



THE GOOD NEWS



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Jesus... Will Save

It was the first Christmas before it was called Christmas. An angel was dealing with a troubled Joseph about the pregnant condition of his fiancée. "Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21, NIV, underlining mine).

From the middle of August to the middle of November, we have seen Jesus doing just that—saving people from their sins. In ten churches in ten cities or towns from Mineral Wells, Texas to So. Weymouth, Massachusetts, Jesus has been saving people.

Pastor Jane Hughes, her husband, L.J., and I called on a Saturday afternoon in the Texas home of Mike and Joyce. As this much prayed for couple felt the wooing of the Holy Spirit, they were relaxed and open. We shared Christ and His saving plan with them. Would they like to pray right there and allow Christ to take over their lives? Mike said "yes" and Joyce said "yes", and then suddenly Mike said "No, I'm not ready to do this!" I was startled. Joyce still wanted to pray, she wept and prayed her way through sin to Jesus and Mike promised to support her. Sunday morning she came forward to make her profession public and Mike was by her side.

During the week they attended every revival service but one. Wednesday night before the final service Mike came to me: "I haven't been able to sleep since Saturday. I can't stand this much longer. I've got to do something about this". (We call that conviction). That night Mike came forward, confessed his sins, received Jesus as Savior and Lord, and began his spiritual journey.

While Joyce has been making her impact for Jesus, Mike has been making his. So far, here are some highlights of his new life in Christ:

- He finished his 8th lesson of Basic Bible Studies by the end of October.
- His six year old grandson sits in on his Bible studies and is excited to find the Scriptures himself.
- Mike's frequent expression as he reviews his Bible study with his discipleship partner is, "I get it now!"
- Now Mike is requesting another Bible study.
- Mike used to be the last one out of the bars each night. Shortly before his prayer, he decided to quit drinking. He hasn't had a beer since that August night.
- In his job he came across a lady having a bad day. "Can I pray for you?" he asked. She said, "I'm an atheist." Shocked, Mike said, "I want to pray for you anyway."
- Mike is scheduled for baptism in January.
- Mike heard about tithing and approached his pastor, "We aren't giving enough to the church."
- Mike is bringing new people to church.
- Recently a friend stopped Mike: "Have you lost weight? You look better. You look different." Mike said, "No, I opened the door to Jesus."

The story about Mike is what I've been trying to do in my ministry over the last months. But even more, isn't that what Christmas is all about—"Give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." May that blessing of Christmas be upon you and those you love!
-Chic Shaver

Chic's Year in Review (O, Holy Night)

*Oh, praise the Lord -He kept Chic Shaver busy,
ELEVEN states, did he faithfully go!
Preaching His name -In TWENTY SEVEN cities -
To more than TWELVE THOUSAND people, and more!
They came in droves, to Him on bended knee,
EIGHT HUNDRED plus, their souls they gave to Him!
Down, on their knees....*

We are so thankful for the continued health, opportunities, and for the prayerful and financial support which has allowed the Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism to remain open to share God's Word.

Please continue to pray for Dr. Shaver and his wife, Nancy, as they seek, in this new year, to continue on their journey, making 'disciples of all nations'.

-JoAnn Gibson

This Next Spring

I will be working on several key projects at home this spring. However, I have some open dates where I could accept revival assignments.

-Chic Shaver

This Summer

I have committed to:

June 21, Friday, 2013—A one hour (3:30-4:30) workshop, Witnessing Without Fear at the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, Indiana.

July 10-14, 2013—Intermountain District Camp Meeting, First Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho.

July 21-26, 2013—West Texas District Camp Meeting, Camp Arrowhead, Glenrose, Texas.

-Chic Shaver

The Manifest Presence of God

Because of some key conversations in recent days, I am committing myself to an increased time in prayer for the Presence of God to be Manifested more fully in our churches, my life, my ministry.

-Chic Shaver

Because You Gave and Prayed

Thanks to your gifts, the Evangelism Center has been able to:

- Provide a check for evangelism scholarships at Nazarene Theological Seminary.
- Give evangelism and discipleship materials to pastors and leaders in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana.

Your financial gifts and prayers have produced great blessings. I have sensed unusual anointing and seen encouraging results. I believe your prayers are a major reason. We cannot say a big enough thanks.

-Chic Shaver

Basic Bible Studies

Translations of Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians and Basic Bible Studies for the Spirit Filled and Sanctified Life in the Thai language have arrived at our office in recent days.

Now translated into more than 50 languages, Basic Bible Studies in English has surpassed 695,000.

Tenured Evangelist

The Kansas City District Assembly in August elected Dr. Shaver to the position of Tenured Evangelist.

In Memory Of

Recent gifts to the Center have been:
In memory of Jack Prager and Vera Harris

John Wesley to Mrs. Betsy Mortimer

January 19, 1782 "That point, entire salvation from inbred sin, can hardly ever be insisted upon, either in preaching or prayer, without a particular blessing."

City	REVIVAL UPDATE	
	TOTAL ATT.	SEEKERS
Whitney, TX	393	37
Witnessing Seminar	32	
Mineral Wells, TX	112	13
Witnessing Seminar	14	
Bristow, OK	232	23
Witnessing Seminar	18	
Leavenworth, KS	332	17
Witnessing Seminar	17	
S. Weymouth, MA	656	39
Witnessing Seminar	23	
Logan, OH	567	35
Pastor Seminar	24	
Witnessing Seminar	32	
Portland, MI	351	23
Prayer Seminar	8	
Lisbon, OH	233	34
Prayer Seminar	15	
Bedford, IN	513	20
Witnessing Seminar	21	
Mt. Vernon, IN	294	15
Prayer Seminar	10	
Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene, KC, MO—to be reported later		

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