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Leveraging The Influence Of The Internet

Is Your Church In The 21st Century?

Ministry Best Practices

Protestant churches across the nation are using various forms of emerging technology to influence



people's lives and enliven their church experience. But the pace of technology adoption seems to have slowed in the past two years as some churches focus upon making the most of what they already have, and other churches attempt to get by without incorporating such tools into their ministry mix.

The new study by

Barna research explored the presence of eight technologies and applications in Protestant churches. Here are some of the trends concerning those eight technologies that Barna discovered in their research.

Two-thirds of Protestant churches (65%) now have a large screen projection system in their church that they use for services and other events.

Sending email blasts to large groups of people or to the entire church body is common to a majority of Protestant churches (56%).

The ways in which churches are reaching out to people over the Internet are ex-

panding. Back in 2000, just one-third of Protestant churches (34%) had a church website. That exploded to 57% in 2005, and has inched upward since then to 62%. (personal comment: I can't imagine why EVERY church can't put up some kind of website - this should be minimal in this day and age.)

One out of every four Protestant churches (26%) now has some presence on one or more social networking sites (such as

MySpace). Podcasting has been adopted by one out of every six churches (16%).

Blog-
ging is also invading the

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GOING WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE

By Carlos Liese



to reach the unreached that God has led into my world.

I am going where no man has gone before. No, not to a Star Trek convention, but I am trying

We are the body of Christ. I want to be the fingertip of the whole body of Christ. I want to be the first person to lead someone to Christ who becomes the first Christian in their entire people group. I want to go where no man has gone before!

It's easy to travel 3,000 miles to somewhere far away to take the gospel, but it's hard to go 12

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Nurturing The Baby

If you have a baby, you realize that they require so much more attention than an elementary age child or even a teenager. A baby relies on you for meeting their every need from the day of their birth. However, as they grow, those of us who are more mature work hard to help them to grow to independence.



We celebrate each step of progress along the way.

When we work together to birth a new church, those of us who are more mature must commit to nurture that infant congregation through the important stages of growth until they reach independence. Although some financial

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feet to tell someone about the cross. Sometimes we're completely at a loss for words. Three weeks ago I walked out of the first Buddhist temple I had ever been to. I tried to witness to a young man and it was like scaling a perfectly smooth greased wall. He said he had no problem worshipping Jesus since Jesus was Buddha's reincarnation anyway. He said his family had been Buddhist for 104 generations! My attempt to share my testimony with him may have been the first time anyone had gotten that far with him. In 104 generations! Yes, I have more to learn,



but that is precisely where the adventure lies.

God is at work all around us. There is an Imam in the Bronx that was showing the Jesus Film at his Mosque. I think that is a man I'd like to meet. There is a great openness among

Muslims to dialogue. There are many undercurrents among Middle Easterners that don't appear in the media. Just a week and a half ago I asked three young men at a Dearborn coffee shop what they did to get rid of their sins. They told

me about their confession of faith that, "There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet." They told me about prayers, fasting, giving alms to the poor and the pilgrimage to Mecca, but had no assurance whatsoever. As I shared the gospel, one of them was about to interrupt me when I came to the crucifixion. His friend Ali reached out and gently signaled that he not interrupt. He wanted to hear the rest of the story. God is at work.

I invite you to join me. When you share Christ with someone who has never heard the gospel before, you are going where no man has ever gone. Paul put it this way, "It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known." Romans 15:20. What is your ambition in life?

*"It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ was not known."
Romans 15:20*

WE IS GREATER THAN ME

"By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:35 (HCSB)

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Missionaries to Thailand

Upon her recent volunteer missions trip to Bangkok, Thailand, Mary Lou Hall, member of Lake St. Helen Baptist Church in St. Helen, MI, was afforded an opportunity away from her teaching job at the Baptist Student Center to be with International Mission Board (IMB) career missionaries. Mary, Nadia Serio and Monti Bullock have become better informed of the work the missionaries do in Jesus' name.

John and Ruth Lapos, IMB missionaries in Thailand, made the two hour trip from Bangkok possible. When arriving at the destination, the group was met by Dr. Doug and Cheryl Derbyshire.

Dr. Derbyshire heads up the Bangkla Baptist Medical Clinic in what was formerly a hospital established by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1960. Because of government regulations, Dr. Derbyshire is not permitted to do major surgeries, although he can tend to minor medical needs of the people.

Dr. Derbyshire could not join the group for the day but he expressed his

evangelistic approach in sharing the gospel with the Thai people. After work-



Standing in front of the Baptist Clinic and "Thai Country Trim" are L-R: Mary Lou Hall, Cheryl and Doug Derbyshire, Nadia Serio

ing all day at the clinic, he then takes a mobile clinic out into the villages where people who can't afford medical attention can be treated. Once in the village the Christian medical workers, volunteers and Dr. Derbyshire minister indi-

vidually to both body and soul. He tells the people, "This is what you get for your body, but this is what you get for your soul." Every Thai staff member at the clinic is a disciplined Christian and knows how to present the gospel – about fifty Thai people a year come to the

"This is what you get for your body (medical attention), this is what you get for your soul (Message of Christ)".

Lord and then continue to be disciplined by other Thai believers.

About 25 years ago, missionaries wanted to find a way for women to work at the clinic instead of just working in the rice fields, earning not more than twenty cents a day. Thai Country Trim began with just making nativity sets and basic ornaments. Today, over 300 women are employed and numerous items are available for purchase through the WorldCrafts. Thai Country Trim is where the WMU's WorldCrafts ministry began in 1996. Twenty-four full time Thai workers are housed at the Bangkla facility.

