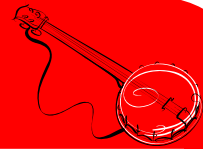


# Derwin Hinson Ministries Newsletter



## *Psalm 150:4 - Praise Him with stringed instruments*

### The W W W W

By Alene Hinson

Derwin's uncle, Dewitt Cox, of Statesville, North Carolina died on May 13, and "Grandma" Marlene is taking some time off from "Grandma's Corner" this month to attend her brother's funeral. Thankfully, Uncle Dewitt was a Christian, and we have the wonderful assurance of knowing he is with the Lord. What a wonderful Savior we have!

I want to tell you a little bit about what Marlene and I have been doing these past few months. During a recent check-up, Marlene's doctor expressed concern about her blood pressure. So in January Marlene and I decided to start walking and excising to try to help get her numbers down some. On the coldest day this year we began our quest. We walk about 1.5 miles almost every day and eventually incorporated the Kure Beach pier into our walking path. As the weather began to grow warmer and the days began to grow longer we started seeing more people (mostly tourists) getting outside, too. Naturally, being the bubbly and outgoing ladies that we are, we felt it was our duty to greet everyone we met with a hearty "Good morning!" whether they wanted it not! Consequently, these greetings have resulted in us meeting and talking with some really nice people from all over the United States and even a couple foreigners. We are inviting people to our church and to our Thursday night "Bluegrass Pickin'" at our home, and most importantly, to Heaven. I even created a little card we hand out that provides details plus the Plan of Salvation. Marlene and I have dubbed ourselves:

"The W W W W" - The Walking Witness Welcome Wagon!

We had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with a man we met recently. When asked about what he thought that it took to go to Heaven, he replied, "Well if someone's lived a good life and they've not done too many bad things, then I think they stand as good a chance as anyone to get into Heaven." It's heart-breaking! There are millions of people who believe this way. We tried to persuade him to accept Christ, but he just said "I've been getting by on my own belief for all these years and I'm not going to change now." Of course, we're praying for him, and we hope you will, too. Jesus is coming soon, and it's our job as Christians to tell as many people as we can about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That's why Derwin and I keep doing our best to take our ministry wherever the Lord leads us. We want so much to help lead souls to Christ.



*Here is one of our friends from church, John Beal, with his great catch! A 9 lb 10 oz Bluefish. Wow!*

On the pier we've seen folks catch all kinds of fish – Flounder, Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, and even some Sharks and Sting rays! We enjoy watching the dolphin playing in the surf and pelicans trying to steal a slippery catch that's about to get away. We even witnessed a whale playing with her baby just beyond the pier one morning. We've also been watching a very interesting plant for the last month. It's called an *Agave Americana* or "**Century Plant**". It's very rare to see one of these plants bloom, and this one is getting ready to bloom. (...Continued on Page 2)

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(...Continued from Page 1)... It got its name because it was reputed to bloom only once in 100 years, but that's an exaggeration. It does only bloom once in its lifetime, maturing in about 25 years. After it blooms, the main plant then dies. The stalk and flower spikes can grow as high as 40 feet. Aren't you glad that we don't die after we bloom? Isn't wonderful to know that if you've accepted the free Gift of Salvation that Jesus gave to us when He died on the cross that we can live forever with Him in Heaven?

If you're not sure that you'll go to Heaven when you die, then we'd like to Invite You to Heaven.

**A – Admit you're a sinner** - *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23

**B – Believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died to save you from your sin** -

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16

**C – Confess – Ask Jesus to forgive your sin and to save you so that you can live with Him in Heaven – FOREVER!** -

*"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 with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Romans 10:9-10

**Here is a simple prayer you can pray** - "Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for me. Jesus, come into my life, take control of my life, forgive my sins and save me. I am now placing my trust in You alone for my salvation and I accept your free gift of eternal life."

If you prayed this prayer and really meant it, then the Bible says that you are saved.

Welcome to the Family of God! Contact us if you'd like to talk with someone about your decision at (910) 470-1291 or email at [derwin@derwinhinson.com](mailto:derwin@derwinhinson.com)



Kure Beach Century Plant Located on the Ocean Front at the Seven Seas Motel

The bloom stalk grew at an incredibly fast rate. Notice the deck on the right side of each picture and how the plant looms way above it in the picture on the left.



Our three feathered friends (pelicans) posed nicely for this shot!



The cactus are in full bloom.

