



May – June 2019

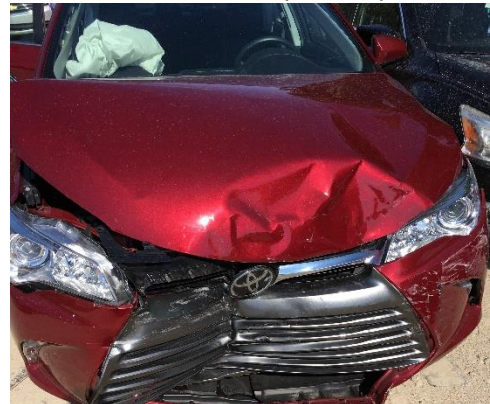
Dear Friends,

It was a great blessing to begin the Month of May by presenting Grace Giving to the Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina and my good friend, Gene Woods. There is an interesting note about our relationship. In 1954 we were both serving in the North Carolina National Guard, I served in Elizabeth City and he in Henderson. During our annual training in August 1954, at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Evangelist Billy Graham preached to our National Guard Division. I was saved in that meeting on August 21. When I gave him my testimony at Calvary Baptist Church, Gene said, "I was there."

During May, I preached for the Great Hope Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia. I pastored the Church for 22 years. Dr. John Godfrey has been the pastor of the Church since I joined with BIMI in 1988. The year I resigned the Church Missions offering was \$115,000. This year's promise is over \$350,000.

One of the great joys of my ministry has been the preachers and missionaries called from my ministry. Two of them are Dr. John Godfrey and Pastor Ashby Browder. In addition to Dr. Godfrey, I also preached for Pastor Browder in June. There have been occasions when a pastor or missionary, that I do not know or remember, approached me and told me that God used a message I preached to call him to ministry.

On May 25, Dot and I were traveling 25 miles per hour when a car suddenly turned in front of us. I had no time to react. All 10 air bags inflated. Dot's sternum was fractured, we assume by the seat belt. She has had a lot of pain but thankfully she is much better. I was not aware of any injury. However, after 15 days I developed back pain. The doctors do not think the accident and pain are related.



We are very grateful for those of you who pray for us. May God bless every aspect of the Church's ministry.

Yours In Christ,

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