

Derwin Hinson Ministries Newsletter



Psalm 150:4 - Praise Him with stringed instruments



Good Fruit, Bad Fruit, and Wild Oranges....A Winter Tour Report

By Derwin Hinson

Our Winter Ministry Tour through Georgia, Florida, and Alabama was a great success and a lot of fun. We saw a lot of old friends and met many new friends. There were several who made decisions for Christ, and we thank God for using us to bring the message about our Savior to others. The trip started off a little rough, however. We had driven about 120 miles from home when the bus engine suddenly died, and we were stranded on the side of I-95 at about 10:30 that night. After prayers and numerous phone calls, the Lord sent "Cody" to our rescue....continued on page 3



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Coras Grove Pentecostal FWB Church	Willard, NC	Sunday, March 2 - 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Baptist Church	Willow Springs, NC	Sunday, March 2 - 5:30 p.m.
Camp Caraway Conference	Asheboro, NC	Monday, March 3
Bladenboro First Assembly of God	Bladenboro, NC	Sunday, March 9 - 11:00 a.m.
Moore's Creek Baptist Church	Currie, NC	Sunday, March 9 - 7:00 p.m.
Mt. Gilead Baptist Church	Winnabow, NC	Monday, March 10 - 7:00 p.m.
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church	State Road, NC	Sunday, March 30 - 11:00 a.m.
Genesis Baptist Church	China Grove, NC	Sunday, March 30 - 6:00 p.m.

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email at derwin@derwinhinson.com to schedule a concert for 2008 or 2009.

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

I have been reviewing materials for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. One of the Bible stories for the week is found in Jeremiah 36. It tells how the LORD told Jeremiah the Prophet to write (on a scroll) words to His wayward people, showing them their need to repent. Well, King Jehoiakim didn't like what was read to him, so he burned the scroll and wanted to get rid of the prophet, also. God, in His Sovereignty, not only protected Jeremiah but had him to write on another scroll the same words plus a few extra concerning the king and his family.

Down through the years many people have tried to do away with God's Word but without success. I'm so thankful that God has preserved His Word for us. Most homes in America are able to have a Bible (perhaps several copies) and freedom to worship. Yet there are some, like King Jehoiakim, who would like to destroy and certainly ignore God's word.

We are told in 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The day may come when America, like some other nations, won't be privileged to enjoy this freedom but could be persecuted for the Gospel's sake. Until that time, should it come, I trust we will be aware of and thankful for God's awesome grace, mercy, and love.

Noteworthy



"Say what you mean and mean what you say, but don't say it mean."

A soft answer turneth away wrath... Proverbs 15:1



Derwin had a great time with the "Lillian First Baptist Church Quartet" of Lillian, Alabama.

SEVEN SIGNS OF AN EFFECTIVE LEADER

By Dr. Michael Moore

The very concept of leadership is implied in the word "pastor". Leadership skills can be learned! Here are seven characteristics of effective leaders to look for as you appoint persons to positions that require leadership and that you can develop in your pastoral leadership.

EFFECTIVE LEADERS:

- 1. Deem others as important and make them feel that way
2. Provide a clear, well articulated vision for the group to follow
3. Praise in public, correct in private
4. Maintain absolute integrity
5. Lead by relationships, not by dictates
6. Demonstrate uncommon commitment
7. Expect positive results

THE PREACHERS CORNER

(NUGGETS OF GOLD YOU CAN USE)

"The Preachers Corner" is being brought to you by our dear friend, Dr. Michael K. Moore. Dr. Moore is the former Director of Missions for the Robeson Baptist Association and is the President of Life Renewal Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry developing Christian leadership. Contact Dr. Moore at: PO Box 478 Kure Beach, NC 28449 or 910-458-7146

You can't have a positive life with a negative attitude. Read Romans 12:2

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....A four-inch section of busted radiator hose had stopped us. Amazing how something so small played such an integral part in keeping everything running. We got back on the road around 1:00 a.m. On Sunday, I got very sick on the way to our next church. God held me up to finish the service that evening, and some very gracious men from Faith Baptist in Ocala, Florida, helped Alene pack up all the equipment and get it back on the bus. The Lord also blessed us with filming a DVD. Thanks to Jim Clark, Crawley Productions, and all the folks from Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Milton, Florida with helping make this possible. We will keep you posted on production.

Pastor Alan Ritter and his wife, Joyce, took us to dinner on Saturday. On the way Alene spotted an orange tree growing in someone's yard, just full of oranges. Alene had never seen an orange tree, and since she can get quite excitable, she couldn't stop chattering on and on about seeing the orange tree. Pastor Ritter found it quite humorous that Alene got so excited about seeing her first orange tree, which is common place for the folks in Florida. On the way back to the bus Pastor Ritter pulled up to this beautiful tree that was loaded with oranges and grabbed an orange for Alene (the tree belonged to one of his parishioners). The orange looked and smelled perfect, and Alene quickly declared "I'm going to have this for my breakfast tomorrow morning" - which was my warning to keep my hands off of it. The next morning Alene started peeling this beautiful orange. I was in the back of the bus, and Alene said, "Honey, you get the first piece!" So I came up behind her, and she reached up and popped a slice of orange in my mouth. I bit down but couldn't say a word. It was the most bitter and sour orange I had ever tasted in my life. And before I could stop her, Alene put a big slice in her mouth. Her body convulsed with the rude awakening of having bitten into something so sour. We shared the story with the church and found out that we had gotten what they call a "wild Florida orange." It has all appearances of a beautiful juicy orange and can smell just like the "real McCoy" , but it's just sour and bitter. Pastor Ritter made an interesting analogy that this orange was like some Christians - they look good on the outside, but they're sour and bitter on the inside. Don't be a sour and bitter Christian - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"....Matthew 5:16.

**Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit;
but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

*Thanks again to all the wonderful folks
who helped us out so much on this tour.
May the Lord richly bless you all.*



Spring Forward
March 9
Daylight Savings
Time Begins

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