

ON THE ROAD

JOHN HOAG

January 6,12,20,27
Faith Bible Church
Greenbush, ME
Extension Classes

January 18,25
McAdam Independent
Baptist Church
McAdam, NB
Extension Classes

January 22-23
Faith Bible Baptist Church
Sussex, NB
Extension Classes

January 24
Faith Bible Baptist Church
Sussex, NB
Morning Services

KEITH MCMAHON

January 23-24
Bradford Baptist Church
Bradford, ME
Youth Meeting with SEM/
Sunday Morning Service

January 18, 25
McAdam Independent
Baptist Church
McAdam, NB
Extension Classes

MATTHEW LITTLE

January 23-24
Hermon Baptist Church
Hermon, ME
Youth Meeting & Sunday
Morning Service



SUFFICIENT GRACE!

by Beth McMahon

"To God be the glory..." has been the recurring phrase in the comments we have received from those who attended our first Ladies' Retreat! We were blessed to



have over 270 ladies in attendance! Our speaker, Faith Crosby, touched our hearts with her clear communication of God's Word and her vital relationship with our heavenly Father. She challenged us to practice *A Wise Forgetfulness*, *A Willing Focus* and *A Winning Foresight*. Then described to us the "Wonderful Hands of Jesus (Hands

of Grace)." Her last session with us was entitled "*Fixing Your Eyes on Jesus*" and she gave us clear instruction on how to do that. God's sufficient grace was evident as Faith shared her own walk with us; Lorna Robins shared her journey to joy through cancer and Karon Scott shared her testimony of being a single parent and a Christian businesswoman. Becky Betts wonderfully ministered to our hearts through music. We are so thankful for each of these women who used what God had put in their lives as a tool of blessing and encouragement to those who were here. It was so amazing to have so many women together. So many different stories united through the sufficient grace of our Lord! We indeed say, "*To God be the glory!*" Please pray along with us as we look forward to our next Ladies' Retreat! Plan to join us and bring your friends along with you!!



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Recently my physician told me I really needed to start walking each day. Like so many of us, my flesh is growing...and it's starting to take a toll on my well-being. My doctor said that I should view walking as an investment in my future. I couldn't help but agree (she made me shake hands!) and see, as well, the spiritual parallels

TIME TO TAKE A WALK

of this good advice. In the Scriptures the spiritual health of a believer is directly linked to how he walks. Notice Ephesians 5:8 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light**".

A number of years ago I heard a Bible teacher offer a great definition of walking, "*In the process of walking, each step is the manifestation of the beginning of a fall, and with each step there is the temporary loss of equilibrium.*" One only needs to imagine a toddler unsteadily learning to walk to truly grasp the truth of this definition. When a child is learning to walk there are a lot of anticipated and actual falls that are experienced in the process. We have all seen children hanging on to something as they learn to walk, perhaps a nearby coffee table, or better yet, a parent's hand.

This picture of walking presents us with an opportunity to visualize our spiritual walk. For the believer, each step of our lives should be an act of complete dependence upon the Spirit of God. Instead of holding on to the things

of this world, or depending upon the strength of our own flesh, we must be found instead laying a firm hold upon the outstretched hand of God as He seeks to lead us. We are, after all, His dear children. His desire for us is that we might grow in our dependency upon Him. He wants for us, His children, to grow in our reliance upon the power and ability of the indwelling Spirit of God.

Walking in the Spirit will keep us from experiencing many harmful things that we might otherwise bring upon ourselves. This is why the apostle Paul wrote "*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*" (Galatians 5:16). The key to our victory over the sinful desires of the flesh is to walk in the Spirit.



by Keith M. McMahon, Th.B.

What does it take to walk in the Spirit? It takes a yieldedness to God that comes through humility, honesty, brokenness, obedience, agreement with God's Word, and an understanding of God's character. All of these characteristics are evidence of spiritual health in the believer's life. Each year many folks make it their New Year's resolution to walk more. Nothing wrong with that. But this year, won't you make it your resolution to walk more...in the Spirit of God?

2ND SEMESTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 11	Module 4 Classes Begin	March 22	Exam Day
January 11-15	Spiritual Enrichment Week	March 23	Module 6 Classes Begin
January 29-30	Men For God Rally	April 2-5	Easter Break
February 6	Exam Day	April 10	Spring Banquet & Program
February 8	Module 5 Classes Begin	April 21-23	Exam Days
February 19-21	First Teen Retreat	April 24	Senior Class Picnic
February 26-28	Second Teen Retreat	April 29-May 2	Spring Conference
February 28-March 14	March Break	May 2	Graduation

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WHAT'S UP?...

