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WILL AMBASSADOR STAY THE COURSE?

by EVANGELIST ALTON BEAL

Several years ago, I came across an interesting study about second generation wealth. In the article, the author noted that the wealth accumulated by the first generation was often squandered by the second. I believe the same observation can be made in the case of leadership in Christian institutions and local churches. There have been many instances in which founding pastors and leaders have watched their ministries change for the worse because their successor never grasped the burden of the founder.

The transition of Moses and Joshua is a clear example that the second generation can continue the ministry. God called Moses to lead Israel out of the bondage of Egypt. Later, He called Joshua to lead Israel and deliver them into the Promised Land. While these men faced different challenges and circumstances, their core values and beliefs remained the same.

For Ambassador to stay the course, **the second generation must have the same passion as the first generation.** From day one, the passion of Ambassador Baptist College has been to train young men and women for the ministry. Preaching has always been primary. To emphasize that the preaching is the most important part of the day, classes are fifty minutes in length and the chapel service is one hour. Academically qualified, experienced teachers are training our students because we want them to get the best ministry education possible. Students are required to go soul-winning and are active in various ministries of their local churches. Conservative Christian music has been the standard now for twenty years. This passion for the ministry must continue for Ambassador to stay the course.

It is also important that the second generation have the same position as the first generation. Many books have been written on the subject of leadership; however, many aspiring leaders would do well to read books on servanthood. Throughout the book of Joshua, Moses is referred to as a servant of God. In Joshua 24:29, Joshua is called "the servant of the Lord." Without a doubt, the greatest title ascribed to these two leaders was "servant." Dr. Comfort has endeavored to be an example of servanthood in his evangelistic ministry. That spirit has trickled down into the classroom. Students are taught to be servants in their churches and ministries.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY HOLY LANDS TOUR

WITH CRAIG HARTMAN OF SHALOM MINISTRIES

SEE

- SCRIPTURE COME TO LIFE
- THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
- CALVARY & THE EMPTY TOMB
- QUMRAN & NAZARETH
- MASADA & MORE

ENJOY

- TWELVE FULL DAYS IN ISRAEL
- WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED
- FELLOWSHIP WITH ABC FRIENDS & FAMILY

EXTRA BENEFITS:

- Experienced and seasoned tour coordinator, Craig Hartman of Shalom Ministries
- Most requested veteran tour guide: a converted Jew!

THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO FORTY PEOPLE, AND WE HAVE ABOUT TEN SPOTS LEFT TO FILL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL [JCOMFORT@AMBASSADORS.EDU](mailto:jcomfort@ambassadors.edu).

PRICE: UNDER \$3500 PER PERSON INCLUDES: ALL AIRFARES, GROUND TRANSPORTATION, FEES, TIPS, LODGING, AND 2 MEALS PER DAY

I Need Some Help! A Plea from the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

When you get to be more than eighty years old like I am, you learn that things don't work like they used to. Things begin to break and squeak. You get more wrinkles in your appearance and your hearing gets worse with every passing year. As the oldest building on the campus at Ambassador, I need lots of attention if I am going to keep up with all the young folks around here.

In the 1930s, I was built to house the high school in our small town. Later, other buildings were built around me, and I was changed into an elementary school. Little did I know that I would one day become a college. Now I call that moving up in life!

Every day, many young men and women walk up and down my hallway to see faculty members or to go to chapel. These young people are some of the finest you will ever meet. They are preparing for the Lord's work. Many of the men plan on being pastors, evangelists, and missionaries. Many of the ladies plan on marrying preachers, teaching in Christian schools, and serving in churches or on the mission field.

I sure wish my building could be in tip-top shape for these young people. My classrooms and offices have wrinkles in the carpet because of the shifting wood floor that lies underneath. In my large auditorium, it is almost impossible to be quiet because the floor creaks when you walk down the main aisle. To fix this

problem, some people are going to have to come in and rip out some old flooring and replace old rotten wood before new carpet can be put down. I know, you are thinking to yourself, "That sounds painful." It may be, but it will be worth it when it is done.

Remember that large auditorium I told you about? It is the centerpiece of Ambassador Baptist College. Along with regular chapel services, it houses the special concerts and events held throughout the year. So many lives have been changed in that old auditorium because of that old Gospel message. In order to make sure that others hear that important message in the future, some new speakers and a few adjustments to the sound system are also needed. Getting old is no fun!

I need your help so I can be a blessing to these young people. Would you pray about helping me before the year is through? They tell me it will take \$125,000 to fix my floors, give me new carpet, and to make me sound better than ever. Giving a special gift for this project is a way to lay up treasure in heaven. They tell me you can get a tax break, too! If you can help me, please call the business office or email Bruce Gauger at bgauger@ambassadors.edu to get some more details. Thanks for listening to this aging building. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!



