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Second Chances



Aren't you glad we serve a God of second chances? Think about it—if we were left to our own abilities we would surely fail. Just look at this world we live in. Turmoil, death, destruction, and an ever-present sense of failure seem to linger around every corner. In and of ourselves we have nothing, BUT (I love that word) through our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, we can do anything. Not in our own strength but through Him we can accomplish amazing things for the glory of God. I was recently praying with a Driver who is dealing with an addiction issue. I have prayed with this Driver before about this same addiction problem. He called me and said he reverted back to his addiction. He said, “I failed again.” I was able to tell him that we serve a God of second chances.

I remember when God gave Jonah a second chance, commanding him again to go to Nineveh. This time, Jonah obeyed and walked through the massive city, proclaiming: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” To Jonah’s surprise, the entire city believed God’s message, and everyone (from the King down to the animals) fasted and wore sackcloth as a sign of repentance. When God saw their change of heart, He relented and did not destroy the city. Jonah’s story comes from the **Book of Jonah, chapters 1 through 4**. This reference mentioned above comes from **Jonah 3**. The Bible is full of stories of second chances. It emphasizes God’s grace, mercy, and willingness to give new beginnings, with verses highlighting that His mercy

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is renewed daily and that forgiveness is available to those who repent. Key verses include **Lamentations 3:22-23** (mercies are new every morning), and **1 John 1:9** (faithful to forgive). Here are some more examples of God's grace through second chances:

Proverbs 24:16 (KJV) — *“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.”*

Lamentations 3:22-23 — *“It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”*

2 Corinthians 12:9 — *“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...”*

Micah 7:18 — *“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity... he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy.”*

Joel 2:13 — *“...for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.”*

1 John 1:9 — *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Peter: Despite denying Jesus three times, Peter is forgiven and entrusted with leadership (**John 21:15-17**).

Samson: Even after losing his strength through disobedience, God grants him a final request for victory (**Judges 16:28-30**).

If you are dealing with an issue you cannot seem to overcome, I encourage you to reach out to God. Don't go through this time on your own. God can help. Simply ask Him to intervene and “take the wheel” through His power—not yours.



Chaplain David Owen
Interim President

Chaplain
David

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGINGS

North Baltimore (OH) Petro

Inside the IHOP — 6pm

04/12 — Randy Long / Olga Kipp

05/17* — Sojourner

06/14 — Arnold Coy / HeartSong

07/12 — Ed Ewing / All 4 Him

08/09 — Christ Unlimited / Joe Land

09/13 — One Voice / Stan Kline

10/11 — Ed Caldwell

11/15* — Homelighters / Jake Reel

12/13 — HeartSong / Arnold Coy

(* Third Sunday)

FEEDBACK

Thank you Lord for Joe Hunter.
His light shines on through
Truckstop Ministries and all
who carry the cross of
Christ.

— Patrick Dean III

This is great! James [Wertz]
is a great devotional speaker.
Love listening to his videos every
morning. They provide a sense
of peace, a good start to my
mornings. He has a unique gift for
taking spiritual truths and making
them feel personal, spiritual and
uplifting.

— Dee Holder

I run mostly regional now outta
Texas... go to my own church... but
[TMI] is were my journey with the lord
started... miss joe and Jan... may
God continue to grow you and may you
continue to reach reach many a souls
for the kingdom of God.

— Smooch Bac

Resurrection Sunday
April 5th



CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

I was traveling south on Interstate 65, headed to Seymour, IN, to get onto Highway 50 west. Then I was going to head west, pick up Highway 250, and head south to where I was delivering. Once on Highway 250, I could see it was a narrow county road; I had to go less than a mile to the receiver. Once I got to the receiver, I could see the first driveway. It was not very wide, but I could get my semi in there without too much trouble. As I sat in the road trying to figure out what I was going to do, I could not tell whether there was another driveway. I could see cars parked by the main building, but I wasn't sure. And if there wasn't another driveway, we all know what that means — I could end up driving for miles before I found a safe place

to turn around. So, I pulled in to be on the safe side.

As I walked towards the office to check in, I saw that there was a nice driveway hidden by those piles of snow. But that's how it goes sometimes in whatever we're doing. We will see something nice, only to find out it wasn't what we thought it was, when we could have had better. When it looked like there might have been another entrance, I settled for second best because the snow piles blocked the view of the larger entrance, limiting my vision— "lying" to my eyes. Taken in again by the "father of lies," which we find in **John 8:44** — **"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."** (NASB)

Instead of trusting in the Lord, we often trust in ourselves. When we do this, we are putting limits on God and what He can do for us and with us. How many times in your own life have you settled for second best simply because it was the easiest way to go? How many times have we shortchanged ourselves by not trusting in the Lord and letting Him take the lead? But how do we learn to trust in the Lord so that satan isn't able to trick us? **Proverbs 3:5-6** — **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."**

We need self-confidence, but we also need to trust in the Lord. It is possible to do both.



Missionary Driver
James Wertz



Chaplain Joe at our very first Chapel — inside the TA Atlanta.

Blasts from the Past!



Chaplain Joe standing outside our very first trailer Chapel, which would be headed to Baldwin, FL!

Ministry Family Happenings

We extend our heartfelt condolences to:

- The family of former **Chaplain Walter Worthington (Weatherford, TX)** in his passing.
- **Mrs. Harriet Adams & Family** in the loss of her husband, former **Chaplain Marvin Adams (Atlanta, GA)**.
- **Mrs. Georgia Foss & Family** in the loss of her husband, former **Chaplain Elliott Foss (Richmond Hill, GA)**.
- **Chaplain Tim Swanson (Bucksville, AL) & Family** in the loss of his father, **Timothy Swanson, Sr.**

Praise the Lord!

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MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 25TH



Happy FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 21ST



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Let Us Pray With You!

Besides calling the Truckers' Prayer Line, you can easily send us prayer requests through the TMI App!

You can also email or text them to requests@truckstopministries.org

Do You Know For Certain That You Are Going To Heaven?

No matter what you've done, or where you've come from — **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

If you have never repented of your sins (which means turned away from) and asked Jesus to forgive you—or if you have been a Christian but have let sin creep back into your life—please do so right now. Here is an example of what to pray:

Father, I come to you in Jesus' name. I've sinned against You, but I repent and purpose to turn away from sin. Please forgive me and take control of my life. I believe Jesus died to pay for my sin and You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus as my Savior and my Lord from this day forward. Thank you for forgiving me and saving me. In Jesus' name I pray — AMEN!

Now — if that's what you want to tell God, tell Him! You can use those words or you can use your own. If you are a Driver or the immediate family of a Driver and would like someone to pray with you, please call the Truckers Prayer Line on the back of this newsletter. If you want to know more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, contact us about our Bible Study program.

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If you would like to help support our Ministry, here are some ways you may do so!

- I would like to help with a general donation.
- I would like to **ADOPT A CHAPEL.** *(Please specify which Chapel in the Memo section. If left blank, it will be applied where it's needed the most.)*
- I would like to **ADOPT A CHAPLAIN.** *(Please specify which Chaplain in the Fund section.)*

All donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated!

Things you can do (for FREE!):

I would like to receive a paper newsletter in the mail.

(Please give us your mailing address.)

I would like to receive the newsletter online.

I would like to be enrolled in your correspondence Bible Study program.

(For Truckers & their adult family members. Please give us your mailing address.)

Chapel: Richmond Hill, GA T/A

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JOHN 14:27

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