

Who when he came and saw the grace of God, was glad and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Merry Christmas! —Acts 11:23

PRAISE THE LORD for all of His goodness and mercy! God has been so good to us this year. He has provided every need right on time and moved in services we have been privileged to be in and kept His hand of mercy upon us in traveling up and down the roads. What a blessing to serve! The best we can tell, God has taken us over 15,000 miles this year spreading the gospel and preaching His word across our nation! Hallelujah what a God we serve.

Since our last newsletter, God opened the door for us to get to Ms. for revival meetings as well as the outreach in the community. Along the way, we have traveled to several churches to preach & sing in Sunday svcs as well. We were also thrilled to help in a 2-week long tent meeting in Greenville Ky. in October traveling from Ms. to Ky. to Ga. and back to Ky. covering over 3200 miles. God has been faithful in supplying every need all the way!

All along the way, we have seen souls saved, homes restored, churches and pastors refreshed & revived and our Lord magnified! This month, we will be spending some time getting into all of our supporting churches and report all God has been doing. We are honored to now have 10 churches sending support each month with the newest church being Highland Baptist Church in Vass, NC. Bill Vaughn is the Pastor. We so appreciate these precious folks partnering with us in this burden to get the gospel to our nation and try and help God's people and pastors all across the land. We truly are laborers together with God.

We are so thankful God let us get some needed maintenance done on the bus! If they are driven, they have to be maintained. I am so thankful God has given, & is giving, the knowledge & wisdom needed to complete the necessary tasks. The cost of paying someone to do the work is astronomical, besides the parts cost. We are trying to be good stewards with God's money because we believe we have that responsibility. We do have a man in Byron, Ga. whom I call quite often for help, who actually helped to build the bus in 1996. That's God! He has been a tremendous help to us and his name is George Morris. Please help me pray for his health as he does have some serious concerns.

We'll be heading back to Tx. next month for meetings and will be doing some of the outreach in South Texas, almost to the border. Please pray we can reach souls with the Gospel while we're there & THANK YOU.

Calling America to REPENTANCE!
Heading back to TEXAS

PRAYER REQUESTS.....

- We are in need of a trailer to help transport our AWD vehicle as we travel. We have found one in Grundy, Va. for a just over \$5,000 that would suit our needs, so would you please help us pray for the funds to purchase this car hauler trailer?
- Pray we can have the wisdom to help God's people and win sinners to Christ. That is our desire and burden for every place we go into.
- Pray God will keep us clear of Covid. We come into contact with a vast number of people from all over and so far, we haven't had any problems since 7/2020. Thank you to all who have supported us. Your support is invaluable to us, especially your prayers.

Please don't stop praying for us.

Here, in this passage, Barnabas, nicknamed the son of consolation, exhorts the brethren of the early church, "with purpose of heart cleave unto the Lord". The word "purpose" carries the meaning of "setting forth" as of the shewbread of the old testament priest. (Heb 9:2) The shewbread was to be set before the LORD always (Ex. 25:30). This meant that the shewbread would be set forth in a perpetual manner before God IN HIS PRESENCE. So, where the shewbread is, there will God's presence be also. The priests were the only one's to partake of the shewbread because they were the only one's who could come into the presence of a Holy God. So what is this "purpose of heart" Barnabas speaks of?

The born again believer has the "Bread of Life" living inside (Jn 6:35,48) and has been made "an holy priesthood" (1Pet. 2:5) to "shew forth" the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness (1Pet. 2:9) and we now shew forth the presence of God, or the "shewbread" as Jesus lives in us and we "cleave" unto Him. The word CLEAVE means "to abide with or a persistent loyalty".

What God is telling us is that He wants us to have His continual presence working in our lives as we abide with Him with a persistent loyalty. Jesus said, "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." Doing the work of God requires the presence of God. **Our purpose is to have & be in His presence.** Without it, we cannot bear fruit. It was not the priest or the shewbread or the sacrifices or anything else that made the difference, but the PRESENCE OF GOD.

So how can we maintain His continual presence? The answer is in the latter part of the statement, "purpose of heart". In Matt. 6:19-25 Jesus says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." He also spoke of the eye being the light of the body and for it to be "single". In the context, Jesus is speaking of our hearts not being divided but having a "single purpose". What other "purposes" or "treasures" do we have besides Jesus & His plan & purpose?—Bro. Orange

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