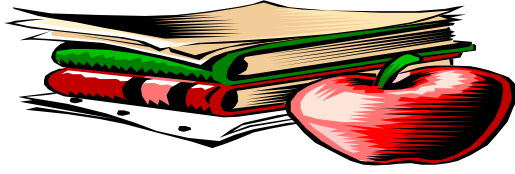


# Hunger For Truth Newsletter



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Proverbs 7:2 • Matthew 5:6 • John 8:32 • II Timothy 3:16-17 • Hebrews 4:12

## GREETINGS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the February 2010 issue of Hunger for Truth. **I hope you enjoy the brand new design.** This month's issue is packed with great information which includes a great sermon on Backsliding (*Sorry, article originally was to be on Revival*) as well as a poem entitled "The Secret Place". Also check out three great new devotionals to edify and encourage.

Last month was the first mention of the new "Church Planting" column which will debut in this issue. Last month Ocean City, MD was mentioned in prayer for it has a great need of a local NT church. It has none within 30 minutes. It has a population of 7,000 to 8,000 souls which was NOT mentioned before. Please pray for the Lord to plant a NT church in Ocean City.

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God's precious Holy Word. As the Lord leads, the ministry will expand and grow.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this

and for your prayers for me. I praise God for each and every one of you.

## MEDITATE ON THE WORD

*(Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)*

### "Backsliding"

Dr. David Smith – Community Baptist Church  
Isa. 55:6-13

*How do you get your song back in your life?  
(The joy & praise)*

- Praise has to have a proper heart motivation
- Pray "Lord make my life a hallelujah from head to toe!"
- Acts 16 – Paul & Silas (Seek the Lord)
- Their must be an absolute cleansing (of your thoughts and ways) (vs. 7-9) The goal is to desire God's thoughts and ways in your life!
- You don't need to depend upon a preacher or teacher (simply God's word alone)
- Understand that God's presence is near you restoring and refreshing your spirit (His thoughts being translated through your brain and His ways being pushed through your conscience)
- What do you depend on for a spiritual experience? Is it His word?
- You should go out of the house of God with joy and led forth with peace!
- Be still and quiet and let God speak to you (no external stimuli and phony substitutes) (vs 12-13)
- You will have joy, peace, praise and great

# ***Backsliding Continued***

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fruit (Prov. 14:14)

- **Backsliding** – Moving from something you had./ moved away from something (You can't backslide from something you never had or were in) (selfish – filled with your own ways)
- Christ is Lord of everything in your life in spirit or you are not saved. In practice and in actuality Christ as Lord of your life is a process of constant yielding to and sanctification.
- We withdraw ourselves from the complete surrender and submission we had when we first got saved.
- Don't depend on external, emotional experience for salvation or you are not saved! It is dependence on Christ alone that shows that you are saved!
- **Twelve Evidences you have lost your joy, song and praise:** (Prov. 14)
  1. A loss of spiritual enjoyment (weary in the service) (we had to)
  2. An outward formality in the spiritual exercises of my life (ritualism, mechanicalism)
  3. An uncontrolled, frustrated temper (on edge, irritable, upset easily)
  4. A loss of interest in truly spiritual conversation
  5. An appetite for worldly amusements and a satisfaction with it (what the world can offer)
  6. A lack of concern over the lost / lack of compassion for souls
  7. A fault finding critical spirit begins (negativity) (analytical) (blame others)
  8. A self-indulgent lifestyle (satisfying self & flesh) (sex, sleep, snacks, sports) If this captivates your personality and it is your heartbeat, you might not be saved! You forget you need the Lord in your life and too completely depend on and trust Him

alone for non-temporal satisfaction!

9. We take God's worship for granted and the privilege of prayer for granted (We make an excuse for trivial and simple things. i.e. ballgame instead of church, skipping services)
10. Neglect of family and personal prayer (prayer and devotion becomes a duty and not a privilege)
11. Loss of concern about personal holiness (little or no concern over sin) (gradual tolerance of sin)
12. Lack of interest in God's word (They don't want to be convicted by it so they leave it alone!) (You should desire to Love it, learn it and live it) **ASA**  
**RESULT:** (Prov. 14:14)
  - You will be self centered and YOU might get what you want but you won't enjoy it.
  - You will make many mistakes and judgments (bad feelings, dissatisfied, discontent)
  - Filled with your own cares and bearing of burdens! Trials will be great and more cares will come!
  - Many worries and anxieties will come that you should not have (no rest, delusional, deceived)
  - Did you lose your joy because you never had it? Or because of deviation and drifting? Has your appetites/passion changed since you were saved? What is "Christian" about you?
  - Settle it in your mind that you are saved or not? If not, get saved today!
  - Heb. 10:35-38
  - **HOW TO GET YOUR JOY & SONG BACK:**
    1. Get your eyes on Christ and keep them there!
    2. Let Christ be the center of your attention!
    3. Get and keep your heart and mind in the word of God! Let the scriptures flow through you and remind you of your salvation. They will bring to you the promises of God, which can help your joy and keep Christ in your vision and God's word in your heart!
    4. Keep your knees on the floor seeking God and praying to Him (confessing sin,

