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Upcoming Conferences . . .

2008

- Jan. 20–23
First Baptist Church
Wewoka, Oklahoma
- Jan. 26–30
First Baptist Church
Paris, Arkansas
- Feb. 3–6
Lee Creek Baptist Church
Van Buren, Arkansas
- Mar. 9–12
First Baptist Church
Coal Hill, Arkansas
- Mar. 30–Apr. 2
First Baptist Church
Mansfield, Arkansas
- Apr. 20–23
First Baptist Church
Poteau, Oklahoma
- April 27
Northlake Baptist Church
Garland, Texas
- July 27–30
North Tenth Street Baptist Church
Blytheville, Arkansas
- Sept. 28–Oct. 1
Rome Baptist Church
Chillicothe, Illinois

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

—Simon Peter (1 Peter 1:18,19)

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For Personal Study

Please read Matthew 2:3; Luke 23:6,7 and Acts 12:1,2. All three of these passages speak of Herod the King. Did you realize these references are to three different men? Matthew is referring to Herod the Great. Luke refers to Herod Antipas, a son of Herod the Great. The reference in Acts is to Herod Agrippa I, a grandson of Herod the Great and nephew of Herod Antipas. Additionally, King Agrippa in Acts 25 is Herod Agrippa II, son of the Herod in Acts 12.

How or where can you find this kind of information about people, places or terms mentioned in the Bible? One of the best ways is by using a good Bible Dictionary. Three I recommend are:

- The Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Holman Publishers (Southern Baptist)
- The New Bible Dictionary, Inter-Varsity Press
- The New International Bible Dictionary, Zondervan Publishers

These range in cost from \$25 - \$40. There are other good ones.

If you would like to learn more about the Herods, read the articles in a Bible Dictionary about Herodias, Salome, Drusilla, and Bernice. You may be surprised at what you learn.

Please do not buy a Bible Dictionary just to keep on a shelf. Bible Dictionaries, like Bibles, need to be used.

Mike

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to give the reason for the
hope that you have. —Simon Peter (1 Peter 3:15)

October & November Report . . .

October began with three conferences in Illinois: a conference on *Romans* and *Mark* at Rome Baptist Church in Chillicothe; a conference on *Romans* for pastors at Metro-Peoria Baptist Association; and a conference on *One-to-One Discipling* at Dayton Ave. Baptist Church in Peoria. The month concluded with a conference at Morning Star Baptist Church of Meeker, Oklahoma, on *The Armor of God* and *The Book of Ruth*.

The November conferences were all in Arkansas. First was the conference on *The Crucifixion* and *Character Studies (The Herods, Lot, Barnabas)* at FBC Coal Hill. Next was a conference on *The Book of Ruth* at FBC Alma. This was followed by a conference on *Romans* for pastors of Clear Creek Association at Ozark. The final conference was on *Hebrews 11 and 12* at FBC Hartman.

My sincere gratitude goes to Directors of Missions Joe Gardner and John Matthews; as well as to pastors Loyd Moss, Sunny Mooney, Bryan Pain, David Qualls, Bob Shelton and Grady Glass.

Please Pray . . .

- That we will surpass our goal of 30 conferences in 2008.
- That more missions and struggling churches will utilize this ministry.
- That I will develop a greater hunger for prayer and for the Word.
- That more churches will schedule conferences in the months of May - September.
- That the doors will open to conferences in Canada and Mexico in 2008.
- That I might be a "Barnabas" to pastors through this ministry.

For Your Information . . .

Churches or Associations to host a Devoted to the Word Conference for the first time in 2007 were:

- Clear Creek Baptist Association, Ozark, AR
- First Baptist Church, Alma, AR
- Batson Baptist Church, Clarksville, AR
- First Baptist Church, Hartman, AR
- Dayton Ave. Baptist Church, Peoria, IL
- Metro-Peoria Baptist Association, Bartonville, IL
- First Baptist Church, Bastrop, LA
- Morning Star Baptist Church, Meeker, OK
- Short Baptist Church, Muldrow, OK
- First Baptist Church, Point, TX

Three churches have scheduled their first conference with Devoted to the Word for 2008:

- Lee Creek Baptist Church, Van Buren, AR, Pastor Harold Smith, Feb. 3-6.
- FBC Mansfield, AR, Pastor Mark Griffith, Mar. 30 - Apr. 2.
- Northlake Baptist Church, Garland, TX, Pastor John Carl, April 27th.

Five churches used this ministry twice in 2007: Rome Baptist Church, Chillicothe, IL; Dayton Ave. Baptist Church, Peoria, IL; FBC Coal Hill, AR; FBC Hartman, AR; and FBC Bastrop, LA.



Plans are being made for a conference at FBC Langdon, ND, with Pastor Jeff Musgrave.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 21st, I was blessed to preach the Ordination Charge for Matthew Stewart, our son-in-law, at FBC Poteau, OK.