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## Being Yourself and Being Evangelistic Part 5

Bobby B. Boaldin

As we begin month five in our series on evangelism, it is important to once again state the premise behind this series of articles. People with different personalities and backgrounds can (and probably should) be evangelistic in different ways. Rather than trying to fit into the mold of how someone else conducts evangelism, we should instead, be ourselves. This month we will focus on the incredible woman of Joppa named Tabitha. Her name, when translated into Greek, is "Dorcas." Both the Aramaic and the Greek mean "Gazelle"—certainly a beautiful description of a godly woman who clothed herself with good deeds. Acts 9:36 states, *"She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor."* In fact, after she died those who had benefited from her kindness and generosity not only mourned her passing but wanted the Apostle Peter to see the coats and clothes that were sewn and given to them by Dorcas. As an active Christian woman in her community, she had a profound effect on the people of her town with her kind acts of service. It is from her that we can learn what Randy Becton called, **"Dorcas' Servant Approach to Evangelism."**

Here is yet another example of how evangelism can be conducted in what many would consider to be an unconventional or an untraditional way. When many people are asked to think of an effective evangelist, chances are a **woman with the style and approach of Dorcas** does not come to mind. Yet, here in Acts, Luke provides us with a shining example of how effective a female with the servant heart of Christ can be in having a positive effect not only on the church family, but the community as well. The description of her actions is simple, yet profound—*"Always doing kind*

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## You are invited to an **Open House**

for our  
**New Office Building**  
on  
**Wednesday, March 22**

immediately following  
**evening classes.**

## TERROR AT THE MADISON SQUARE CHURCH

As a very young child Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. had “a peculiar and memorable fear of church” according to David McCullough’s book, *Mornings on Horseback*. Teedie was so terrified that he refused to set foot inside the church if alone. Finally, his mother so insisted that he told her he was afraid of something called the “zeal.” When asked about this “zeal,” he admitted that he was not sure what it was, but thought it was probably a large animal like an alligator or a dragon. He had heard the preacher read about it from the Bible.

Using a concordance, his mother read aloud the passages containing the word “zeal.” Suddenly, he told her to stop. The passage was John 2:17, “*And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.*”

McCullough goes on to relate that Teddy Roosevelt’s attacks of asthma almost always came late on Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Sadly, zeal still scares people to death. They prefer to be “nominal Christians” without attracting attention. Their faith is something they keep to themselves. It may involve Bible reading, praying, church going and even giving, but there it stops. They fear it will not be “politically correct” to speak of their faith, or to observe Jesus’ command to “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . . .*” (Matthew 28:19-20).

No doubt much of the growth of the early church came as a result of the zeal of those early Christians who eagerly shared their faith. They would not, could not, be silent. Is it possible the church frequently languishes today because we are scared to death to share their zeal?

The Bible strongly commands, “*Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord*” (Romans 12:11). Will we listen? In our effort to restore New Testament Christianity, have we forgotten the zeal of the early church? I can’t help wondering what a few people “on fire” might do.

**JOHN GIPSON  
WINDSONG CHURCH OF CHRIST**



## WEI Growing in Cambodia

Bill McDonough

**World English Institute Student Body Growing in Cambodia**—In an effort to increase the numbers of students studying the Bible in English, we have promoted World English Institute Internet Study opportunities. Today WEI Internet School Director, **Bob Towel** told us we have the second largest number of students of any country in the world.

By encouraging internet study we can teach many more students and, when they are ready, they can join our private tutoring program that teaches an average of seventy-five different students a week at the Partners In Progress Center in Phnom Penh. More than sixty Christians from the United States and Europe have spent one to nine months teaching in the Phnom Penh Center. An average of two percent of those taught obey the gospel and remain faithful. One new congregation that is made up primarily of these converts is meeting now, and other WEI students have become members of the older congregation in the city.



The “Tuk Tuk” (three-wheeled taxi) pictured above is one of the ways we are spreading the word of the availability of this opportunity. As it cruises the city thousands of people see the sign and many are signing up. Internet Cafe owners like it because students spend more time on their computers which translates into more money for them. Many students like

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to study in this non-threatening environment and as they gain confidence are ready to study with us personally.

This is another example of how partnering with other ministries increases our productivity and allows us to share the gospel with many more than we ever could working alone. Certainly **He Cares**.



## God Makes No Sense

Joe Chesser

After a recent conversation with a fellow Christian, I left totally perplexed and amazed by our God. I’m perplexed in that God just doesn’t make sense sometimes when he deals with us. Maybe it is just me. I understand on a certain level that God loves all mankind, wants us all to come to him and choose to follow him. And I “kind of” understand his love for the “bad” people of the world. In my mind, I too hurt for them and wish they knew God the way I do. I want these people to choose God too. I can understand forgiveness of the ignorant, and those who come to God broken, ready to become his child.

It’s the “good” people, though, that are the problem. How is God able to stomach watching those of us who know what to do, who have made a commitment to choose what’s right, and then keep on making poor choices? How does God continue to forgive time and time again, after we’ve taken on his name? In contrast, I see my own tolerance with those of us who should know better as being considerably shorter than with those who don’t know God.

“Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging; your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet. **Your love is a mystery**, how you gently lift me, when I am surrounded, your love carries me. Hallelujah!” (Brown and Doerkenson) There are many things that make our God unique among the gods; right now I’m grateful that his forgiveness makes no (human) sense.

