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Thoughts from the Revival Trail



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Prayer Requests

- Full Schedule of Meetings
Many open dates for 2019
- Monthly Support

Praises

- God's blessings on the meetings
- Motorhome for traveling to meetings
- New video studio under construction (more details later)
- Safety in travel

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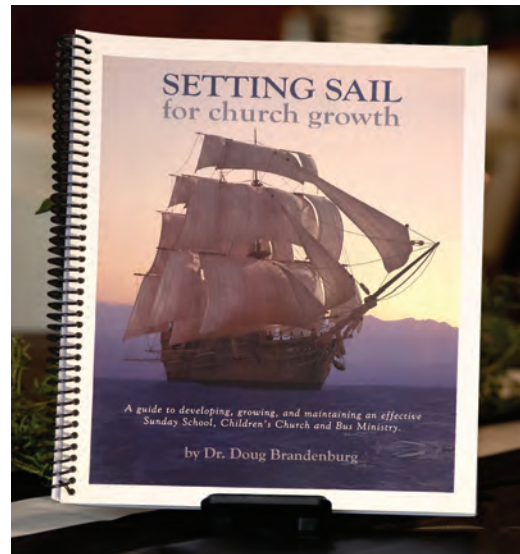
Merry Christmas!

It is hard to believe that we are already at the Christmas season. 2018 has gone by so quickly! Rhonda and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am so thankful for this time of year when the entire world stops and celebrates the coming of the the Lord Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Christmas is not about trees, lights, decorations and presents. Christmas is about THE TREE (the Cross), the LIGHT of the World, and THE GIFT of God – the Lord Jesus. Let us not forget to share the Good News of WHY Jesus came during this time of year when people are EXPECTING you to talk about Jesus Christ. Witness to everyone you can during this season. Be sure to read the Christmas Story together as a family and take the time to discuss the purpose of God sending His Son to be our Saviour!



Hot off the Press!!!

The revised edition of our book, "Setting Sail for Church Growth," is off the press and is available for purchase in our online bookstore. This book is the manual used during our "Setting Sail for Church Growth Conferences." It contains 130 pages of material to better equip your Sunday School teachers, Children's Church & Bus Ministry workers. Sections include:

1. Charting the Course
2. Enlisting & Equipping the Crew
3. Loading the Passengers
4. Setting Sail
5. The Captain's Log
6. Ship Security

Fifteen different forms are included to help your ministry run more efficiently and to assist you in follow-up and discipleship.

Setting Sail for Church Growth Conferences

One of the main emphasis' of our ministry is training church members and church staff for the work of the ministry. "Setting Sail for Church Growth Conferences" are practical, hands-on training, born out of a lifetime of experience in churches of every size. These Biblical methods have been used in rural churches, urban churches, on the mission field, and in every other imaginable setting. We conducted one of these confereces in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania in October and will be conducting another one in Morley, Michigan on January 18-19, 2019. These meetings can be a Friday & Saturday meeting or expanded to a Monday-Friday meeting with bus visiting and soulwinning on Saturday to prepare for a Big Day on Sunday. We are scheduling conferences for 2019 and have many dates available. Contact us today!

Ministry Update

The following is a brief synopsis of our ministry opportunities since our last newsletter.

Troy Baptist Church, Troy, Ohio September 3

I was honored and thrilled to preach at my home church, Troy Baptist Temple in Troy, Ohio. This is the church where

I was reared, baptized, called to preach, and preached my first sermon. It was there where I learned the Bible, started working on a bus route, and learned to be a soulwinner. Thank God for my pastor, Dr. Thomas Duff (here is a link to the "Heroes of My Faith" page on Dr. Duff - <https://www.pulпитаflame.com/duff>) I am also thankful for Pastor David Thomasson who is continuing the long history of this church being a strong independent, soulwinning, bus running, missions minded, Baptist church.



Clays Mill Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky September 19-20

On September 19 I travelled through Lexington, Kentucky and stopped at the Clays Mill Baptist Church for the National Church Growth Conference. Clays Mill



Baptist Church is a spiritual oasis in this increasingly secular world. What a

joy to see this great church that still has strong preaching, high separation standards, aggressive soulwinning and bus ministry, evangelistic, revival song services, and special music. In an age when those who promote the Emergent Church model say that "old-time" religion does not work in this age, Clays Mill Baptist Church is growing, adding bus routes, and building a totally new 80 acre campus for their church. Soulwinning and Bus Ministry still works...if you work it! Thank you Dr. Jeff Fugate for your example and passion of how the work of ministry should be done with compassion, urgency, and excellence.



Trident Baptist Church, Goose Creek, South Carolina September 21-October 10

On September 21 I arrived in Goose Creek, South Carolina to be with my good friend Pastor Eric Tharp and the Trident Baptist Church. During my three weeks with this good

church we were able to accomplish much for the ministry of Trident Baptist Church. I was able to help him train workers, encourage the people, set up a new church website, work on the sound system, and set up a video system into the nurseries. I was able to teach on soulwinning during the soulwinning meetings, taught Sunday School, preached in several services, travelled with the men of the church to a "Men 4 Christ" meeting at Gannt Road Baptist Church. I am thankful for Pastor Tharp and his passion for ministry. He became pastor of Trident Baptist Church in May of this year and under his leadership the church has a new focus and is making



Pastor Eric Tharp & his wife, JoAnne

great strides in reviving that good work. They have already seen growth in their attendance and held their first "Faith Promise Missions Conference." Ministry is so much more than just preaching! I am thankful for the lifetime of varied ministry experiences that God has given me which has equipped me with many tools to help local churches.