The artisans get paid by the piece and it takes about a month for the artisan to get the perfection needed. Artisans get to work at home so they can stay with

their families. Cheryl Derbyshire commented,

"Most ladies are not Christians when they start in the program. When they bring in their products once a week, they must attend an evangelistic service which includes singing, testimonies and small

group Bible study."

It was such a wonderful privilege to see firsthand the labors of so many dedicated Christians serving in Thailand. The team wishes to thank John and Ruth Lapos for making the event happen and the Derbyshires for taking the time to meet with the group.



Christian Challenge Collegiate Ministry



Kevin Richardson
UofM & Eastern
Christian Challenge

A great fall semester has prepared us for the spring. After many events to connect people and provide spiritual guidance, God has given us the opportunity to steer and train students at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University.

Throughout the fall semester, many Bible studies have helped stu-

dents grow closer in their relationship with God.

Looking at the spring semester, there are many events designed for people to connect, learn and grow. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to provide students on both of these campuses with Bible studies and opportunities for growth. Please pray for our busy spring

schedule:

January 20-21
Women's retreat

January 27-29
Men's retreat

February 10th
Valentine's Banquet

February 25th-March 1st
Mission Trip Chicago

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ministry world. One-eighth of Protestant churches (13%) now have blog sites or pages through which people can interact with the thoughts posted by church leaders.

One technology that has not shown any discernible expansion in the past several years is

that of satellite broadcasting. In 2000, some 7% of Protestant churches had a satellite dish for receiving programming and training.

“How does your church stack up? Are you in the 21st century? If not, what keeps you from embracing new technologies?”

That number has remained virtually unchanged since then, registering 8% in 2005 and the same 8% in 2007.

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keeps you from embracing new technologies?

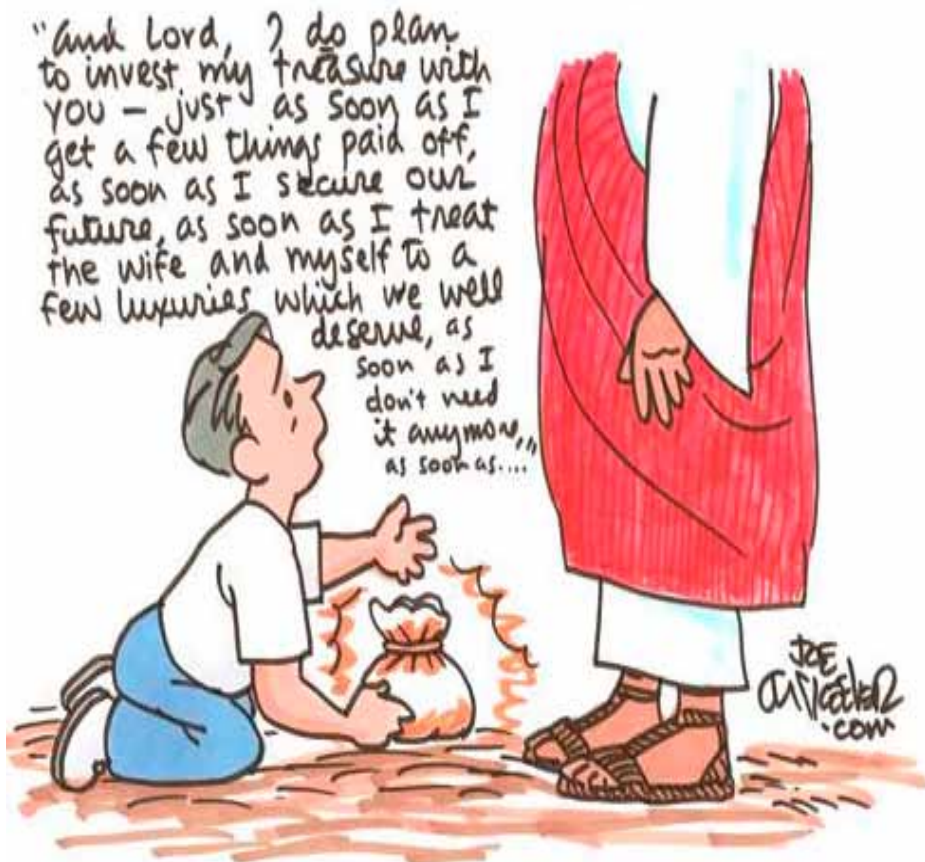


DAD, THAT STORY YOU TOLD, WERE YOU TELLING THE TRUTH OR WERE YOU JUST PREACHING?

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



One good sign you need more training in the area of visitation...



Friends by Franko

by Franko



Make a note of it, Mildred. All last year's broken resolutions will be carried over to the new year.

Can 2012 Be Different?

In my first message after being elected as your new Lead Missionary (Executive Director), I preached a message entitled



BOBBY'S BITS

Bobby Gilstrap

"The Resources are in the Harvest" (Linked [HERE](#)). It is my firm conviction that the core of the problems among our Michigan convention of churches has spiritual roots. However, the solution for many of those problems lies in the fact we need to refocus our attention on reaching people for Christ. We must refocus outwardly. Thus, the resources are in the harvest.

An Illustration

Let me illustrate with the following statistics re-



lated to total baptisms reported by our churches. In **1972**, we reported the highest number of baptisms in Michigan Baptist's history with **2,417**

baptisms. Since then, we have seen a much smaller number of baptisms annually. Here are the numbers for the five highest baptismal years since 1985:

- 1,634 in 1985
- 1,691 in 1994
- 1,934 in 1998
- 1,859 in 2002
- 1,504 in 2008

I believe that **2012** can be much different for Michigan Baptist churches; however, it will require a renewed passion for reaching people for Christ. Is it possible for our almost **290** churches to baptize at least one more than



our past 25 year high of 1,859 persons? That means we would average every church baptizing just over 6 persons in 2012 ... OR **MAYBE**, we could strive to top the 1972 record of 2,417 baptisms. We do have more churches now than then ... so it sure seems possible. That would mean that we

would average baptizing just 8 persons per church.



