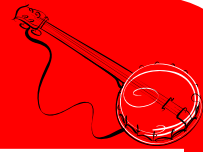


Derwin Hinson Ministries Newsletter



Psalm 150:4 - Praise Him with stringed instruments

A Stack of Dollar Bills and A Bag Full of Nickels

By Derwin Hinson

Jesus expects us not only to be encouragers one to another but also to have a servant's heart. That means that any job we do, we should do it "as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23). A lot of times that includes being nice and smiling when it's extremely hard to do so. Remember the old saying, "The customer is always right"? That should be applied in many areas of our life – at work, at home, in the car.... In today's society many people have lost that mindset. Some of the places we go to now, people could care less if they wait on you or not. They get paid the same thing if they give good service or no service.

One weekend we invited some dear friends of ours, the Gaydon's – Dan, Cherise, Seneca, and Kelsey, - to join our family on the road. We were headed to Pilot Mountain, NC. We stopped at a Wal-Mart along Interstate 40 to stock up on supplies for the weekend. Mine and Alene's total for our purchase came to \$122 plus a few cents. We had received a large stack of \$1 dollar bills from the last few churches we had sung at (imagine that!). So we counted them out in sets of ten and handed the cashier 12 stacks of \$1 dollar bills plus three extra dollars totaling \$123 toward our bill. Well, you would have thought that we had shot her or something! She gave us such an awful look and then pressed the "help button" to get the customer service manager over there. She was very put-out by this, even though we had asked very nicely if she minded us paying in \$1 dollar bills. The manager came over and assisted the cashier with counting out the money. Behind us in line, witnessing this whole event firsthand, were our friends, Dan and Cherise Gaydon. They were waiting to pay for their purchases. Neither the cashier, nor the manager realized that we were all together. We thanked the cashier, and as we started to walk away, Dan said to her, "You'll be happy to know that we're not paying with \$1 dollar bills!" The cashier got such a relieved look and exclaimed "Well that's good!" "Nope," said Dan, "We've got a bag full of nickels!"

Of course Dan was kidding, but the lesson to be learned in this is that you never know when God is going to allow our patience to be tested and sometimes we fail miserably. But there are many times that we pass the test, and that's when we need to use these opportunities to let the light of Jesus shine through us.

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men..Colossians 3:23

Hinson Happenings!

Our home was recently honored to have a visit from Country Music Hall of Fame Member and 2008 Grammy Nominee, **Charlie Louvin**. Many friends stopped by to meet Charlie including Rev. Tony Wood from First Baptist Church Sunset Harbor.

Driving Permits

Stephen and Ruth just recently got their driving permits!
Please pray for us!!!!



Derwin with Charlie Louvin and Rev. Tony Wood

Contact Alene Hinson at (910) 470-1291 or email at derwin@derwinhinson.com to purchase Derwin's new CD, "Psalm 150:4", or to schedule a concert for 2008 or 2009.

Grandma's Corner By Marlene Hinson

Each newsletter will feature a special article written by Derwin's Mother, Marlene Hinson. We hope you enjoy.

Every year folks look forward to the Easter "Son-rise" service at the Kure Beach pier. Some even plan their vacation around that special weekend. This year we were blessed to have Evangelist, Royce Williams, a dear friend and brother in Christ from Rocky Mount, NC, to celebrate Easter services with us, plus he brought our revival messages during the week. Easter Sunday began early as a crowd gathered to watch as the sun came up over the ocean and to celebrate the coming up of the Son of God from the grave! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is probably the most important event in history. What a glorious sight and sound we were privileged to enjoy as the sun was rising and reflecting on the water, and the crowd was worshipping and singing praises to God for what was accomplished more than 2000 years ago.

Later, at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour, Rev. Williams spoke on the crucifixion. We were reminded of the awful pain that Jesus went through for our sins as He was beaten, spit upon, and nailed to the cross as He suffered the shameful, humiliating death of crucifixion. We were reminded that God can't look on sin, and since our sins were all placed on Jesus, God had to turn His face from His only begotten Son. Matthew 27:46 tells us that Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying, "My God, my God why have You forsaken Me?" I am so grateful but so unworthy that Jesus paid the price for our sins. He paid a debt that He did not owe for a debt that we could not pay. If we ask Him to forgive us of our sins, and if we trust in his precious, sinless blood to cleanse us, He will forgive us and give us eternal life with Him in Heaven. What a Savoir! We can glory in the cross!

