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HARVEST EVANGELISM'S ANNUAL BANQUET- OCTOBER 3

Our annual Harvest Evangelism banquet will be on October 3rd at the Auburn Hotel and Conference Center.

The speaker for the evening will be our good friend, Pastor Tim Dilena. Tim has just become the new pulpit pastor at the wonderful Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in New York we've all heard so much about. Tim is the founder of a large inner-city church in Detroit, Michigan and a contributing editor for the new Revival Bible. He is a deep, caring, insightful and fun speaker and pastor. His messages are always anointed. You won't want to miss hearing from Pastor Tim Dilena.

The banquet will also feature special music and testimonies from our Hosanna Home ladies and our His Place men, It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our new Director of Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn; Peggy Joy Bowles, and our new His Place Director Andy McClellan, Our banquet is always such a blessing, just to be gathered with almost 400 of our community's leading Christian men and women. We always have folks who tell us, "This (the banquet) is the most outstanding and anointed event I go to all year."

We'd love to have you come join us, but **SPACE IS VERY LIMITED**. We organize the banquet with table hosts who pray, then try to fill their individual tables with their own friends and acquaintances. We have 30 (+) table hosts and the banquet hall only holds 380. When you figure in our staff and out of town guests, you can see there won't be many spaces available for the evening.

If you'd like to come, if you feel God's leading to be a part of supporting the ministries of Harvest Evangelism (This is a **FUND RAISING DINNER**) you can call our secretary, Genera Walker at 334.742.0777 or 334.444.2220 and make your reservation (as long as there is available space). You can also contact Genera by email at tgwalker7@charter.net

If you can't come to the banquet this year, but would still like to be a part of the event and the wonderful ministry it supports you can still give a special "banquet gift". This is our one big fund-raiser for the year. This year has been particularly difficult here are Harvest Evangelism. A gift at this time would be especially appreciated.

We will ask those in attendance at the banquet to consider giving a (1) One-time gift (2) monthly pledge (3) a gift in kind, such as stocks/bonds/property/vehicle or anything else you have that you want to see converted into kingdom work.

You can do the same thing with a one-time gift, a monthly pledge or a gift in kind. Use the enclosed envelope to respond. You can also give online at www.harvestevangelism.org.

If you'd like to sit down with Pastor Rick, any of our staff or Board of Directors and discuss a particular gift or ministry need you can contact our office (334.742.0777, 334.332.3932 or online at rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org) and we'll be more than glad to set up a time to sit down with you.

Thanks to all our friends who support Harvest Evangelism. Please pray and consider becoming a partner with the Lord as He works through the ministries of Harvest Evangelism.

Pastor Rick Finished His Walk Across Colorado

By the time you receive this newsletter Pastor Rick will have finished his journey across Colorado. He is home. You can read all about his pilgrimage in the accompanying message with this newsletter. In his own words, "It's been quite the journey..."

You can help this walk be a success by helping us raise socks to go with the shoes we've raised, about 4,000-5,000 pair. (Special thanks to Souls 4 Soles). We are also trying to raise the money to ship all our shoes to Mexico this coming Christmas. Our good friend, Denny Nissley, (ChristInAction.org) will donate an 18-wheeler and a driver to deliver our shoes. All we have to pay for is the fuel, somewhere between \$2,500-\$3,000. Not bad for 5,000 pair of shoes, socks, valued at over \$100,000) and TONS of toys.

We'd love to have the monies set aside for the fuel and unexpected costs before we leave. If you'd like to help, please send a designated offering. It only seems right that if Pastor Rick climbed the mountains and walked the miles we help carry the load.

But Moses' hands got tired. So they got a stone and set it under him. He sat on it and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on each side. So his hands remained steady until the sun went down. Exodus 17:12 Thanks for being the ones to hold up our hands (and feet!).

**** There are a FEW spaces still open for our Christmas Mission trip to Mexico, December 15-22 (to deliver the shoes). If you'd like to come you can get an application online (www.harvestevangelism.org) or call us (334. 332.3932 or 205.586.4844). SPACE IS LIMITED Now is the time to reserve your spot.****

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The New Director of His Place: Andy McClellan's Testimony

You may remember reading or hearing the story of my journey before. I grew up in a good home with loving, caring parents. Even though the Lord was already working in my life, as a teenager I began to make many wrong decisions. Having fun with my friends, drinking and partying was more important than living a righteous life. My bad habits and choices continued through high school and into college where my drinking quickly escalated to much more serious and dangerous drugs. For four years I attended classes and carried on my wicked lifestyle. My family had no clue that I was in the shape I was in. A good friend saw what was happening and made a phone call to my parents to tell them I was out of control.

My father, being a loving parent came and got me and placed me immediately into a 30-day rehabilitation program. After being placed in six different rehabilitation programs in the course of four years, everyone thought there was no hope for me. We laugh about it now, but my mother even purchased my burial plot and a very sizable life insurance policy. Even though everyone thought my life was to end soon in some tragic drug-related way, God wasn't through with me.

