

Developing disciples of Jesus Christ using Biblical Evangelism methods, hosting discipleship classes and teaching evangelism training sessions.

A Weekly Newsletter

Monday / Thursday

witnessing at lunch

at either Valley View

or The Galleria Mall.

Please pray for

opportunities to

share the Gospel.

Thanks for praying!

We will be

Thursday, January 1, 2009 - Parade

We will kick off the New Year witnessing at the Dallas New Year's parade. This is the annual parade held in conjunction with the Cotton Bowl. The parade starts at 2:30. We will leave Carrollton around 12:30 and be back around 5:30. Please pray for us as we go witness and pass out tracts. Please come and join us if you can. RSVP if you can join us. Monday, January 5 - Prayer Meeting

Our first Monday Prayer and Fellowship will meet at Carl and Mande's house from 6-8PM. We will order pizza for dinner. Please come and join us as we pray for the ministry and enjoy some fellowship together!

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Thursday night Evangelism Training

The next Evangelism Training will be Thursday, January 15th in Pilot Point. Please come and join us. In February we will have training on the 5th in Carrollton. If you would like training before then please contact me to schedule at <u>carl@bezeugen.org</u>

2008 in Review

"Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit..." Matthew 28:19

2008 has been an exciting year for Bezeugen Ministries. We started off the year witnessing in Las Vegas. Along the way we created the Basic Evangelism Training Seminar, presented the seminar 8 times and trained over 60 people. We have seen people from these seminars join us witnessing at the mall and various sporting events! We set a goal to distribute 10,000 Gospel tracts. To date we have more than doubled that total distributing over 21,400 tracts this year. In addition, we have added over 400 names to the list of names of people to pray for their salvation. These people represent a subset of those that Craig, Todd and I have personally witnessed too! Please visit www.bezeugen.org/names and continue to pray for these people to come to know the Lord. We also had the privilege of seeing a number of people come to Christ and receive eternal life. In the summer we had a brain storming meeting and then formed a prayer team for the ministry. This fall we launched our outreach web site www.AfterLifeCatalog.com. We then launched the Bezeugen Tract Club to provide Gospel tracts for people to hand out each day. We currently have 34 members of the club; who

Witnessing Tip



Would you like some

www.AfterLifeCatalog.com hats, shirts, scarfs, etc? Let me know and I can get you set up. Help us advertise the web site so we can send people there to hear the Gospel!

Million Dollar Idea

This week I have been having fun handing out million dollar bill tracts. Here is a fun way to do it. As I go out to stores and get assistance from the employees, I say something like "great job, thanks, here is a little something extra" and hand them the tract. They love it! combined will distribute over 12,000 tracts in 2009! Encourage your friends and pastor to join! Steve and Nita Dossin reviewed a number of discipleship programs and selected Alpha (for groups) and Operation Timothy (for individuals). We have contact with a few people that may start discipleship. We pray that in 2009 many will go through this program. We also greatly expanded our resource library with a number of books and DVD's that we can loan out. With a partnership with One Million Tracts we are now able to cost effectively print tracts with our <u>www.AfterLifeCatolog.com</u> web site on them.

Looking forward to the new year we have many things that, Lord willing, we will be able to do. Of course it starts with simply remaining faithful to truthfully sharing God's word. This spring, Craig and I plan to attend The Way of the Master Ambassador Academy training in Los Angeles. We plan to start printing our own Gospel tracts and ordering other tracts in bulk. We also would like to purchase a video camera, record witnessing encounters and peoples thoughts about the After Life to add to both web sites. We have also decided that one Thursday night per month will be devoted to Evangelism training. We would like to continue to improve both of our web sites. Lord willing, we'd like to take out a billboard to advertise www.AfterLifeCatalog.com! There is a real joy in sharing Jesus with others. So no matter where God leads this year, we know it will be fun! We are thankful for all of you, our prayer partners.

Your prayers enable out boldness. Thank you!

New Year's Resolutions

Approximately 150,000 people die every day. That is about 2 people every second! Some die in their sleep never waking up this side of judgement. Others die with family gathered around. Sometimes when people die, they say some last words that are remembered forever. I find that it can be very interesting to read people's last words. What they say may show us what was really important to them. Let's look at a few:

"How were the receipts today at Madison Square Garden?", P. T. Barnum, entrepreneur, d. 1891

"All my possessions for a moment of time.", Elizabeth I, Queen of England, d. 1603

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.", Jesus Christ, From Luke 23:46

Jesus' focus at death, as it was throughout his life, was on God the Father and humbly submitting to His Father's will. As we know, Jesus defeated death by rising again! For forty days he walked the earth and spoke additional words to his followers. Before ascending to heaven, he spoke another set of last words recorded in Acts Chapter 1 verses 6 thru 9 which says:

> So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Using my Lutheran background, I am compelled to ask, "what does this mean"? Jerusalem was the city where these believers lived. Judea was the region where the city was located. Samaria was the region where their enemies lived.

Does this apply to us today? Of course, the Bible tells us that Jesus will not return until the Gospel is preached to the entire world. So, what is our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria? It's our hometown, state, nation and the places our enemies live. This is Carrollton, Dallas, Texas, the United States and places like Iran.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples". This literally can be translated as "as you are going". Going where? To work, school, the store,

the bank, on vacation! In short, it is anywhere you go! It's when you "go about" in your Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

Tomorrow we welcome a new year. Many people will be making resolutions to lose weight, eat better, quit smoking, get out of debt or spend more time with family. The Bible says that when a man dies he will spend eternity in either heaven or hell. Why not make a resolution that will have an eternal difference. Resolve that in 2009 you will tell one person per day about salvation available in Jesus that is available through repentance and faith! To make these easy, we have the resources you need to do this. Subscribe to the Bezeugen Tract Club and we will send you the tracts you need to share your faith daily. Please sign up online at http:// www.bezeugen.org/btc/.

Thursday night Evangelism training

Starting January 2009, we will be hosting Evangelism training one Thursday of each month. We are shooting for the first Thursday, however to accommodate schedules and holidays (New Years Day is the first Thursday in January), we will move the dates slightly as needed. This training will include the Basic Evangelism Training Seminar as well as advanced topics. Therefore the training night is both for people that are new to witnessing as well as experienced, seasoned veterans and alumni of the training seminar. We pray that this time of training will be beneficial to all who attend.

Join the Bezeugen Tract Club

Start the new year by making a resolution to share your faith every day! Join the Bezeugen Tract Club. We will send you 30 tracts each month for you to distribute one per day. On the first of each month we will mail you 30 tracts. Carry one with you every day with the goal of giving it to someone during the day. On the first of the next month you will receive another 30 tracts! To join, go to

www.bezeugen.org/btc/ and complete the online form. The club is free. A suggested donation of \$5 per month is appreciated to cover the cost of postage and the purchase of the tracts.

Please support Bezeugen

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You can also donate online by clicking the "donate" icons found on the <u>www.bezeugen.org</u> web site.