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Dear Joseph,

We had a great crowd on Sunday morning. Pastor Keith preached the morning service, and several decisions were made during the alter call. The Sunday evening service was a blessing as well. When the Word of God is proclaimed, we are never 100% sure of what happens in the hearts and lives of those in the building. Isaiah 55:11 says: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Monday, Pastor Carringer, his family and several others from the church went to Walkertown, NC to attend the national "Sword Of The Lord" conference. The conference was a four-day conference; however, I was only able to spend two days at the conference. It seemed to me that the focus on almost all the messages was about missions. About getting the gospel of Jesus Christ out to a lost and dying world. My heart was stirred.

Thursday and Friday were catch-up days for me after being gone for three days.

Here I am today, spending time in my office and focusing on what to put in this week's Barna-Post.

Yesterday Pastor and I spent quite a bit of time together. One of his questions to me was ... where do you get your messages from that you put in the Barna-Post? I'd like to think that everything that goes on in these issues is completely my thoughts.

My messages usually come from something that goes on during the week ... some of my past preaching ... or something that I've read from other men. Regardless of the source, my goal is to challenge my readers.

I never want to neglect telling my readers that I appreciate them taking time to read what I try to put out on Saturdays. I know from experience, sometimes when I get certain emails or texts, I don't read them. I just deleted them. My thanks go out to you, my faithful readers. I also thank those who sometimes send me a response.

Let us continue to pray  one for another.

P. S. I'm still asking for prayer for my sister, Shirley Ann.



Dr. Jeff Fugate, Pastor Of Clays Mill Baptist Church Was One Of The Many Good Preachers That Spoke At The National Sword Of The Lord Conference.



Dr. Shelton Smith, President Of The “Sword Of The Lord) And Your Barnabas



Academy Of Arts Drama Team Presented "The Child Stealer" A Story About Missionary Amy Carmichael

Saturday Eve Barna-Post

“Thoughts To Ponder” **Missions The Heartbeat Of God**

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

I was saved on September 2, 1987. It took me a couple of years to get things arranged so I could go to Bible college. I started Bible college at Ambassador Baptist College in 1989. I was at the college in classes and on staff until September 1997. In 1997, I founded the “Barnabas International Ministry” under the direction of Dr. James Qurollo, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, in Shelby, NC. I did a mission trip almost every summer when I was at the college. On my way back from Africa God spoke to my heart about full time missions. Shortly after, I went to a missions conference at Southside Baptist Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina, where Pastor

Ken Walters was the pastor. (He is now in his heavenly home 🙌). At this conference a message was preached that confirmed that God wanted me in full-time missions. No matter who we are ... where we are ... or what we're doing, we should all be full-time missionaries. Missions is the heartbeat of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Missions actually has a three part plan. YOU CAN PRAY 🙏 ...YOU CAN

GIVE 💰 ... OR YOU CAN GO 🌍

You should be involved in at least one or all of these plans. 🤔

As I said ... I don't usually do this, but I'm going to do a little bit of meddling currently.

People are grumbling about how expensive it is to live. Everything seems to have skyrocketed ... especially the things we need for our daily living. And this is

true. 

Christians should have no use for tobacco, alcohol, and recreational drugs. They are all expensive and destructive. But what about those non-essential items that we purchased occasionally ... how often do we spend money on expensive and unnecessary things?

Although they might be legitimate in themselves, many of these things surely are not included in the "food and raiment" with which we should be content. (1 Timothy 6:8)

Moderation is always the appropriate Bible principle to apply to any purchase. Maybe what we are buying is not wrong or sinful, however, we need to realize that each purchase we make of non-essential items diminish our ability to help supply the needs of our church, the missionaries, and maybe even a neighbor.

Each one of us is accountable for the time and resources that our Lord has entrusted us with. 1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. (How are you doing?)

I pray that your church has a missions conference each year. Our church is planning a missions conference, the first part of September. I'm praying what God would have me to do for missions at this conference. I hope you will do the same.

ARE YOU WILLING TO PRAY?
ARE YOU WILLINGLY TO GIVE?
ARE YOU WILLING TO GO?

GOD DOESN'T WANT OUR LEFTOVERS

GOD DESERVES OUR BEST

Something To Think About 

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Sinner Saved By Grace 🙏

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