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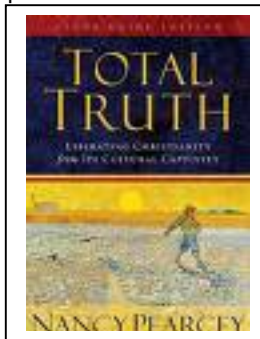


GBF is now 1 year old! Last month we had our official birthday celebration, with special music including our 1st-ever *GBF* choir who sang, 'Be Glad!', with 165 people attending the service. In September we averaged 112 people a Sunday, had 1st-time visitors for 56 weeks in a row, and held our 1st-ever Members' Annual Meeting. We thank God for His continual blessings on us.

Congratulations! In August we welcomed Michael Tu as a member of *GBF*. Michael is currently studying at **UCLA**. In September we officially welcomed Dr. Steve & Martha (Missy) Nelson as our newest members. They are long time residents of Los Altos. *"you also as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5)*

Recommended Reading

One of the benefits of a good liberal arts Christian college is its structure which is designed to educate believers in every discipline with a distinctly biblical perspective—including history, science, lit, art, music, athletics, politics, math, finance. The conviction is that the Bible speaks to EVERY area of life—historically this is called 'Biblical Sufficiency.' The Bible does not deal with only religious, spiritual and moral issues—but ALL of life. Viewing every facet of life through the lens of Scripture is called a 'Christian World View.' Many Christians suffer from a compartmentalized Christian life and do not have a 'Christian World View.' Rather, they dichotomize the supposed 'secular' areas of life from the 'spiritual' ones. This is tragic and stifles vibrant, dynamic Christian living. In her phenomenal book, **Total Truth**, Nancy Pearcey seeks to rectify this problem for Christians by showing them what it means to have a comprehensive 'Christian World View' and what the practical implications will be in daily living. This is the best book I have read in a long time. Every Christian should read it—including teens and collegiates...especially those attending public school. If you read this book carefully and in its entirety, I guarantee you will be edified and you will think differently for the rest of your life...you'll think more biblically! To be further enlightened with the truth regarding issues of the day, consult her amazing website at www.pearceyreport.com



A Tribute: Dr. D. James Kennedy (11-3-1930/9-5-2007)

Philippians 2:29 commands Christians to "honor" godly men, especially those who have given their very lives in service to Christ. Rev. D. James Kennedy was such a saint. In this day and age the average Christian knows more about Oprah Winfrey and Britney Spears than they do about great men and women of God doing God's work around the world. Dr. Kennedy was used by God in dramatic, and even global ways, for the past 50 years. Although now in heaven with his Savior, he will be dearly missed by the Church left behind. Kennedy was one of my favorite preachers and authors. Amazingly, he served for 47 years as the Pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida. The church began with 47 people and mushroomed over the years to a membership of over 10,000.

Dr. Kennedy gained a reputation for being a powerful and fearless preacher who confronted modern godless cultural trends with biblical truth. He is also well known for "Evangelism Explosion" (EE), a training program to equip lay people with the tools to effectively share the gospel of Christ with unbelievers. Because of its quality and biblical fidelity, EE has been adopted by churches around the world as an effective tool for evangelism training. Dr. Kennedy was a prolific author who penned more than 65 books, and wrote on a broad range of topics. One of my favorites is "What If The Bible Had Never Been Written?" where he shows how biblical truth became foundational for Western culture and society. He also contributed valuable teaching on the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage, biblical stewardship, biblical sufficiency and inerrancy, environmental issues from a biblical perspective, God's sovereignty, Lordship salvation, apologetics, law and history.

In 1971 Kennedy founded Westminster Academy, a private Christian school, serving Pre-K through 12th grade with an attendance of over 1,200. In 1974 Kennedy launched 'Coral Ridge Ministries' which became the media arm of the church ministry. Through TV, Kennedy's preaching reached an audience of more than 3 million in the US and over 200 countries worldwide. His radio ministry audience is even broader. In 1989 Kennedy began Knox (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. For more on this great man of faith and his legacy of ministry see www.coralridge.org *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7)*