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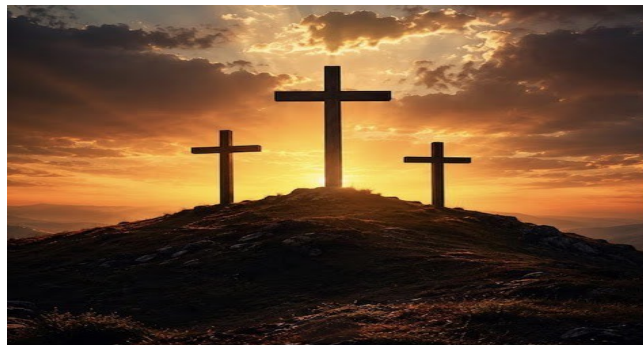


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NYC September 11, 2001

Calvary 2,000 years Ago





Gary L. Norris
Servant

Dear Joseph,

It is so good to be back home with my church family. I enjoyed my time in Colorado tremendously, but there's no place like home.

Pastor Carringer preached the a.m. service. After the morning service, Taylor and Alexis Palavecino (husband & wife) were baptized and they joined the church. Our Sunday evening services are always very refreshing. Pastor Carringer never lets us leave without being challenged.

This week was a normal week. Pastor Mike Pruitte and I did our Winn/Dixie food runs on Monday and Thursday.

On Tuesday Pastor Carringer and I went to a pastor's fellowship at Liberty Baptist Church in Callahan Florida. Pastor Adam Pierce hosted the event, and he had two excellent speakers. What a challenge both of them gave.

On Wednesday night, Pastor Carringer finished up his series on Revelation. I believe these studies gave me a greater desire to study the Book of Revelation a little deeper myself.

Friday was a good day ... I celebrated my 81st birthday. It was also a sad day for America as we remembered the 25th anniversary of Four terrorist airplanes being hijacked and flying into the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Saturday has arrived and I am always here in my office working on the Barna-Post.

Have A Wonderful week 

Let us continue to pray  one for another.

Please pray for Raye Pruitte, Pastor Mike Pruitte's wife.
She is battling with some serious health issues. Pray also for some insurance issues to be settled.



Pastor Adam Pierce, Liberty Baptist Church, Callahan, FL Hosted The Pastor's Fellowship



Pastor Dwayne Jowers, Grace Baptist Church,
Baldwin, FL
Preaching At Pastor's Fellowship Liberty Baptist
Church Callahan, FL



Pastor Markey Bullock, Baptist Temple, Jacksonville, FL Preaching At Pastor's Fellowship Liberty Baptist Church, Callahan, FL



Pastor Carringer Stirring The Baptismal Water Again



Your Barnabas In NYC After 9/11 2001

Saturday Eve Barna-Post

"Thoughts To Ponder"

"9/11 vs Calvary"

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This Issue of the Saturday-Eve Barna-Post maybe a little different ... a little longer ... and definitely a little more personal.

September has always been very special throughout my life.

- I was born September 11, 1945, ... I turned 81 years old on Friday
- I was born again September 2, 1987 (My Spiritual Birthday). I turned 39 on September 2nd this year.
- The Barnabas Ministry was started in September 1997.

All of these dates are very special to me.

In February 1990 I attended three funerals. The first one was my one-day old grandson, Jarius Edward Koontz ... 16 days later, I attended my 21-year-old daughter's funeral, Jodi Rene Koontz ... That same month I attended my friend Trudy Sowder's funeral. She was 97 years old ... There was almost a century difference between my grandson and Trudy. Death has no age limitations.

On September 11, 2001, America was faced with another great reminder ... the brevity of life ... and the presence of sin and evil in our present world.

Most people who were born before the early 80s know exactly where they were when they heard the news of the 9/11 attacks.

I was serving in Posa Rica, Mexico serving at Missionary Sam Hornbrook's ministry.

Someone called me and told me that America had been bombed. BOMBED 

I didn't have access to a TV or the news. Even when I got access, the second tower had been hit ... and everything was in Spanish ... at that time my Spanish had a lot to be desired. I sit there watching the news in unbelief.

I talk with my pastor in the United States Tim Cruse and told him that I felt the need to come home and minister to the people in my own country. It took a little while for this to happen, but finally I was able to go and serve in New York City with pastor Matt Recker, Heritage Baptist Church. It was amazing how people showed a respect and a renewed interest in spiritual things ... churches were full ... people would take the literature that we were passing out ... you certainly couldn't find one on the ground ... many came up to us and asked us to pray ... it still remains one of my greatest and most rememberable ministries.

Stories are still told of the "First Responders" who were running into the building to save lives ... as other others were running out to try to save their own lives. Those first responders went in with no regards to their own safety.

We must never forget the courage that they showed. It is very proper that we pause and remember all of those that were killed that day and others who died later.

This should be a constant reminder of the brevity of life ... and the certainty of death should always cause us to examine our hearts. Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

I said earlier in this note that people wanted to have prayer with us, churches were filled, the spiritual temperature of America was the greatest that I had ever seen it.

One year later, I was invited up to the anniversary memorial for 9/11. We again went out and passed out gospels tracts and tried to share the Goodnews of Jesus Christ. After a long day passing out tracks etc. in the subways, I walked around the corner and saw many tracts on the ground. That would not have happened a year ago. My thought was ... what is it going to take ... to wake America up.

2000 years ago, Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners ... 1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the

world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; Corinthians 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Yes, the first responders on 9/11 went in the twin towers to save many lives. WE MUST NEVER FORGET

Jesus Christ came in 2000 years ago To save the world from sin and provide a way to heaven. Yes, Jesus was born to die.  WE MUST NEVER FORGET

Those who were killed in the terrace attack were not planning on that being the last day of their lives. They had plans and hopes not yet fulfilled and so do we ... Still, we should live each day as if it were our last day ... with the realization that it could be.

September 11, 2001, changed America

2000 years ago on Calvary ... God change the world.

My thoughts remain the same ... what is it going to take to wake America up? ... Where would you spend eternity if this was your last day?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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Brother Gary L. Norris

Sinner Saved By Grace



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