



from the Pastor's desk



Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends of Faith Baptist Church, As I sit here contemplating what to write, I have the hymn that I so enjoy going through my mind "it is well with my soul", we are encouraged to do and think on these things "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; :20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Eph 5:19 -20 . Well I certainly give thanks to the Lord for you all!

I am sitting in my office starting to prepare my report for our annual business meeting in February 2010 , and was going over our statistics for the year, and felt the need to share them with you. We have seen thirty visitors come over and visit our church, of those that came; we have had the privilege of leading ten to Christ

I certainly have a burden for the lost souls that surround us; we have given out tracts in and among Acacia Park, Bisley valley and Oribi. I have gone to the shopping complexes (Scottsville, Pick & Pay and the three Spar centers) and made opportunities to hand out tracts and share Christ with some.

I am reminded of the Lords parable when he illustrated " And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, **and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled**" Luk 14:23. This touched me, as I realized that we are not to beg, nor ask but "compel" , this implies "rousing a strong interest" or to "bring about an action" in another sense, to "force" them to come and meet Jesus. The Apostle Paul comes to mind, who, after been beaten and thrown in prison, sang songs and hymns praising God. When an earthquake broke open the cells, he did not run away as the prison guard supposed, but stayed. His testimony was so compelling, that the guard uttered the following words " And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?** " Act 16:30. Our witness is to be so compelling that those around us would want to have Jesus in their hearts too!

2010 is here! Soccer fever is on! I wonder if Christianity as a whole has the same sort of fever for Christ. There is no stopping the fans. Provisions have been made - accommodations, seating arrangements are in place, banners are made, even shirts and logo's and there is an anticipation for the coming "hordes". Even a criminal who was interviewed by E TV news several week ago, was anticipating the muggings and robbery as "good for business".

Christ is coming soon, there is a crown to be won for those who look forward to the coming of Christ, yet, folks as far as I am concerned it is not about His coming that I believe is so important at this very moment, but about those "hordes" who do not accept Jesus Christ as their very own personal Saviour who are destined for hell! "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. "Joh 3:36 . We should be about the business of leading the lost to Christ today, for Christ is coming soon!

Love in Christ

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"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Jas 5:8