For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse...Romans 1:20

## Ministry Report

God has truly been blessing Derwin Hinson Ministries. We just can't thank Him enough. In April and May we saw numerous decisions for Christ - Praise God! And we also got to see a lot of old friends and meet many new ones. Derwin even had the privilege of doing a "Duet" with the one-and-only "Flat Stanley." The photo on the right shows Derwin with Rev. Don Goforth from Great Marsh Baptist Church in St. Pauls, NC, and "Flat Stanley." Thank you all for the kind comments and encouraging



**Derwin Does A Duet ....with Flat Stanley!**

**Here's Derwin with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Broome and friends from Fountain Inn Wesleyan Church.**



words we receive from the precious people who've attended our concerts. Recently, 12-year-old Elizabeth Britt wrote, "I love your music and I can't wait until you come back to Great Marsh Baptist Church. We loved You!! You are wonderful person, playing those instruments and singing the songs with it. It's all great and all for GOD!!" Keep the emails, cards, and letters coming! God bless you all.

### *Upcoming Events - Upcoming Events - Upcoming Events - Upcoming Events*

Siloam Baptist Church	Windsor, NC	June 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Liberty Spring Christian Church	Suffolk, Virginia	June 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Old Fashioned Tent Revival at Tallpines Harbor Campground on the Eastern Shore	Sanford, Virginia	June 4 - 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Creeksville Baptist Church	Conway, NC	June 8 at 2:30 p.m.
Walstone Baptist Church Happy Father's Day	Fayetteville, NC	June 15 at 11:00 a.m.
Northview Wesleyan Church	Statesville, NC	June 22 at 11:00 a.m.
Massapoag Baptist Church	Lincolnton, NC	June 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Virginia Creek Ministries at Virginia Creek Campground	Hampstead, NC	June 29 at 9:30 a.m.
First Pentecostal Holiness Church	Wilmington, NC	June 29 at 6:00 p.m.
Lighthouse Interdenominational Christian Church at Rogers Bay Campway	Topsail Island, NC	July 6 at 9:30 a.m.

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## THE PREACHERS CORNER

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"...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...." Romans 12:2

### THE MARK OF THE MASI

In the East African countries of Kenya and Tanzania live a large tribe of herdsman called the Masi. They are known for their warrior abilities and their diet of cow blood mixed with milk. Recently I had the opportunity to spend some time among the Masi and visited one of their villages. The warriors are tall and thin and have the ability to leap to great heights. They clothe themselves with a red blanket because red is believed to keep lions away. They watch over their herds with a club, staff, sword, and spear. Their life of today varies only slightly from those of ancient times. Among the many interesting cultural identities they exhibit is the unusual practice of cutting and reshaping of their ears. My interest in anthropology prompted me to ask the question as to why their ears were cut and reshaped. Quickly the answer came. It is not mere decoration; it is a mark of identity. When one leaves his village to venture to a neighboring village or even into the city, others can see by the mark of his ear to which tribe, family, and village he belongs.

Upon learning that, I immediately thought of the declaration of Paul as recorded in Galatians 6:17 "...henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." The word used for "marks" is the word "stigma" and is kin to the work "stizo" which means to prick. In the days of the New Testament it could refer to the mark of a tattoo or burnt brand placed on the skin of a slave by his master to denote ownership. The Apostle Paul was no doubt referring to the marks left on his body by the frequent beatings and stoning he suffered as he faithfully served the Lord Jesus.

The Gospels tell us that during the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, His body was marked at the head, side, hands, feet, and heart. After the resurrection He identified Himself to His disciples by his marks. It is the testimony of Ephesians 1:13 that God has placed His mark of ownership upon us. The Bible calls it the seal of the Holy Spirit.

#### **There are four reasons we are marked by Jesus and for Jesus:**

1. So we will know to whom we belong. We are not to give our head, heart, hand, body, or feet to any other than the Lord Jesus.
2. So others will know that Jesus is our Lord.
3. So that Satan will know. He may irritate us, but he doesn't own us!
4. So that God will know, even as a shepherd knows his sheep.

It is the witness of the Word that the mark is not for time alone, but for eternity. Not only is the Masi marked, but so is the child of God, and we know to what family we belong.

***And remember, you can never have a positive life with a negative mind!***

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We still have some available dates this summer and fall.

Call Alene to make a tax-deductible contribution to Derwin Hinson Ministries or mail your contribution to PO Box 767, Kure Beach, NC 28449.

As always, thank you for your prayers.

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