Men For God Rally

JANUARY 29-30, 2010

This will be our 7th rally for men on the NBBI campus and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. Don't miss the stirring messages from Dr. Michael Loftis, President of ABWE in Harrisburg, PA, the inspiring music from High Meadow and personal testimonies and demonstrations from firemen. View all the firemen's equipment and enjoy prizes, gifts and special recognitions.



Left: Dr. Michael Loftis
Below: High Meadow Quartet



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OUTREACH 2010

NBBI'S TEEN RETREAT

FEBRUARY 19-21 AND FEBRUARY 26-28



Don't miss this exciting and challenging annual event for young people ages 13 to 18. Teens will be involved in various indoor and outdoor activities such as relay games, three-on-three basketball, table games, tubing and more. Our guest speaker, Scott Foreman, who oversees youth ministries and marketing for Word of Life Canada based in Owen Sound, ON will challenge you from God's Word. You will also be

hearing various NBBI faculty members, as they share from God's Word during our class times and our NBBI musical groups as they share in song throughout these weekends.

The total cost for the retreat is \$45. Space is limited, so register Early!

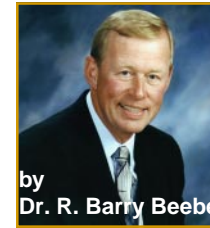
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President's Challenge...



THE NEED OF THE NEW YEAR



by
Dr. R. Barry Beebe

The need of the new year is to find Samuels for God, Samuels to step forward for God; Samuels who will devote themselves to Scripture and service for Christ.

Samuel was born in answer to his mother Hannah's prayer and through God's gracious provision. He was a gift from God, 1 Samuel 1:10-11, 17. Hannah and her husband Elkanah raised him to believe in Jehovah, worship God and serve the Lord (v. 21-22,24,27-28).

Hannah gave her child back to God as an offering for God's work and for the ministry of serving and leading Israel. He may only have been 4-5 years old when he joined the tabernacle priests, Levites and other young men, to learn how to minister to his God and his people (2:18-20,26).

Samuel heard God's amazing call to faith and service in the dark of night (3:1-18) and he responded with a sincere cry, "speak for thy servant heareth." I believe this was his conversion and the beginning of a ministry that impacted the nation because of his commitment to God and His Word (3:19-21).

Sometimes we hear people ask, "Where are the young people who should be in theological training? Where are the young people who need to go to the mission field. Where are the young people who need to launch out in evangelism, outreach, church planting and discipleship

ministry? Where are the young people to be future leaders of our churches?"

I truly believe the real question should be, "Where are the parents who are specifically raising their children to serve the Lord Jesus Christ? Where are the Hannah's and Elkanah's who will let their children go into ministry, missions and into foreign lands for Christ?"

We seem proud and honoured (though certainly a little fearful) when our youth go to other lands with guns in their hands to defend our liberty. Should we not be even more honoured to send forth our youth with Bibles in their hands to set free captives in the kingdom of darkness?

Every Christian mother and father should be raising their sons and daughters to be active servants of God in a local, Bible believing church. Every Christian parent should encourage their children to get at least one year of Bible training at a Bible institute or college. This will further prepare them spiritually, theologically, morally, biblically and ministerially for the spiritual battles they will face in future years and opportunities God will give them to impact the world.

Every Christian parent should be faithfully active in Christian service as an example to their children and willing to send forth their Samuels into God's fields which are white unto harvest.

Don't hesitate; don't delay; don't hold back -- send Samuel!

FAMILY FILE...



BIRTHS

- July 29, 2009 - to Timothy and Angelina (Tice, '07) Leach, a son, Gabriel Elihu.
- September 7, 2009 - to Josh (ABM '00) and Andrea (Woolford, attended '98-'00) Cameron, a son, Jackson Carter.
- September 18, 2009 - to Derek and Laurie (Fraser, '94) McKinnon, a son, Gideon Stephen Arthur.
- December 3, 2009 - to Brian (ABM '01) and Amy (Goodrich, '00) Ritchie, a daughter, Julia Jasmine.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

- January 11-15 Al Cabral
Restoration Ministries
- January 19-20 Greg MacWilliam
Parkside Ranch
- January 21 Harry Straub
Crossworld
- January 22 Roger Black
Living Waters Bible Conference
- January 26 Gary Long
CSSM Atlantic