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cleansing) (“Lord, bring back the joy of my salvation!”) (Ps. 51, Hosea 14). Be restored to Him in prayer! Have a prayerful mind and attitude! Say “God I need your help, Lord forgive me of my sin! Lord I pray that you’d help me as a Christian to have your joy in my life and don’t let me be satisfied with what the world offers but give me a true spiritual experience.”

5. Keep confessing and forsaking your sins all the time (when the spirit of God probes you about something confess and forsake it) (Prov. 28:13)
6. Keep the great commission in your heart (Have a passion to witness to souls)
7. Keep living above disappointments because they will come (people let you down, circumstances not bright, bad health, no money, feeling like quitting) Live above them! (Ecc. 3) Focus on & live for Christ and His word and purpose!
8. Keep listening to the warnings of God’s word (Col. 1:28)
9. Keep resisting sin, self, and Satan (keep standing against them)
10. Keep close to godly people – Ps. 4
11. Keep the blessings of God in your view (don’t forget or lose sight of them!) (Trace them!)

*God wants us to be serving and praising Him  
and not living in defeat and self pity*

**“The Secret Place”**

By: Arlene Updyke

There’s a place where I withdraw from the  
worries of the world,  
Where I creep into my Savior’s loving arms.  
Outwardly I still can work, outwardly I seem  
unchanged,  
But my spirit nestles there away from harms.

*...The Secret Place Continued*

No one knows that I am there, save my Savior  
who will give

All the comfort that my weary spirit craves;  
And I learn there to endure pain and loneliness  
and fear -

All of this I have, because my Jesus saves.  
Ah! the blessedness to know of this secret place  
of rest!

I can go there day or night, at any hour;  
All my troubled heart is still, all my cares are  
laid aside,  
In that secret place I draw from Him new power.

I can face the world each day without pills or  
sedatives,

He controls my fears, my weakness is made  
strong;

And He gives me blessed peace, quiet heart, and  
patient tongue.

Dries my tears and sends me onward with a song.

# Devotionals

By: Craig Glickman

## THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL COMPASS ME ABOUT

**Psalm 142:7** *“Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.”*

As I reflect on this verse, it means a lot to me. The psalmist is pleading that the Lord would bring his soul out of prison or the great trial he was facing. I believe he was lonely and struggling. He hungered and thirsted for God's presence and to praise Him. He also desired to be compassed about by the righteous. He knew the Lord would deal bountifully with him.

He desired being with God's people often. Every Christian should desire to be with other believers in fellowship and praise to the Lord. This should not just be in church, but year round and daily!

Sadly some do not have this opportunity and we as believers should reach out to them as the Lord leads. The psalmist desired that daily fellowship with other believers and the opportunity to praise God with them as well.

Those who are married and have a personal time of devotion around a family altar have a great blessing that many do not have. They have the privilege of sharing their needs and cares in prayer to God and with one another and they have the privilege of studying God's word together and praising the Lord together in song. It is a wonderful and blessed time that we as believers need to be most thankful and praise God for. May we daily desire and seek to be compassed about by the righteous.

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## THE MULTITUDE OF MY THOUGHTS

**Psalm 94:19** *“In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.”*

Here we see that through all the troubles and trials that come into our lives, as believers we can look to God's word and get comfort from it. The comfort of God truly does delight my soul and I hope and pray that it is a delight

to you. God's word is so important in our lives. It helps us to live a Spirit filled life. We can have a multitude of thoughts that go through our mind daily. Some are sad, discouraging, angry and some are happy and joyful. We need to look to God's word at all times, especially in times of trouble and seek to do His will through prayer, daily devotions, and letting the Holy Spirit guide us in our daily lives.