God's Plan for Sharing

How can we see a spiritual revival among our people and a renewed passion for souls? One aspect is to mobilize our convention of churches in evangelism. In partnership with our North American Mission

Board's national evangelism initiative, **God's Plan for Sharing (GPS)**, we are providing resources for interested churches to help them have a strong evangelistic emphasis leading up to **Easter 2012**. Pastors and churches have already received ordering information on professionally designed materials for the emphasis of **"HOPE: Find It Here!"** More information is coming in only a few days.

Find a Church

As a part of this national and state evangelistic emphasis, every church needs to update their **"Find a Church"** information online by going to www.sbc.net/churchupdate/modchurch.asp. This will ensure that if someone is looking for a church in your area, they will find the most current information on your congregation.

Can 2012 Be Different?

Although God does the saving, He desires His children to join Him by "Sharing the Hope of the Good News!"

It all depends on our faithfulness in sharing the Good News. Will you join

God in reaching individuals in your community with the message of Christ? Although God does the saving, He desires His children join Him by **"Sharing the Hope of the Good News!"** Will you join me in making 2012 different? I pray you will.

Beacon Subscriptions On The Rise

With a new year starting, Beacon subscriptions have been on the rise. Over the past several months, there have been a steady stream of people signing up for "THE NEW" Baptist Beacon.

The new Beacon has articles relevant to today's world and celebrates what is happening around the world with Southern Baptists and Michigan Baptists. Our prayer for you is to be a

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See the Plans Below:

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at the rate of \$8.00/year for each subscription.

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Community Baptist Sanctuary Dedication

On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 05, Community Baptist Church of Hastings located at 502 East Grand dedicated its newly renovated sanctuary. Community Baptist Church is greatly indebted to our Lord for the current building.

Four people began meeting in a home the summer of 2009. For several months the congregation met in homes and as it began to grow, secured the use of Southeast Elementary School for approximately 6 months. In February, 2010, the key to the church building at 502 E.

Grand was secured by the new congregation.

Pastor Floyd Hughes stated, "we are often unaware that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before". In 1891 the Hastings United Brethren Church (EUB) came into existence. Until 1896 worship services were held in various halls and in the Adventist building on Grand Street. A small



building located at this site was purchased in Sept. 1897 for the sum of \$800.00. During 1905-06 that building was torn down and the present building was built. In 1935 the church was remodeled and a basement was dug

beneath the existing building.

In 1959 the three story masonry building to the immediate south was erected, more than doubling space for Sunday School.

In early 1967, a decision was made to change the congregation from EUB to Methodist. In 1982 this congregation constructed a building on M-37 known today as Hope United Methodist Church.

In early 1990, a Baptist group attempted a new work at 502 E. Grand. Then an Apostolic group occupied the building for some 8-9 years. For several more years no church used the building, however, several community organizations utilized the building for fund raising events.

When Community Baptist Church received the offer to buy the building for \$1.00, the

congregation prayed for God's will regarding this matter. Feeling His leading, in February 2010 they began work. With

the help of volunteers from a sister Southern Baptist Church in Battle Creek, 100 cubic yards of trash was removed and the remodeling began.

The sanctuary is somewhat different from the original, however many of the original details such as the lighting fixtures, the stained glass windows and the wonderful clear-toned bell have been retained.



added, considerable money. With hundreds of hours of work on the part of our people and other

volunteer laborers, with gracious, sometimes free labor on the part of local businesses, substantial gifts of money from our Baptist State Convention of MI, South Central Baptist Association, several Southern Baptist Churches

here in Michigan and Oklahoma, it has been possible for the work on the building to be done debt-free." Hughes continued, "The church was dedicated on Saturday to the glory of Jesus Christ, for the reaching of hundreds for Him and the development of these precious people into strong followers of our crucified, resurrected and returning Savior." Wyman Claggett, a 90 year old member, led in the prayer of dedication. Rev. Hughes indicated that it was fitting for Claggett to lead in this prayer since he came to know Christ in this building while his father-in-law was pastor of the EUB Church in the 1960's.

"We are often unaware that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before."

Pastor Hughes said, "Much, much work has been required to bring the facilities to the point they are today, and it might be

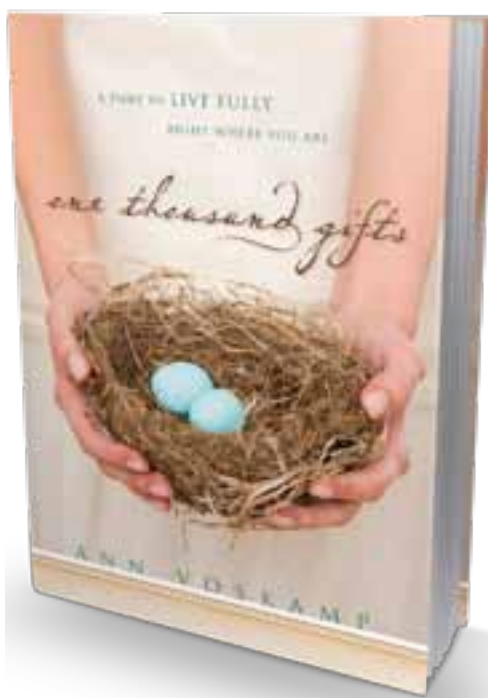
BOOK REVIEW: One Thousand Gifts

My wife began reading One Thousand Gifts over the summer. She showed me a video and told me about the book and off she went. She was intrigued, curious, and captured by this book. After a little research, I feel it is necessary to share the following book review by Christine Smith.

