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**September 20, 2025** 



Gary L. Norris Servant

Dear Joseph,

I was blessed with opportunities this week at Bufford Grove Baptist Church. I taught an adult Sunday School class, the international meal in the Life Center after ending

the mission conference and the "Prime -Timers" gathering on Tuesday . We were blessed to have dulcimer music by church members and family.



Pastor Carringer did the am worship service and the baptism afterwards. God has certainly been at work at Buford Grove Baptist Church

My daughter, Amy, and two of My grandchildren, Johanna and Jonathan, flew in from Kentucky on Wednesday the 17th. We were all able to attend the Wednesday night service. It is so good to have my family visiting. We really enjoyed the last couple of days.

I attended a memorial service today at 10:30. Donavan was an acquaintance from here in Hilliard, Florida. If the Lord brings it to your mind ... pray for Donovan Webb family, I know it would be much appreciated.

Let us continue to pray



P. S. Your continued prayers for my sister, Shirley Ann, are very special.



**BAPTISMAL WATERS STIRRED AGAIN** 



SPECIAL MUSIC AT PRIME-TIMERS



Fun Time At The Lighthouse In St. Augustine, FL With My Family



## "Thoughts To Ponder"

"Living Someone Else's Dream???"

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When I ask people how they're doing, many times they will reply; I'm Living the Dream." Perhaps they are referring to the ideal known as the "American Dream," which is based on the following words from the "Declaration of Independence;" "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." The phrase "American Dream" Was popularized by James Truslow Adams in his book, The Epic of America (1931).

The American Dream may refer to having your own house or business. It may also mean rising above the station of life in which you were born. Many immigrants who have to America have been able to climb up the economic and social ladder of success. The prosperity gospel says we should be advancing financially because of God's blessing on us. There is nothing wrong with improving one's lot in life, however, first Timothy 6:5 specifically condemns the thought that gain is godliness.

The Bible tells us not to worry about what we will eat or drink etc. but to trust the Lord to provide. This does not mean that we should be slack in working to supply our own needs. We are commanded to work so that we can support our families and give to others. Here are some questions that "living the dream" has caused me to ponder. Is the American Dream mainly about me or about the Lord? … Whose kingdom am I

trying to advance? ... Where is my treasure, on earth or in heaven? ... Am I living the dream ... or building the kingdom of God?



PS One last thought. When someone asks me how I am doing now. I do not say that I'm "Living the Dream". I tell them ... "I'M LIVING SOMEONE ELSE'S DREAM".

I believe that over 90% of the people in the world would love to be in my position today. I am truly blessed of God. I also want to say ... so are you if you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and live in the United States of America? May we never take God's blessings for granted.

Something Else To Think About

Your Barnabas, Brother Gary L. Norris

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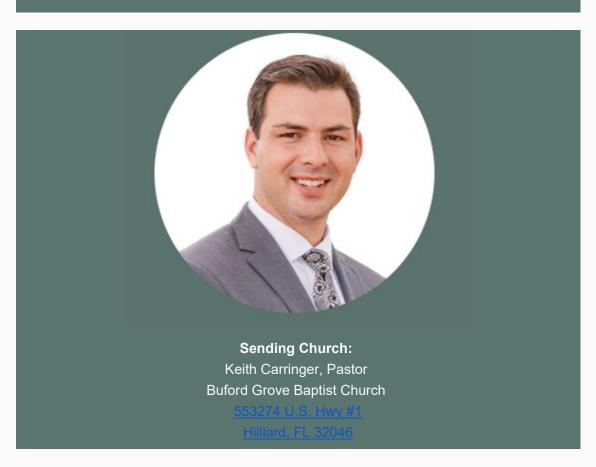
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