My older brother was in school at a nearby university when a friend of his told him about a home called His Place. He shared with me that this home for men with life-controlling issues was not like any other rehab I had been in. He told me a little bit about Rick Hagans and how the ministry was a Christ-centered operation. Being desperate and hungry for the Lord to have His way in my life I agreed to go. The Lord was again making a way for me along the journey I had to travel. I agreed to go knowing the commitment was for a year.

It was at this place, His Place that God used Rick Hagans to show me how to live like no one else had. Rick spent time with me, discipling me, praying with and for me. God moved. God moved and worked in my life like He never had before. Through the discipline and love I received at His Place, I learned how to live my life as a Christian, but God was not done yet and the story does not end there.

One Christmas after having been at His Place, Rick piled us all up and we went to Mexico. If you have never been with Rick to Mexico, it is an experience you need to have. This particular Christmas God had a special present for me. Again using Rick Hagans, my life was changed when I met my wife. This Christmas will mark twelve years ago that Rick married us. We have four beautiful children, three boys and one girl.

The Lord also allowed me to finish college, a process I started at His Place. As I started carrying out the plans I made for my life by teaching 5th grade, God opened doors for me to work bi-vocationally with the youth at First Baptist Church of Greenville, AL. After working for several years pursuing my career and ministry in this manner, God started impressing on my heart to take the next step into full-time ministry and complete surrender to His will. My plan was one day be the pastor of a First Baptist Church somewhere. I never thought that He would have something different in mind.

After learning that His Place was in need of a director, I immediately called Rick out of concern. It was during that conversation the Rick and I both knew that God was preparing me for the job. He later led my wife and I to Nehemiah and made it abundantly clear that He would use us as vessels to restore broken hearts and lives.

On August 15, I humbly accepted the job and began this new chapter of my journey. Never would I have dreamed that God would take this wretched man and allow him the incredible opportunity to speak truth, His truth, the only truth, into men's lives. I am a living testimony of the great and wonderful things God has done and can do through Harvest Evangelism.

Psalms 86:10 says "For You are great and do wondrous things! You alone are God." I am alive today because of the wondrous things God has done and continues to do in my life.

HARVEST THRIFT SUPER CENTER

LOVE BOOKS? Love To help Needy People? Here's Your Opportunity
We get lots of books donated @ Harvest Thrift Super Center, LOTS of books.
We could use help sorting and selling them.

If you love books and could donate a few hours a week we could use you in our book department. We can use volunteers all through our store.
Call (334.705.8858), if you'd like to help.
Your help will allow us to help others.

THANKS!

All your donations of sellable items are appreciated. Center
Call 334.705.8858 and we'll pick up your items.

Why not have a pick-up
Sunday at your Church
for Harvest Thrift Super



"One man's junk is another man's opportunity to hear the Gospel."

His Place Downtown Has New Stove!!

Last month we finally broke down and bought a “nearly new” commercial stove for His Place. We had to, the old one broke and couldn’t be repaired. It was so old we couldn’t get the parts to repair it. Our men were having to prepare meals two miles away (at Mr. John Jenkins’ house) and take them back to His Place. So much for a hot cooked meal. It wasn’t smooth, safe or sanitary to operate a kitchen when your stove is in another place. So we bought a new one.



Our friend, Matt Shultz, who runs a restaurant supply business, found a nearly new commercial stove with, six-eyes a griddle and two ovens for only \$1,500. It would’ve sold new for over \$6,000.

The stove is installed. The men are using it. The food sure tastes better hot.

Now, we need several more improvements to our kitchen. We need a commercial dishwasher, some cabinets, commercial warming trays, pots, pans, etc...we also need a vent installed over our new stove.

It’s going to take a fair amount of money. Stainless steel hoods are expensive, but necessary, legal. It’s going to take your help.

Feeding the hungry is Biblical. It’s one of the few things that Jesus did Himself.

“He took the bread and after blessing it He broke it and said, “Do this...in remembrance of Me.” (Luke 22:19)

If you’d like to be a part of helping us feed the hungry with this kitchen upgrade please call Mr. John Jenkins (334.750.0221). “May your own meals be as delicious and filling as you help feed the hungry.”

WINCHESTER and “TheWay”



I have mentioned starting up a late night ministry on Auburn’s campus for a few months now. Thanks to the BCM letting us use their building on Friday and Saturday nights we had our first night open on September 2nd and it was great. We had about 20-25 people come in and out during the night, Chris Bergeron did worship for us and I preached from John 1. Then six of us spent about 2 or 3 hours downtown doing evangelism. All in all a great night.