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## MY STRONG TOWER

**Prov. 18:10** *“The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”*

The name of the Lord is indeed a strong tower. The name of Jesus is a wonderful matchless name. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of those in heaven and those on the earth. We sing “Jesus is the sweetest name I know”. Christ is our Lighthouse and our Strong Tower. We need to run to Him with all our cares and needs and trust in and love Him with all our heart, mind, body, soul and spirit. We need to take all our cares to Him alone and nobody else for He careth for us. When we take our eyes off of the Lord as Peter did on the water during the storm, we began to sink spiritually and sometimes more. With our eyes on the Lord, we are safe. When we take our eyes off of Him as Peter did, we lose that safety; that peace and joy that comes with a close walk with the Lord and we begin to sink. Have you ever ran into something as a kid or even as an adult? You weren't looking where you were going. I know I have and it usually hurts. We must not run into the world and it's pleasures, but run to Christ and His word. The devil wants us to run into the world and enjoy the pleasures of sin, which will hurt us. Running into Christ (our Lighthouse) and keeping our eyes on Him alone keeps us safe and it does not hurt. The Bible says we are to run the race. We run it by focusing on Christ alone and give Him all the honor and glory. We can do nothing without Christ! Believer, don't run into the world. Simply turn your eyes upon Jesus who is our Strong Tower and run to Him and be safe and sheltered in the arms of an almighty and awesome God!

## Song of the Month

### “Never Alone”

This song is a great song that shows that with Jesus Christ no matter how lonely we are...we are NEVER truly alone. It has a powerful message as you can see: *“I’ve seen the lightning flashing and heard the thunder roll, I’ve felt sin’s breakers dashing, which tried to conquer my soul; I’ve heard the voice of my Savior, He bid me still fight on. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone. (vs. 2) The world’s fierce winds are blowing-temptations sharp and keen; I have a peace in knowing my Savior stands between; He stands to shield me from danger when all my friends are gone - He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone (vs 3.) When in afflictions valley I tread the road of care, My Savior helps me carry the cross so heavy to bear; Tho all around me is darkness and earthly joys are flown, My Savior whispers His promise - Never to leave me alone. (vs. 4) He died on Calvary’s mountain, for me they pierced His side, For me he opened that fountain, the crimson, cleansing tide; For me He’s waiting in glory upon His heavenly throne - He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone.*

*(CHORUS) No, never alone, No, never alone - He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone; No, never alone, No, never alone - He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone.*

*“Let us praise our precious Savior in song all the day long.”*

## Children for Christ

*Memory Verse*-Prov. 25:11 “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”

### ☺ BIBLE CHARACTERS ☺

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

This is to find out what you know about Bible characters. **Write 2 things about each of the characters below** (such as what they did for God, any act they did, words they said, etc.). If you are not sure about one, it is OK to find out about them in the Bible. Show this to the person who gave this to you when you are done and he/she will go over it with you.

ADAM –

EVE –

NOAH –

ABRAHAM–

ISAAC –

JACOB –

DAVID –

JOHN THE BAPTIST –

PAUL –

PETER –

ISAIAH –

KING HEROD –

HAMAN (In book of: Esther) –

SOLOMON –

JEREMIAH –

MOSES -

USE ANOTHER SHEET OF PAPER IF YOU DON'T HAVE ROOM

# Church Planting

This is a *NEW* monthly column which lists a city and state (w/ population) in the United States of America that has NO solid, Bible believing, Bible preaching local NT Baptist Church within 30 minutes of town! Many American towns and cities do not have a local church in their area to reach the lost for Christ. It is the HFT editor's desire to make these needs known to readers so they might be prayed for that the Lord would send a servant with the ability to meet the need who He has clearly called to plant a local church there.

**CITY: Kutztown**

**STATE: PA**

**POPULATION: 5,067**

## Praises

- I praise God For the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending out this newsletter to people all across the land.
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent e-mails about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a blessing!
- Praise God for the salvation of Chris from PA who was saved back in December 09'. Please pray for his spiritual growth
- For the wisdom and opportunity to redesign the newsletter. It was well worth the time spent

## Prayer Requests

- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob
- Ben from PA (age 11) who has Neuroblastoma and mom Patty. Both need salvation
- The souls who were devastated in the Haiti earthquake (*NEW*)
- Wisdom regarding Hunger for Truth Ministries and the e-

newsletter that more would request it (*NEW*)

- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation
- Pastor Paul Fedena and wife Shirley for various health needs
- Unspoken requests for the HFT editor
- Unspoken requests for several friends of the HFT editor
- Wisdom regarding FT Christian service for the Lord someday as the Lord leads
- God's blessing upon and growth of Bible believing, Bible preaching, Biblicist Baptist local churches all across the world and for more to be planted.

## In Next Months Issue

You will find parts 1 and 2 of a three part study on Dispensational Bible teaching. I will have several new devotionals as well as another fun activity in the "Children for Christ" column.

Thank you so much for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,  
Craig G.  
Prov. 3:5-7

P.S. If you have any ideas on any improvements to the newsletter, I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail me and let me know. If you know somebody who would like to be added to the newsletter, please have them e-mail me and I will get it out to them as soon as possible. Also, just in case you do NOT wish to continue receiving this monthly newsletter, please e-mail me with "please remove" in the subject line.



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