

SHARING THE SHEPHERD

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BALANCING GRACE AND TRUTH

Most of us either way in on the “Legalistic” side of Christianity or on the “Liberal “ or “Grace” side of Christianity. The theme of the **NANC Annual Conference** in St. Louis Missouri in October, 08 was **Balancing Grace and Truth** in which Dr. John MacArthur spoke about “starting with truth, and offering grace along the way”.

Why is it so important to start with “truth”? Because God is truth (Ps. 31:5), and his word is truth (Ps. 119:43). We are told to speak the truth (Isa. 45:19), call on him in truth (Ps. 145:18),



walk in truth (Ps. 86:11), desire truth (Ps. 51:6), be guided by the truth (Ps. 43:3), and be protected by the truth (Ps. 40:11). That pretty much covers every area of our lives. Plus,

we know that it is the truth that will set us free (John 8:32).

And what about “grace”? What kind of “grace” are they talking about? Romans 6:1—“Are we to continue to sin so that grace may increase?” **No**, that would not be “grace”. It’s the same kind of “grace” that saves (Eph. 2:8); Mercy and Unmerited Favor. It’s the same kind of “grace” that God the Father showed to us when he sent his son to pay the penalty for our sin.

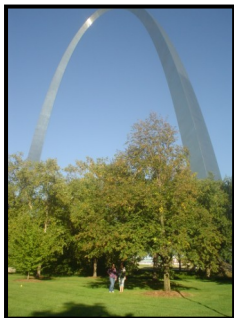
Who’s idea was it then to “Balance Grace and Truth”?

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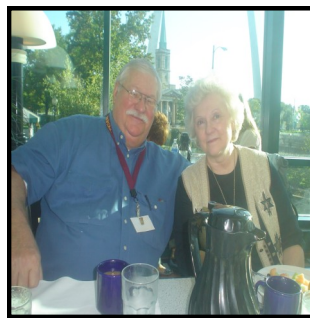


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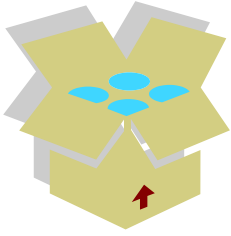
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



Special Points of Interest

- Needs –vs– Wants.
- Calling Evil good and Good evil.
- Reclaiming Wondering Sheep
- Making the necessary connections.



BOXES OF LOVE - FOR THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving brought a lot to be thankful for and another opportunity to minister in North Minneapolis.

With our friends from **Christ Satisfies Ministries**, we were able to hand out, I think, thirty “Boxes of Love”.

These boxes were filled with a complete Thanksgiving dinner for six, some Christian tracts, and a salvation bracelet with a description of what each color bead meant. These boxes were provided from a ministry arm of **Campus Crusade for Christ**.

It was a nice warm and sunny November afternoon, so there were plenty of people out and about.

It is always awesome to see how the Lord provides for our every

need. When we stopped to ask one woman if she could use a Thanksgiving dinner, she said “I just prayed this morning and asked God how I was going to feed my family on Thanksgiving”. The Lord provided for her through us. **HOW COOL!**

At another house there were two families of nine where several children gathered around the van, excited to grab one box after another. “We have nine in our house, and there are nine more downstairs”, said one of the children. “MY mom is inside”. We **never did** see the mother.

Down an alley street was an older gentleman working on a vehicle with four or five younger



were at the Hotel for our conference in Biblical Counseling, there was a

Beauty Pageant scheduled; it was the Miss Gay America Beauty Pageant. It was for gay men. Talk about the two opposite ends of the spectrum.

I found myself grieving for these men, and praying for them often; praying for an opportunity to share the “**grace**” of God with them, and fearing that he might actually give me the chance. I thought of the “**truth**” we were talking about, and of the lies

men. When we pulled up to talk to them they were first very suspicious as to why we were there. After hearing the invitation to a box full of food, their suspicious looks turned to looks of joy and relief.

Each man, young and old, came to get their family a Thanksgiving dinner. They were so thankful. But what was the most touching of all, was the older gentleman, perhaps the father, asked for prayer. He said with a sense of urgency, “**will someone pray for me, somebody pray for me *now***”? Immediately James, our friend, prayed for him.

