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## Let's Give God the Glory

Bobby B. Boaldin

Another year has come and gone. It is amazing how quickly the years seem to roll by. The purpose filled activity of the past year is worthy of not only remembering, but also praising and glorifying God.

For me, the year 2007 will be remembered as the year we sent two of our very best and brightest, the Calvillos, to teach English in China. It was the year when we got serious about reaching out to our community by hosting the "Making Children Mind, Without Losing Yours" video seminar at the Community Center in Maumelle and by offering the "No Debt, No Sweat" seminar, taught by Steve Diggs, to everyone in the greater Little Rock area. It was also the year when some of our members volunteered to have a presence and an impact at the Maumelle Family Fest and the Maumelle Chamber of Commerce Business Exposition. It's the year when we committed to a two-year television advertising campaign by beginning the "People Like You" commercials in December.

This past year will also be remembered as the time when we spent a quarter examining what churches that had experienced a decline or a plateau in attendance did in order to create a turnaround in attendance

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## Thank You Lord for Small Blessings



Braxton Fox



Kayli Gentry



Nadia Green



Chance Hatman



Tori Hill



Brooke Hinson



Meredith Lowry



Riley Morris



Dyllan Priest

## A NEW YEAR—A NEW ME

Admittedly, the world is in pretty bad shape. A gunman enters a department store and takes the lives of innocent people, but that is just one story among many. The news is filled with stories of corruption, crime, robbery, murder, rape, immorality, divorce, social injustice, bombing, war, etc. And each new day just adds additional evidence of a world gone wrong.

The problem? Sin! It is sin that has brought such heartache, sorrow and distress into our world. And the source of sin originates in the human heart. No less an authority than Jesus says, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a man..." And these are what defile our world!

Wouldn't it be wonderful as we begin a new year to have a new world? But for this to be accomplished, the human heart must be changed. I need, and you need, a new heart! Only then will our world be better.

Many of the citizens of the ancient city of Corinth practiced the same sins we commit today, but they found the solution to their sins in Christ. The Bible says, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. **But** (emphasis mine) you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Christ, who died for our sins, changes a man from within. Jesus calls the process being "born anew," or being born "from above" (John 3:1-8). And the apostle Paul assures us, "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

It's a new year; so what about a new me?

JOHN GIPSON  
WINDSONG CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Cambodia Coming Along

Bill McDonough

The University church in Phnom Penh, that began a little over a year ago, has started governing itself with little assistance from us. The men meet on Sunday afternoons to plan and work on goals. Through a Mutual Ministry program, they are doing their own preaching and conducting the worship services. (There are four men who preach well, who share the responsibility). We still teach Bible classes to help them grow in knowledge and understanding, but they are in charge. They are working on a budget and want to plant other churches and aid with benevolent needs.

The *Ship of Life* continues to ply the Mekong River seeing patients and spreading good will. We are undergoing some renovation on board and changing two rooms that were previously staterooms into medical procedure rooms. One will double as a minor surgical suite and dental office, depending on what is needed at the time. The other will house our x-ray developing machine and has storage space for medications and supplies. Dr. Northern, the project director, believes this will be a good use of the space and will still give us six staterooms for visiting medical workers.

Village churches continue to grow as they learn to be independent of outside help. Our Saturday Bible school for village church leaders is evidently having an impact on their growth, for which we are thankful. Some of them are now telling the Bible school it is not necessary to send them young preacher students every week because they can go it alone.

After more than three years, our capable secretary is leaving us, but we have found another fine young lady who will, we believe, develop into the job. It is a mammoth task of accounting, working with the English Bible study program, coordinating things with the government offices, filing required reports and keeping everyone working and happy.

Your impact in Southeast Asia through these programs is great and we know **He Cares**.



## Excuses

Joe Chesser

A little over a week ago, on a Wednesday night, a group of teens gathered in the teen room for our weekly Bible study. We began class by reading the typical list of "bad" excuses some have offered as to why their child was not at school. (You know, the ones that read, "John has a doctors appointment today. Please execute him.")

