

Merry Christmas

&

Happy New Year



Thank you to all who have faithfully supported and encouraged us in this ministry. May God bless your study of His Word in 2007.

2007 Goal: 26 Conferences

In 2006, our first full year in this ministry, we were blessed to do 16 conferences. Our goal for 2007 is 26 conferences. Already ten churches have scheduled for 2007. Another six pastors have indicated that they plan to schedule for 2007. We are praying for ten more churches to be led by God to invite us for a conference this coming year. Your prayer support and recommendations are much appreciated.

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An Encouraging Word

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For Personal Study

In First John, a key Greek word, “fanera”, is translated as “manifest” or “appears”. A person or thing is manifest when he, she or it appears on open display. John, the Apostle, employs manifest from three perspectives as follows:

- (1) Concerning the first coming of Jesus
 - 1:2 Jesus, the Word of Life, was “manifested” to us.
(from Christmas to the Cross to the Ascension)
 - 3:5 Jesus “appeared” to take away our sins.
 - 3:8 Jesus “appeared” to destroy the works of the devil.
- (2) Concerning the second coming of Jesus
 - 2:28 Abide in Him, so that when He “appears” we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him at His coming.
 - 3:2 We know that when He “appears” we will be like Him.
- (3) Concerning believers now and in the future
 - 3:10 Now -- By this the children of God and the children of the devil are “manifest”: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor anyone who does not love his brother.
 - 3:2 At His coming -- We are children of God, and it has not “appeared” as yet what we shall be. . . We shall be like Him.

Let me encourage you to use these verses as you meditate on the first Christmas, the cross, our coming King -- and on how we are to be on public display as God’s children today.

Mike

“Love makes everything lovely; hate concentrates itself on the one thing hated.”
George MacDonald



Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James Baldwin

Comments from Recent Conferences . . .

- ◆ “I really appreciate you being here. I have a hard time getting what God is saying in His messages. You have really helped me with these studies on Ruth and Jonah.”
- Fianna Hills Baptist Church, Fort Smith, AR
- ◆ “My only suggestion is more teaching time. The teaching time was excellent and so very relevant for us today. I hope to be able to attend more of your Bible studies. Thanks so much for sharing with us.”
- Fianna Hills Baptist Church, Fort Smith, AR
- ◆ “Already this morning, I have received two e-mails and a phone call from pastors saying that this was one of the best studies we’ve ever had.”
- Dr. Nelson Wilhelm, DOM
Concord Baptist Association, Fort Smith, AR
- ◆ “I appreciated so much the Bible Study in 1 John. It really blessed my heart in the Lord. I know from your presentation that you had spent much time in prayer and study. Thank you again.”
- Charles Whedbee, Pastor
Concord Baptist Association, Fort Smith, AR

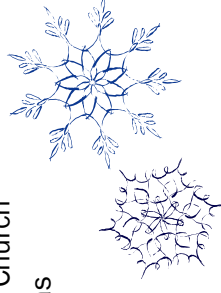
My friend, if you are not able to leave your children a legacy in the form of money or goods, do not worry about that. And do not wear yourself to death either physically or spiritually in order to accumulate a great deal of property for your children; but see to it, night and day, that you pray for them. Then you will leave them a great legacy of answers to prayer, which will follow them all the days of their life.

O. Hallesby

Conference Schedule . . .

2007

- Jan. 7–10 Penitas Baptist Church
Penitas, Texas
- Jan. 14–17 First Baptist Church
Paris, Arkansas
- Feb. 4–7 First Baptist Church
Wewoka, Oklahoma
- Feb. 18–21 Dayton Ave. Baptist Church
Peoria, Illinois
- Feb. 25–28 Rome Baptist Church
Chillicothe, Illinois
- Mar. 4–7 First Baptist Church
Bastrop, Louisiana
- Apr. 15–18 First Baptist Church
Poteau, Oklahoma
- July 21–25 North Tenth Street Baptist Church
Blytheville, Arkansas
- Sept. (dates pending) Oak Crest Baptist Church
Midlothian, Texas
- Oct. (dates pending) Fianna Hills Baptist Church
Fort Smith, Arkansas



*Earth's crammed with Heaven, and every
common bush afire with God; but only he
who sees takes off his shoes.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning