

Liberty Rings

August 2011

Dear Liberty Family and Friends,

A preacher once opened the wedding ceremony with these solemn words, “John, marriage is a blessing to some, a burden to many, and a challenge to all. John, do you venture?” Marriage is indeed a venture into the unknown. Never before have there been so many books, seminars, and other helps for the home, and yet so many marriages are in a mess. We can appreciate the wisdom of an old farmer who explained why he wasn’t interested in marriage. He said, “The way I figure it, I’d rather go through life wanting something I did not have, than having something I did not want.”

On July 9, Nancy and I celebrated our 34th year together as husband and wife. I’ve learned some things in 34 years of marriage and 28 years of pastoral ministry. The greatest thing I’ve learned is that the Bible has all the answers for a magnificent marriage. God designed marriage to be a blessing, not a burden. It should be a little taste of heaven on earth. A few years ago Nancy and I developed a list of biblical and practical helps for marriage from which I’d like to offer these few thoughts:

Treasure your mate and your marriage. Put a high value on each other and your relationship. Think of your marriage as your most valuable treasure on earth.

Be a good listener. When your mate wants your undivided attention, give it. A good marriage, like any relationship, is based on good communication. We need to learn how to listen as well as talk.

Cultivate an atmosphere of forgiveness. Forgiveness is to your marriage what oil is to your car. It keeps it running smoothly.

Don’t let anger damage or destroy your marriage. Carry a big bucket of water, not a bucket of gas. Sometimes it’s not what we say, but how we say it that does the damage. Someone observed, “People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes.”

Be a person of integrity. A life of integrity means your public life and your private life are one and the same. It means you are the same person at work, at church, or at home. Your mate knows you better than anyone else and he/she should think more highly of you than anyone else.

For the entire list of 34 marriage principles, please call (423-764-5673) write (112 Walnut Hill Road, Bristol, TN, 37620), or email (dsanderson@btes.tv).

Hoping that your home is a little taste of heaven on earth,
Pastor Stan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Fellowship Meal 6pm	4	5 <i>Back to School Time!!!! Tax Free Weekend is August 5-7th in Tennessee & Virginia</i>	6
7PM Communion						
7	8	9	10 Deacons Meeting	11	12 LBC Choir @ the Paramount opening for Ivan Parker	13
Timeless Treasures						
14	15	16	17	18	19 Kettlefoot Outing	20
Acts 1:8 Luncheon						
21	22	23	24 Appalachian Fair Deacons Meeting	25	26 Race Weekend!	27
AWANA Kick-off @ 4:00pm-8:15pm		Haven of Rest Service				
28	29	30	31 Mens Bible Study			
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Kettlefoot Outing! Trap & Skeet, Meet Friday, August 19th @ 6pm at LBC. Bring your shotgun and ammo. See Trevor McMurray, Check Sunday's response form.

Beginning 08/08; Church office hours for the school year are:
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30a-2:30p
 Thursday 8:30a-12:30p

Acts 1:8 Luncheon in the MPC following the 11am services. Spaghetti provided, the teams will share from trips to Taiwan, Thailand, NYC & Myrtle Beach. Please reserve your spot via Sunday's Bulletin response form or contact the church office.



Timeless Treasures Luncheon, Sunday August 7th following the 11am service in the MPC. Covered Dish



Fellowship Meal

You are invited to attend our "Monthly Fellowship Meal" The meal will be on the first Wednesday of each month. August 3rd we will serve Chicken, Potato and Pasta Salad, Baked Beans & Watermelon. The cost is \$3 adults, \$2 students, ages 6 and under are free. All are invited to attend, check your Sunday Bulletin Response form or contact the church office with your RSVP!

When God Created Teachers

From Devotional Gatherings.com

On the 6th day, God created men and women. On the 7th day, he rested. Not so much to recuperate, but rather to prepare himself for the work he was going to do on the next day. For it was on that day—the 8th day—that God created the FIRST TEACHER. This TEACHER, though taken from among men and women, had several significant modifications. In general, God made the TEACHER more durable than other men and women.

The TEACHER was made to arise at a very early hour and to go to bed no earlier than 11:30 p.m.—with no rest in between. The TEACHER had to be able to withstand being locked up in an air-tight classroom for six hours with thirty-five "monsters" on a rainy Monday. And the TEACHER had to be fit to correct 103 term papers over Easter vacation. Yes, God made the TEACHER tough...but gentle too.

