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Are You Making A Difference?

Are you making a difference? In other words, is your witness for Christ in sharing God's Word with others accomplishing what you expected? And if not, why? Every born-again Christian is tasked with the Great Commission found in **Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)** — ***“¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”***

But how do you become effective? You become effective by knowing God's Word, being filled with His Word, and being willing to share it with others. Also, by living out your relationship with God. Note: You lead by example. How you live your life can reveal the Christ that lives in you. Sharing Christ with others starts with you. Ask yourself this: “What condition is my house in?” I'm not talking about your physical house, but you as a whole. Is there anything standing between you and your relationship with Christ? It could be alcohol, tobacco, drugs, pornography...the list goes on and on. If there is, whatever it is needs to be removed and, yes, sometimes destroyed. There should be nothing standing between you and your relationship with Christ. Set yourself apart. If you can start with a clean house and God's Holy Word, you can't go wrong. Now I'm not talking about perfection; I'm talking about you being the best version of yourself you can be.

You also need to know where the power of God is and who it's been given to, and it's in His Word as verse 18 states, **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”** Now the “me” is not you, it's Christ! In verse 19 it says, **“Go ye therefore.”** That's an action word, “Go”. It requires an action from you. To “Go” means to take the first step. It may begin with you getting out of your comfort zone, doing things you're not comfortable with, speaking with others about Christ. Being willing to be

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rejected, refused, shamed, and even at times ridiculed. **Philippians 4:13** says, ***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*** That means all things are possible! **Hebrews 13:5** says, ***"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*** As long as you keep Christ as the centerpiece, you can't fail. Remember, the power doesn't come from you but Christ alone. **Isaiah 55:11** in the KJV states: ***"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*** It's important to note that the "me" it's talking about is not you but Christ. His Word will not return void to Christ. Notice the return, ***"...but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."***

Let's look back to **Matthew 28:19** where it says, ***"...and teach all nations."*** In order for you to teach all nations you must first know what God's Word says. **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** reads: ***"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*** **Matthew 28:19** also says, ***"...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*** This, too, requires something from you. It might be your time or in some cases money. I know we live in a place this day and age where "time" is a highly valued commodity. You might need to set some time apart for sharing the love of Christ with others.

Matthew 28:20 says, ***"...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...."*** Once again, you can't give what you don't have. How do we know what to observe and what Christ commanded us to do if we don't first read and understand what those commands are and speak of? In closing, it kind of goes back to your personal house and relationship with Christ. If you are living out your relationship with Christ where everyone can see, there's nothing to hide. You can't fail with Christ at the helm of your life. So go and be the hands and feet of Christ, and have a positive impact with those you minister to.



Chaplain David Owen
Interim President

Chaplain
David

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGINGS

North Baltimore (OH) Petro

Inside the IHOP — 6pm

07/12 — Ed Ewing / All 4 Him

10/11 — Ed Caldwell

08/09 — Christ Unlimited / Joe Land

11/15* — Homelighters / Jake Reel

09/13 — One Voice / Stan Kline

12/13 — HeartSong / Arnold Coy

(* Third Sunday)



Texas Trucking Show

July 25-26, 2026

NRG Center – Hall C & D

1 NRG Pkwy

Houston, TX 77054

Come see us at booth #1063!

TAT AND TRUCKING

Recognizing that Truckers were the eyes and ears of America's highways and that, on the road, there were often more of them than law enforcement officers at any given time, TAT (Truckers Against Trafficking) began in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize members of the trucking industry to fight human trafficking as part of their everyday jobs. The intent was that if Truckers knew how to recognize and report human trafficking, they would willingly help and could extend the reach and effectiveness of law enforcement in closing loopholes to traffickers and thereby curtail this horrific crime. They could play a significant role in the recovery of victims and the arrest of perpetrators. That mission has now extended to include the bus industry and the energy industry, including hundreds of government agencies, state and national organizations and associations involved with the transportation industry as a whole.

To fulfill this mission, TAT has created a plethora of free training materials for Truckers and their companies, including wallet cards with red flags, things to say and look for and the National Human Trafficking Hotline number; a number of training videos; training toolkits for safety instructors to use; in-person presentations and trainings; webinars; podcasts; phone apps; posters; a comprehensive website; a robust social media presence with Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn accounts; and, on the TAT website, a TAT certification program, where Truckers can become trained, take an exam and receive a TAT-Trained certification, right through their computer or mobile phone.

Over the years, Truckers have proven the efficacy of TAT's mission and the effectiveness of the training resources. Thousands of calls from Truckers to law enforcement and the National Human Trafficking Hotline have resulted in hundreds of recoveries and arrests. Law enforcement now view Truckers as partners in fighting this crime and are motivated to help TAT in reaching every trucking company and Trucker in the country with TAT's educational materials. Every state and national trucking organization works with TAT, as well, to ensure information on the training materials is made available to every trucking entity. Visit TAT's website now — <https://tatnonprofit.org/>



CAREER CHALLENGES

I have talked with Drivers who have said “I don’t know if this is the job I want.” I always tell them they could do worse. I have also talked to Drivers who love it and wouldn’t think of doing anything differently. All jobs have challenges.