The next day we were open and it ended up being a great “family bonding time” for my younger siblings and me. After a day on campus handing out some cards for the ministry and talking to people I pray we get a few more people in tomorrow night, but to be honest I could care less about people coming. Last Saturday when I got home after a night that by all standards was a failure. I sat down in my room and just started to talk with Jesus. The way old friends talk after a long time

apart, I got to the point where I honestly told Him that if every other night this semester were a failure I’d be down with that.

It’s not that I don’t want people to come, I do. And God willing some will get saved, not brought to a place where I can convince them to repeat after me but truly Spirit filled and regenerate. But I had to have that bad night to understand that it’s not about people liking “my” preaching or people coming to “my” ministry. But that I have been given a great responsibility to speak on behalf of God Almighty and be His ambassador to people in Auburn.

I would love to say that I feel great and at peace about it all, but that would not be the whole truth. Only a portion of it. The truth of it is that I am nervous and dare I say I’m scared. Honestly scared of this. I’m scared of fending off the wolves that the Bible tells me will come if I am doing this right. I am scared of all the twisted doctrine that is in Auburn, and I hate that it is here. Trust me, I deal with it on almost a weekly basis.

I feel like my hands are taped, my gracie train has walked me out and the cage door just closed (fight reference. I’ve done that before too). But I know from experience that the fear of the pain will only give way when the adrenaline of the fight kicks in, only after that first blow has been landed and all my training kicks in.

I understand that a lot of you would disapprove of mma fighting, but I have fought. And I know that what Paul wrote stands true against the test of time that our true enemy is spirit not flesh, but then again most of you will never know the feeling when fear gives way to confidence. And unlike any of my fights, Jesus, my coach, is allowed in the cage. I don’t have to stand in the confidence of my skills and training, but in the confidence of his grace and the knowledge that above all things Jesus loves to pursue rebels. It’s what He has always done and what He always will do.

Fighting the Good Fight,
Winchester H.



PASTOR RICK'S "BOOK OF THE MONTH" RECOMMENDATION

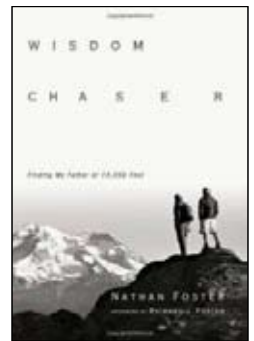
Pastor Rick has been recommending some books to read each month. Several of you have responded and are reading them. Nothing blesses an old teacher like seeing people read.

This month, in conjunction with his walk across Colorado Rick recommends Nathan Foster's book, "Wisdom Chaser-Finding My Father At 14,000 Feet".

This book is by renown author, Richard Foster's (Celebration of Discipline) son. It is a book about a backslidden, church inoculated son, rediscovering his father and The Father.

It is a must read for parents who don't understand kids and kids who are struggling with their parents. It's also a good, easy enjoyable read.

Check it out at your local bookstore or order it online. Tell us what you think about it when you've finished.



ITEMS NEEDED

Thanks to the generosity of a Harvest Evangelism friend, who reads this newsletter just last month we were able to help a man graduating His Place get a vehicle. He was so encouraged. We can always use good, dependable vehicles.

We could also use the following:

1. Toilet paper, paper products. Ok all you Auburn fans, when you buy your toilet paper to roll Toomer's corner, how about an extra roll or two for our homes. With 15-30 ladies and 25-30 men we use A LOT of paper products.
2. Cleaning supplies and laundry soap.
3. Garden Tiller. We plan on having a large fall garden.
4. Sports Coats, white dress shirts and ties. We'd like our men to be able to dress up more for church and special occasions. None of them ever come in with a suit or sport coat. All sizes are needed.
5. Bed linens, towels. For our new trailers at His Place Farm. (Twin size)
6. Vehicles. Especially small economical cars and a good 15 passenger type van.
7. Clothes Dryers for Hosanna Home

We could also use a group of men (or ladies) to help put decks on the new trailers at our His Place Farm. Winter's not too far away and we desperately need to underpin these trailers to keep their pipes from freezing. We also need a well house built to protect our new well from the weather. It will cost approximately \$1,500 per trailer to underpin with a deck. We have 4 trailers. If you can't come perhaps you can give towards this goal.

Come on men...you don't have to go around the world to serve God. There are needy brothers right here who could use your help. You'll feel good about it. I guarantee you'll be blessed.

"He who gives to the poor lends to God." (Proverbs 19:17)

***Special thanks to Mrs. Johnna Chizik, Coack Chizik's wife. Johnna has been helping get A LOT of great food donations for His Place and Hosanna Home, Our men and women have been eating like champions.

Thanks to Tibbie Friends

A small church Howardtown Baptist in Tibbie, Alabama purchased TWO new washing machines for Hosanna Home.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can wash 20-30 loads of laundry? Nothing but a GOOD washing machine.

Pastor Dan Drake and a small group all the way from Indiana, are coming to work on our decks at His Place Farm October 3-6. If you would like to come help call John Jenkins (334.750.0221) for details.