



We have been examining an article written by Dr. Will McRaney, Jr. entitled, "5 Ways to Overcome a Fear of Witnessing." We will complete our review of this article this week.

Dr. McRaney wrote that the first thing we must do to overcome a fear of witnessing is to **"Recognize that fear is natural, although we are seeking to live in the power of the supernatural."** Another of his suggestions was, **"We can recognize that fear is not from God but a tool of Satan."** He added, **"Love will disperse fear."** Two weeks ago, we considered his fourth suggestion to help us overcome fear in witnessing: **"Fear should drive us to a greater dependence on God."** This week, I would like for us to consider Dr. McRaney's fifth and final suggestion for how we can overcome a fear of witnessing: **"Fear should increase our desire to become more skilled in sharing Christ."** He wrote, "My eldest daughter is a perfectionist. Her drive to get it right helps her now and will help her in the future. However, it creates frustration when she is learning a new skill. She wants to be perfect the first time. But playing volleyball and softball this year has taught her the importance of practice and repeated drills to perfect a skill. Several times early in the two seasons when she was having difficulty perfecting new skills she indicated that she wanted to quit. Thankfully, she heeded my advice that what she needed was patience with herself and repeated practice with the skills to perfect them. Though still somewhat impatient with herself, she has disciplined herself to extensive practice so that she might perform well. Fear can be used to drive us to develop sensitivities and skills in sharing the greatest story ever told."

Two of the disciplines that I have found to be helpful in evangelism is education and practice. I have availed myself to just about every evangelism training strategy available to Southern Baptists. I have studied: *Evangelism Explosion*; *Continuing Witness Training*; *Share Jesus Without Fear*; *F.A.I.T.H.*; *G.R.O.W.*; *The One Day Soul Winning Workshop*; *The One Hour Soul Winning Workshop*; *The ABC's of Salvation*; *The Eternal Life Booklet Workshop*, and many others. I have studied many, many different evangelism strategies and have learned a great deal from these educational experiences. In fact, they have all been excellent and very advantageous. However, I have also discovered that all of this education is of little effect if I fail to practice what I have learned. One thing I can say with all confidence; all of the programs that I mentioned above work and work very well. It is *doing* them that makes an eternity of difference! There is nothing like seeing someone trust Christ and be saved as a result of your faithful witness for Christ!

Please avail yourself to evangelism education and practice. You will see opportunities to improve your witness in the coming months through the ministries of Northgate Baptist Church.

The most important step in that process is to practice sharing your personal salvation story with as many different people as possible and as often as you can. Remember, the outline is very simple: 1.) My life before becoming a Christian. 2.) How I became a Christian. 3.) My life since becoming a Christian. Pray it. Write it. Practice it. Share it. Celebrate it.

I look forward to growing with you in Sunday School and worshipping with you in church.

Blessings in Christ,

Benny



Come to our church-wide Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 5 from 4:00 - 9:00 at Paris Mountain State Park. Come have fun and enjoy some good hot dogs! The church will

furnish the hot dogs and we are asking you to bring a side-dish to go with them. Since the office will be closed on Monday, make your reservations by calling or emailing the office by noon this Friday, September 2. We need to know approximately how many hot dogs to prepare. Make it a priority to meet somebody you don't already know.

We have reserved picnic shelter #1 (near the lake) all day on Monday. You and your family may go anytime during the day to use the shelter and enjoy the swimming, hiking, fishing, boating and other activities. Serving time is around 5:00.

There is a small fee to enter the park and a small fee for some of the activities. Go to the Paris Mountain website for more information.

Watch for These Events

- September 5: Labor Day Picnic
- September 7: New Wednesday Schedule Begins (see front page)
- September 11: Remembrance Sunday
- September 11-18: Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- September 25: Deacon Ordination (Nick Shaler)
- October 2: Friend Day
- October 3: Blood Drive



**NO GROW
on Labor Day**

Kids, remember to be here Wednesday night from 6:15 - 7:30 as we begin a new session of Music and Missions for Preschoolers and *BAMM* for children in grades 1-6. Great things have been planned so don't miss out!



Wednesday Nights

If you wish to participate in our Wednesday fellowship meal, you must put your name on the permanent list or call the office before noon on Tuesday. If you are on the permanent list, payment for meals will be required unless your reservation has been canceled before Tuesday noon.

Help is needed on Wednesday nights during the fellowship meal time. You can either come early and help serve or stay after the meal to help clean up (no dish washing). We would like to have enough teams so you would only have to work once every five to six weeks. Contact Judy West to sign-up.

The church office and buildings will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

Planning Packets

Cluster leaders and committee chairmen, remember to pick up your planning packet this Sunday from the table at the foot of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall. Names are on the packets. They are to be returned by October 9. There will be no electronic copies this year and you must sign them in when you return them.

Courageous

We have 20 tickets available for the 7:20 showing on September 30 at Cherrydale Cinema for the movie, *Courageous*, from the creators of *Fireproof*. See Blue Bryan or come by the church office to purchase your tickets for \$10 each.

Zumba for Ladies

Ladies, would you like to lose a few pounds or just get toned up? If so, come to our Zumba classes. They meet in our Gym on Mondays at 6:45, Tuesdays at 6:15 and Thursdays at 6:45. The first class is free; after that you only pay \$15 for four classes.

Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Yvonne Almeida

10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609



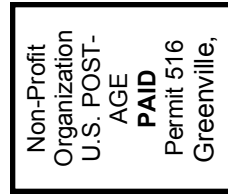
Welcome to
your new
church home!

Sam and Karen Beason

Deacon: Steve Todd

Sarah Folk

Deacon: Will Kirby



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Return Service Requested

A Thank You Note Has Been Received From:

The North American Mission Board (VBS Offering)

Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to

Ann Henderson on the death of her brother Roy (Kit) Gillespie

Giving to the Lord

August 28

Budget Receipts \$ 8,606

Budget Required YTD \$361,095

Budget Received YTD \$300,391

Happy Birthday September 4 - 10

- 4: Grant Foster
- 5: Nancy Taylor, Stacey Simpson, Laurel Shaler, Zachary Pearson
- 7: Walt Green
- 8: Will Moore, David Foster
- 9: Charles Johnson, Bruce Jackson, Sonny Threatt, Zachery Metz
- 10: Margaret Glenn, Bob Bryson

Happy Anniversary September 4 - 10

- 9: Lyle and Patty Doornbos

Ministers the Week of September 4-10

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Walt Green, Steve Todd, Don Calvert

Preschool Worship: Jack Dill, Tina Jimmerson, Ted Garner, David and Susan McClure, Ruth Harrison

Preschool Sunday School: Tony and Laura Green

Children's Church: Harry and Dawn Cunningham, Rhonda Capparelli

Wednesday Ministers: Marian Huskey, Beth Todd

Ushers: Wesley Harrison, Bob Landers, Jack Nance, Danny Capparelli

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Joey Hall, Anthony Capparelli

Counter (Tuesday): Marian Huskey

Fellowship Meal: Tom Simon, Ann Therrell, Roy and Del Sabeau, Barbara Lollis

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson

Minister of Students and Children: Blue Bryan

Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison

Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

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Beginning September 7

- 5:15 - 6:30 Wednesday Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 - 7:30 Missions and Music for birth - K5
BAMM for grades 1-6
Youth Worship for grades 7-12
- 6:30 - 7:00 Adult Bible Study
- 7:15 - 8:15 Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 - 7:30 Adult Prayer Time

There is something for YOU
every Wednesday night at Northgate!

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