Brother Mike Pinson will finish the day. He is a missionary to the US military. We are so privileged to have these men share the word of God with us. Make plans to be here for both days! Brother Joe Stoppelbein

CONTACT INFORMATION

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GOLF

We will be playing 18 holes at Randolph Golf Course in Tucson. The first tee time is at 9:15 AM and the cost will be \$51 for non-residents and \$41 for residents. Please contact me if you are interested.

DIRECTIONS

When travelling I-10 take exit 260 south onto I-19. Go to exit 95 and turn right onto Valencia Rd. Continue to the 4th stop light and turn right onto Cardinal Ave. Travel one mile to the 4-way stop at Los Reales. Go straight and you will see Sonrise Baptist on your left.

NOTE: The Gem Show is in town and hotel rates are high! If you need a place to stay please contact me. Ron Carter also has some space at his prophet's chamber as well at 520-591-0754.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

ABORTION

Percentage of women who chose an abortion because having a baby "would; change their life (job, school)": 76. Percentage who chose an abortion because of rape or incest: 1.

Family Planning Perspectives, 7-8/88, reported in *MS.*, 4/89.

C. Everett Koop, M.D., formerly the Surgeon General, states that during his 35-plus years of practicing medicine, "Never once did a case come across my practice where abortion was necessary to save a mother's life."

C. Swindoll, *Sanctity of Life, Word*, 1990, p. 23.

In Germany, they first came for the Communists and I did not speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me and by that time, there was no one left to speak up.

Martin Niemoller.

DEAR ARIZONA BRETHREN

I want to thank everyone who attended our meeting in December; our people worked hard, and I believe that God did certainly bless our time together. We are looking forward to meeting together again in just a couple of weeks.

Have you ever noticed that a train never gets lost? While other modes of transportation cannot claim the same (though air travel has gotten better, small planes at times still do get lost or lose their heading). The reason why a train never gets lost is because it simply follows the track that is laid out before them; slow and steady they may be, but they never get lost and they are always headed in the right direction.

I believe this is a good illustration of the Christian life, and especially the pastor's life as he tries to guide the church under the headship of Christ. I also believe that this is a good illustration for our State Fellowship; our fellowship needs to be on track all of the time. To grow a fellowship can, at times, be slow and steady work, but as long as we are following the track that is laid before by the hand of the Living God, we will never get lost, and we will always be heading in the right direction.

The track that is laid before us is the vision of seeing Independent Baptist Churches planted in Arizona, and to see them grow and develop into a thriving congregation that honors Christ in all things. The rest of what we do is profitable in that it keeps the train on track, that is we try to find ways to see God move men to this state. We know the need, I do believe that just about



**AZBBF STATE CHAIRMAN
PASTOR ALFRED MAESE**

every city and county in our state is growing by leaps and bounds. It is necessary that we see more men come and see the need that is set before them. Jeremiah writes, "Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city", Lam. 3:51. I think what we must do is infiltrate Bible Colleges with the need of the state.

One tool in which we can use (that I think has been neglected) is our Bible

College students. What a great resource these men and women can be in recruiting people to our state, but at the same time just maybe we can God call them back to our state as we, by the hand of God, lay the track of church planting in Arizona before them. I am not sure the very best way of utilizing this untapped tool, but I know that we can send them newsletters (maybe something specific for them), we can ask them what opportunities they have in the everyday classes (not just when all the states are represented), etc.

If we neglect our Bible College students, someone else will recruit them. If we as a state reach out to these men and women in this fashion I really believe that God will do something great amongst us. What we will need from you are names and addresses of those that have surrendered to full time service (whether they are in Bible College yet or not), so that we can start developing a workable, practical strategy to lay the track before them. Will you help us to see more churches started in this State?

~ Alfred Maese

A QUICK REMINDER: THE TRIBUNE OFFERING IS COMING UP THIS MONTH. BE IN PRAYER OVER WHAT THE LORD WOULD HAVE YOU GIVE TO THIS GREAT PUBLICATION. SEE PASTOR RICHARDS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

THE WEAPON OF PRAYER

EXCELLENCE

ONE of the crying things of our day is for men whose faith, prayers and study of the Word of God have been vitalized, and a transcript of that Word is written on their hearts, and who will give it forth as the incorruptible seed that liveth and abideth forever. Nothing more is needed to clear up the haze by which a critical unfaith has eclipsed the Word of God than the fidelity of the pulpit in its unwavering allegiance to the Bible and the fearless proclamation of its truth. Without this the standard-bearer fails, and wavering and confusion all along the ranks follow. The pulpit has wrought its mightiest work in the days of its unswerving loyalty to the Word of God.

In close connection with this, must we have men of prayer, men in high and low places who hold to and practice Scriptural praying. While the pulpit must hold to its unswerving loyalty to the Word of God, it must, at the same time, be loyal to the doctrine of prayer which that same Word illustrates and enforces upon mankind.

