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“GLASS UP AND EMPTY”

As I am writing this I have just returned from a week of Youth Camp with Dave Edwards as the camp preacher. I have known Dave for 20 plus years now and I am still amazed at how well he can communicate with young people. As I learned this past week, he can also communicate well with those of us much older than teens. I'm in my 50's and he spoke to me several times during the week.

One of my favorite messages involved an empty glass. It was tall and clear and was probably purchased at Odd Lots for less than a dollar, but it has had a profound effect on me. In fact, Dave gave me the glass. I was stunned when he came out of the service and handed me the glass. He had written a short message on it to me. He will probably never know how much that meant to me.

The message was really quite simple. We are constantly asking God to fill us up. We come to church and we need God to fill us up with His love, or fill us up with His presence, or fill us up with His power...or whatever. We even sing songs about it. We all can probably think of several songs like, “Fill my cup Lord, fill it up Lord, come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more, fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.” (At least I think that's how it goes?) Anyway, you get the point. We need a fresh fill-up of God. Maybe right now you are reading this and saying, “Yeh, that's me Lord, I need You to fill me up!”

Well I've got great news for you. (Even though it came from Dave Edwards.) It's simple, turn your glass, or cup, or bucket (or whatever you need filled) up and make sure it's empty. Let me explain. Many times we ask God to fill us up but we have our glass turned upside down. You can't fill the glass that way. Anything you try to pour into it will just roll off of the bottom and on to the floor. If you need God to fill you

up, make sure your life is right side up and open for Him to fill. If you have closed yourself off

to the Lord, He can't fill you up. So turn your heart right-side up and open to Him. Right now just pray and open your heart to the Lord.

(Your heart is your cup, or glass.)

Then make sure it's empty. It's hard to pour more into an already full glass. So make sure there is room in your heart for God to fill with Himself. It may sound silly but it really makes a lot of sense. We ask God to come into our lives but we never seem to make room for Him. We want Him to fill us up, but our heart's are upside down and there's no room for Him to fill. So ask yourself the questions I've been asking myself. First, is my heart up and then is it empty? I'm finding there are some things in my life that keep my heart upside down. I'm also finding some things that leave little room for the Lord. But I'm keeping my eye on the “Glass” and reminding myself daily that I need to keep it turned “Up and Empty.”

Thanks Dave!!! Your message may have been aimed at teens but it struck a note with this Pastor's heart! And the glass will always be a reminder that you can teach Old Dogs New Tricks! (Only this isn't a trick, it's just good advice!)

Keep Your Glass Up and Empty!
Bro. Dave

New Members

Matt & Andrea Scruggs
Justin Smith

To all NBC Faith Riders & Friends

Several years ago, I decided to give up carbonated soft drinks. They do not even taste good to me any more. However, I still like to drink fruit drinks, as long as they are made from "real" fruit! I know it is NOT NORMAL for guys to read the labels on fruit juices from the grocery store, but I look for the labels that say

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"contains no artificial ingredients". (Nobody ever accused me of being normal). I like my juice to be the REAL thing --- made from real fruit!

Over the last several weeks, it has been my privilege to chat with several people about what Christ has done for me. The Motorcycle Ministry has opened many opportunities. I have talked with some who are saved, and with some who have not yet met the Savior. Some of the Christians I have met are not attending church because they have been wounded by other Christians. Some of the lost folks I spoke with have not been impressed by the lifestyle of the "believers" they have met, and therefore have no desire to know more about salvation. In both of these types of people, I find that they are looking for something that is "REAL", and have been disappointed by those they have talked with. The "unchurched" and the "under-churched" have the ability to see right through us if we do not possess and express genuine, REAL faith. The "ingredients" of our lifestyle are very important to maintain a good testimony for the Lord.

Matthew 5:16 states: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Just be REAL with people, for your sake as well as theirs. God will bless your efforts.