The man **wanted** the “Box of Love”, but he **needed** prayer, and he needed it right then and there.



that these men were believing about themselves. It broke my heart. I found that I needed to rest in God’s Word.

“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen.”

Romans 1:25

“Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not be done.”

Romans 1:28

Pray with me, that God will reclaim the wondering sheep.

THE MILLENNIUM

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Speaking along with Dr. John MacArthur were Randy Patten, Steve Viars, Brad Bigney and Dr. Jay Adams who spoke on “**Love Covering a Multitude of Sins/Reclaiming Wandering Sheep**”. And how timely this subject seemed, as the circumstances would prove.

At first it was the joke that we were really in the “End Times” because we were actually in “**The Millennium**” (that was the name of our Hotel), and our room number was 666. Go figure! But soon it became clear, that God, in his providence, was at work.

At the same time that we

Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,...

Isaiah 5:20

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FAIR

This past November 14th and 15th, Shepherd House Ministries took part in the third annual **Christian Community Fair** at the St. Paul River Center. We were one of the 150 exhibitors, along with something for the whole family.



Also, was a great deal of support and interest from people wanting to learn more about Nouthetic counseling, volunteer opportunities, and more.

One great connection we made was with Carol Lund, Director of the **Bridging the Gap** women's conference. She was very excited about SHM, and said that "she wanted to help us promote this ministry". It seems as though the Lord is making all the necessary connections.

It was a great time of networking with other Christian businesses and ministries, not to mention all the new friends we made.

excitement about the potential of Shepherd House Ministries and the impact this ministry can make on individual lives and on our communities.

There was a lot of

God's Indescribable Gift

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

John 3:16



For more on God's "Indescribable Gift" go to www.shmmn.com and click on **Blog Spot**.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

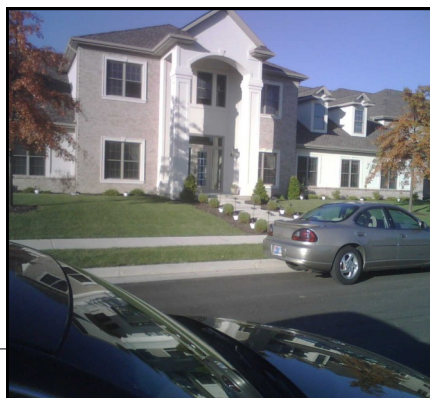
2 Corinthians 9:15

We hope yours was a very

Merry Christmas

A couple of years ago, in Lafayette Indiana, home of Faith Baptist Church and the Biblical Counseling Headquarters/Training Center, a prominent organization from the community came to the pastor and elders of Faith Baptist Church and asked them if they would consider opening a home for girls and women similar to Shepherd House Ministries. Their answer was an immediate and emphatic NO. It wasn't that they were against ministering to their community; they already had several out reach

VOH— Lafayette, IN



programs coming from their church, but they were aware of the enormous undertaking and of the financial battle they would be up against. Well, when God has his mind made up about something, he makes a way. This organization, that wanted to remain anonymous, wrote out a check for 2.5 million dollars for the development of Vision of Hope; a 17,200 square foot residential facility to house up to 24 girls/women at a time. VOH opened its doors in January, 2008. We were able to tour VOH this past October.

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Shepherd House Ministries, founded in 2006, is a residential and out-patient, “Christ Centered” program designed to help girls and women deal with issues of abuse, depression, self-harm, addictions and eating disorders.

Shepherd House Ministries is a discipleship program to assist girls and women in crisis situations to make major life changes toward achieving independence and well-being by applying Biblical principles, enhancing social skill, improving relationships and grow in personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Please Pray For Shepherd House Ministries

Shepherd House Ministries is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded primarily on donations. We are committed to **not** taking any Government funds that will prohibit us from speaking the name of Jesus Christ.

Please return this panel with your check:

- Yes, I want to help with a pledge of \$_____ per month.
- Yes, I want to help with a one time gift of :
 - \$50 \$100
 - \$500 \$1,000
 - Other \$_____

Please pray and consider how you can partner with us in this ministry.

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- I would like to be contacted with more information.
- I am interested in volunteering.
- Our business or organization would like to have a presentation on Shepherd House Ministries.



“Rejoice with me;
I have found my
lost sheep”
Luke 15:6