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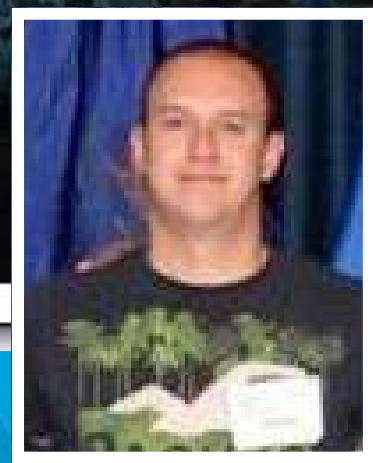
## Honoring Our Veterans



**Christopher Krajewski**  
U. S. Marines, San Diego



**Daniel D. Capacio**  
Specialist, U. S. Army, Afghanistan



**Richard J. Thorpe**  
E-1 U. S. Navy, Great Lakes N.S.

**KEEPING OUR ACTIVE MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS**

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## Profiles of Members of the FAMILY OF GOD



### Phil and Fiona Demos

Youth Pastor Phil, AKA Friar Phil, was born in Greece as a “missionary kid” and lived in Europe until his sophomore year of high school. After finishing high school in St. Paul, Minnesota, Phil moved to Madison in 1997 to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He graduated in 2001 with a degree in Management and Information Systems. Phil currently works full-time as a Web developer for a small company.

Fiona was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, and was raised in a single-parent home. Fiona and her mother, Singles Director Mashanda Fisher, moved to the Madison area when she was seven years old. Fiona faced many challenges as a teenager, yet still graduated in 2004 from high school. Afterward, she did her general studies at MATC and was accepted into the Dental Hygiene program. In May of 2011, she will be the first college graduate in her family, though her mom is not far behind!

In 2002, Phil and Fiona began dating and two short years later, after a mid-air proposal on a plane (you’ll have to ask them about that one), they were married in June of 2004. Although they have no children of their own, they’re known as “Mom” and “Dad” to the CGC youth.

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## Welcome to the Family of God

Please look for these new “babies in Christ,” meet them, welcome them to Calvary Gospel Church, and pray for them daily.



Jason Bakken



Kyle Boeck



Flodejhia Britton



Ladell Cannon



Sofia Cardarella



Grace Cone



Joseph Cone



Djavna Edwards



Adrianna Ehret



Latara Freeman



Cornelio G. Gray



Shyelle Humboldt



John Li



Nina Martel



Steven Meyers



Orlando Morris



Annie Pearson



Elliot Perez



Emily Perez



Tenecia Pez-Galloway

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## More Information on Our Active Military



**Daniel David Capacio**, Specialist (E-4), U. S. Army, has recently been deployed to Afghanistan. His father shared the following with us:

“Danny called me this morning from Afghanistan using a USO phone. He told me that the Unit they are replacing would gather together and pray before each mission, so his is now doing the same. There is one who reads from the Bible, mainly from Psalms right now, where God helped and protected David, and then they talk a little and pray together.

We at home have been praying for Danny and all the men with him that no weapon formed against them would prosper, that God would show himself strong on their behalf so that

He would receive the glory.

“Danny related that on one mission, a man who had set up an IED against them blew himself up instead. On another mission, they were warned of someone setting up something suspicious, so they backed up as the Air Force came and took it out. As they came into one city, there was an explosion near a crowd of people which left a crater in the ground. They were expecting a firefight as they checked it out, but it never materialized. God hears our prayers.

“Danny’s rank is Specialist (E-4), but Danny says he is a *Specialist Pentecostal*. His current favorite scripture is Psalm 91.”

**Christopher Krajewski**, U. S. Marine Corps, is currently stationed at San Diego and works at MCRD, helping to process new recruits.

Christopher and his wife, Audrey, have one child. They live in Chula Vista, California. Christopher is planning to reenlist in December.

**Richard Thorpe**, E-1 Seaman Recruit, U. S. Navy, who is the grandson of Pastor and Sis. Thomas and Bro. and Sis. Bill Thorpe, is presently in training at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois. Richard will graduate from boot camp on December 3 and will be going to San Antonio, Texas, for Military Police Training.

—Ellen Haupt



Dajah M. Pope

...MORE...