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*things for others and helping the poor.*” It seems her style of evangelism was based on the practical application of loving one’s neighbor. Dorcas lived in a time, place and society where women did not have the opportunities for influence and prominence that they have today. She is a positive example of how one can be limited by circumstance beyond one’s control and still be effective in the service of the Lord. In fact, it seems as if it were her personal commitment to serving others that caused Peter to act on behalf of those mourning her death. When the Apostle, by the power of God, resurrected Dorcas, the event became a testimony to the entire town. *“The news raced through the whole town and many believed in the Lord.”* Because of her commitment to service, Dorcas’ life, death and resurrection was a testimony to her corner of the world.

So how can Dorcas’ Servant Approach to evangelism be applied today? **First**, one must have the genuine heart of a servant who follows in the footsteps of Jesus. In what little information we have about Dorcas, we know that she dedicated herself to being of service to those who were in need. **Second**, in order to implement a service approach to evangelism, one must be willing to serve outside the parameters of the church. It is certainly noble to be of service to those within the body of Christ, and in many ways it is easier to do so within the confines and security of the Family. However, to practice this kind of evangelism, one must be willing to serve outsiders in need. **Finally**, remember the fundamental principle behind the service: loving your neighbor as yourself. There is no replacement for the motivation of loving the lost and less fortunate. Love is what makes this, and any other form of evangelism, genuinely effective. Service should not be rendered for service sake. Instead, it is to be a testimony of the compassionate concern that one has for their fellow man. In short, it is a living demonstration of the love of Christ toward others. If you have the heart of the one once called “Gazelle,” perhaps, someday it will be said that because of your service, *“many believed in the Lord.”*

## BULLETIN BOARD

### OUR FEBRUARY RECORD

Average Attendance.....218  
Average Contribution.....\$9468  
Building Campaign Funds....\$991,499

#### Baptism:

**Daniel Agin**      **Russell Messer**

#### Membership:

**Jan Hatcher**      **Joy Hinson**  
**Matt Pickle**      **Sam Young**

### CONNECTIONS

We rejoice in the baptism of **Russell Messer** on February 5, and **Daniel Agin** on February 26. We also welcome **Jan Hatcher, Joy Hinson, Matt Pickle, and Sam Young**, who placed membership recently. If you have not had a chance to meet our new members, please make a special effort to welcome them into our Windsong family.

Congratulations to **Kristofer Bredlow** who was awarded a Presidential Academic Scholarship to Henderson State University.

Congratulations to **Justin Powell** who was accepted to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine.

A big "Thank You" to our teens and all those who helped with the "Valentine's Cafe" February 15, Thanks also to everyone who helped move the last load of things from storage to the new offices February 20.

WindSong collected \$474.75 and 493 cans on **Souper Bowl Sunday** for the food pantry at **River City Ministry**. Thank you to our teens who collected and delivered our donations, and to all who contributed.

### THANK YOU

Dear Friends, Thank you for your precious and blessed care of and for my husband, **Jere Guin**. He loved his church and his friendship with each and all of you. Your beautiful Memorial Service led by **John Gipson** was truly remarkable...the most beautiful service I have ever experienced. Thank you for the floral arrangements, for John's notes and remarks about Jere's life, and for your precious caring. Sincerely, **Diane Guin**

Thanks so much for your care. We are saying thank you to the WindSong Church for their contribution during the time my wife and kids were ill. We appreciate so much your love. We pray Our Good Lord will bless every one of you richly in Jesus name. Please, tell the church that we are so grateful. We will ever remember this act of kindness. It would have been tough for us to go through this moment alone. We are grateful. Please, say our love to the elders and to the entire church. Love, **Tom Ekpot, Jr.**

Dear WindSong church, We would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers and the Nursery for the balloon bouquet after the birth of our new daughter, **Dyllan**. We also appreciate the wonderful food you sent over. We are truly blessed. In Christian love, **Jason, Julie, Kennedy, Zachary, and Dyllan Priest**

Our family was touched by your expression of sympathy, of food, and of flowers—it was a tribute to mother. She loved WindSong and looked forward to the visits and calls. We deeply appreciated your support. May the Lord continue to lead you as you share His love with others. In His name, **Gwen Holton, Janice Swint, and Jonnafae Hewitt.**

Dear WindSong family, Thank you for the prayers, the cards, and the beautiful

basket of cut flowers. Thanks for the loving care you have showered on me. Love, **Margie Johnson**

Windsong, Thank you for the prayers and phone calls we received on behalf of my mother, **Nena Storment**. God bless each of you. **Robert, Tonya and Delanie Gambill**

The family of **Leon Warren** acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

We want to thank everyone for your cards and prayers. **George** is feeling better. **Alice and George Gill**

Thank you for the help, food, cards, and calls since I broke my wrist. I appreciate everybody. I believe you are angels. I don't know what I would do without my church family. **Terri Butler**

### *With Sympathy To...*

**Alice and George Gill** on the death of her nephew, **Leslie McMullen** of Big Spring, Texas, on January 25.

**Jo Ann and Charles Burks** on the death of her brother, **Troy Cargill** of Batesville, Arkansas, on January 29.

**Joann Casteel** on the death of her brother-in-law, **Herb Hubbs**, on February 23. The funeral was February 25, in Corbin, Kentucky.



**Coming in  
March**

**WindSong**

radio spots on  
**KASR 92.7 FM Sports Radio**