



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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JESUS - The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew word Jehoshua, meaning Saviour. This was His human name.

CHRIST - The name Christ is the Greek form of the Hebrew word Messiah, meaning anointed. This was His official name and connects Him as the coming Prophet, King and Priest. All of these were anointed with oil, but Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

- Matthew Henry Commentary

Sharp Teacher

Down in Jackson, Mississippi, three boys arrived at school late. It was as late as 10:00 a.m. They had been fishing. For their excuse they stated that they were delayed because of a flat tire.

The teacher decided to give them a test immediately, so she had them seated apart from one another. She said, "This test will have only one question, and I will give you thirty seconds to put down your answer." The question was, "Which tire?"

The teacher was pretty sharp. There is no question as to the result of the test. The boys were shown to be liars.

They Come Out Right

Some little girls were told the story of Abraham and his sacrifice of Isaac. The teacher, with a dramatic touch, made it live.

Suddenly, as the story approached its climax, a nervous little girl burst out: "Oh, please don't go on—this story is too terrible."

But a second little girl spoke up at once: "Oh, Mary, don't be so silly. This is one of God's stories, and they always come out right."

In Days Gone By

On June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that official school prayers were unconstitutional. Our schools have gone downhill ever since.

A mission board once wrote to David Livingstone, "Have you found a good road to where you are in Africa? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone responded, "If you have men who will come only if there is a good road, I do not want them. I want those who will come if there is no road at all!"

PASTOR GARY DICE OBSERVES 28 YEARS AS PASTOR OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

24 stents. He has been transported 4 times to the hospital by helicopters and many times by ambulances. He has fought this battle for 3½ years. Since his last trip to Mayo Clinic he has been feeling some better and has been able to preach for many of the services. He is such a master at preaching it is hard to tell he has any problem. He loves the Lord, his family, his church folks and his job. It's his life and he plans to keep on.

We have another staff member at church who needs prayer. Bro. Brad Bennett, our assistant pastor at Grace for 19 years, has been diagnosed with stage-4 colon cancer. Bro. Bennett is one of the finest Christian men that I know. He is a tremendous assistant pastor and can do almost anything: preaching, singing, plumbing, electrical work, bus ministry...you name it and he can do it. He is one of the best Christian friends that I have ever had. He is one of those Christians with a servant's heart. Please remember him and his family in prayer.

Earlier this year we had a tremendous Missions Conference, and many good men of God have preached over our pulpit. We have Vacation Bible School coming up shortly and then Youth Camp. Grace Baptist Academy went well this year and plans are underway for next year. There is the possibility we will have another big Tent Revival in September. The tent will be put up on our own church property.

Grace Baptist is a happy, friendly and working church for the Lord. We're keeping an "eye to the sky" and looking for Jesus to come. What a day that will be.

-Leonard R. Dice, Assistant Pastor & Editor of "Liberty"

(Article taken from local newspapers, written by Myvette Davis, a member of Grace Baptist)

Grace Baptist Church has been truly blessed to have Pastor Gary Dice as their spiritual leader for the past 28 years!!! This is truly a rarity these days. God bless you, Pastor Dice, for staying in Pike County all these years, and God blesses Grace Baptist Church each and every Sunday when Pastor Gary Dice is able to give one of his wonderful messages. And also God bless each and every one of you who continue saying heart-felt prayers for Pastor Dice.



Pictured above are some of the members of Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois who have served the Lord with Pastor Gary Dice for all of the 28 years he has been there. (Front row, left to right) Elizabeth Liberman, Sam Yackley, Anita Trowell, Nettie Hankins, Betty Rush, Krystal Backstep, Helen Pays, seated, and John Myers. (2nd row) Thomas Myers, Jeff Fealer, Cindy Fealer, Cassio Fealer, Vanessa Edgar, Frank York, Ryan Dice. (3rd row) Sam Myers, Seth Myers, and behind the pulpit, Pastor Gary Dice.

Pastor Gary Dice, Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois, recently observed his 28th Anniversary as pastor on June 10. The church recognized this milestone of 28 years and held a reception and meal in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday evening service. Many, many things have transpired during his ministry here including the death of his first wife, Linda, in 1995. He later married Miss Pam White and she has served as our pastor's wife for the last 22 years.

The church has prospered and grown, having built a new auditorium, later building a Fellowship Building, and now under construction is another large, new addition to house a larger Fellowship Hall, some new offices for staff and workers, Sunday School rooms and a kitchen.

Grace Baptist has done remarkably well since Pastor Dice's open-heart surgery, with many complications, since January, 2015. He has been in the hospital 38 times, including 5 times at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, has had 25 heart cath and

Grace BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM SUNDAY SERVICES 10:45 AM & 8:00 PM WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM PASTOR DR. GARY DICE

THANK YOU DR. GARY DICE- PASTOR OF GRACE BAPTIST FOR 28 YEARS - JUNE 10

A CHURCH SIGN is a good way to let thousands of people know about the ministry, and what is taking place inside. It is a "silent witness" for our Lord and Saviour, CHRIST!!

Miscellaneous.

Leonard R. Dice, Editor and Asst. Pastor

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HOW BILLY SUNDAY CAME TO CHRIST

One Sunday in Chicago a group of professional ballplayers were leaving a saloon when they saw a crowd gathered on the sidewalk. A group of people were playing instruments, singing Gospel hymns and testifying of God's power to save. Harry Monroe of the Pacific Garden Mission gave a brief message. One of the men was deeply moved as boyhood memories raced through his mind. He thought of his godly mother praying for him and the old church he had attended. With tears in his eyes he said, "Boys, I'm through! I'm going to turn from my sin and come to Christ. I guess it's hard for you to understand, but we've come to a parting of the ways." Some mocked him, while others called upon God for mercy. Later he testified, "I staggered out of my sins into the outreached arms of the Saviour. I instantly became a new creature in Him!" That ballplayer was Billy Sunday. Leaving his high-paying job, he began serving the Lord at the YMCA for \$75 a month. Later he went into evangelistic work. Unconventional and sometimes sensational in his preaching, he soon attracted huge crowds. Thousands were converted as he urged them to do what he had done...come to Christ and receive His free salvation.

Old Is Wonderful

- Let us take note that it is the old apple trees that are decked with the loveliest blossoms;
- That it is the ancient redwoods that rise to majestic heights;
- That it is the old violins that produce the richest tones;
- That it is for ancient coins, old stamps and antique furniture that many eagerly seek;
- That it is when the day is old and far spent that it displays the beautiful colors of the sunset;
- That it is when the year is old and has run its course that the world is transformed into a fairyland of snow;
- That old friends are the dearest and that it is the old people who have been loved by God for a long, long time.

Thank God for the blessing of old age—its faith, its love, its hope, its patience, its wisdom, its experience, its maturity.

When all is said and done, OLD is wonderful!

—M. Gemma Brunke