We followed that with a brief discussion on excuses, when we offer them and how we know when others are offering them to us. Our next assignment was to come up with a list of the typical excuses we offer God for our lack of time spent in the Word. Unfortunately, we didn't have much trouble compiling that list. Fortunately though, we drew a blank when it came to creating a list of "good" reasons we shouldn't commit to reading our Bible every day in 2008.

You will be proud to know that our teens have committed to reading through the Bible in 2008 and didn't have to be coerced into it. I was proud to hear them willingly (and let me say, enthusiastically) accept this challenge. I would ask you to encourage them in this adventure. We're going to be encouraging them each Wednesday to stick with it, and I hope that as often as you can, you'll offer them your support and prayers. This will be a great way to show your love for our youth and a perfect opportunity to get to know them on a personal level.

Come to think of it, why don't you join us in reading the Bible in 2008? Don't tell us you have a good excuse.



## Glory—from Page 1

and increase baptisms. It is also the year when we conducted a Ministry Area Profile of the 72113 and 72118 zip codes and began getting advice from a Harding University professor on how to use that research to expand God's Kingdom at WindSong. It is a year when we had two baptisms, twenty people place membership and seven public responses.

Overall, 2007 was a good year for WindSong. It is easy to see God's hand in all of our outreach efforts and activities. It is my prayer that God will grant us success in 2008 as we continue to reach out to the lost in our communities. But before we focus on the future, let's pause and give God the glory for all that he has done for us this past year. I say it again, to God be the glory!

## CONNECTIONS

Congratulations to **Christie Kischer**, who recently obtained National Board Certification in the field of education. National Board certification is the most prestigious credential a teacher can earn. Certification is obtained through a long, intense process of study, research, evaluation, assessment, and peer review. Christie is only the 5th teacher in the Pulaski County School District to obtain this level of certification.

**Shirley and Ebbie Ussery** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 16. Congratulations to you both!

Congratulations to **Joy Hinson**, who graduated from UCA in Conway, in December. She received a BS in Psychology and will begin a Masters program in August of next year.

Congratulations to **Rebecca and Brandon Martin**, who both graduated from Harding University in Searcy, on Saturday, December 15. Rebecca received a BA in Education and Brandon received a MBA.

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### OUR DECEMBER RECORD

Average Attendance	206
Average Contribution	\$15,191
Building Fund	\$6,237
Special Fund	\$500

### *With Sympathy To...*

**Eva Green Miller**, **Odean Reynolds'** sister, and her son, **Cleon Green**, on the death of Eva's husband, **Ray Miller**, on Monday, December 3, 2007.

**Edgar** and **Helen Bartley** on the death of his brother, **Eldon Bartley**, on Tuesday, December 4. The funeral was Friday, December 7, with the burial following at Crestlawn Memorial Park.

**Aline Moffett**, on the death of her step-son, **Lawrence Moffett**, on Sunday, December 9. The funeral was December 13, with the burial following at Forest Hills.

**Lurline Jackson** on the death of her husband, **Olin Jackson**, on Wednesday, December 12, in Texarkana. The funeral was December 15, in Warren, Arkansas, with the burial at Oakland Cemetery.

**Lee** and **Dave Conner** on the death of her cousin, **Ed Knight** on Monday, December 24. The funeral was December 29.

**Roy** and **Lois Noble**, on the death of his youngest brother, **James Emmett Noble**, in Seattle, Washington. The funeral was Friday, January 4, 2008.

The family of **Donna Hatman**, who died on Friday, December 28. The funeral was Friday, January 4, 2008.



## Light a Child's World This New Year!

The Back to School program directed by **Marie-Claire McDonough** is having great results in the villages of Cambodia. **Partners in Progress** has helped three hundred and six children to get back in school after they dropped out because their families could not afford the required uniforms. Less than twenty percent of the Cambodian population has electricity to furnish lighting for these children to study at home. Kerosene for light is expensive, and the fumes are noxious. Recently, a solar powered flashlight has been developed to provide lighting for just such a setting. The **BoGo** light uses solar panels and rechargeable batteries in a flashlight with a twenty-year life to provide light for these children to study. Each flashlight costs twelve dollars. If you would like to help provide one or more study lights for these children, please send your contribution to:

**"Light my World"**  
**Partners in Progress**  
**P.O. Box 13989**  
**Maumelle, AR 72113**  
**USA**