We would like to thank you for the job you do, crisscrossing America hauling our goods. The old saying is, “If you got it, a truck brought it.” It may have been on an airplane, a ship, or a train, but it will eventually get on a truck. We know if those big wheels quit turning, within a week or two our shelves become bare—so the career you chose is very important to our country. Just as much as Wall Street is the financial backbone of America, you are the backbone of commerce.

Being away from home for long periods of time can invite loneliness and temptation. Let’s see what kind of promises God has for each of these challenges:

Loneliness — “Let not your heart be troubled; ...believe also in Me.” (John 14:1); “I

will not leave you orphans, I will come to you.” (John 14:18); “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3); “Fear not, for I am with you; ...Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10); “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1).

Temptation — “...No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God...will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but...will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10-13); “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.” (Hebrews 10:18); “...For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:14-16). “...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:6-7); “Blessed be the...God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation....” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4); “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, ...noble, ...just, ...pure, ...lovely, ...of good report, if there is any virtue and... anything praiseworthy — meditate on these

things.” (Philippians 4:8).

Also, read **Ephesians 6:10-18**. The full Armor of God is (1) the Belt of Truth, (2) the Breastplate of Righteousness, (3) the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, (4) the Shield of Faith, (5) the Helmet of Salvation, and (6) the Sword of the Spirit. [SIDE NOTE: Dig deep on the parts of the Armor. Notice that the first 5 are defensive. Only the 6th is for offense — the Sword of the Spirit!]

I’ve written this to Drivers who already have the Holy Spirit within them. But if you don’t know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, go to the blue box on the next page, and it can help you. It is not the words—it is the heart that counts. If you need help, call the prayer line at (800) 248-8662.

I always end by saying, “If you double clutch or speed shift, don’t grind the gears,” but I realize a lot of you are now driving an automatic. Nevertheless, keep it between the lines. Be safe out there—we are praying for you!



William Key
former Gulf Coast Regional Director

Wm Key

Romans 8:37-39

Praise the Lord!

2026 • Ministry Contacts – 4,673

YTD • Decisions for Christ – 239

Ministry Family Happenings

We extend our heartfelt condolences to:

- **Mrs. Cindy Simpson & Family** in the loss of her husband, former **Chaplain Michael Simpson (Jackson, MS)**.
- **Assistant Dana & Chaplain Michael Vetter (Angola, IN)** in the loss of her mother, **Sonja Foster**.
- **Mrs. Dee Gibson & Family** in the loss of her husband, **Chaplain Gene Gibson (Oklahoma City, OK)**.
- The family of **Chaplain Tommy Ward (Port Wentworth, GA)** in his passing.
- **Mrs. Palma Simmons & Family** in the loss of her husband, former **Chaplain [and Board member] Larry Simmons (Richmond Hill, GA)**.

Chaplain Larry Simmons

September 25, 1930 - May 27, 2026

My heart is heavy with the news of Larry Simmons leaving this earth, but I am rejoicing that he is in Heaven looking directly at Jesus. He was one-of-a-kind — very smart, loving, and kindhearted. He loved his wife, Palma, like all men should love theirs.

He also loved Drivers! He and Joe would always have very funny discussions (arguments?) about Cummins and Caterpillar engines. Larry was a Chaplain at Richmond Hill, GA for a few years, and then became one of the Executive Board members for TMI for many years. He and Palma were also supporters and prayer warriors.

Please keep his family—Palma (his wife of 72 years), their sons David, Dale, and daughter Lisa along with a lot of grands and great grands—in your prayers...not to mention the hundreds of friends they have all across this country.

Jon





Prayer Box (A box at TMI HQ that holds all prayer requests sent in to us.)

The entire TMI Family

TMI Board of Directors

The Missionary Driver Program

Chaplain David Owen & Family

Jan Hunter & Family

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Gloria Grubbs

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Todd Knox

Patrick Dolan

Karrie Olson

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

Jerry
Tina Foster
Chaplain Donald Washington
Mark & Deb Hewitt
Family of Chaplain Larry Simmons
Family of Chaplain Gene Gibson
Family of Chaplain Tommy Ward
Family of Chaplain Michael Simpson
Family of Sonja Foster
Sadock Ntakiyende (Driver)

Arya
John Noel
Scott Gilham
Gene Jenson
Benjie Davis (Driver)
Chaplain Martin Key
Patricia Wilcox

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.)*
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Chapel: Richmond Hill, GA T/A

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JOHN 14:27

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