

- For more conferences in 2009.
- For me as I prepare new conferences during the off time between Thanksgiving and January.
- For me to have more spiritual depth and clarity in teaching and preaching.
- For the pastors and churches who graciously allow me to serve.



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"The word 'sin' now finds its home mostly on dessert menus. Peanut Butter Binge, Death by Chocolate and Chocolate Obsession are sinful. Lying is not."  
James Hunter

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## For Personal Study

Please read Matthew 1:20,21 and Luke 2:8-14. Christmas is the time we Christians celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ—our Savior—the One who came to save us from our sins.

Our world sees no need for a Savior because it denies or ignores the reality of sin. (One of my new conference topics for 2009 is *What the Bible Teaches About Sin*). Certainly the world sees the need for peace between the nations, but fails to see the need for peace with God. When the angel said, "On earth peace to men on whom his favor rests", he was not speaking of peace between nations, but of peace between God and individuals. Read what Jesus said in Matthew 10:34-36.

Romans 5:6,8 and 10 teach that God the Father sent Jesus to die for us while we were ungodly (unlike God), sinful (against God), and enemies (of God). Only Jesus can restore peace between a lost sinner and the righteous, holy God.

Praise God! For all of us who have peace with God, Romans 5:1-5 is a reality! That is why we have so much to celebrate at Christmas.

My sympathy and prayers go to Alfred "Red" Duncan in the recent death of his wife of 58 years, Jerry. Bro Al and I are both previous pastors of Concord Baptist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas. He is the one who opened the door for a Bible Conference at FBC Bastrop, Louisiana, which led to the opportunity of ministering in New Brunswick, Canada.

*Mike*

Which familiar Christmas Carol does not mention the birth of Christ--rather it is about the return of the Lord?



"Humility should be sought after as the distinguishing feature of the discipleship of Jesus."

Andrew Murray

## 2009 Conference Schedule . . .

- January 18-21 First Baptist Church  
Paris, Arkansas
- January 25-28 First Baptist Church  
Wewoka, Oklahoma
- February 1-4 Morning Start Baptist Church  
Meeker, Oklahoma
- February 8-11 First Baptist Church  
Booneville, Arkansas
- March 1-4 Oak Crest Baptist Church  
Midlothian, Texas
- March 15-18 North Tenth Street Baptist Church  
Blytheville, Arkansas
- April 5-8 Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Van Buren, Arkansas
- April 19-22 First Baptist Church  
Poteau, Oklahoma
- April 26 Northlake Baptist Church  
Garland, Texas
- April 30–May 3 Miramichi Valley Church  
Doaktown, New Brunswick, Canada
- May 31–June 3 First Baptist Church  
Langdon, North Dakota
- July 26-29 North Tenth Street Baptist Church  
Blytheville, Arkansas
- September 20-23 Rome Baptist Church  
Chillicothe, Illinois

## Conference Reports . . .

Concerning the October Conference at **Miramichi Valley Church of Doaktown, New Brunswick, Canada**, Pastor David Storey reported in his church newsletter:

Speaker and Bible teacher Mike Taylor visited MVC in late October, all the way from Texas. WOW! What more is there to be said when God's mighty hand is at work in the heart of his people.

Mike's ministry to our church was astounding. During his four day journey with MVC, Mike led a daily bible study on the book of Jonah and spoke each evening about "Putting on the Armor of God". He also taught about praying in the Spirit.

The sessions were well attended and a great blessing for all. The good Lord willing, Mike will be back with us in the Spring. We look forward to that time.

MVC sends a special and heart felt "Thank You" to Mike for his time, prayers and desire to return. May God continue to bless your ministry.

Concerning the November Conference at **First Baptist, Coal Hill, Arkansas**. It was my distinct pleasure to return to FBC Coal Hill for a Bible Conference on the Book of Philippians. This church has experienced some difficult times in recent months. But the Lord blessed us with an extra measure of His Spirit of encouragement and teaching. I look forward to our next time together.

"Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail, the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as Man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel."

Charles Wesley