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp has reached the bookshelf of my heart! It's a life-changing book I intend to gift to family and friends, an heirloom for the path of life.

The book is perfect reading for Easter, Mother's Day, Graduations and special occasions. It's also applicable to someone living in the darkness of depression and defeat. Without doubt, this is now one my favorite books ever written. You've probably seen me using the hashtag #1000gifts on Twitter as I share some

of my gratitude gifts with my friends or my blog list of Counting My One Thousand Gifts.



The central focus of the book is gratitude, and seeing life through the lens of Ann Voskamp. As she writes this poetic book, she sees what gifts we ordinarily do not see

in life. Simple gifts, such as

#0001...Morning shadows across the old floors

#0022...Mail in the mailbox

#0971...Kettle whistling for tea on a cold afternoon

We often miss the small gifts of life, because we are too focused on our problems. The shadow across an old floor is a reminder that we have a home filled with memories, the mail in the mailbox is a reminder of the elderly who are lonely without, and the kettle on the cold afternoon reminds me of tea with my grandmother. Gifts. Small. Simple. One thousand of them.

Reading One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp inspired me to create my own gift list, and encourage you to craft one as well. One warning- don't just read the book review and assume you can begin your gift list! You need

to read the book to understand eucharisteo, grace and gratitude. You need to read about Ann's triumph over depression, and how her 1000 gifts changed her attitude towards life, family and home. Many times I've tried to create a "gratitude list" and I assure you this book is not like an Oprah challenge!

The book is penned with beauty, colorful imagery, and words of inspiration. Read it cover-to-cover, and your life will change dramatically. "In naming that which is right before me, that which I'd otherwise miss, the invisible becomes visible," write Ann. We need to see what we cannot see, and we do this through the eyes of scripture and Jesus. One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp is a must-read during Lent and to prepare for Resurrection Day on Easter Sunday. I'll enjoy reading this book year-after-year and will never tire of it.

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support is helpful, it is not as important as other support we can give an infant church. Most individuals know financially well-supported children who are very unhealthy and unbalanced while observing economically deprived children which



have high self-esteem and a balanced outlook on life. We need to strive to be a total support to our new churches.

You Can Be a Support!

Would you like to be part of the support system for our newest churches in Michigan? Would you like to be a prayer partner or even a financial supporter? You can

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DAVE SAYS...

Dear Dave,

I've noticed that lots of people get defensive when it comes to talking about money and living on a plan. Why is this?

Tonya

Dear Tonya,

I think it's because there seem to be two negative emotions connected to people who have failed with money: guilt and cynicism. They feel guilty because they're terrible when it comes to handling money, and they don't want to talk about it.

Cynicism may be more prevalent in people who feel like they've been messed over by some "money expert" out there. Maybe they got caught up in a deal that went bad, or they lost a lot of money following their advisor's advice. The results can be they end up believing that anyone connected to the financial arena is a bad, incompetent or manipulative person.

If you've made mistakes with money, that just makes you human. Everyone alive has messed up financially, and that includes me. I made mistakes with lots of zeroes on the end, but I managed to turn things around. Now, I'm running my own company based on those mistakes, how to fix them and how to keep people from making

the same mistakes I did years ago.

Sometimes people just don't want to be around others who are trying something new or different and winning in the process. Then, there are people in life—I call them losers—who just don't want anyone else to win, because it reminds them that they're not winning. Being stuck around those kinds of people is no fun for anyone!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

When is it okay to have a little fun and get a boat or a motorcycle when you're doing the Baby Steps?

Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

I always recommend that folks complete the first three Baby Steps before running out to buy a bunch of toys. Baby Step 1 is to save up \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is to pay off all your debts, except the house, using the debt snowball method. Then, on Baby Step 3, we go back and fully fund the emergency fund to contain three to six months of expenses.

After you've gotten this far, it's okay to have a little fun and save up for a toy. But don't forget about Baby Step 4, which is putting 15 percent

of your income into pre-tax retirement plans, like mutual funds and Roth IRAs. Don't neglect saving for college, either, if you have kids. That's Baby Step 5. Baby Steps 6 and 7 are paying off the house early and building wealth and giving. Everyone likes having

fun, and there's nothing wrong with a few toys if you can afford them. Just make sure you don't sacrifice your financial health for the shiny things!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I've heard you say that people spend more with plastic than with cash. Exactly what does that mean?

Edmund

Dear Edmund,

There have been several studies done in recent years that show people spend less money when buying with cash as opposed to swiping a credit card. One study in particular conducted by MIT and

published in Carnegie Mellon magazine, indicated through the use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that the pain centers of the brain are activated when you spend cash. Of course, it depends on the item in question and individual spending patterns as to exactly how much less is spent, but the average is between 12 and 18 percent.

Want some more information? When McDonald's first began accepting credit cards they conducted a focus group study in their restaurants on credit card users versus cash users. At that time, the difference was about 42 percent, meaning that a person using cash bought 42 percent less in a fast food setting than someone paying for their meal with a credit card.

On other, more expensive items, the percentage generally drops. But these studies and others have proven that people spend more when using credit cards instead of cold, hard cash.

See what I mean when I say you can't beat the credit shark at his own game? Even if you're one of the few who pays their credit card bills on time every month, you're still throwing your money away!