The "new" travel rig - 1996 Mini Winnie

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Mayfield Bible Baptist Church, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania October 18-20

On October 18 I arrived in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to be with my long-time friend, Pastor Ken Manypenny and Mayfield Bible Baptist Church for a Setting Sail for Church Growth Conference. In the last year and a half Pastor Manypenny lost his wife, Sharri, to a long term illness and last winter he fell off a ladder and destroyed his shoulder. He was out of the pulpit for several months and has had a very long road to recovery. The Setting Sail for Church Growth Conference was a practical opportunity to train Sunday School teachers, Bus ministry workers, and Children's Church workers. We conducted training classes on Friday evening, and all day on Saturday. We had a very good attendance from the members of Mayfield Bible Baptist Church and three other churches sending workers. Pastor Manypenny was greatly encouraged and testified that the meeting was a real help to the ministry there. It was a joy to see Pastor Manypenny's daughter, Becky Leonard, at the meeting. Becky serves with her husband, Daniel Leonard, who is the assistant pastor for his dad, Pastor Larry Leonard at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, Pennsylvania. Becky has been a close friend to my children since they were teenagers. I am truly thankful for PKs (Preachers Kids) who serve the Lord in full-time ministry. They truly are a testimony to their personal love for the Lord and the consistency of their parents' walk with God.



Pastor Ken Manypenny with his daughter, Becky Leonard & her children

Victory Baptist Church, Kensington, Ohio October 24

On Wednesday, October 24, I travelled to

Kensington, Ohio to be with Pastor Chester Miller and the Victory Baptist Church. He is a faithful pastor with 40 years of ministry experience. I preached my first meeting for him 20 years ago. He and two of his men attended the Setting Sail for Church Growth Conference in Beaver Falls. Pastor Miller has served mostly in rural churches and has been a wonderful example of a faithful man of God.



First Baptist Church, Morley, Michigan October 27-28

On October 26 Rhonda and I travelled to Morley, Michigan to be with Pastor Steve Finn and the First Baptist Church. On Saturday morning I conducted a Bus



Workers training meeting and then went soulwinning in the area. It is refreshing to see churches

who still run buses and actually GO soulwinning. We had a great day! That evening I spend 2 ½ hours with Pastor Finn, teaching him about "Training Timothy's." It is vital that every pastor and every spiritual leader devote much of their time training others to serve with us in the ministry and to continue the ministry when they are gone. It is a joy to be with pastors with years of experience who still desire to learn more and be better equipped to do the work of the ministry. I am so thankful for those that invested in me as a young preacher and am eager to help others in their ministry.



On Sunday, October 28, First Baptist Church held their "Old Fashioned Sunday." It was a great time of fun and fellowship. We had a great crowd. I experienced great liberty in preaching and the altars were full during the invitations.

Faith Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan October 31



On October 31, the church where we are members, Faith Baptist Church in Warren, Michigan, held a "Trunk-or-Treat" community outreach. I was able to present the Gospel seven times that evening to families who brought their kids to see the "Gospel Magic" program in the "Magic Tent." Praise the Lord for these opportunities to get the Gospel to those that would not normally come to church.



Faith Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan November 4

On Sunday evening, November 4, Faith Baptist Church had a special emphasis on children in the evening service. During that service my Dad, Evangelist Carl Brandenburg, presented a 30 minute "Magic with a Message" program. It was a real treat



for me and our family to watch Dad do what he has done since 1968, present the truths of Scripture with the art of illusions. Dad has been a magician for over 70 years and

has used his ability to preach the Bible since 1968. He began with Good News Clubs and then started the Children's church at Troy Baptist Temple in Troy, Ohio. He soon began travelling to churches as an evangelist and went to churches for over 30 years to present the Gospel. Here is



a link to the video of that service. <https://youtu.be/JdkLU6L3c4M> I was saved in 1972 during one of Dad's children's revivals, which he called "Kids Crusades." Here is a link to the page on my website under the heading "Heroes of My Faith" where I talk about my parents and their ministry. <https://www.pulpitaflame.com/carl-brandenburg> I am so thankful for my spiritual heritage and the ministry and example of my parents.

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan November 7

On Wednesday I was able to fill the pulpit for Pastor Tracey Herald at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church while he was out of town. I am thankful for good churches and pastors around the country who serve the Lord and present the Gospel to their communities.



Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan November 11

It was my honor and joy to speak for the Veteran's Day services at Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan for my good friend, Pastor Jim Green. Brother Green became Senior last summer, following his father's 61 years as pastor of this great church. There was a wonderful turnout with many visitors, including 20 veterans, who we honored in the morning service. I have served for several years as a volunteer chaplain with the United States Service Command of America, as does Pastor Green. He asked me to preach in uniform for the morning service, which I did. Parker Memorial is growing and continuing its legacy of being a lighthouse for God in Michigan's capitol city.



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Join us in Morley, MI for **SETTING SAIL** for church growth conference

*Practical instruction to developing, growing, and maintaining an effective Sunday School,
Children's Church and Bus Ministry*

Conference Dates: January 18-20, 2019 Friday, 6-9 pm Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm

Lessons taught by Dr. Doug Brandenburg

Session Topics Include:

Friday:

- The Purpose of Sunday School
- Vision for Your Ministry
- Charting the Course

Saturday:

- Enlisting & Equipping the Crew
- Loading the Passengers
- Setting Sail
- The Captain's Log



Dr. Doug Brandenburg
Host Evangelist
Instructor



Steve Finn
Host Pastor

Registration fee: \$15 per person if paid BEFORE December 30, \$20 after or at the door
Register online at www.pulpitaflame.com/setting-sail-for-church-growth-conference/
Pastors who bring at least 3 registered guest come for free.
All paid registrants received a 100+ page conference workbook.

Conference Hosted by:

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