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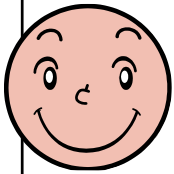
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## Christian Life Impact Conference 2004

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.  
Check with your church for registration details.

**March 11-13**

OOPS . . . THE COMPUTER GOOFED (Yah, right) IN OUR LAST ISSUE.  
THIS IS THE CORRECTED DATE. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.



## Is the movie “The Passion of the Christ” anti-Semitic?

I have not seen the movie, but the clips and interviews I have seen make it obvious that Mr. Gibson has attempted to accurately portray the last hours of the life of Jesus Christ. The realism and brutality of the crucifixion of Christ are difficult to consider. To have seen Christ crucified would have left a lifetime impression on the mind and in the heart of any onlooker.

If anyone is viewed in a negative light it must be the human race. If this movie is to be criticized as anti anything, be honest; it is anti-human. It was the sin of the human race that put Jesus to death, not a Gentile Roman leader, Roman soldiers or an angry crowd stirred up by Jewish religious leaders. To acknowledge our own personal sinfulness before a Holy God is both humbling and an affront to our own self image. This is counter to all modern psychology encourages, but exactly what God requires if we are to accept the gift of salvation He has given us.

The message of the suffering and death of God’s Son, Jesus Christ for our sin is the message clearly being broadcast. The truth is, the enemy, Satan, will do anything he can to keep people from clearly considering who Jesus really is. Is Jesus the Son of God? Did he die and rise again? Is He the Savior of the world? As it was then, so it is now; Jesus forces us to decide. Just as Christ hung between two thieves who were compelled to decide, we too are compelled.



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# Family Matters



On Friday, February 6, we received a phone call informing us that Diane's 84 year old father, Bob Haw, was not expected to live through the weekend. We were able to get a flight early that afternoon and were in Minneapolis that evening. We found Diane's dad in a very weakened condition, suffering from pneumonia, emphysema and complications from Alzheimer's. He was able to converse, but unable to eat much and could drink very little. He got weaker over the next two days.

Wednesday, the 11th, the staff got him up to at least sit at the breakfast table. Diane was beside him with her arm around his neck. I heard him say to her, "Forgive me." Diane said, "I forgive you, Dad." There was a lot involved in the two words he spoke.

When he laid down, he said to Diane, "I don't know where I am going." Thankfully, God has given us 1 John 5:13 that assures us we can know our eternal destiny. Diane mentioned that verse to him and asked if he wanted to pray with her. He said, "Yes," and followed her in the sinners prayer. He took a deep breath afterward and said, "That helps." Bob Haw, at the age of 84, accepted Christ as his personal Savior. God is a God of mercy and grace. What a wonderful answer to many years of prayer. Thank you to all who prayed with us.

As of this writing, Diane's father is off oxygen and has been up walking with a walker.

## **HEALTH CHALLENGES — We would appreciate your specific prayer:**

We just received the report from some of the testing Diane has been going through to determine the source of health problems she has had. She was told to see her doctor immediately. She has two growths in her neck, apparently on her thyroid. She saw her doctor today (02.26) and is scheduled to see a surgeon on Thursday, March 4th. Cancer is of course a concern, but at this time we are assuming these are operable growths.

I would also appreciate your prayer. I apparently picked up a virus in our travels that has been diagnosed as causing an inner ear infection. This allowed me to be reminded, for the better part of four days, what it was like to "toss my cookies." (One way to start a weight loss regime). I have also had severe vertigo. The nausea is over, thank the Lord, but I am still battling some dizziness. I know some of you assume "dizzy" is my normal condition, but it really isn't. I'm getting better each day. I'd just like to be at 100% again, especially with the challenges Diane is facing. We are truly thankful for each of you who upholds us in prayer.

## **Expansion of Chaplain Ministry Continuing**

We are working with our board members and the board members of the Spokane County Sheriff's Chaplaincy to raise funds to make it possible for me to serve 10-20 hours a week at the Spokane Valley Precinct with the law enforcement staff there. At this point we already have one church committed to helping us with \$100/month. We have set a goal for at least 10-20 churches, businesses or individuals giving \$50-\$100 a month to increase monthly support by at least \$1,000. We hope to reach this goal by April 1st.



Sheriff Sterk and Deputy Greg Snyder have written letters that are included in an informational packet that explains our goals and purpose. If you know of a church, business or individual that may be interested in helping us serve more effectively, please get in touch with us for the informational packet or forward contact information to me.

Please pray with us and let others know of our ministry. This is a great opportunity and a positive way to impact our community for God's glory.



There is no greater  
reason for  
excellence than ministry.

## God Uses Broken Things

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to yield rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It was the broken alabaster box that gave forth perfume . . . and it was Peter weeping bitterly, who returned to greater power than ever. - Vance Havner



It was the broken body of Christ that provided the only means for man to restore a broken relationship with his Creator.

## Widow's Mite Ministry

We are grateful for a significant recent contribution to our Widow's ministry fund. We are constantly on the lookout for those we can assist. It may be hard to believe, but there are absolutely "no strings attached" to the help that is provided.

In most circumstances when we learn of a need, we actually pay bills and assist in other ways to get a widow on her feet financially and provide a resource of other widows who will help. If you know a widow in need, please contact us. If you wish to donate, indicate such on your check.

# Laughter is Good Medicine

## Children in Church



A six-year-old was overheard reciting "The Lord's Prayer": "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."



A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear, "You don't need to pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life?" The child thought about this for a moment, then asked, "So why is the groom wearing black?"



Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong message on the devil. One asked the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

## An interesting way to recruit volunteers . . .

The pastor calmly stated the following to the congregation: "Anyone who would like to volunteer for one of our new committees, please signify by coughing, yawning, looking at your watch or fidgeting during my sermon."



## A Little Boy & Grandma

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to grandmother on his mother's side.

"Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us."

The grandmother was curious "What trick is that?" she asked.

"I heard him tell Mommy," the little boy answered, "that he would climb the walls if you came to visit us."



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Attending Workshops / Classes in March & May  
Ride-alongs as available  
Planning summer schedule

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**Pastors Need Prayer Too . . .**

**Pray for your Pastor. Pray that he will:**

- **Exhibit true humility**
- **Be honest with God in relation to his own personal sin.**

I hope this doesn't shock you, but (are you ready?) . . . your pastor sins. Now that you have picked yourself up off the floor, dust yourself off and get on your knees. Pray that your pastor remains sensitive to sin in his life and is honest with God on a daily basis, just as you should be. Most pastors are well aware of the constant personal struggle of the world, the flesh and the devil, but it is possible to become overwhelmed with the stuff of life and simply give in to the enemy. It is possible to reach a point of, "Oh, who cares?"

I know of men who actually have felt that God allows certain sinful situations in their lives as a reward for faithfulness. There are certain sins which we feel are harmless, affect no one else and others will never know - more lies from the enemy. A hardened heart is not the heart God can use. As your pastor is sensitive to sin and allows himself to be accountable to others, God can keep his heart tender and open to the direction of the Holy Spirit. That in turn will reflect positively in his preaching and his interaction with others.