—Dave

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George Fountain
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Recently my wife and I spent two weeks with all our children and grandchildren at our oldest daughter's home in Virginia. We had such a GREAT TIME together. Since returning home they have made us aware of plans for everyone to go to Disneyworld next June together and have invited us to go with them. WOW! It took all of about two seconds to say, "Thanks for including us and Yes!!" I'm so very thankful today for the relationships we have with our kids, their spouses, and our grandchildren. We are so richly blessed.

I begin with this because I'm thinking of Tentmakers Today and their

families. Over the years I have enjoyed being with men who wisely and graciously advised me to, "Take time for your family. Don't lose your kids in an effort to serve others..." That was wise counsel then and today I am enjoying the blessings of heeding that counsel. It is sad to say but

I can also remember men who did not heed such counsel. Instead of their families being cared, for their families were neglected. I see some of them today heart-broken because their kids became adults, who are bitter toward "the church" and want nothing to do with what took their father away from them as kids.

While it is not the case with all, it is the case with far too many. It is not necessary. You can avoid such consequences.

Let me suggest that as **Tentmakers Today**, you establish the following prac-

tice and schedule "Family Time!" During my years as a Tentmaker, I enjoyed "Fifth Sundays Off!" We enjoy four (4) of these every year. On



every fifth Sunday weekend I and my family were GONE, out of town, unreachable, unless it was a life threatening circumstance. (A key leader made that decision and contacted us if necessary.)

Let me suggest that as Tentmakers Today, you establish the following practice and schedule "Family Time!"

On those fifth Sundays, even if we stayed in town, we worshipped elsewhere. Worship at home was led by Deacons, Ministry Leaders,

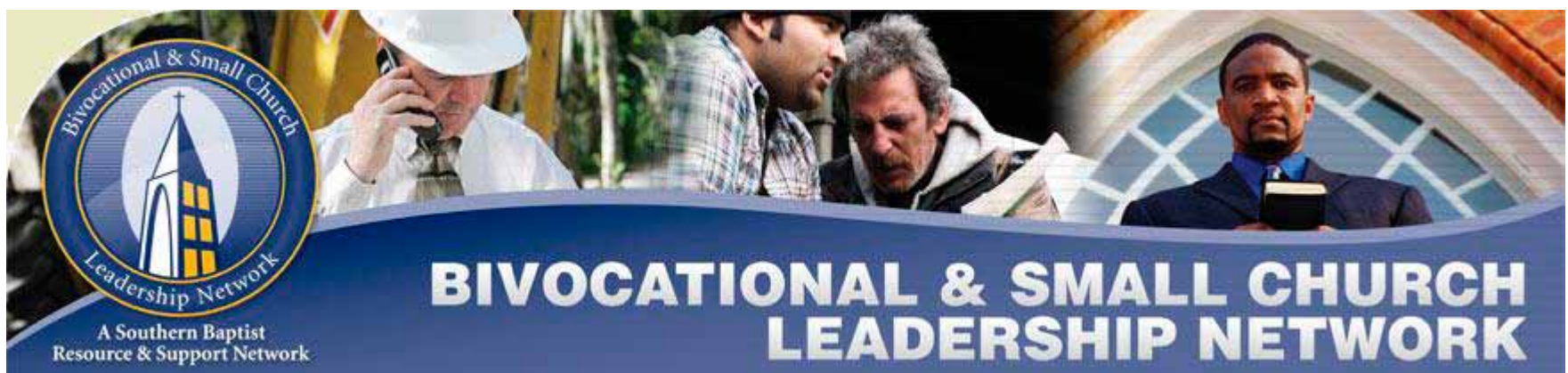
or other committed people who did absolutely fine. There were times when special music was enjoyed. Other times included personal testimonies. Sometimes a gifted Sunday School Teach-

er was the "Guest Speaker." There were also times when we invited Staff People from our BSCM office or our DOM to come and preach. Our people loved it. It was good for them and it was GOOD for my FAMILY.

Today, I am so very thankful our kids all love and live for the Lord and are raising our grandchildren to do the same. Their view of the church is appreciative... I would not change a thing. Let me recommend that you request and schedule "Fifth Sundays Off" in 2012. Share your heart with your leaders and ask for their support. Then communicate this hope and request to your congregation. I believe, you'll find in 2012, you can enjoy Fifth Sundays off, dedicate that time to your family, make memories, and nurture their faith and love for Jesus and His church.

I would be delighted to talk to you or others personally, share creative ideas that may be included. God will honor you, your family, and your church and I believe you will agree you'll find yourself to be even more effective as a **Tentmaker Today**.

