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FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's hard to realize that two months of 2010 are now history. Just think--one-sixth of the year is now past. I believe it is good for us individually and as church bodies to stop and take inventory of where we are in reference to where the Lord wants us to be. It does us good to take a long, hard look at ourselves once in awhile. It can be very sobering and even disturbing; but if we take it in the right spirit, it can be very beneficial. God's desire for us individually and for His church is not merely that we feel guilty about past failures but that we acknowledge those failures to Him and ask Him to use us in a greater way in the future than He has in the past. Additionally, what is true of the individual and the church is likewise true of the Association. The Lord has so much He wants to do through Carey Association in the remaining 10 months of 2010. Will you be found faithful?

News from Grace Ministries

"By what authority are you doing these things.... and who gave you this authority (Mt 21.23)? This was the question of the month that was asked of us. Not in these exact words, but this is the question people wanted the answer to. One lady said, "It's another year and y'all are still out here with that Bible trying to get people to come listen to y'all. Watch yourself now." People will want to know who sent us if we get out in the streets and go where they are. They begin to wonder why we would even go there. After all it's not our neighborhood. I thought to myself--a few pieces of chocolate, a few blankets and some sandwiches and people think we have a motive. Well, we do!! And it's sharing the Good News and demonstrating it. This month we tried to let kids at one of the local elementary schools know that we not only talk the talk but we also walk the walk. Seniors and staff members also commended us on the love shown. Their faces seem to say, "Here they come again." That's great because the souls of approximately 80 3rd graders need tending to. Yes, it was a wonderful month. Twelve children gave their hearts to Jesus. It is by His authority we go, and we never get tired of telling people that. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to share the Gospel and build relationships. Brothers and sisters, once again I am reminded to never grow tired in well doing. One cold Saturday morning, as I was going to get my car washed, I recognized one of the kids walking down the street. I thought to myself; "God, thank You for being my eyes for it is only

You who can do this. There are so many kids yet you blessed me to know who they are with even with their backs to me. I pulled over and he got in. I asked him where he was going, and he said home. As I drove toward his house, I reached in my purse and pulled out a \$20 bill. You see, Mrs. Ford from FBC Westlake tutored him about 5 years ago. When because of her health she was unable to continue tutoring him, she continued to bring him an allowance. She has never stopped being a constant in his life. He said, "Tell Mrs. Ford thank you, and I will write her a note soon." He got out of the car and I went on my way. I knew his day had become just a little brighter not just because of the money but because of Mrs. Ford's remembering him. This is just one of the great things Jesus has used us to do. I would say that if that was all we could do it would still be okay because it has made an eternal difference in the life of this young man. He has accepted Jesus as his Savior. Praise God for being a God who uses people like us not only to talk the talk within our church walls but also to walk the walk on the streets.



CAREY YBS CLINIC

MONDAY, MARCH 22

5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

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PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Boulevard, FBC Cameron, New Hope, Sale Street, and
Woodlawn

Rev. Brian Cornish has accepted the pastorate at
FBC Iowa

March Anniversaries

Rev. John Astling	Calvary	24 yrs.
Faith Ferguson	Emmanuel, LC	24 yrs.
Tommy Hodge	New Hope	3 yrs.
Rev. Lamar Huffman	Trinity, Sulphur	6 yrs.
Karen Jackson	Boulevard	17 yrs.
Lionel Noel	Houston River	1 yr.
Nita St. Germain	Cornerstone	29 yrs.

UPCOMING DRY CREEK CAMP EVENTS

Preteen Retreat, "Fields of Grace", on
March 26-27 with speaker, Dr. David Holder; music
with Nathan Sams; and special feature, Mullican's
Magic by George Mullican. This camp is for boys and
girls in grades 1-6.

Father/Son Retreat on April 9-10 beginning with
an optional campout Friday night and lots of fun
activities on Saturday.

Ladies' Retreat on April 16-17 - the program will
be the Beth Moore video series "Loving Well
Retreat"; music will be led by Whitney Terrell of
LaPorte, TX.

For more information on any of these events,
call Dry Creek at 328-7531.

*Week of Prayer for
North American Missions &
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 7-14, 2010
National Goal: \$70 Million*



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