

Cliff's Notes

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June was another good month at **GBF**. We averaged 125 folks each Lord's day with 1st time visitors every week; we kicked off 2 Friday night Bible studies; we began our summer preaching series on "What the Bible says about..."; Alisa Childers led us in a concert of praise; 1 dozen plus **GBFers** went to the Resolved Conference in Palm Springs; the **GBF** softball team is nearing the end of the season; we had 2 well attended prayer vigils and our first '09 Summer Pool Side Fellowship with about 40 saints in attendance.

On June 7th Alisa [Girard] Childers was our musical guest, as she led us in a concert of praise through music. Alisa was in my Bible class when I taught at Los Angeles Baptist High School back in the early '90's. As a senior high school student, Alisa stood out as a committed young woman of God, with exceptional gifts and abilities in many areas, especially music. Alisa just wanted to serve God with her gifts. 15 years later she still has that same passion and has been faithful to the call. She sang and wrote songs for ZoeGirl for 7 years and now ministers with her husband through music mostly in local churches. It has been a joy for me to watch her grow, stay faithful and level-headed over the years, seeking to magnify Christ through her life and music. To find out more about Alisa's current ministry go to www.alisachilders.com and to see her dad's music ministry highlights see www.chuckgirard.com



Conventional wisdom and modern church growth gurus tell us that to attract the young generation you have to accentuate the 'hip' not the holy, despise tradition and showcase the novel, supplant doctrine with humor and relevance, and whatever you do don't preach 'sermons,' but engage in 'conversations' and 'dialogues.' But how do gurus explain the **Resolved Conference**?—a 4 day Bible conference where 4,000 young people gather to hear ten 75-minute, high-powered, biblically-driven, exegetically-derived, theologically loaded, sermons on 'sin,' 'obedience,' 'commitment' and 'holiness' by prominent aging Bible preachers, all inspired by some Puritan guy who lived centuries ago? There is nothing like the **Resolved Conference** in the world today—a Bible-based conference geared toward collegiates and other young people, encouraging them to live a life "Resolved" in obedience to Christ. I went to this year's conference with about 10 others from **GBF** in June. It was fantastic. The thrill for me was seeing so many young people in one place hungering for the meat of God's Word in heavy, uncommon doses—in the midst of a culture that specializes in superficiality, shallowness and lying promises to our youth about what is really fulfilling in this life. **Resolved** was started by Dr. Rick Holland 5 years ago. He is the college pastor at Grace Church. He has about 1,000 collegiates in his Sunday school class each weekend. Rick and I graduated from The Master's Seminary together in 1992. Over 300 young people meet on Friday nights on the UCLA campus for worship, fellowship and preaching—one by-product of Rick's ministry at Grace. **Resolved** is another similar by-product of his ministry and heart for young people. This year at **Resolved** we heard convicting sermons from Rick, Steve Lawson, CJ Mahaney, John Piper and Johnny Mac. To learn more about this dynamic ministry and conference go to www.resolved.org



TMS grads, Cliff & Rick and McManis girls



The GBF crew at Resolved taking in the Word