



New Beginnings Church

Where friendships can grow!

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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR A NEW BEGINNING.

A few (OK, maybe several) weeks ago, Misty asked me if I'd be interested in writing something for a brand new church newsletter. After we discussed what the topic might be, I began rummaging through the dust and cobwebs that hold my mind together, and began to jot down a few thoughts as they fought their way to the surface. I decided to finish the piece that weekend. Or the next weekend at the very latest. Those of you who know me well may not be totally shocked to discover that I didn't quite meet my self imposed deadline. (For those of you who don't know me as well, I've been meaning to buy a self help book on procrastination, but haven't quite gotten around to it yet.) A quick search on the Internet for "New Beginnings" yields quite a variety of website's that lead you to very different things. One describes a home for single mothers in Virginia, another shows a support group for separated or divorced men & women on the East coast. Another takes you to a restaurant in TN, and Tracy Chapman has an album by that name. Clearly, the term "New Beginnings" means different things to different people, yet seems to have universal appeal. Why? I believe it's because at some point in our lives, we all wish for a "do over, whether a child on a playground, or a candidate for the Presidency. We see the results of poor choices, but sometimes despair at the possibility of ever having a clean slate

again. Prior to the accident in 1985 that put me in a wheelchair, I had lived a life far away from God, rarely thinking about any future beyond the next Saturday night. The few times I did think about eternity, I had an "I'm not THAT bad, am I?" type of theology, so the thought of a clean slate was irrelevant. After my accident, many hours of discussion, and listening to the Bible, I finally did see a need for forgiveness, the need for a Savior. But how likely was it that Someone so holy would even think about someone like me? From a human perspective, it's pretty unlikely. But fortunately, Jesus is not subject to human limitations. It just took me awhile to grasp that, and to accept the gift He offers. (Forrest Gump and I have something in common: Neither one of us is a very smart man.) After salvation, and growing daily in the Word for several years, I went to College, and gradually let my studies reduce my Bible time to nothing. I suffered through a series of disappointments, and got away from the Lord. I had no desire to return to my old life, yet felt unworthy to return to Him. I was like a man without a country. It took a long time to realize that Jesus doesn't just forgive sinners... He forgives Christians too. As long as we're living, it's never too late for a new beginning.

Written by Dale Weiss



Why Do I Enjoy Pastoring?

Gary's Blurb

The other day, Misty "asked" me if I would do a blurb. Actually, she told me part of Our Voice would include a blurb by me. Not wanting to sound like I did not know what a blurb was, I said with confidence, "Sure." Or something to that effect. Now what I was thinking was "blog." Then I got nervous and looked up blurb and found out the key words in the meaning was SHORT SUMMARY. That in itself made me nervous about this undertaking. I am thinking that she may have to remind me (SHORT SUMMARY), "Yeah I'll do a blurb."

I want to start my "blog" by answering a question (or two or three or four - you know how I am...). Do I enjoy being your pastor? Yes. Now, to answer why.

Pastoring is often hard. There is more responsibility involved that many would dream. I know there is an ego trip for some, but that is not my thing. Some like pastoring for status or the prestige they may think it entails. Yes there is in some eyes a status symbol of being pastor. They do not see

he responsibilities, seriousness involved, or what's at stake. More than that they do not see the model set forth in the scriptures that a pastor is a servant. Justus himself declared such an example when He stated in Matthew 20, that if you wanted to be great (chief) than you must be low or humble (a servant). Pastoring is helping. Helping is good.

One of the reasons that I pastor, Is I honestly feel this is what God wants in my life. It is not a pride issue or an ego trip, but obedience to the Lord's work.

Pastoring can be difficult, stressful and at times trying. There is the stress involved of preaching and teaching. In this day and age, there is an abundance of outstanding preachers available to the congregations on radio and television (and some not so outstanding). This can bring a feeling of inferiority. Yet it also can be a source of strength. Pastors also need a source of God's Word infused into their lives. There is also at times a sense of isolation for a pastor and his family. Any crisis in one's ministry can be extremely stressful. One study showed that 40 percent of pastors report a serious conflict with a parishioner once a month and 75 percent report they've had significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry. (Source: "Pastors At Greater Risk" by H.B. London Jr. And Neil Wiseman, Regal Books, 2003). Personally, I cannot imagine facing a constant barrage of problems. It is not a surprise that according to the same book, 40 percent of pastors considered leaving the pastorate in the past three months.

Okay, that is enough of the negatives involved. I will not tell you I have never considered leaving the pastorate, but I do know why I like it. The main reason is simple. *People*. Yes, some of the same ones that cause pastors to lose sleep and "*pull their hair out*" are the same ones that cause them to stay. A church family can be one of the greatest experiences one can have in life. When it goes well, it is a forerunner of things to come. A congregation that is filled with love, trust, and a desire to serve the Lord together is (simple) good.