FRIENDS BANQUETS

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED AN ABC FRIENDS BANQUET? IF NOT, YOU ARE MISSING A GREAT TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. THIS MARCH, SEVERAL CHURCHES WILL BE HOSTING BANQUETS.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND THE NEXT ISSUE OF "THE AMBASSADOR" FOR MORE DETAILS.

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WESTGATE BAPTIST
CHURCH
IN SPARTANBURG, SC
MARCH 13TH, 2009

VICTORY BAPTIST
CHURCH
IN CHARLESTON, SC
MARCH 14TH, 2009

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Dec. 13 – Jan. 9

MASTERS MODULE: CHURCH HISTORY

DR. BOB DALTON

Jan. 5 – 9

REGISTRATION

Jan. 9, 8:00 AM

CLASSES BEGIN

Jan. 12

SPRING 2009 OPENING REVIVAL

PAUL SCHWANKE

&

JERRY SIVNKSTY

Jan. 12 – 16

VALENTINE'S BANQUET & CONCERT

Feb. 14

SPRING BREAK

Mar. 14 – 22

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Mar. 23 – 27

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As the leader of the college, Dr. Comfort has also emphasized the fact that the college is a servant to local churches. Ambassador has the honor of training students from more than 130 different local churches this semester. Our students serve in over twenty-five independent Baptist churches within a two-hour radius of the college. The college does not exist to lead churches, but rather to help them and serve them. A servant's heart is vital to the continuation of ABC.

Lastly, the second generation must realize it has the same promises as the first generation. Just as there were many obstacles and difficulties in founding Ambassador, more will be faced in the years

to come. For Moses, it was the Red Sea; for Joshua, it was the Jordan River. The same God that led Dr. Comfort to start the school is the same God that can lead the second generation to continue it. The Lord has fulfilled His promises many times in these past twenty years. People have been saved. Spiritual needs have been met. Many of God's people have generously given to assist us in training young people for the ministry. God will not leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). He will continue to meet our needs "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19). May God receive much glory and honor in the years to come, as He continues to fulfill His promises to the second generation!

During the past few months, many have expressed that they are praying for the future of Ambassador Baptist College. Would you join this special group? With your prayers and support and God's grace, I believe Ambassador Baptist College will stay the course.

PRAYER & PRAISE

In *everything* by
prayer and
supplication

The necessary funds for the Administration Building remodeling project.

Safety, power, and blessing as the students are home on Christmas Break.

The upcoming opening semester revival meeting.

The Lord's blessing upon our 20th anniversary Bible Conference.

with *thanksgiving*

A fantastic Baptist History Conference.

\$10,000 given to the Graduate Studies Library Annex.

Some tremendous preaching during our Missions Conference.

Good attendance at the Messiah Concert.

AMBASSADOR BAPTIST COLLEGE

— 20th Annual —

SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE

ALL TWENTY-ONE PREACHERS ARE ABC ALUMNI

MARCH 23 - 27, 2009

Still Standing on the Promises

MEMORIAL
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Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cheshire in memory of
Marilyn Cheshire

Mrs. June McFalls in memory of
Katherine Waggoner



Please pray for the...

RON COMFORT EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY

JANUARY - JUNE 2009

JANUARY

18-23	Pastor Craig Holmes	Gilead Baptist Church	Macon, GA	478-788-1935
25-30	Pastor Shane Lewis	Somerville Baptist Church	Somerville, AL	256-778-8844

FEBRUARY

8-13	Pastor Dan Sweatt	Berean Baptist Church	Lilburn, GA	770-985-5318
15-18	Pastor Walter Wagner	Southview Baptist Church	Statesville, NC	704-872-9554
22-27	Pastor J. C. Joiner	New Testament Baptist Church	Tucson, AZ	520-327-5938

MARCH

1	Pastor Dave Crichton	Lakeside Baptist Church	Peoria, AZ	623-687-6009
8-13	Pastor Chesford Carr	Fairview Baptist Church	Decatur, AL	256-353-3132
15-19	Pastor Dan Reed	Harvest Baptist Church	Acworth, GA	770-974-9091

APRIL

5-10	Pastor Roger Rosenau	Springville Baptist Church	Springville, PA	570-965-2163
18-24	Pastor Wayne Van Gelderen	Falls Baptist Church	Menomonee Falls, WI	262-251-7051
26-May1	Pastor Greg Allison	Bible Baptist Church	Creedmoor, NC	919-575-3414

JUNE

7-12	Pastor Stephen Henderson	Harvest Baptist Church	Manhattan, KS	785-539-8174
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