Then our Pastor, Joey Canady, brought us a message of the ascended, resurrected, and glorified Christ as revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos in a vision and recorded in Revelation for our encouragement. The two messages gave us a detailed contrast between the crucified Christ and resurrected Christ. The Bible tells us in Phil 2:10 & 11 that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father. For some people it will be too late because they didn't turn to the Lord in genuine repentance. It is my prayer that if you have not asked Jesus to be Lord of your life, that you will be receive Him today.

Romans 10: 9 & 13 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Upcoming Events - Upcoming Events - Upcoming Events - Upcoming Events

Streets of Gold Gospel Music Weekend	Greensburg, Pennsylvania	April 11 and 12
Bethel Baptist Church	Palmyra, Virginia	April 13 at 10:45 a.m.
Penuel Baptist Church	Altavista, Virginia	April 13 at 6:00 p.m.
Fountain Inn Wesleyan Church	Fountain Inn, SC	April 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Open Date		April 19
Knighton Chapel Wesleyan Church	Fountain Inn, SC	April 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Pickens View Wesleyan Church	Pickens, SC	April 20 at 6:00 p.m.
Open Date (a.m. only)		April 27 (a.m. only)
Great Marsh Baptist Church	St. Pauls, NC	April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
Hills Grove Baptist Church	Pilot Mountain, NC	May 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Gateway Baptist Church Homecoming	Tobaccoville, NC	May 4 at 11:00 a.m.
Solid Rock Bible Believing Baptist Church	Dobson, NC	May 4 at 6:00 p.m.
NC Baptist Association at Fort Caswell Senior Retreat	Fort Caswell, NC	May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PREACHERS CORNER

(NUGGETS OF GOLD YOU CAN USE)

"The Preachers Corner" is being brought to you by Dr. Michael K. Moore, President of Life Renewal Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry developing Christian leadership.
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"...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...." Romans 12:2

STAY ALERT! DANGER IS NEAR!

I have just returned from a safari in the African country of Kenya where all the animals were observed in their native habitat. Even there in that remote region God's Word is true and confirmed. In I Peter 5: 8-9 it is written, "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith..." According to my observation and the commentary of my guide, there are three times when a prey, such as a zebra, gazelle, or wildebeest is subject to be attacked and devoured by a predator such as a lion.

1. When it is **WANDERING** away from the herd. Even as there is safety in numbers, there is security in fellowship. Two sure ways to defeat the devil is to stay close to Jesus and to the fellowship of his body. You are never strong when you are alone, and you are never stronger than when you are in fellowship with Jesus.
2. When it is **WOUNDED** it can neither flee nor fight and gets devoured. . The problems and pains of life's thorns often hurt the soul, damage your faith and cause you to drift away from Jesus. Many times a believer gets disappointed in another, his 'feelings' get hurt and he becomes easy prey for the devil. Stay close to the Savior who heals all hearts and hurts.
3. When it **WALKS** its own way. For the most part elephants travel in herds. In one camp where we stayed, a single bull elephant separated itself from the herd which was going to the woods for the night, and remained just outside our cabin in the camp. The night guard told me it was a "rogue" elephant. It was one that exerted its own will, rebelled, and went its own way. Although a single lion will not attack an elephant, a pride (group) will. Your will and way for your life is never as good as God's will and way for your life. When you rebel and get out of the will of God, the devil will devour you no matter how big and strong you think you are.

Just recently the newspaper carried the story of a public official, who I believe to be a Christian, a Baptist to whom I have preached in his church, who has been removed from his position for drunkenness and other failures. The allegations are not yet proven in a hearing of inquiry or a court of law, but if it is fact...he has been devoured by the lion. And yet, while my concern is for him and his family...my greater concern is for my alertness...that I not be devoured.

**Next month...."the mark of the Masi",
and remember, you can't have a positive life with a negative attitude.**



Derwin and Alene had a wonderful time in the Lord with Rev. Gene Edwards (left) and all their friends at Genesis Baptist Church in China Grove, NC.
A special hello to our "little buddy, Josh!"

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As always, thank you for your prayers.
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