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CROSSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	1,018.30	200.00	7,496.43
EMMANUEL BAPTIST	904.68	365.00	8,105.83
ISABELLA BAPTIST	180.17	464.00	1,505.15
LIBERTY BAPTIST	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIFEGATE BAPTIST	0.00	0.00	257.00
RIVERBEND BAPTIST	59.00	567.00	3,179.00
RIVERWALK BAPTIST	0.00	0.00	5,046.10
SAGINAW VALLEY BAPTIST	287.64	0.00	2,442.48
SANFORD FIRST BAPTIST	105.45	30.00	964.08
SUNRISE BAPTIST	3,333.00	2,050.00	36,663.00
Total:	\$6,662.49	\$3,676.00	\$70,534.92
BLUE WATER ASSOCIATION			
ANTIOCH BAP	110.14	350.00	564.14
BEACONSFIELD BAP	0.00	25.00	2,250.00
BETHEL BAP	1,174.70	0.00	10,760.20
CENTRAL BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORNERSTONE BAP	0.00	0.00	1,620.00
FAITH OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00
FELLOWSHIP BIBLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST BAP - NEW BALTIMORE	2,419.38	27.00	24,674.63
FIRST HMONG BAP	150.00	0.00	684.00
GOLGOTHA ROMANIAN BAP	0.00	0.00	200.00
GRACE BIBLE	20.00	0.00	220.00
GRACEMONT BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
HARRISON METRO	0.00	0.00	1,805.24
HARVEST BAP - SHELBY TOWNSHIP	589.26	456.94	2,888.15
HMONG AMERICAN BAP	0.00	0.00	626.44
LAKEPOINTE BAP	812.00	0.00	9,635.00
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY	3,213.80	0.00	19,660.78
LAPEER COMMUNITY	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIFE OF PURPOSE CHRISTIAN	0.00	0.00	4,840.29
LIGHTHOUSE BAP	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
MEMORIAL BAP	1,100.70	1,207.32	16,632.85
NEW LIFE BAP	0.00	0.00	250.00
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL	191.50	0.00	621.50
THE CONNECTION	610.12	1,100.00	3,381.47
UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
WARREN WOODS BAP	0.00	0.00	24,680.16
Total:	\$10,391.60	\$3,166.26	\$127,194.85
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			
BETHANY BAP - LANSING	368.45	0.00	4,341.29
CALVARY BAP	0.00	0.00	1,052.29
CAMPUS CORNERSTONE	0.00	0.00	143.90
CAMPUS TOWN LANSING	34.79	0.00	606.61
CEDAR STREET	6,721.00	3,673.56	88,558.00
CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY	31.73	0.00	349.03
FAITH FELLOWSHIP BAP	25.00	0.00	25.00
FIRST BAP - DEWITT	100.00	259.00	1,000.00
FIRST SPANISH AMERICAN BAP	0.00	0.00	25.00
GETSEMANI BAP	0.00	0.00	100.00
GOOD SHEPHERD BAP	0.00	0.00	1,360.39
GRACE	2,442.19	1,221.07	37,468.85
HARMONY BAP - JACKSON	695.31	112.46	5,478.56
IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI	0.00	0.00	20.00
KALEO OF LANSING	0.00	0.00	2,050.93
KINGDOM LIFE MISSION	1,287.39	1,000.00	9,826.77
LEONI BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW COVENANT BAP	0.00	0.00	890.75
NEW LIFE CHAPEL	55.89	0.00	487.65
PAGE AVENUE BAP	0.00	0.00	168.75
Total:	\$11,761.75	\$6,266.09	\$153,953.77
GENESEE ASSOCIATION			
AINSWORTH BAP	978.40	147.00	9,234.80
BETHEL BAP	102.00	0.00	912.00
BRAY ROAD BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
CENTRAL BAP	0.00	0.00	3,423.42
CHAPEL EAST FLINT/WASHINGTON SCHOOL	0.00	0.00	0.00

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CHRIST COMMUNITY BAP	140.00	0.00	840.00
CORUNNA ROAD BAP	0.00	0.00	2,068.00
DAVISON MEADOWS BAP	50.00	0.00	500.00
EAGLE'S NEST BAP	0.00	0.00	250.00
EASTGATE BAP	1,102.07	75.00	20,879.71
FAITH BAP - DURAND	0.00	0.00	500.00
FAITH BAP - LINDEN	25.00	0.00	200.00
FELLOWSHIP BAP	231.25	0.00	3,784.51
FIRST BAP OF CLIO	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST BAP OF FLUSHING	0.00	0.00	210.00
FIRST BAP OF SWARTZ CREEK	3,231.03	0.00	30,317.64
GALILEAN BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
HANMAUM INTERNATIONAL BAP	100.00	0.00	900.00
HARMONY BAP	315.00	0.00	1,584.00
HERITAGE BAP	2,421.00	710.00	23,571.00
LaFAMILIA MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY	139.00	0.00	1,220.00
LIGHTHOUSE CHAPEL OF THE DEAF	97.00	0.00	548.00
LINCOLN PARK BAP	37.41	155.00	292.92
MOUNT CARMEL BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW HAVEN BAP	0.00	0.00	100.00
NEW HAVEN FIELD HOUSE	0.00	0.00	100.00
NORTH END BAP	1,191.79	720.56	12,269.27
OUTREACH BAP	75.00	0.00	925.00
PARKWAY COMMUNITY	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHAWN BAP	300.00	0.00	3,000.00
THE POTTER'S WHEEL	408.31	0.00	2,363.61
VICTORY BAP	96.26	25.00	1,940.79
WESTSIDE	927.00	171.00	13,482.00
Total:	\$11,967.52	\$2,003.56	\$135,416.67
GREATER DETROIT ASSOCIATION			
ANN ARBOR CHINESE CHRISTIAN	200.00	0.00	2,200.00
BETHLEHEM BAP	100.00	462.00	100.00
CANTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	200.00	0.00	1,050.00
CASS PARK BAP	0.00	0.00	430.00
CHAMPION'S	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMPASSION BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN	350.75	0.00	4,026.99
DEARBORN HEIGHTS BAP	458.79	410.00	5,046.51
DETROIT BAP TEMPLE	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
EASTSIDE COMMUNITY	500.00	119.00	1,785.00
EBER MEMORIAL BAP	0.00	0.00	40.00
EMMANUEL BAP	0.00	0.00	500.00
FIRST BAP OF RIVERVIEW	118.77	150.00	1,154.32
FIRST BAP OF TRENTON	846.45	0.00	6,668.91
FIRST SPANISH BAP	292.00	0.00	2,920.00
FRIENDSHIP BAP	222.47	100.00	2,666.09
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	60.00	0.00	480.00
JEFFRIES BAP	0.00	0.00	451.00
LIFE POINTE (NEW LIFE COMMUNITY)	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIGHTHOUSE BAP	119.00	0.00	1,080.81
LIVONIA BAP	0.00	0.00	20,906.74
MERRIMAN ROAD BAP	8,058.38	10,735.93	91,584.95
MIDDLEBELT BAP	0.00	0.00	9,500.00
MT. VERNON	1,389.35	1,368.00	6,670.96
OAK PARK MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	300.00
PALMER ROAD BAP	0.00	0.00	685.13
PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL BAP	100.00	0.00	1,300.00
PHILIPPINE INT'L BAP -	100.00	0.00	400.00
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN	0.00	0.00	70.00
PRAISE BAP	940.00	0.00	7,232.00
SECOND LAOTIAN BAP CHAPEL	60.00	0.00	180.00
SOUTHFIELD ROAD BAP	0.00	0.00	329.00
SPRINGHILL MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
STRAIGHT STREET MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	10.00
TEMPLE OF FAITH BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRENTON MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	2,777.33
TRINITY CHAPEL BAP	20.00	0.00	200.00
VICTORY FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY	0.00	0.00	200.00
WOODHAVEN BAP	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Total:	\$14,135.96	\$13,344.93	\$177,945.74