So, the reason that jumps out in my mind is *People*. You need to like people if you are going to pastor them. You need to care for their needs and problems. You need to have a desire to help. You need to be unselfish. You need to honestly love them just like family, God's family. Isn't that what we all are? So why pastor? I do love His family.

I do love you.

"You need to like people. You need to honestly love them just like family, Church family."

By Gary Marcum

Service Times

Sunday School	9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday Youth Groups	7:00 pm

Women's Ministries: Ladies Friendship Circle, Missions, Bible Studies, Activities Group, Hospitality Group, Welcome Group.

Men's Slow Pitch Softball: Church league for Madison County Churches.

Co-Ed Volley Ball League: Hosted in our Family Life Center



ACROSS THE GENERATIONS!



What does it mean to be a new creature in Christ?

I ASKED DIANA ANTHONY AND HER SON, RANDY, AND HER GRANDSON, COLLIN THE SAME QUESTION. I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE IF THE GENERATIONAL GAP WOULD RESULT IN DIFFERENT ANSWERS. HERE IS WHAT THEY TOLD ME?

RANDY SAID:

IT MEANS YOU BELONG TO GOD.

COLLIN SAID:

IT MEANS YOU ARE MADE FROM GOD.

DIANA SAID:

IT MEANS THAT I AM A CHILD OF GOD.

What does it mean to you ?

Get to know me !!!



Betty Hayes

*I am Betty Hayes. My birthday is August 8th.
I married Gary Hays on October 17th.*

My kids and step-kids: Fay, Jayne, Mike, Noxie, John, Kevin, Terry, Steve, Kim.

My Grand kids: Rick, Michael, Jason, Allison, Kyle, Sarah, John Tyler, Jonathon, Nicole, Casey, Joe, Christopher, Courtney, Clinton, Noah, Dusta, Jarrett.

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

Hymn: I'll fly away

Flower: Rose

Snack: popcorn

Desert: Ice Cream

Book: The Bible

Color: Yellow

Holiday: Christmas

Beverage: Coca Cola

Cartoon Character: Tweety Bird

Interest/Hobby: Collecting Dreamsicles

The most influential person in my life has been my Mother.

I like to spend my free time on vacations with my family.

These Prayer requests are dear to my heart: Family Illness, My church, Our Military.

Our Voice

I can't tell you how excited I am to get this first issue off the ground. This is a project I have been thinking about for some time. I have to admit this first issue had it's share of bugs to work out. Overall I am pleased. I hope you are as well.

I believe God gave each of us a Voice. I also think God wants us all to be heard. Each and everyone of us no matter how small or loud our voice is has something to say. We all have thoughts and feelings that need expressed. Hopefully this is one way we as a church will be able to do that.

My hope is that no matter who you are, how old you are, how educated you are, how big or small you think you are there is a spot open for you to express your love for God, your testimony, and your praise.

This newsletter is open for all. Bring me your voice in whatever way you can speak it. I am hoping everyone will contribute a piece of themselves. I for one am interested in what you have to say.

Love in Christ: Misty Stanley

A RIDE IS ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY!!

If you need a ride Sunday or Sunday or Wednesday Just Call.



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Bible Characters Word Scramble

Directions: Unscramble the words below, and then write them in the spaces provided to the left of each scrambled word. To help you, we've placed the length of each word in parentheses to the left of the blanks.

1. ambahra: _____ (7)
2. molonos: _____ (7)
3. emasj: _____ (5)
4. ttweham: _____ (7)
5. armk: _____ (4)
6. usae: _____ (4)
7. mada: _____ (4)
8. vee: _____ (3)
9. etrep: _____ (5)
10. bjcao: _____ (5)
11. hnao: _____ (4)

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Jason Marcum, Kevin Barker,

New Beginnings

If you have a story to tell or information to share with our Church community contact

Misty Stanley (765)644-5165

Where friendships can grow!

YOU CAN MAKE IT

Barrettes

Have fun making barrettes to go with your favorite outfits.

What you need:

Plain barrettes

Sequins

Glue

Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Coat the top of the barrettes with clear nail polish.
2. Put a dab of glue on the back of the sequins.
3. Arrange sequins on the barrettes and allow the glue to dry.
4. Put a coat of clear nail polish on over the sequins, let dry them dry.

Marbles

Have fun making marbles to play with.

What you need:

Baking or hardening clay

Adult if using baking clay

What you do:

1. Take a small amount of clay. Roll it into a ball. Use a couple different colors if you want multi-colored marbles.
2. Make about 10 smaller marbles and 1 large one for rolling.
3. Bake or dry the marbles according to the directions.
4. Invite some friends over and have a friendly game of marbles.

