

Prayer Requests & Praises . . .

- ◆ That I will link up with the right churches for conferences on a mission trip to Nebraska, Wyoming, or wherever the Lord leads. The offerings from individuals to this ministry enable me to teach for free in these wonderful churches.
- ◆ Praise God for the new churches that have scheduled conferences this year. They include: FBC Paris, AR; Dayton Ave. Baptist Church, Peoria, IL; FBC Bastrop, LA; Short Baptist Church, Muldrow, OK; Hartman Baptist Church, Hartman, AR; Batson Baptist Church, Batson, AR; Metro-Peoria Baptist Association, Peoria, IL; and FBC Alma, AR. Pray that the Lord will keep an "Open Door" for new churches.
- ◆ Thank you for the encouraging comments about beginning a radio ministry. The time has not yet arrived, but please continue to pray.
- ◆ For Gene Loyd and Wanda Eldredge, both are board members who need prayer for serious medical situations. They are great servants.

"I fear John Knox's prayers more than an army of ten thousand men."

Mary, Queen of Scots

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An Encouraging Word

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For Personal Study

You are invited to study Acts 13:13-49. First, read this passage slowly, three or four times. Next, read what happened before and after this occasion.

Now, focus on the phrase "word of exhortation" or "message of encouragement" in verse 15. Who used this phrase? What does it mean? Compare this to Hebrews 13:22. What does this tell us about the Epistle to the Hebrews?

How did Paul respond to the invitation? In verses 16–25 what did Paul recount?

In verses 26–41, what truths did he proclaim about Jesus?

How did Paul use Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 55:3; Psalm 16:10; Habakkuk 1:5; and Isaiah 49:6?

How does the "word of exhortation" or "message of encouragement" compare with "the teaching of the Lord" (v. 12); "the good news" (v. 32); "the word of the Lord" (v. 44); "the word of God" (v. 46); "the word of the Lord" (v. 48); and "the word of the Lord" (v. 49)?

How does Paul's sermon compare to today's preaching and teaching?



Mike

"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time."

Oswald Chambers

2007 Conference Schedule . . .

- Apr. 15–18 First Baptist Church
Poteau, Oklahoma
- Apr. 22–25 First Baptist Church
Coal Hill, Arkansas
- Apr. 28 First Baptist Church
Bastrop, Louisiana
- Apr. 29–May 2 Oak Crest Baptist Church
Midlothian, Texas
- May 6–9 First Baptist Church
Hartman, Arkansas
- May 20–24 Batson Baptist Church
Batson, Arkansas
- June 3–6 First Baptist Church
Point, Texas
- July 21–25 North Tenth Street Baptist Church
Blytheville, Arkansas
- Aug. 26–29 First Baptist Church
Booneville, Arkansas
- Sept. 30–Oct. 3 Rome Baptist Church
Chillicothe, Illinois
- Oct. 5–9 Metropolitan Peoria Baptist Assoc.
Peoria, Illinois
- Oct. 21–24 Fianna Hills Baptist Church
Fort Smith, Arkansas
- November First Baptist Church
(Dates Pending) Alma, Arkansas

"Not a little preaching is much more imposition than exposition."

W. Graham Scroggie

Recent News . . .

February 18–21

I delighted in being with Pastor Sunny Mooney and the saints of Dayton Ave. Baptist Church in Peoria, Illinois, for a conference on The Epistles of John. Plans are in the works to return to train some in One-to-One Discippling. Director of Missions, Joe Garner, of Metro-Peoria Association attended two of the sessions. He has scheduled me for a pastor's conference in October teaching The Book of Romans to bivocational pastors on the 5th and 6th, preaching in two churches on the 7th, and teaching full time pastors on the 8th and 9th.

February 25–28

Pastor Loyd Moss and my dear friends at Rome Baptist Church of Chillicothe, Illinois, allowed me the privilege of returning for a second conference. The topics were Jonah and The Epistles of John. Bro. Loyd suggested that we do our next conference in warmer weather. I readily agreed. Our third conference will be in the fall of this year.

March 4–7

Saw my first conference in Louisiana at First Baptist Church of Bastrop. This conference was good for me. Pastor Jim Ingram and his wife, Kathy, are former missionaries to France. Discipleship with an emphasis on prayer was the topic of the conference. Bro. Jim has invited me back to train some of his people in One-to-One Discippling. Priest Roy Myers of the Episcopal Church attended the noonday sessions on prayer and is considering inviting me to his congregation for a conference in May or June.

March 14 & 21

Underwent lens replacement surgery for cataracts. I see better now than I ever have before.

March 25–28

It was a joy to serve with my friend, Pastor Dale Phelps, and the wonderful people at Short Baptist Church of Muldrow, Oklahoma. Our topic of study was Discipleship. God has great things in store for this country church. The attendance, spirit and love offering were truly amazing! When the timing is right, I look forward to returning to their church.

"Preaching should break a hard heart and heal a broken heart."

John Newton