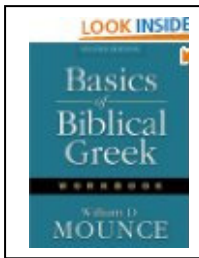


Cliffs Notes

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July was a great month at GBF. We averaged 131 folks each Sunday, we had 1st-time visitors weekly, continued with our 2 Bible studies, baptized one of our saints, had our 3rd evangelistic basketball camp, and we introduced 4 new members: Art & Leticia Martinez, and Joe & Dana Tam. We continue to marvel how God brings His people to us as He builds His Church (Matthew 16:18).

Greek Anyone?



Pastor Cliff will be teaching New Testament Greek for all interested. The class uses the standard text by William Mounce. Class goes from Sept. to May, Mondays from 7:30-9:30 am on the campus of Calvary Chapel in San Jose and is sponsored by *Live Oak Academy*. The class can satisfy high school or seminary language requirements & is also ideal for all

Christians who want to enhance their own personal and devotional Bible study times. The tuition is at one fifth the cost of seminary tuition. If you are interested in the class or know someone who is, you can contact Live Oak Academy at www.liveoakacademy.org

“Where is Michael Jackson?” I bet you haven’t heard anyone in the media ask that question in the midst of the barrage of 24/7 coverage going on regarding his recent death. Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 says that a person’s death is always a teachable moment for all those who remain on earth—it forces them to think about eternity, God, priorities and coming judgment. The Bible says he’s either in heaven or hell, based on his belief in Jesus Christ at the time of his death.

Jackson was raised in the false religion of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, dabbled in the Jewish mystical sect of the Kabbala and most recently showed an allegiance to the false religion of Islam. Jesus said about Himself:

“**I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me**” (John 14:6). When anyone faces death, their understanding of who Jesus is and their commitment to the true gospel is the only truth that really matters.



“Run in such a way that you might win” (1 Cor 9:24)

Paul said “run to win” about the Christian life. But the context in which he said that applies to all of life—no matter what you do as a Christian, do it with excellence.

“Whether then you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31). The Kim girls have been doing just that with their synchronized swimming. I’m

afraid of the water. I can do the dog paddle. So I was amazed when I recently went to see Melissa preparing for the US Nationals last month. Synchronized swimming demands strength, discipline and artistry like few other sports. When I hurl up a three-pointer in desperation, on the run, it may or may not go in—if by luck it goes in, it counts as 3 points despite the ugly nature of the process. Not so with this sport—precision and beauty matter. The Kims compete with the **Santa Clara Aquamaids** swim team—one of the best in the nation. Recently they competed at the US Nationals as well as internationally, in Peru. The twins paced 1st, bringing home the gold, and Melissa’s team placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Congrats on your hard work! Keep an eye on their team when the next Summer Olympics rolls around in 2012.

In July we held our 3rd annual GBF evangelistic fundamentals basketball camp. It was a smashing success...some say the best so far. We had 41 campers, grades 1-6; church kids & some unchurched, having never heard the gospel before. Along with learning about hoops, each day there was Bible time in a large group and in small groups. For 5 days God’s truth was clearly delineated with emphasis on the gospel. This year we had 20 helpers who did an amazing job co-leading. Mark Neumann was one of our coaches—his dad played for the **Warriors**. Mark set a camp record by making 13 consecutive 3-pointers. Bible teachers included Pastor Cliff, Coach Ding & Grant Douglas. Thanks to all who made camp a success this year!

