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"R.I.P. CHIP ???"



Dear *Friends & Family*,

[9/15] **Steven & Kassia Cox** were little kids with me in my "Diamond Mine" children's ministry here in DE decades ago. They both grew up with me in camps as campers, counselors, & worship leaders. They now have three children of their own. Said children are fans of my rascally rodent companion, otherwise known as "Chip". Kassia texted me the other day re: a conversation between her oldest son Nathan & her younger son Jacob: **"The boys & I were talking about camp on the drive to school this morning. I told Nathan that he will be old enough to be a "real" camper this coming summer...**

Jacob: Can I go?!

Me: When you're 8.

Jacob: That's too long! When I'm 8, Chip will be DEAD!" What can I say to that?! I guess I need to send Jacob Chip's "Fountain of Youth" show which explains why he stays perpetually 4-years old, via his weekly entrance into my Time Machine in the garage. Ahem. 🙄

"CAPTIVE COP-KISSER"?



Kim & I have lived across the street from a high school since moving to DE in 1996. Via a faithful sister's word from the Lord when we first moved here, I felt challenged to pray for the school on a regular basis. I did so for five years straight, typically by walking around the school & praying for it at least once a week. Every morning during the school year a State Trooper parks his vehicle across the street from us in order to direct traffic. Yesterday morning, I saw him pull up & park as he usually does. Sadly, I saw an older teenaged girl get out of his vehicle. My instant response was sadness. "Oh no, that young lady is in trouble with the police. This is so sad." All of the sudden she leaned over to the trooper & gave him a kiss. It was her father! 😊 I immediately went over to him & told him the story & how awesome it was & how much I appreciated him for all he does. He smiled.

"CABOOSE! & 'LEAD THE GENERATION'"



[9/26] *Jessandra Blankenbiller* has been a dear sister & friend in the Lord for over 20 years. Kim & I call her husband **Devin** "our 4th son". I met Jess via Devin when she came along with him to counsel at camp decades ago. I could see very quickly this young woman was very gifted & on fire for the Lord. That's the kind of personnel we prefer at camp. 😊 Several months ago she was asked to be the Children's Ministry Director of a ministry affiliated with The Assemblies of God, a.k.a., "LEAD THE GENERATION". This ministry has existed for quite some time but up until recently only offered ministry & resources to youth workers. The head of the ministry realized there was also a dire need for equipping children's workers as well. Jess has been involved with children's ministry for many years & has much experience in that field. LEAD THE GENERATION was having a conference in Pittsburgh, PA this past August. Jess asked me months ago if I could attend & speak at some of its breakout sessions. Unfortunately, the conference happened to be scheduled during the same week as my *Hopewell Summer Camps* Kids Camp. In the light of that

Jess asked if she & Devin could pre-record my sessions. We did so in July. The two sessions combined are comprised of the “3 strikes” against children before they even enter the world, vis, being conceived with Adam’s sinful nature, inheriting iniquities & sin-tendencies & weaknesses that run in family lines, & suffering for the sins of their parents. On top of this 3 strikes they are daily barraged & inundated with the “Devil’s Daily Diet” of every sin conceivable in our perversion-soaked culture. Of course, this is mainly instilled in them via social media. I then briefly cover what The Church has often done re: method-ology of ministry to the young in the light of these strikes & what hasn’t worked. This is followed by a survey of what Jesus did with the young. Finally, I present a “how to bring the young into the presence of Jesus” via His Word & Holy Spirit. Here is the link to the YouTube video should you care to view it. I highly recommend its content to your church’s youth & children’s workers. Thank you. <https://youtu.be/4nEiA1Th3hQ> “*Vision For & Ministry To The Young*” @ LEAD THE GENERATION.

“CABOOSE! MEETS ‘FEET ON THE STREET’”



The Caboose! recently returned to “the land of its birth”, vis, Reading, PA to minister for the first time at a ministry called “*Feet On The Street*”, founded by *Daryl & Rebecca Zimmerman*. This ultra-crucial outreach to the young in the city of Reading was started 20+ years ago. It is nestled in a little building that has been remodeled. It used to be a restaurant, & prior to that a battery warehouse. Now, it is used to “feed” & “recharge” people in a whole new way-an *eternal* way! Despite having lived in the Reading area for 5 years prior to moving to DE, & despite having done much inner-city ministry with my *Caboose!* team while we lived there, I had rarely if ever been to this part of town on the west side. As soon as I pulled up in my truck to unload I realized it was “prime real estate” as far as ministry to the young goes. There were several youth & children both at FOTS playing basketball, as well as a plethora of them across the street at a city park! I heard kids screaming when I got out of the truck as in the park there was a fountain. I assumed the kids were getting jolted by the cold water as they ran through it 😊.