### Welcome to the Family of God



Eric Rodgers



Kenosha Smith



Anastacia Stromer



Yolanda Talley



Precious Talley



Matthew Teague



Nate Wall




Terrell Washington



Savannah Woods

*Our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Darlene Grant in the loss of her brother and to Suzy Jimenez in the tragic death of her husband, Eddie.*



*Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.*



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Taycheedah Correctional Facility

**Mary Capacio, who ministers to the inmates of Taycheedah Correctional Facility, attended their Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on September 23.** Table centerpieces said, "Volunteers Light Up Our World" and multicolored handmade placemats with matching candles were at each volunteer's place at the table.

As the first group of volunteers entered the cafeteria, they were greeted by the inmate choir singing a variety of songs from "Lean On Me," to "Long Black Train," by Josh Turner, and "Go Light Your World," by Chris Rice. Sis. Capacio is a favorite with these prisoners, and she returns their respect. Mary says, "While many of their senses might be heavy from discouragement and sadness, these precious souls are among the most perceptive you will ever meet."

The Warden's message was simple. She said that institutional personnel were limited in their abilities, and they depended upon the volunteers to help make actual change and to faithfully walk with the inmates toward restoration. Some volunteers spoke, agreeing with all the others that they take more away from their service than they personally bring.

Sis. Capacio reminds us the prison depends upon donations, as well as volunteers. One way you can add to this mission is to contribute in materials. The ladies need Bibles, Christian reading materials, yarn and sewing supplies, greeting cards, periodicals, and most of all, prayer support. "These children of God, living in a different location, desperately need your prayer support and encouragement."

—Ellen Haupt

"According to an Independent Sector, the leading nonpartisan forum for charitable giving in America, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$20.89 per hour in 2009. If this value is applied to the more than 11,000 service hours in fiscal 2009-2010 that our TCI volunteers provided, the monetary value of their assistance equals \$229,790. Yet no dollar value can ever be placed on the value of faithful, caring, encouraging role models. You offer the women of TCI what they need most: the assurance that someone believes in them and is willing to come alongside them in their journey toward wholeness. Thank you for Lighting Up Our World!" —TCI Pamphlet, September 23, 2010.



Mary Capacio



**Renee Thomas and Noah Strand** first decided to meet six months ago at a Starbucks for coffee. That decision quickly grew into a friendship and dating. They are now engaged to be married on June 3, 2011, in a Friday evening ceremony with a cake reception to follow. They are asking all of their church family to save the date so you can share this happy event with them.



## Neesam's Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Jeff and Linda Neesam** celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 12. They were introduced by mutual friends and dated two years before marrying. After their marriage, they were taught a home Bible study and attended Parkway Apostolic Church in Oak Creek where they were baptized and received the Holy Ghost. Later, the Lord allowed them to come to Calvary Gospel Church where they have been faithful members for many years.

Bro. Jeff leads the men's ministry at CGC.

The couple has three children, Stephanie, Nathan, and Felecia. Felecia is a graduate of Christian Life College and will be married next year. Linda says, "We are so thankful we came to know the Lord as a couple. I can't wait to see what else the Lord has in store for the next 25 years!"

—Ellen Haupt





The first annual CGC Ladies Conference was held October 29 and 30. This conference was the result of a burden long held by our local Ladies Ministry leader, Sis. Linda Brown. Ninety-six ladies attended and were blessed by the ministry of Linda Brown, Kim Ackah, Jessica Rivest, and Joanne Putnam, who is the wife of our Wisconsin District Superintendent.

The theme of this conference was "Divine Makeover." It was designed to draw the ladies together and allow healing to begin and unity to strengthen us. Sis. Putnam was the first speaker Friday night, giving us a look at ourselves as a beloved child of God, not dependent upon what other people think of us but, rather, what God thinks of us. Sis. Ackah then shared her heart and past as she praised God for the things He has been doing in her life in the past year and the victories she has enjoyed.

Saturday morning began with a coffee hour featuring pumpkin scones made by Bro. Kevin Brown and shortbread fancies made by Dan and Julie Powell. Kevin and Dan served up the coffee and scones at tables decorated beautifully in a fall theme. The ladies were able to get all the chatting taken care of, so we were ready to worship and receive the wisdom shared later by Sis. Linda Brown and Sis. Jessica Rivest. A powerful altar service closed the conference with ladies pouring out their hurts to the Lord and letting Him "fill in all the holes" to make them *better* than new.

