

CROSSWALK

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ONLY ONE

by Greg Laurie

I have heard it said, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

One godly man or woman can make a dramatic difference, even in the darkest of circumstances. Jesus put it this way:

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, where-

forth good for nothing, but to be

cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they

may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

Our Lord is telling us that we, like salt, should make a difference in the situations we are in. Just as a little salt can either improve or worsen the flavor of something, a little influence can go a long way. You might be the

only Christian in your family . . . or the only Christian in your workplace . . . or the only Christian in your classroom . . . or the only Christian in your neighborhood. In fact, you may be trying to get out of an uncomfortable situation in which you find yourself. But you may have been put there by the Lord to be an influence and, in a godly way, to move people in the right direction. God can do a lot with a little.

We have heard of people like Dr. Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International, who recently went to be with the Lord, and D. L. Moody, the great evangelist of his time, and of course, Billy Graham. But have you ever heard of Edward Kimball or Henrietta Mears? Without Edward Kimball, there never would have been a D. L. Moody. Kimball was a shoe salesman. He worked at a shoe store in Chicago and felt led by the Lord to share the gospel with young Dwight, a fellow salesman. Dwight responded to the message, gave his heart to Jesus Christ, and ultimately went on to be the greatest evangelist of his generation. It was because of Edward Kimball's faithfulness to share the gospel that the Lord reached D. L. Moody, who in turn reached millions.

What about Henrietta Mears? In 1928 she was called to teach a Sunday School class at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood. Under her direction, the class grew from 400 to 4,000. She later went on to found Gospel Light Publishing and Forest Home Christian Conference Center in Southern California. Of the people she influenced, 400 went into full-time Christian service. Among them were

Bill Bright and Billy Graham.

It is the power of one. Our lives can make a difference. In Ezekiel 22:30 God says, "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

God is looking for that one who can make his or her mark. You may be the only Christian whom some people will ever know. The fact is that God can do a lot with a little. If you don't believe me, just ask that boy who was willing to share his lunch one day and saw Jesus feed 5,000 men, plus women and children, with his little meal. Or spend some time in the Book of Exodus, where you'll find the story of one man who lived such a godly life that, for all practical purposes, he kept two-and-a-half million people from turning to full-tilt idolatry. His name was Moses.

God is just looking for one—someone like you—someone like me. Will you be that one person? We all would love to be a Billy Graham, D. L. Moody, or Bill Bright. Maybe you will be. But would you be willing to at least be an Edward Kimball or a Henrietta Mears? Would you be willing to do what you can, where you are, with the influence that God has given you? Never underestimate the power of one.



As well as being the featured speaker on the nationally syndicated radio program, *A New Beginning*, Greg Laurie has authored numerous books, including "Every Day with

Jesus." Laurie serves on the board of directors of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse, among others. He and his wife Cathe have two children and reside in Southern California.

AMERICA'S ONLY HOPE

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

It concerns me as a pastor that in most churches today, there is very little concern for what has happened to this wonderful country God has so graciously blessed. Secular Humanism has quickly become the nation's religion, and we are being told that America is a pluralistic society that must forget about its Christian heritage.

Schools no longer champion historical information about America or western civilization for that matter. Our generation today is being taught that our Founding Fathers were atheists and agnostics. Our Judeo-Christian history has been rewritten by the secular Humanists, whose purpose it is to destroy our nation and its Christian values. Add to all of this, living in a society that permits the most ongoing brutal attack of Christian beliefs, legalized

abortion, and this does not paint a pretty picture of our country.

How can we as Christians combat such evil? One might say, that it is too late to take our country back from such a powerful humanistic force. . . that there is nothing we can do. Not true. There are things we can do. The Lord commanded us to be the "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" until He returns.

Here is what we as Christians can do to combat today's secular humanistic philosophy:

- Make the Word of God the priority in our homes
- Be a testimony and witness to our family and friends that we are living out what we believe
- Always be faithful to the church, for whom Jesus died
- Make our homes and churches havens of righteousness, by flooding them with reading



material and music that magnifies Christ

- Educate our children on the true historical account about our nation's Christian heritage
- Be fervent in prayer for our country and its leadership

We as believers realize that this world we live in is hastening toward the judgment of God. The days are dark, but God is still on the throne. Let us look to Him for victory in our homes, our churches and our country. The truth in the Old Testament verse of 2 Chronicles 7:14 still rings true today. God can revive his people if we are willing to pay the price.

— Pastor Jay Frazier

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MISSION MINDED

News and Information from the Mission Field

Don & Patsy Morton, Missionaries to Canada



FEBRUARY 2004

Dear Friends,

This year our Valentine Banquet theme was "Give Me Thy Heart." Music, games and guest speaker all spoke of giving our heart to God. After the Banquet someone asked Patsy if she had her Bible. Harriet, a very quiet young lady bowed her head and prayed. Patsy asked her if she would go to heaven. Yes! Why? Because she had prayed and asked Jesus into her heart.

