

## Please Pray . . .

- ◆ For the young church at Ogalala, Nebraska, and for an older church in Osceola, Arkansas. I have offered to do free conferences at both these churches.
- ◆ For Grace Fellowship Church in Chadron, Nebraska, which will consider calling their first pastor on August 26th. I've been with this small group twice.
- ◆ For an Oklahoma church struggling with financial difficulties. I so enjoyed the conference there in 2006.
- ◆ For those who have been recommending this ministry to various pastors and churches.
- ◆ That four additional churches will schedule a conference for 2007.
- ◆ That I will be strengthened spiritually to fulfill this calling.

"A man's real belief is that which he lives by. What a man believes is the thing he does, not the way he thinks."

George MacDonald

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**For Personal Study**

The Lord promised Josua that he would be successful in fulfilling his calling if he would do three things with the Book of the Law -- his Scriptures:

1. Do not let it depart from your mouth,
2. Meditate on it day and night,
3. Be careful to do everything written in it. (Joshua 1:8)

Likewise, in the first Psalm, we see that the godly man is a success at life because:

1. He delights in the law of the Lord -- the Scriptures,
2. He meditates on God's Word day and night,
3. Like a fruitful tree planted by streams of water, timely fruit is produced in him by God's Word (Psalm 1:2, 3)

Compare the two #1 statements. How do they relate? What do we delight in? What do we delight in talking about? Please read Luke 24:13-35. How did the two disciples describe their reaction to Jesus opening the Scriptures to them? Could they keep quiet about what they learned? If we delight in God's Word, we cannot keep quiet about it.

Allow me to suggest that you use a concordance to do a Biblical word study of "delight" (delighted, delightful, delighting, delights). Be sure to place each usage of "delight" in its proper context. Categorize the different usages of "delight" by the ones who do the delighting and by what they delight in. For example, you might have categories on "What God delights in," "The delights of unbelievers," and "What Christians are to delight in."

As we learn to better delight in God's Word we learn to better delight in the Lord. Talking about the Lord and His Word is both a natural outflow and a reinforcement of this delight.

*Mike*



"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

Elizabeth Bibasco

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Arkansas, for scheduling conferences during the summer months. Summertime is a slow time of the year for Bible conferences. Bro. Max has already rescheduled for July of 2008.



## Upcoming Conferences . . .

- Aug. 26–29 First Baptist Church Booneville, Arkansas
- Sept. 30–Oct. 3 Rome Baptist Church Chillicothe, Illinois
- Oct. 5–9 Metro-Peoria Baptist Assoc. Peoria, Illinois
- Oct. 10–12 Dayton Ave. Baptist Church Peoria, Illinois
- Oct. 21–24 (Pending) Fianna Hills Baptist Church Fort Smith, Arkansas
- November 4–7 First Baptist Church Coal Hill, Arkansas
- November 10, 11 First Baptist Church Alma, Arkansas
- November 25-28 First Baptist Church Hartman, Arkansas

"Looking for loopholes." W.C. Fields, a lifelong atheist, on being asked on his deathbed why he was reading the Bible.

## Pastor's Conference . . .

Last December, I was privileged to do the Winter Bible Study preview for pastors at Concord Baptist Association in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The topic was The Epistles of John.

In October, I have the wonderful blessing of working with pastors at the Metro-Peoria Baptist Association in Peoria, Illinois. October 5th and 6th, I will be teaching Romans to bi-vocational pastors. On the 7th, I will be preaching in two of the churches. October 8th and 9th, I will be teaching Romans to full time pastors.

Sandwiched around this conference will be my third conference at Rome Baptist Church of Chillicothe, Illinois, and my second conference at Dayton Avenue Baptist Church of Peoria. I am excited about ministering in Illinois again.

## Recent Conference . . .

Returning to North Tenth Street Baptist Church in Blytheville, Arkansas, felt like going home. The people there were ready to receive the Word. They reminded me of the Bereans in Acts 17. In the morning sessions we covered the Book of Jonah. DOM Charles Lewis attended all the day sessions. It was a joy getting to know him. The main conference was on the The Armor of God. One man shared with me, "This is exactly what I need in my life right now."