## First Annual Ladies Conference at CGC

### *A Divine Makeover*

Most of the ladies stayed for the noon luncheon that followed the conference. We were served a wonderful meal of baked chicken, buttered potatoes, and green beans with almonds prepared by James Hawk, Will Karls, Larry Solberg, and "Puttin" Harris and served to the ladies by Kevin Brown, Jordan Powell, and Ryan Hittesdorf, who also cleaned up afterward. The dessert was a wonderful cream-cheese filled pumpkin roll made by Becky Hittesdorf. A big thank you to these men who helped make the day special for us ladies.

The ladies were especially thankful for the young ladies who watched the children: Rachel Klock, Samantha Hocking, Aubree Moudy, Hannah Uselmann, Sydney Bolden, Emily Steinberg, and Jennifer Powell.

Thanks also to Laurie Grant, who headed up the music team, Kyle Grant, who played drums, Andrew Brown and Debbie Millen, who helped with sound and overhead, and Jon Carpenter, who did the recording.

This first conference was very capably organized by Linda Brown and Jessica Rivest along with the ladies committee, which includes Darlene Grant, Lois Grant, Peggy Moran, Juanita Hittesdorf, Terry Seidl, and Sylvia Novak. All the ladies are looking forward to next year and the second annual CGC Ladies Conference.

--Ellen Haupt



Dan Powell  
Debbie Repka  
Bette Weekley



Kevin and Dan

The coffee time/breakfast before Saturday morning's session was very nice, thanks to the efforts of Kevin Brown, Dan Powell, and their crew.

## The Maiwidge of Scott and Megan



**Mr. and Mrs. Scott Pooch**



Rev. Phil Demos spoke one word when he stepped to the microphone at the wedding of Scott Pooch (pronounced “Poke”) and Megan Knaup. He said, “maiwidge” (that’s “marriage” in Fudd language). So, Scott’s and Megan’s ceremony began with a laugh. I’m sure it made the bride and groom feel a little more relaxed.

The wedding took place at Scott’s parents’ home in rural Cambridge on October 9, a day blessed with a record high temperature for that date in October. The setting was perfect. There was a nice pond complete with geese that made their own contribution to the ceremony.

Megan’s sisters, Jenni and Monica, stood up for her along with long-time friend Lacey Kearns.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Pooch have just purchased a home in Sun Prairie. We pray God will bless this couple in their new life together.

--Diane Nelson

## A UPCI General Conference Experience

### “FOR FREE?”



By Christina Vega

General Conference was an awesome move of God from beginning to end.

The services were moving; it felt like God was challenging His people. It started with the Azusa Street Revival drama, which was awesome. Bro. David Bernard, the UPCI General Superintendent, preached a message that was out of this world and truly a word of God, challenging everyone, pushing people to keep going, don’t give up, go places no one has thought of, do things no one has done, don’t settle for the easy route, follow the faith route. God has no limitations, Bro. Bernard preached, so why are we limiting ourselves?

The Home Missions Division and Foreign Missions Division services were just as powerful. The presence of the Lord was thick in the air.

I was grateful to be a part of the Texas Ablaze crusade. A group of about twenty of us “blitzed” an area with fliers, and then we had a “block party,” at which 97 people received the Holy Ghost.

I had the privilege of praying with a Somalian woman by the name of Maria who I met while passing out fliers. I tried my best to teach her of the power of God. I wasn’t sure if she understood, but I prayed for her as I walked away to get back on the bus with the rest of my group. She spoke hardly any English, but I trusted in God. When the block party started, I was among the crowd, greeting everyone, and I saw Maria walking toward the park. I went immediately to greet

her. Her daughter helped with translating as we talked and then prayed, and she received the Holy Ghost!

On the final night, the move of God was like a mighty wind. People were being filled with the Holy Ghost everywhere! I had the privilege of praying a young boy named Alexander through to the Holy Ghost. He was 10 years old, and I told him that speaking in tongues was your heart speaking to God. I asked him, “Don’t you want to talk to Jesus?” and God refilled him. It was announced that they were baptizing and if anyone wanted, they could come down and get baptized. Alexander looked at me and said, “They are baptizing people.” I said, “Yes, do you want to get baptized?” He looked at me with an incredulous look on his face and said, “For free?” I laughed and said, “Yes, for free! Go ask your mom.” I watched on the monitor as he got baptized in the name of Jesus.