Schools, colleges and education considered simply as such cannot be regarded as being leaders in carrying forward the work of God's kingdom in the world. They have neither the right, the will nor the power to do the work. This is to be accomplished by the preached Word, delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, sown with prayerful hands, and watered with the tears of praying hearts. This is the divine law, and so "nominated in the bond." We are shut up and sealed to it—we would follow the Lord.

Men are demanded for the great work of soul saving, and men must go. It is no angelic or impersonal force which is needed. Human hearts baptized with the spirit of prayer, must bear the burden of this message, and human tongues on fire as the result of earnest, persistent prayer, must declare the Word of God to dying men.

The Church, today, needs praying men to execute her solemn and pressing responsibility to meet the fearful crisis

which is facing her. The crying need of the times is for men, in increased numbers—God-fearing men, praying men, Holy Ghost men, men who can endure hardness, who will count not their lives dear unto themselves, but count all things but dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Saviour. The men who are so greatly needed in this age of the Church are those who have learned the business of praying,—learned it upon their knees, learned it in the need and agony of their own hearts.

Praying men are the one commanding need of this day, as of all other days, in which God is to have or make a showing. Men who pray are, in reality, the only religious men, and it takes a full-measured man to pray. Men of prayer are the only men who do or can represent God in this world. No cold, irreligious, prayerless man can claim the right. They misrepresent God in all His work, and all His plans. Praying men are the only men who have influence with God, the only kind of men to whom God commits Himself and His Gospel. Praying men are the only men in which the Holy Spirit dwells, for the Holy Spirit and prayer go hand-in-hand. The Holy Spirit never descends upon prayerless men. He never fills them, He never empowers them. There is nothing whatever in common between the Spirit of God and men who do not pray. The Spirit dwells only in a prayer atmosphere.

In doing God's work there is no substitute for praying. The men of prayer cannot be displaced with other kinds of men. Men of financial skill, men of education; men of worldly influence—none of these can possibly be put in substitution for the men of prayer. The life, the vigour, the motive-power of God's work is formed by praying men. A vitally diseased heart is not a more fearful symptom of approaching death than non-praying men are of spiritual atrophy.

An excerpt from "The Weapon of Prayer", Chapter 3: The Necessity for Praying Men.
E.M. Bounds

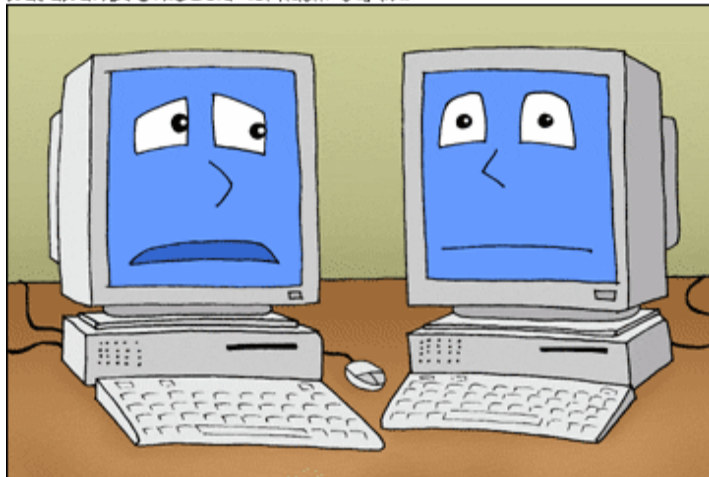
I had applied for the nuclear submarine program, and Admiral Rickover was interviewing me for the job. It was the first time I met Admiral Rickover, and we sat in a large room by ourselves for more than two hours, and he let me choose any subjects I wished to discuss. Very carefully, I chose those about which I knew most at the time—current events, seamanship, music, literature, naval tactics, electronics, gunnery—and he began to ask me a series of questions of increasing difficulty. In each instance, he soon proved that I knew relatively little about the subject I had chosen. He always looked right into my eyes, and he never smiled. I was saturated with cold sweat. Finally he asked a question and I thought I could redeem myself. He said, "How did you stand in your class at the Naval Academy?" Since I had completed my sophomore year at Georgia Tech before entering Annapolis as a plebe, I had done very well, and I swelled my chest with pride and answered, "Sir, I stood fifty-ninth in a class of 820!" I sat back to wait for the congratulations—which never came. Instead, the question: "Did you do your best?" I started to say, "Yes, sir," but I remembered who this was and recalled several of the many times at the Academy when I could have learned more about our allies, our enemies, weapons, strategy, and so forth. I was just human. I finally gulped and said, "No, sir, I didn't always do my best." He looked at me for a long time, and then turned his chair around to end the interview. He asked one final question, which I have never been able to forget—or to answer. He said, "Why not?" I sat there for a while, shaken, and then slowly left the room.

[Gordon McDonald, Ordering Your Private World, p. 94-5.](#)

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OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT
ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES,
AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS

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EXCUSE ME, IT'S THE RAPTURE ... MIND IF
I PLAY THROUGH?