In recent letters we have asked prayer for June our neighbor. Before Christmas she asked the Lord into

her life. We bought her a Bible and had her name printed on it in gold. Patsy wrapped the box in gold paper and tied red and gold ribbon on it. She explained how the gold represented a street in Heaven, and the red was to remind her of Jesus precious shed blood. Also her name was written down in Heaven and could not be erased. She has come to church and also came to our Christmas Banquet.

Patsy is having reflux and other digestive problems. She has an appointment with a gastroenterologist. To see a specialist here you must be referred from your General Physician, and she got her appointment in ten days-very quick!

Because of my diabetes, two years ago I saw an eye specialist and he photographed my retina and

found enlarged blood vessels. My regular eye doctor sent me back again last month and they again photographed the retina and this time they found the blood vessels were leaking into the eye. There are some new procedures now, of which none sounds very nice. I go back in three months. Please make these problems a matter of prayer.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support. The exchange rate here has cost us in the last few months, but the Lord has supplied. Your missionaries,

Don & Patsy Morton

In Concert

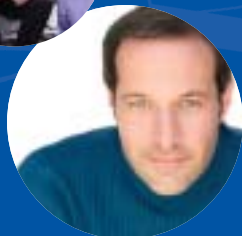
APRIL 3

HisSong (Southern Gospel)
June Park Baptist Church
Palm Bay, 7 p.m.
info: 321.724.1305



APRIL 3

Jim Brickman
(Piano Instrumentalist)
Riverside Theatre
Vero Beach, 6 p.m.
info: 772.231.6990



APRIL 24

Casting Crowns (CCM)
Space Coast Stadium, 6 p.m.
info: 321.449.8559



MAY 22

The Imperials (Southern Gospel)
Parkway Baptist Church
Orlando
info: 407.273.0511



MAY 29

Geoff Moore, Erin O'Donnell (CCM)
BCC--Titusville Campus, 7 p.m.
info: 321.453.6280

Calvary Candids

Pastor Frazier with one of our Ukrainian missionaries, **Eugene Kozachenko**, following a Wednesday evening service in January.



Jessica Morrison with Dove award-winning children's music and drama author, **Kathie Hill**, at the 'Christian Music Florida' conference in January.



Evangelist Dean McNeese preaches during our three-day Spring Revival in March.



▲ Deacon **Sammy Lowery** delivers us God's Word during a mid-week service in early March.

Have an interesting church photo or event for the newsletter? We want to know! Email it to: info@calvarybaptistincocoa.org

APRIL 18



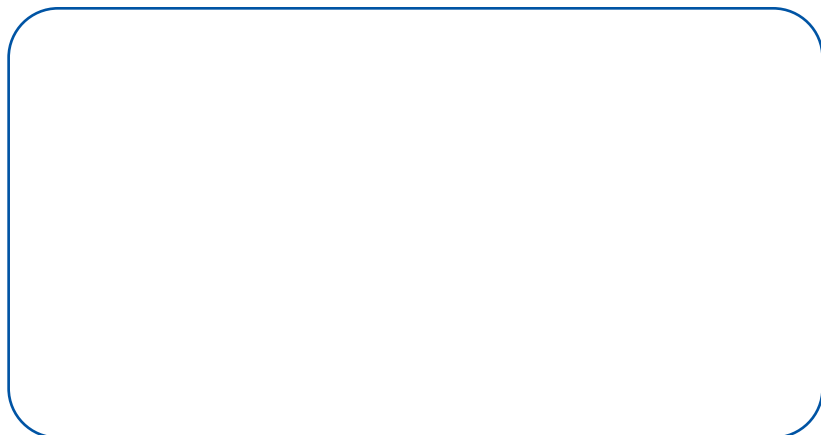
Missionary **DR. BILLY MCCLAIN** will be our special guest **SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH**, for the morning service. Bro. Billy oversees Shining Light Ministries in Mission, Texas. One of their ministries includes a printing press that is used to translate and print thousands of Bibles in numerous languages for missionaries to distribute all over the world.

MAY 16



Our good friend and Evangelist **DR. BOB SANDERS**, from Kingsport, Tennessee will be with us all day **SUNDAY, MAY 16TH**, bringing us God's Word for both morning and evening services. Don't miss it!

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL GUESTS



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Birthdays and ANNIVERSARIES

March

- 1...Anna Morrison, Georgia Martin
- 9...Austin Lowery
- 30...Irene Sexton

April

- 2...Robert Sexton
- 3...Pauline Conyers
- 5...Mary Pennington
- 7...Zollie Crain
- 8...Mark & Bobby Fuller
- 9...Santina Fancher
- 15...Thomas & Jennifer Steiner (*anniv.*)
- 21...Rhonda McCalmont
- 30...Larry Hansen

May

- 4...Lucile Shelley
- 16...Laura Ladtkow
- 18...Tom & Sharon Dotson (*anniv.*)
- 20...Bruce & Joyce Randall (*anniv.*)
- 26...Alaina Lowery
- 27...Paul & Linda Anderson (*anniv.*)
- 27...Neil & Laura Ladtkow (*anniv.*)