Going to General Conference has motivated me to go forward. I attended panel discussions, Ladies Conference, and outreach evangelism, foreign missions, and home mission services. Always, there was a powerful spiritual atmosphere. It’s hard to describe the spiritual depth, as if God was in the atmosphere. You feel God from beginning to end, and you take something home when the Holy Ghost just flows freely like that. To see all those people in one accord, praising the Lord, dancing in the Spirit, shouting, singing – on fire for the Lord – like one very big church. If you have an opportunity to go to General Conference, you definitely want to go! †

Endeavouring to keep the **unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:3)

Till we all come in the **unity** of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.(Eph. 4:13)

# Family Crusade . . . Worth "Diving Into"

On Sunday, October 17, CGC's Sunday School Department hosted a family crusade with guest speakers Bro. and Sis. Oliver. The sanctuary was transformed into a larger version of what children experience every Sunday morning in the KidzRageous Sunday School class and included announcements and "ground rules" presented in an upbeat, kid-friendly way. The offering was even taken by ushers of a much smaller size than usual.

The Sunday School Department presented a black-light puppet show choreographed to Steven Curtis Chapman's song, "I'm Divin' In." It was enjoyable to young and old alike. They did a fantastic job!

Before Sis. Oliver ministered, Bro. Oliver talked the congregation through the four steps of worship. These four simple steps are applicable to children and adults:

1. Close your eyes.
2. Lift your face toward God.
3. Raise your hands.
4. Talk to God out loud.

On Sunday morning, Sis. Oliver ministered about playing "Hide and Seek" with God. Sis. Oliver recalled how she used to play hide and seek with her friends as a child. She enjoyed playing this game because she had a strategy that allowed her to win the game every time. A lot of times, we think we can play hide and seek with God and that He doesn't see that we're sinning against Him. We can only play this game for so long. Before God's return, we had better ensure we have a strategy to be on God's side and win.

On Sunday evening, Sis. Oliver

ministered by telling a "Spooky Story" with a skeleton and bag of (candy) blood as her props. She referenced the book of Genesis that tells how God breathed the breath of life into man. When God fills someone with the Holy Ghost, He gives them a new life by breathing into them. When a person is baptized, they are essentially given a blood transfusion since Jesus' blood now covers them.



Sofia was baptized after receiving the Holy Ghost.

The Sunday School Department believed God for a 100-soul revival during this crusade. God gave us 27 souls on Sunday, including three-year-old Sofia Cardarella, who may possibly be CGC's youngest-ever babe in Christ. Sis. Oliver prophesied that the remaining 73 souls would be won by the end of

the year. We must have faith and believe it will come to pass!

Thank you, Bro. Ben and Sis. Stephanie Thompson and the entire Sunday School Department, for your dedication to such an important ministry.

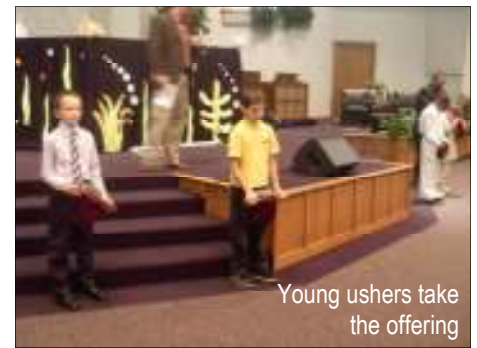
--Jane Rossing



Bro. & Sis. Oliver



Children's cardboard testimonies



Young ushers take the offering



Rick Solberg prays with a young man who has come to the altar.



Simon Says.....  
Jesus says....

# Pictures from Touched Twice

October 2



Above: Some of the doctors and nurses who are so vital to the success and ministry of Touched Twice.

And once again, a big thanks goes out to Dr. Robb Warren and his team of volunteer dentists, whose services are very much in demand.

To all of the many, many volunteers, thank you for letting the love of Jesus shine!

Below: Our own David Haupt cleans up the restrooms after it was all over. Thanks, Bro. Dave!