“‘4-PART’ MINISTRY HARMONY??”



I proceeded to unload my ministry equipment as quickly as I could. For the first time that I could remember in **22+ years** of itinerant ministry, my plan was to give this group “4 parts” of ministry that evening. I had asked Rebecca weeks before if their group would be ok with not having worship in song that night, as in order to accomplish these 4 ministry phases I needed all of the time they could afford. I told them I prayed they would see what I do is “worship” too. They cordially consented. Rebecca said it would also be a nice break for the worship team. After having setup my numerous & various object lessons for “The Pro-cess of Illumination”, i.e., how the Holy Spirit gives us understanding into the inspired texts of the Bible & what happens when He does, as well as my Bible Quiz machine, I sat down in a chair & prayerfully waited for the meeting to begin. **Daryl Zimmerman**, my host, introduced me, but beforehand he recounted memories of “**Caboose!**” he had as a child & also of his time at **Hopewell Summer Camp** as well. He even remembered me rearing up on a horse at camp for one of my **hsc** Director’s “equestrian field dramas”! For “Part 1”, I asked all of the leaders in the room to rise & lay hands on the heads or shoulders of the children & youth & ask Jesus to bless them as they did so. At the same time, I asked the “Feet on the ‘Streeters’” in attendance to ask Jesus to touch them as their leaders did. I base this ministry practice on what Jesus did with the young when they were brought to Him. For “Part 2”, I commenced with my “Process of Illumination” message, to provide reasons why for Part 3 we would read, reread, & highlight our Bibles. As just mentioned, “Part 3” entailed taking Matthew 4:1-4 & reading it 8X or so, & marking it with a different color each time as we looked for different elements in the passage, vis, “Who, When, Where”, etc. The ultimate hope by studying this way is that the Holy Spirit, by “giving Him time” to do so, would illuminate the text with understanding of what He inspired the Sacred authors of the Bible to write so many centuries ago. “Part 4” entailed quizzing the attendants, & by the way, they were comprised of all ages, from young children to senior citizens, re: what we just studied & highlighted. I have been in full-time ministry since **1986**, but I never recall once in all of those years speaking/ministering in one setting for as long as I did at **Feet On The Street!** I began around **7:45 p.m.** & I think I finished around **10 p.m.**! This included prayer, teaching, preaching, expounding on the texts we were highlighting, & then quizzing the group at the end. Yes-I was exhausted the next day but it was so very worth it. Here is the link of our time together should you care to view it. Thank you. https://youtu.be/3Fhv_YS9gBc “Caboose! Meets ‘Feet On The Street’”.

“40-SOMETHING”



I have served the ***Hopewell Network of Churches*** in their summer camps' program now for **31 years**. In **1996**, my first year of doing so from Wilmington, DE versus my first five years from Reading, PA, I not only directed the camp but I also counseled a group of boys! In my efforts to train a future director for the camp, I decided that summer to be a "player/coach" of sorts. Well, one of my boy campers from way-back-then recently turned **40 years old**. This was both uncanny but also sobering, as it was a reminder to me to once again "number my days, that I might become wise" [Ps.90:12]. How so? When I counseled this boy that year I myself was **40 years old!** There is both blessing & sobriety when you stay at the same ministry for such a long span of years. You are truly impacted that life is but a vapor. This is a strong scriptural motivation to live for The One Who died for you. May it always be so. Sincerely, [Michael](#)



****Caboose! Commentary Corner:*** [Our daughter Laura once said she'd love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I've decided to post each month random notes/comments from Bibles I have studied from]: "God's glory & power are so intense that they 'smoke'" [Rev.15:8] [M.R.G. 6/2022]



Caboose! On The Loose!

Ministry/events for *OCTOBER* & those not listed in last month's newsletter:

Sept. 29: Morgantown, PA: hsc directors' post-camp debriefing meeting

Oct. 4: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: hsc board mtg.

Oct. 4: Sight And Sound, Lancaster, PA: "David" performance, ministers' worship service & dinner

Oct. 7-9: Camp Haluwasa, Hammonton, NJ: Converge Church Boot Camp Youth retreat

Oct. 16,23,24: My birthday, our 45th anniversary, & Kim's birthday (respectively)

Oct. 12-19: Daphne, AL: visiting our daughter Laura & family

Oct. 20-26: Bay Village, OH: visiting our oldest son & family

Oct. 31: Home: distributing candy & gospel tracts to Trick O' Treaters



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