

Pastor's Reflections- Missions: Redefining Missions

The word missions has become ambiguous today. So many people use "missions" to describe just about everything in life. Some people are on a mission when they go to the grocery

store. Others think of work projects as missions. Still others think that their purpose in life is a mission. Why even Coca-Cola has a mission to put their product in the hands of everyone on the planet.

But true Biblical missions must be defined or redefined as containing some element, method, or avenue for making Christ known to those who do not know Him. When we attempt to make Christ known in our own culture where people and customs are familiar to us and we can communicate through a common language, we often call it evangelism, not missions.

However, when we attempt to make Christ known through crossing barriers whether geographical, linguistic, or cultural we can call it Biblical missions. With that said, once we understand Biblical missions we must begin to rethink missions as we approach 2023. The world is ever changing and even more so than in bygone days. It will require new strategies and methods if we are to reach this world for Christ. So let's commit our lives to making Christ known through evangelism and missions.

Pastor Ed

Article- Born Once, Die Twice; Born Twice, Die Once

Understand that God, Creator of the Universe, gives us the gift of our temporal life, a gift with no choice on our part to receive or reject. Also understand that God offers us the gift of a second birth; a gift we *must choose* either to accept or reject His Son, Jesus Christ.

Know that when we die physically only the body is dead, however our conscious spirit is alive (Hebrews 9:27). I repeat—*the real you is conscious and mindful* and you can *remember, think, and comprehend*.

If we accept God's gift to be born again, we only die a temporal death (no choice); we do not die a spiritual death (every person's choice). We then live forever with the Creator; our Redeemer and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If we reject God's gift of a second birth—we die twice! We die a temporal death, as all men must, but we also die a spiritual death—the real death. Our soul, everything that made us who we are, in an instant goes to Hell (a very real place), but you are cognizant of everything and understand you had a chance to live with Christ eternally—but you said no.

Hell is a place of eternal torment and separation from those we knew and loved. What is even worse is that **you are forever separated from God**, the Creator of the Universe and His marvelous, indescribable Love!

If we are born only once, we die twice. If we are born twice, we die only once!

Based on Luke 16:19-31

D.D. Edwards

Welcome Aboard- to the Shuff family



(L-R) David, Ashley, & Anita Shuff

**Got something
you want to get rid of
or need something?
Check out the Dove
Board next to
Harland's classroom**

Happenings- Shoreline Lady's Royal Tea was held on June 4th at the church. The speaker was Tonya Dixon (in the flowery dress). Our own Donna Martin supplied the music. The Tea was a *smashing success* with three ladies who came to Jesus and three others rededicating their lives to Jesus.



Table Hostesses

July Sunday Class Studies:

Adult Class- Harland Peaslee is teaching through the book of Revelation.

Women's Class- Cathy Russell is studying the *Answers in Genesis* curriculum. They are currently in "God is Creator". *All ladies are invited.*

Pastor Ed's Class- Pastor Ed is teaching through the book of Proverbs.

Kenny's Class- Kenny Williams is teaching through the book of Acts.

Children's Class- Diane Campbell is doing a step-by-step study of God's Creation, now in Genesis chapters 2 & 3.

July Member's Prayer Requests

1. The Cagle's grandson Eli, age 3, had a stroke and is now in therapy
2. The Tucker's son Donnie had a heart attack and is recovering after surgery
3. Jean Prunty recovering from surgery on her eyes
4. Diane Campbell recovering from broken arm and surgery
5. Andy Gould recovering from broken back
6. Michael Berry waiting for diagnosis for heavy nose bleeding
7. Brian Carroll awaiting tests on heart issue at Duke University Hospital
8. Barbara Pascucci - breathing problems
9. Christine Holtz continues to recover from stroke
10. Nick and Bonnie Terrell - Bonnie's health and car and financial situation

Bible- [Jesus] said to them, "Peace be to you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (*John 20:19d-21*).

Services:

Sunday morning - Pastor Ed is going through the book of John.

Wednesday evening – Pastor Ed is teaching on Bible Doctrine.



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