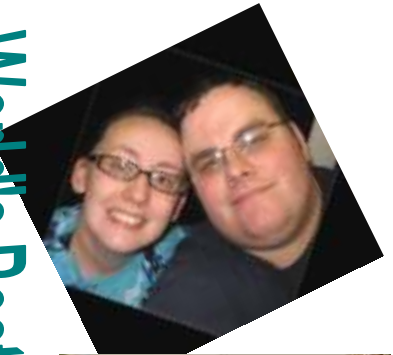
## Family of God (Continued from page 2)

While attending UW-Madison, Phil served on CGC's youth team as the Director of the Youth Choir. Then in September of 2003, he was asked to serve as Youth Pastor. Fiona also joined the youth team in 2003. Phil and Fiona have served as Youth Pastors ever since.

Phil received his local minister's license from the United Pentecostal Church in 2006. He also has served as the Section 3 Youth Representative for Wisconsin Youth Ministries since 2006 and the Wisconsin District Youth Secretary since March of 2010.

What does the future hold for Phil and Fiona? Only the Lord knows as they continue to follow after His will.

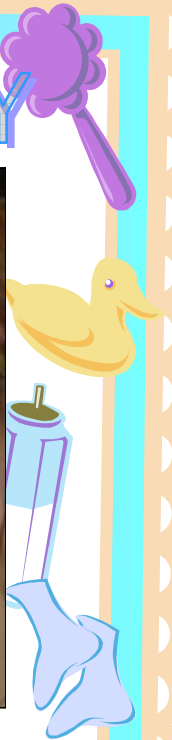
World's Best Youth Leaders



# SWEET BABY BOY



Alesiya Brost loves her new brother, **Elliott Grant Brost**, born to Allison and Jason on October 17. Congratulations and God's blessings to all.



## CIP Asking for Volunteers for the Empty Stocking Club Toy Distribution

**Supplying volunteers for the Empty Stocking Club Toy distribution enables CIP to receive toys to give to the children of our Christian Intervention Program students. These gifts are handed out during the annual CIP Christmas Banquet held here at the church.**

Volunteers are needed December 13, 14, and 15. The Toy Depot is held in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center on Rimrock Road. More than 10,000 children will receive toys for Christmas thanks to this Empty Stocking Club event.

The type of help needed is:

**Unload:** Help is needed on **Monday, 12/13** to unload three semis filled with toys! Once unloaded, toys need to be sorted and unpacked for distribution on Tuesday & Wednesday.

**Toy Helpers:** Assist families in picking out NEW toys for each child in their family! If you like working and interacting with a variety of people – this job is for you! (**Tuesday, 12/14 or Wednesday, 12/15 only**)

**Check-In:** Computer skills are necessary to check-in vouchers as recipients arrive. (**Tuesday, 12/14 or Wednesday, 12/15 only**)

**Check-Out:** Once toys are picked out, you will bag and double-check the toys. (**Tuesday, 12/14 or Wednesday, 12/15 only**)

**Clean-up:** Help is needed on **Wednesday, 12/15** starting at 5:30 pm to pack remaining toys and clean-up the hall.

**Registration:** If you are a computer savvy, comfortable working with a database and dealing with the general public, we are looking for a few more helpers for registration. This will be registering recipients the day of the Toy Depot. We ask that

## Plans Are Made For Our Local Christmas Giving Program

### “Adopt a Family” for Christmas”



Again this year we are looking into our own fellowship for families who need a little assistance in making the Christmas holidays a little brighter. Nicole Solberg and Sandra Watkins are heading up this year's program.

Beginning November 21, “Gift Tags” will be available for pickup so you can purchase the requested item, gift wrap it, and return it for distribution. Besides toys and clothing for the children, we will have the opportunity this year of giving grocery store gift cards to help each family with their holiday meal. All is done anonymously; you don't know who is receiving the gifts and they don't know who purchased them.

**Families who have a need should fill out an application**, available from Sandra or Nicole beginning November 7, **and return it no later than November 17**. Applications are also available by e-



mailing Nicole at [nicolesolberg79@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolesolberg79@yahoo.com). Families can submit an application for themselves, or someone in the church who knows someone has a need may do so for that family. The families must be current CGC members. All applications will be kept confidential. No names will be given out.

