

Take a Risk!

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RTC Conducts 96 Hours of Non-Stop Ministry

by Rev. Dale Glading, President

It was a whirlwind 96 hours! Beginning Sunday morning, June 29th and ending Wednesday evening, July 2nd, RTC and I ministered virtually around-the-clock. Let me take you through those four jam-packed days.

Sunday, June 29 - Happy 40th Anniversary to us! That's right; Deanna and I were married on June 29, 1985, in a small country church in Needmore, PA and God has blessed us with three adult children, two in-law children, and six precious grandchildren. However, the celebration will have to wait until late July when we have a three-night get-away planned, because there was simply too much going on ministry-wise this week... starting with this morning's worship service at Midway Bible Fellowship where I preached on Exodus 24:9-18.

After church, we took my 96-year-old mother out for lunch and then headed to the Heritage Center in downtown Vero Beach for the Indian River County History Fair (how romantic, right?) Actually, we were exhibitors, manning two tables of William Jennings Bryan memorabilia to promote Wednesday's big event (details to follow). We were joined there by Eric and Tanya Hovind from Creation Today, who traveled from Pensacola to speak at our 3-day Creation Camp (once again, more details to follow).

By the time we finished displaying our mate-

rials, promoting that week's twin events, and packing back up, my arthritic knees were "barking" something fierce. However, we still managed to enjoy a nice dinner with Eric and Tanya before a big thunderstorm hit.

Monday, June 30 - Day One of Creation Camp, sponsored by RTC, hosted by Genesis Church, and featuring Eric Hovind from Creation Today. We had 15 campers today - and 18 different children throughout the week - and they had an absolute blast learning about the biblical account of creation. Eric did a fabulous job proving scientifically how the Bible's version of creation is 100% true and how Darwin's theory of evolution is full of holes. Today, he used the Grand Canyon as an object lesson and had the children singing along to two original songs he had written. I was in charge of the games and Deanna, assisted by Tanya Hovind and our daughter Bethany, took care of the snacks. Throughout the day, tickets were awarded for answering questions correctly, participating in games, or simply behaving well... and the tickets could then be cashed in for prizes at the end of each day.

That evening, my barking knees and I were back in action at our Living H2O Initiative, with more than 30 young men filling the gym for some "Bible and basketball." I was privileged to preach during halftime and the young men were "locked in" to my message as I spoke about the hardships experienced - and the faith displayed - by Job 4,000 years ago... Paul 2,000 years ago... and former Washington Redskins head coach and current

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NASCAR team owner Joe Gibbs today.

Tuesday, July 1 - Day Two of Creation Camp with another excited group of kids learning about God's creation. Today, Eric used the story of Mount St. Helen's - and the "mini Grand Canyon" formed by its eruption - to prove that the big Grand Canyon in Arizona was created in just weeks by the receding waters from Noah's Flood. More games, more snacks, and yes... more prizes!

Wednesday, July 2 - Day Three of Creation Camp. Eric wrapped up his teaching with more songs, more videos, and more science experiments... including shooting a rubber band at 140 mph and flying a paper airplane a distance of 300 yards. Best of all, during our closing gospel presentation, two young girls raised their hands to say they wanted to trust Jesus as their Savior!

That evening, we hosted a Tribute to William Jennings Bryan on the 100th Anniversary of Indian River County's incorporation. The event was held at the Heritage Center in Vero and 30 people from the commu-

nity - including two county commissioners, two city council members, the current mayor and a former mayor - were in attendance. I presented a short biography of William Jennings Bryan, a 3-time presidential candidate who was the keynote speaker at the county's incorporation exactly 100 years ago. Bryan was also a devout Christian who spent the last 10 years of his life touring the country to promote the biblical account of creation, which is why he was chosen to lead the prosecution team at the Scopes Monkey Trial in July 1925. In honor of this godly man, Eric Hovind then presented a spirited defense of the Bible's version of creation while debunking the theory of macro-evolution.

Hopefully, this letter gave you a sense of all the things God accomplished through your prayers and gifts over a 96-hour period. Since then, I have preached three more sermons, twice shared the gospel to a homeless group of 30 people, conducted four more Living H2O Initiatives where God's Word was presented clearly and boldly, hosted a monthly meeting of Grandparents for a Godly America, and wrote a couple dozen daily devotional messages.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Photos from Tribute to William Jennings Bryan



Photos from Creation Camp



Help the Stragglers

by Alistair Begg

"They shall set out last, standard by standard."
- Numbers 2:31

The camp of Dan brought up the rear when the armies of Israel were on the march. The Danites occupied the hindmost place, but their position wasn't unimportant, since they were as truly part of the company as were the foremost tribes. They followed the same fiery cloudy pillar, ate of the same manna, drank of the same spiritual rock, and journeyed to the same inheritance. Come, my heart, cheer up, even though last and least; it is your privilege to be in the army and to fare as they fare who lead the expedition. Someone must be at the rear in honor and esteem, someone must do menial work for Jesus, and why shouldn't it be me? In a poor village among an ignorant peasantry or in a back street among degraded sinners, I will work on and take my assigned place at the rear.

The Danites occupied a very useful place. Stragglers have to be picked up on the march, and lost property has to be gathered from the field. Fiery spirits may dash forward over untrodden paths to learn fresh truth and win more souls to Jesus; but some of a more conservative spirit may be well engaged in reminding the church of her ancient faith and restoring her fainting sons. Every position has its duties, and the slowly moving children of God will find their peculiar state one in which they may be eminently a blessing to the whole company.

The rear guard is a place of danger. There are foes behind us as well as before us. Attacks may come from any quarter. We read that Amalek fell upon Israel and slew some who were at the rear. The experienced Christian will find much work for his weapons in aiding those poor doubting, desponding, wavering souls who are slowest in faith, knowledge, and joy. These must not be left unaided, and therefore let it be the business of well-taught saints to bear their standards among the rear guard. My soul, watch tenderly to help the stragglers today.

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