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CAMPUS TOWN ANN ARBOR	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY	128.61	0.00	784.98
CORNERSTONE BAP	0.00	0.00	43.00
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY BAP	2,805.71	310.00	33,475.31
FELLOWSHIP BAP OF SALINE	1,682.07	839.00	18,166.94
FIRST BAP OF BRIGHTON	80.00	0.00	800.00
FIRST BAP OF SOUTH LYON	2,508.20	0.00	29,036.26
GRACEWAY BAP	607.89	0.00	5,484.54
IGREJA BATISTA DELINGUA PORTUGUESA	0.00	0.00	0.00
IMMANUEL BAP	195.00	0.00	1,494.00
LIVING WATER COMMUNITY	400.00	0.00	3,200.00
NORTH PROSPECT BAP	987.50	180.00	5,271.80
OAKWOOD	560.00	0.00	4,293.00
PLEASANT VALLEY BAP	0.00	0.00	400.00
VISION COMMUNITY	0.00	0.00	125.00
YPSILANTI MISSIONARY BAP	140.00	0.00	560.00
Total:	\$10,094.98	\$1,329.00	\$103,134.83
LENDALE ASSOCIATION			
BETHEL BAP - ADRIAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
CALVARY BAP - ADRIAN	205.00	0.00	1,532.00
CLINTON BAP	359.88	0.00	2,130.62
FAITH BAP CHAPEL	1,802.00	381.21	10,365.00
FRONTIER BAP	0.00	0.00	2,025.72
HILLSDALE BAP	2,470.38	0.00	23,332.33
TECUMSEH MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	9,355.80
THORNHILL BAP	43.34	0.00	482.15
TRINITY BAP - ADRIAN	1,200.00	500.00	2,400.00
Total:	\$6,080.60	\$881.21	\$51,623.62
NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION			
AGAPE BAP	25.00	91.46	275.00
CRYSTAL LAKE BAP	0.00	0.00	3,732.58
EVERGREEN BAP	0.00	358.96	1,764.12
GRACE COMMUNITY - PELLSTON	100.00	0.00	1,100.00
LAKE CITY BAP	81.66	0.00	847.44
LIBERTY BAP - MANTON	0.00	444.00	0.00
NORTHSHORE COMMUNITY	0.00	0.00	150.00
OUR FATHERS HOUSE COMMUNITY SBC	0.00	0.00	150.00
SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAP	79.46	0.00	494.53
SHILOH CHAPEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
THE ORCHARD	401.76	0.00	4,025.58
Total:	\$687.88	\$894.42	\$12,539.25
OAKLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION			
COLUMBIA AVENUE BAP	1,394.16	818.36	11,800.77
CROSSINGS	0.00	0.00	37.00
FAITH COMMUNITY, SBC	0.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST BAP OF DAVISBURG	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST ROMANIAN BAP	0.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST SPANISH-AMERICAN BAP	300.00	0.00	3,445.63
FOREST PARK BAP	927.66	250.00	12,173.50
HARVEST BAP	90.00	0.00	1,372.98
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY	1,496.88	0.00	8,749.05
HILTON OAKS BAP	0.00	0.00	1,586.60
HMONG PONTIAC BAP MISSION	120.00	0.00	434.00
KOREAN FIRST BAP	692.00	0.00	4,267.93
KOREAN NEW LIFE	283.00	0.00	2,553.00
MADISON HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00
MICHIGAN GALILEE BAP	0.00	0.00	1,124.00
MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAP	25.00	0.00	50.00
NEW BEGINNINGS BAP	150.66	0.00	2,250.19
NEW COVENANT	266.87	0.00	3,606.66
NEW DAY HOUSE OF PRAISE - SBC	58.36	0.00	807.13
NEW LIFE BAP	439.00	162.00	1,480.60
NORTHFIELD HILLS BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
OAKLAND WOODS BAP	2,929.00	1,050.00	28,778.00
ORCHARD HILLS BAP	1,087.75	0.00	10,754.71
PATHWAY BAP	218.30	670.51	3,609.15
SHILOH BAP	0.00	0.00	500.00
SPRINGVIEW COMMUNITY	100.00	0.00	1,100.00
ST. STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAP	50.00	0.00	500.00
THE HILL	108.50	0.00	1,006.04
THE MASTERS' BIBLE CHAPEL	0.00	0.00	0.00
THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD	0.00	0.00	465.00

