

BOB'S NEWS

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New Year & New Challenges!!!

I started off the new year in Atlanta, Georgia at the Passion conference. Nine of us from the college and career group went to Passion which is one of the premier college conferences in the United States. There were over 65,000 college students there and the trip really united our group. More about Passion on the inside.



The second week in January is when we get back in the high schools after Christmas. Bonnabel high school has been really doing great. We have had consistent attendance and we have seen a change in the students. They are more open to the gospel and how it affects their lives. Destrahan high school continues to be a struggle in getting students to come to the club. Our attendance remains low but the students that come are real receptive to the gospel.



On January 23, a group of youth workers went to Conclave, a youth workers conference in Chattanooga. This conference is one of out sessions that deal with what is on the cutting edge of youth ministry. It is such a wealth of information and I truly believe it is what helps keep us on the forefront of the youth world. More on the inside.

The next weekend, February 2, was Super Bowl Sunday and we had our annual youth Super Bowl party. All the exhibitors that come to Conclave giveaway samples from T-shirts to candy and many things in between. We bring those back and give them out as prizes for the Super Bowl party. There is lots of food, lots of games, and we end up with karaoke. The students love it. Nate always gives a gospel presentation.

My last newsletter I ended in explaining that I was getting a new MRI for my cancer in my prostate. The results were not good. I had to decide to either radiate the cancer or have my prostate removed. After listening to all the pros and cons, I decided to have my prostate removed. So, on February 19 I had surgery. I am now in the process of recuperating from the surgery. More on the inside.

The college and career Bible study is growing and my call-in talk radio show is blowing up thanks to all the political drama. I also do a lot of counseling. Please continue to pray for me, Jacob, and my ministry.

Passion New Years!!

Nine of us hopped into the church van early on New Year's Eve and headed for Atlanta, Georgia to attend the Passion conference. 65,000 college students from every state in the US and countries all over the world descended on the Mercedes-Benz Dome. It was awesome!



Passion is the vision of Louie Giglio which has been going on for years. He has some of the best contemporary speakers of today as well as some of the best Christian musicians around. It is so awesome to be in a stadium with 65,000 students singing praises to Jesus. It is very moving and inspiring.

Mike and Mary Pinkerton, my director and his wife, live right outside of Atlanta. They were out of town at the time but let us use their home to save us on lodging.

The first evening was New Year's Eve and the whole conference sang in the new year. It was so awesome. The only problem was we were exhausted and made the next day hard. The conference wrapped up on the second at noon. We toured the Coca-Cola museum then headed back home to New Orleans. This was a great way to start off the new year especially for all our students.



Conclave!!

Conclave is a youth ministers conference. It is one of the best conferences designed for youth ministers I have ever been to. They get the top youth speakers in the nation to come along with great worship time. Throughout the day are breakout sessions that teach on all different youth ministry topics and they are taught by some of the experts in the field. There is also an exhibit hall where different ministries present themselves to the youth ministers. There is something for everyone.



The other thing that is so amazing about Conclave is the networking. You get to meet youth workers from all over the country and get a chance to share what's working where they are with where you are. The whole conference is a wealth of resources.

My Teeth!!

As I have stated in past newsletters I had a complete restoration of my teeth. The cost was more than what I make in the year. I spent all of my savings, people gave me contributions, and I sold a lot of my memorabilia. The sight I used to sell my collectables is Rareables.net. Check it out. Because of some nice end of the year contributions, I'm here to say that my teeth are paid for and I am debt free. I wanted to thank all of you who helped.

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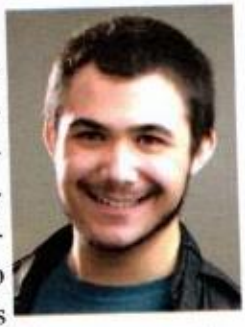
My Cancer!!!

There is nothing like facing your mortality when you are told you have cancer. Initially, it really didn't upset me because I was told it was a very slow growing cancer and I was to just watch and wait.

I was given a MRI on my six-month follow-up visit. The doctor was concerned because the cancer was pushing against the wall of the prostate. I had to do something, either begin radiation or remove the prostate. After consulting different doctors I decided to remove my prostate.

The morning of February 19 was my operation. Everything went fine. I left the hospital the following morning. The following Thursday my catheter was removed. Doing the whole ordeal I really never felt any pain. I seem to be healing well. Friday after the operation I did my radio show. Two weeks after I was back in the high schools. A lot of people were praying for me and I wanted to thank each of you because it worked.

Jacob!!



In the past year, Jacob has suffered from severe anxiety and depression, so I got him a counselor and he decided he needed to see a Psychiatrist to be put on medication. His 1st medication didn't work. He was recently given new medication and it seems to be working. Also, his work is back and has helped him. Please pray for Jacob.



PRAYER REQUEST

*For our **President** and our **country**.

*For **Bob's Ministry** and his **Support**.

*For the **Students** in **Bob's Ministry**.

*For those whom **Bob Counsels**.

*For the **Current Word**, radio talk show.

*For **Bonnabel** & **Destrahan** high schools.

*For **Be One Together**.

*For **Jacob** & his walk with God.

*For all the **Youth** in bad home situations.

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