—Ellen Haupt

you be available to work 2 or more consecutive shifts. (**Tuesday, 12/14 or Wednesday, 12/15 only**)

The shifts are (*please show up 15 minutes before your assigned time*):

#### **Monday, December 13**

9 am - 11:30 am  
11:30 am - 2 pm  
2 pm - 4:30 pm  
4:30 pm - 7 pm

#### **Tuesday, December 14**

8 am - 10:30 am  
10:30 am - 1 pm  
1 pm - 3:30 pm  
3:30 pm - 6 pm

#### **Wednesday, December 15**

8 am - 10:30 am  
10:30 am - 1 pm  
1 pm - 3:30 pm  
3:30 pm - 6 pm  
5:30 pm - 8 pm (clean-up)

**Children:** Each child under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent. The parent and child will work to-

gether at the same activity during the Toy Depot.

#### **HOW TO SIGN UP:**

Contact Audrey Hawk in person or at [hawkja@charter.net](mailto:hawkja@charter.net). Please include the following:

- Name, phone number, e-mail address
- Which day (or days) you are able to work
- Which shift (or shifts) you'd like to sign-up for
- Job preference(s)

Sis. Audrey's phone number is (608) 335-2032.

**SPECIAL NEED**  
**Spanish and Hmong interpreters are needed.**

**the empty stocking club**

## International Fellowship Potluck—October 16

On October 16, a potluck with an international flavor was held in the church fellowship hall.

Calvary Gospel Church has many members from all around the world. Rev. George and Pam O'Neal have taken them all into their hearts. It is their burden to overcome the language and culture barriers to be sure each and everyone feels a part of the family of God at CGC. They teach many Bible studies and make an effort to get to know and minister to any people of foreign birth who come to CGC.

Thank you, Bro. and Sis. O'Neal for your ministry. We are all enriched by having people of many countries in our fellowship.

—Ellen Haupt



### A Meditation on Growing Older

Why must we grow old? Why does not God allow us to remain young, energetic and healthy? What is served by the anxieties, pain and losses of growing old?

God answers:

Remember, I am a God of love. My love keeps you in existence. Because of my love, I will not possess or control you. You are free to accept my love or look elsewhere for happiness. I will, however, constantly invite you to accept my love. These invitations will be written in the everyday events of your life. If you accept, you must learn how to love. And for this, you will need others and others will need you. Love can only exist in a relationship. It is not a solitary act.

Your life on earth began with your birth and it will end with your death. It will consist of thousands of small births and deaths. Each small birth is a new beginning, an opportunity

to start over again. Each small death is a loss, a separation that offers an opportunity for you to re-evaluate your choices and your way of life. If it were not for these constant changes, you would probably not learn about love, and you might mistake possessions and prestige for love.

To most people in the first half of their life, I give a strong and active body so they may move about, go places, meet people and explore the world. In the second half of their life, I allow their bodies to weaken and their energy to diminish so they will slow down and explore the inner world of spirituality.

In the first half of life, I give excellent vision and hearing so they will notice the people I have created, enjoy them. In the second half, I allow their capacity to see and hear to decrease so they learn that outward appearances and words are not the most important thing in life.

In the first half of life, I give a quick mind and good memory so you can learn about the world, its people and

creatures. Later, I allow mental ability and memory to slip so people will re-evaluate their lives and decide what is really necessary for happiness.

In the first half, I give a healthy body so they can experience freedom, independence, and can choose their way of life. Later, I allow aches, pains and illnesses so they may turn to others for assistance and perhaps find love in the relationships they previously took for granted.

Most people are given a long life. Many use it to seek possessions and power. I have chosen to limit the length of human life so people will anticipate their death and not become absorbed in their own importance nor preoccupied with possessions.

Perhaps now you can understand why you must grow old.

Submitted by Noah Strand's boss, Ron Stevens. It was found hand written in the bible of his great grandfather, Evan W. Stevens, Butler, Missouri.

## Bible Study Teacher: Don't Be Discouraged!

**2Timothy 4:10, For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.**

These were words the Apostle Paul wrote to his young convert Timothy. These words epitomize both the triumph and the discouragement we experience when we teach God's Word to the unsaved. Timothy was the victor, Demas the failure.