Bro. Gary Conley
Chaplain/director
NBC Faith Riders

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It's been a blessing to watch the Lord work at Northside this year. We have seen many great opportunities to minister to our own members and to our community. Our website

has been a wonderful outreach tool as many people around the world visit and listen to sermons online. We have broadcast in 9 different countries this past year including Kuwait, India, Germany, and even Russia! Pastor Kirk received an invitation to preach at World Changers after having his sermons reviewed by the organization's leadership. God is so good!

As we continue to grow, I ask that you help me be a better source of communication within our church body. Please feel free to send me emails or text messages with updates on what your organization is doing or what upcoming events you have planned. I am excited for what God has planned in 2012.

Thanks for your help,
Courtney Hill
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Music Notes

The fall season is upon us, and the whirlwind of activity has begun...what a special time of year! In our Adult Choir we're going to be working on lots of new music, preparing songs to bring glory to our Lord. We're going to begin work on our Christmas cantata as well. These next few months are busy and joyful ones!!

If you're a member here at Northside and love to sing, may I offer an invitation to come and join us? I think you'll find that we really do have a great time together and are blessed as we joyfully serve Him in song.

Lois Macy
Adult Choir Director

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Burgard High School Buffalo New York



As many of you know the youth were prepared to go to Buffalo New York on July 11 thru the 16 for their mission trip in 2011. We went up a day early so they could see Niagara Falls. But waking up Monday morning we found one of the church vans had been vandalized in the parking lot. After waiting for the police to make a report they were on their way to see the falls.

After the falls they went to Burgard High School (their home for the next week) a four story high building. After unloading in the rear of the school at ground level they had to hike their luggage to the third floor for their room assignments. Only to find out there was NO Air-Conditioning. The mission trip had already become an adventure. As supper time came we found out that the cafeteria was on the fourth floor and it too had no air.

The stairs and heat had already taken everybody out of their comfort zone. What a great place for us to come and serve. The theme was “unless they go they won’t know”.

There were 355 participants ready to serve Buffalo for our Lord Jesus Christ. The 355 participants came from 18 different churches. With the 355 participants we also had 205 local volunteers set out to work on 27 different work sites. In working the work sites the students presented the Gospel 181 times and handed out 136 tracts. We had two salvations from the community!! And who knows but the Lord the fruit of the 181 presentations.

After a week in Buffalo and taking a week off the youth went to youth camp July 25th thru 29th. The youth were again facing some hot conditions but this time they had air-conditioning. I think they appreciate air-conditioning a little more after Buffalo. They had a great week at camp in spite of the heat. They were led in worship by a band named Ward 9, who did a great job. Dave Edwards was the camp speaker and he challenged the youth to step up to the plate and live their lives for Christ. There were 440 students at camp and the Holy Spirit spoke to almost all of them. There were 307 total decisions recorded, with 53 of them being for salvation/baptism. 64 accepted the call into some kind of ministry. I do want to say, you can be proud of our youth on how they handled themselves these two weeks. They represented their homes, their church, and their Lord very well. I am blessed to have a part in their lives.

We had a very special member Nikki Smith go to camp for the first time with us. We were all blessed by Nikki’s presence.

Bro. Kirk

Local Missions

During bible study on Wed. August the 17th, Awana workers and local missions passed out school supplies to area families at Northside. Book bags, crayons, pencils, glue and our 1cent packs of notebook paper to name a few of the school supplies were donated by all of you.

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We greeted the families in our Awana Hallway, inviting their children to come in September for our Awana Club on Wednesday s nights. Books with encouraging bible verses were given to all of the families. Many parents took cards for prayers requests and some filled them out and gave them back for us to pray for them.

Being able to talk to the parents and children was a great blessing. All who received the books bags were openly thankful. We also are thankful for all of you for your prayers, donations, money and time. God has blessed all of us during this project.

Local Missions also went out on Sunday August 21st after evening service to invite our surrounding neighbors to our church picnic on Sunday August 28th.

Please continue to pray for local missions as we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas. September and October hold many opportunities for all of us. Anyone interested in helping in local missions please let me know.

Thank you again, Debbie Trumbull