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0.00	0.00	45.00	45.00
\$10,737.14	\$10,737.14	\$2,950.87	\$102,996.94
PINES ASSOCIATION			
ALPINE VILLAGE BAP	283.64	0.00	3,199.99
COMMUNITY BAP	0.00	0.00	186.94
FIRST BAP - ATLANTA	142.26	0.00	1,345.99
GOODAR BIBLE	108.16	67.00	969.78
GRACE BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAYLING BAP	0.00	0.00	1,248.42
HUBBARD LAKE BAP	324.10	0.00	2,051.87
HURON BAP	134.57	214.25	1,021.25
LAKE ST. HELEN BAP	188.77	0.00	2,115.10
LIGHTHOUSE BAP MISSION OF WEST BRANCH	0.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE BAP	63.00	0.00	824.33
ONAWAY BAP	67.80	0.00	648.02
PATHWAY SOUTHERN BAP	110.00	0.00	1,012.00
PIGEON RIVER BAP	293.97	0.00	1,554.09
ROSCOMMON BAP	770.00	375.00	9,051.00
THE CONNECTION SBC	18.20	0.00	222.54
Total:	\$2,504.47	\$656.25	\$25,651.32
SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			
AMAZING GRACE BAP	0.00	0.00	1,283.87
COMMUNITY BAP OF HASTINGS	399.61	0.00	3,842.45
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN	628.14	0.00	4,391.99
FAITH BAP - BATTLE CREEK	0.00	0.00	34,313.08
FIRST BAP - PORTAGE	789.19	0.00	8,686.78
HARPER CREEK BAP	466.82	0.00	5,935.06
LAKESIDE BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
LEVEL PARK BAP	0.00	0.00	2,005.70
MESSIAH COMMUNITY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOUNT CALVARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRAISE BAP	90.78	0.00	1,998.83
TEMPLE BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRINITY BAP	0.00	0.00	877.96

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VICTORY BAP	57.76	0.00	845.40
Total:	\$2,432.30	\$0.00	\$64,181.12
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION			
AMAZING GRACE BAP	0.00	0.00	2,662.62
CALVARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
CORNERSTONE BAP	588.64	0.00	5,155.35
DUNDEE BAP	0.00	0.00	236.00
EVERGREEN ACRES MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAITH BAP	218.30	0.00	1,702.49
FRENCHTOWN MISSIONARY BAP	490.76	0.00	4,462.23
GRAPE MISSIONARY BAP	64.96	0.00	874.02
HOPE MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
KENTUCKY PARK MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	75.00
LAKESIDE MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	450.00
LIBERTY MISSIONARY BAP	515.30	0.00	5,299.16
MONROE MISSIONARY BAP	9,127.22	0.00	107,302.22
NORTHBROOK	0.00	0.00	100.00
PETERSBURG MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
RAISINVILLE BAP	1,812.41	0.00	16,169.56
ROCKWOOD MISSIONARY BAP	48.05	0.00	656.55
TRUE GOSPEL MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
UNION STREET MISSIONARY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total:	\$12,865.64	\$0.00	\$145,145.20
SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION			
BANGOR BAP	161.50	0.00	1,480.50
BEACON BAP	144.00	0.00	1,603.00
BETHEL BAP - NILES	953.00	76.00	5,672.55
FIRST BAP - BERRIEN SPRINGS	199.25	21.00	1,895.57
GLENDALE BAP	35.00	0.00	319.50
NILES AVENUE BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
ONTWA BAP	400.00	310.00	2,400.00
THE SANCTUARY	100.00	0.00	220.00
Total:	\$1,992.75	\$407.00	\$13,591.12
UPPER PENINSULA ASSOCIATION			
ABUNDANT LIFE	0.00	0.00	990.13

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BAY AREA COMMUNITY	80.00	0.00	1,040.00
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SBC	84.00	0.00	798.00
FAITH BAP - DAFTER	137.30	0.00	1,337.76
FIRST BAP OF GWINN	595.35	199.00	4,673.72
GRACE BAP FELLOWSHIP	10.00	0.00	120.00
HOUGHTON BAP	1,032.00	0.00	10,721.00
NORTHPOINT BAP FELLOWSHIP	279.09	0.00	2,444.68
Total:	\$2,217.74	\$199.00	\$22,125.29
WOODLAND ASSOCIATION			
ANCHOR BAP	361.40	0.00	3,234.56
CENTRO FAMILIAR BAUTISTA	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHARITY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMPASS POINT	0.00	0.00	120.00
FIRST BAP OF LUDINGTON	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRST KOREAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRACE COMMUNITY BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOLLAND SOUTHERN BAP	388.36	200.00	4,625.81
IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA	0.00	0.00	164.10
IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA DE ALLENDALE	0.00	0.00	29.00
IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANIC de ST. JOHNS	0.00	0.00	20.00
IGLESIA BAUTISTA RECONCILIACION - GRAND RAPIDS	0.00	0.00	150.00
LIGHTHOUSE BAP	0.00	0.00	278.70
PULLMAN BAP MISSION	0.00	0.00	0.00
RIVERTOWN COMMUNITY	272.00	0.00	2,410.14
SONRISE BAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRINITY BAP	30.00	200.00	230.00
Total:	\$1,051.76	\$400.00	\$11,262.31
NON-ASSOCIATIONAL			
CALVARY BAP	0.00	0.00	175.00
HARVEY BAP	0.00	0.00	301.50
HERITAGE BAP - MONROE	5,469.30	0.00	47,720.26
Total:	\$5,469.30	\$0.00	\$48,196.76
Grand Total:	\$111,053.88	\$36,174.59	\$1,265,493.71

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WE IS GREATER  **THAN ME**

"By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:35 (HCSB)