The majority of home Bible studies taught by the people of Calvary Gospel Church result in a victory. People begin to see life from God's perspective, respond to the plan of salvation, embrace holy living, and become fruitful Christians. Both parties, the teacher and the student(s), benefit from the home Bible study effort. Teachers grow in confidence and experience the tremendous elation that comes from a successful effort. The students find themselves with a new perspective, an elevated self-esteem, new relationships, and salvation.

There is, however, another side of the coin. Some home Bible studies just do not turn out successfully. We may do all the right things but still lose our home Bible study students to the world.

There are many reasons why people fail to respond positively to the message of the Bible. I have taught Bible studies that involved great effort, much prayer and considerable

time, expenditure of money, and wear and tear on the family vehicle--all to no fruitful end. One Bible study my wife and I taught lasted for a year and a half. It was a 70 mile round trip to teach them. When it was all over, I calculated we had driven 3,500 miles to try to meet their need for God. The end of our first Bible study with these folks failed to move them. With their permission, we went into a different and longer Bible study and they did begin to visit the Church. We later found out they had decided they loved the world more than they were willing to love the things of God. At the end of the second study, they terminated their commitment and the Bible study was over. We are still friends with them, but they remain lost. Nonetheless, the seed was planted; now we'll leave it up to God to water it!

Unfortunately, the next two Bible studies we taught were also failures. Later, through prayer and self-examination on our part, it became obvious that both couples decided the cost was too great; they loved this world more than they loved the things of God.

So what do we do when we are unsuccessful in our home Bible study efforts? First, we need to be sure we are not the cause of the difficulties. Home Bible study teachers can never pray, study, know the material, or love people too much. If your Bible study fails, search your heart in prayer and ask God to show you if you did the wrong thing.

The most important thing is not to allow ourselves to become discour-

## Bible Study Corner

By Glen Rossing



aged. **Isaiah 55:11, So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

God's Word acts either as the source of final judgment or as the source of salvation. If we have done our best to reach them, that is all we are required to do. If our Bible study students decide not to obey God or that they cannot give up certain aspects of their lives, there is not much we can do. We need always to leave the door open to future opportunities with them, continue to love them, and move on to the next teaching opportunity. It is God they are rejecting, not us.

**Philemon 1:23-25, There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus; Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow-labourers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.** It is God's Word which transforms lives, and we can never give up. Apparently, Paul didn't give up on Demas and Demas, after a time,

**Share the Empowering Word of God: If you are teaching a Home Bible Study (HBS), or are available to teach, please let us know who you are teaching or that you are available to teach. If you desire to be taught through a Home Bible Study please let us know. The best way to be plugged into the HBS program both teacher and student alike is through our e-mail: [hbs@calvarygospelchurch.org](mailto:hbs@calvarygospelchurch.org).**

**"Discover the Difference"**

**Calvary Gospel Church**

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

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 Martes: 7:30 p.m.

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**"REACH UP" in Worship  
 "REACH IN" in Discipleship  
 "REACH OUT" in Evangelism**

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<i>Bible Quizzing</i>	Ryan Hittesdorf		445-2123
<i>Bus Ministry</i>	Daniel & Mary Capacio		513-3820
<i>Kids Depot Child Care</i>	Rev. Roy Grant	Ext. 3017	249-6445
<i>Campus Ministry</i>	Tim & Kim Knaup		825-3917
<i>Christian Intervention Program</i>	James & Audrey Hawk		318-1303
<i>Deaf Ministry</i>	Renee Thomas		513-0334
<i>First Impressions Team</i>	Craig & Jane Rossing		206-0696
<i>Ladies' Ministry</i>	Linda Brown		318-0321
<i>Maintenance</i>	David Haupt (church 249-6445 X3044)		635-2142
<i>Men's Ministry</i>	Jeff Neesam		438-1240
<i>Music &amp; Sound Ministry</i>	Scott & Vicki Leonardson		513-0959
<i>New Convert Care</i>	Rev. Andrew Cone / Darlene Grant		249-6445
<i>New Life Classes</i>	John & Terry Seidl	Ext. 3026	249-6445
<i>Nursery &amp; Meals for the Sick</i>	Eileen Mandley		839-5109
<i>Prayer Minister</i>	Blake George		825-6793
<i>Prayer—Urgent Care Prayer</i>	Peggy Moran		445-6458
<i>Single Parents Class</i>	Ellen Haupt & Mashanda Fisher		635-2142
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