The TEACHER was equipped with soft hands to wipe away the tears of the neglected and lonely student...of those of the sixteen year old girl who was not asked to the prom. And into the TEACHER God poured a generous amount of patience. Patience when a student asks to repeat the directions the TEACHER has just repeated for someone else. Patience when the kids forget their lunch money for the fourth day in a row. Patience when one-third of the class fails the test. Patience when the text books haven't arrived yet, and the semester starts tomorrow.

And God gave the TEACHER a heart slightly bigger than the average human heart. For the TEACHER's heart had to be big enough to love the kid who screams, "I hate this class—it's boring!" and to love the kid who runs out of the classroom at the end of the period without so much as a "goodbye", let alone a "thank you". And lastly, God gave the TEACHER an abundant supply of HOPE. For God knew that the TEACHER would always be hoping. Hoping that the kids would someday learn how to spell... hoping not to have lunchroom duty... hoping that Friday would come... hoping for a free day.... hoping for deliverance.

When God finished creating the TEACHER, he stepped back and admired the work of his hands. And God saw that the TEACHER was good. Very Good! And God smiled, for when he looked at the TEACHER, he saw into the future. He knew that the future is in the hands of the TEACHERS. And because God loves Teachers so much, on the 9th day God created "Snow Days."

Welcome our Newest Members:

Kevin, Donna, Zachary & Joshua Lane
Ellis, Amy, Haley & Alexis Bishop



Operation Christmas Child

Collection Boxes in the Lobby

*August - School Supplies
(crayons, pencils, etc)*

September—Soap & Washcloths

October—Hard Candy

Honor Begins at Home:

The Courageous Bible Study
based on the upcoming movie
Courageous, from the creators of
Fireproof . This four week group study
will take men deeper into biblical
truths for a godly family,
exploring topics such as redeeming
your history, walking with integrity,
winning and blessing the hearts of your
children, and more.

The Study, open to men age 18 and
up, will begin on Wednesday, August
31st and will be the theme of our
Men's Retreat on September
30th. We will also be going to see the
movie in early October as a
group. See more about the movie at
www.courageousthemovie.com.



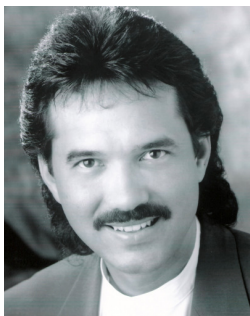
Greetings from the AWANA Team!

Now that we are nearing the beginning of a new school year, it is time for us to plan for our AWANA Club program. As most of you are aware, we depend 100% on people like you, who are members of our church, to help us teach our kids about Jesus and train them to serve Him. It is a proven fact that if a child is not raised in an environment of the church from an early age, they will probably never become active believers in Christ.

It takes some time and commitment to be a leader in our AWANA program. However, the rewards are endless! As Jesus said in Luke 10:2 "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." There are a lot of kids both in our church and outside that we need to take responsibility for, to teach them, train them and send them out to be the lighthouse that Jesus wants them to be. There is no dark secret about being a good AWANA leader. Take the 1st step and volunteer your services and God will take care of the rest. Everyone helps each other in learning how the AWANA program works. Believe me when I say we already have some outstanding church members that are AWANA Leaders. I hope you feel it in your heart to join us in adding new leaders this year. We need to help to assure we are sharing the load and keeping our kids and Jesus as our focus! Please see myself or Diane Harr, or any AWANA Leader, if you are moved to join us! You will be glad you did!

Your AWANA Commander

Jim Caristo (Cell# 423-794-9548)



Liberty Baptist Choir will be at the Paramount on Friday, August 12th 2011 to open for Gospel Singer Ivan Parker at 7:00pm. Please come out and support our choir and enjoy a night of wonderful Gospel Music. Tickets are on sale at the Paramount box office or online www.etix.com for \$20 each!

The Judea Team is looking for Volunteers to help at the Appalachian Fair...August 21st-27th. We will be manning the HBA booth, giving out water, tracts and other items. Also we are looking to do a cook out and worship service Saturday Aug 20th for the carnival workers.. Please see Judy Marion or Email her at marionj2@btes.tv .

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

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 Cornerstone
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 Deliverer

Door
 Emmanuel
 Everlasting
 Faithful and True
 First and Last
 Forerunner
 Foundation
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 Head
 High Priest
 Holy and Just One
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 I AM
 Jesus
 Judge
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 King of Kings
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver
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 Messiah
 Mighty God
 Morning Star
 Nazarene
 Only Begotten Son
 Passover
 Priest
 Prince of Peace
 Prophet

Redeemer
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 Savior
 Servant
 Shepherd
 Son of David
 Son of God
 Son of Man
 Vine
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 Wonderful
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