

# THE GOLDEN WARRIORS

NOVEMBER 2009

BLACKROCK BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## FROM the TIP of the SWORD

### CLASS OFFICERS

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Every year, the President of the United States gives what is called The State Of The Union Address. In that speech, he will outline the successes of the past, the needs of the present and the vision for the future of the country. I want to do the same thing. This month marks one year since Che and I have become members of the class. I want to write about the 2009 State Of The Class. I want to outline where we have been and where we need to be in the future.

#### I. THE EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST YEAR

As I reflect back over the last year, I can recall many experiences we have gone through together.

A. **We Have Experienced Grace** - God's is so good to us. We have seen the Lord save three souls this year from within our class. Praise God for every soul that has been truly converted over the past year. When a soul is converted, death is cheated, Satan is defeated, and God is glorified. This is the greatest purpose of Sunday school; the conversion of lost souls. We have the best text book in the world, and in our class setting, we are able to love people and introduce them to the Savior.

B. **We Have Experienced Growth** - This past year saw our class grow. I remember when we were studying Isaiah chapter 54. Verse 2 said, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." That morning, we prayed and asked God to enlarge our tent and lengthen the cords, and to strengthen our stakes. We asked Him to accomplish what could only be attributed to His working among us. He has truly answered our prayer. One year ago, we had 17 members. Today, we have 73. It has been a year of growth.



C. **We Have Experienced Glory** - God has moved in our presence more than once this past year. We have enjoyed the precious ministry of His presence and Spirit time and time again. There have been seasons of prayer; praise and worship that refreshed and blessed us. The Lord has met our needs and answered our prayers.

D. **We Have Experienced Giving** - This past year saw unprecedented financial contributions to the Honduras Maternity fund. It was a great idea Benny came up with. The class has been faithful to give to the needs of these dear ladies. Likewise, the ladies in our class gave many baby clothes to our missionaries. It has been good to be able to help others.

E. **We Have Experienced Grief** - Sadly, not all of the events of this past year were positive. Some of our number have been called off to Heaven during the past twelve months. We have also lost members of our families. Others have experienced problems with sickness and suffering, heartache and sorrow. However, in the midst of our grief, the Lord has been our strength and our firm foundation. (Cont...)

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## II. THE ESSENTIALS OF THE PRESENT YEAR

Here are a few essentials we need to develop and improve in the days ahead so that this year might be an even better year for God's glory.

### A. We Need Compassion Among The Saints -

One of the things lacking in our society is love in action. We talk about caring for one another; our talk needs to be given feet, hands and heart. We will have opportunities to minister to each other in the upcoming year. When the opportunity presents itself, don't wait for the other person to fill the need. Jump in, if the Lord has equipped you to help. We are a family and should want to help each other.

**B. We Need Concern For The Sinners** - There is a lost world around us. Many folks in our class have family members that are lost. We need a burden for them and a desire to reach them for the glory of the Lord. Try to remember what it is like to be lost. May the Lord help us to see their need; to realize that we hold the solution to their problem; and that it is our responsibility to tell them about Jesus. We often pray, but we do not tell! Our class is positioned to be a leader in outreach within the church. With the leading of God's Spirit, we can be the positive influence God intends us to be.

**C. We Need Confession Of Sin Like David** - God's people need to keep short accounts with God. We need to be very familiar with the path to the altar. There is a great need for the people of God to get honest with Him about the condition of their hearts and their need for forgiveness.



**D. We Need Commitment To Service** - We need a fresh commitment that every one of us will pull our own load. The task is too large for a few. But, if we all work together, we can see God do things in the class and in the church that we cannot even begin to imagine today. As the class grows, a need for more class officers and new service assignments will emerge. God is so good to equip us for service. Let me encourage each one that is working to keep working. I appreciate your efforts and I challenge you to keep on keeping on for Jesus.

I thank God for the year He gave us in 2009. I think we are in good shape, as a class. I look forward, however, to what the Lord has for us in the days ahead.

If He has touched your heart about the class, then I challenge you to get before Him and talk to Him about it. You might want to thank Him for all He has already done for us. You might want to pray about where we are today. You might want to seek the Lord for His power and grace to face the days ahead. Has He spoken to you about your class and your role in it? If you are willing to serve, please let us know.

God Bless you,  
Brother Curtis Cantrell



# PLANNED EVENTS AND OUTINGS



**THE GOLDEN WARRIORS**

**FLYWHEEL MOVIE**

**NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 1:00 PM**



**STUFF THE BUS!**

**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 A.M.**

will be at  
**FBC Fernandina**  
8<sup>th</sup> Street Fernandina Beach

The bus will leave the church at 9:30 a.m.

**SENIOR ADULT ASSOCIATIONAL LUNCHEON**



**THE GOLDEN WARRIORS**

**Christmas Tour**

**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 PM**

THE RITZ-CARLTON<sup>®</sup>

**OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**  
 JAMES & CAROLINE BENTON  
 SHERRI COLEMAN  
 TERRY & DIANE GASKILL  
 JERRY & SANDRA MICK

**RECENT VISITORS**  
 MICHAEL ITAK  
 MARK & CHERYL HARPER  
 STAN & BRENDA KING  
 BOB MILLS  
 GARY & DORIS SUNLEY  
 ROY, SALLY & SHERRY WREN

**HOME BOUND CLASSMATES!**  
 WINSON MANNING, ROBERT & JACQUELINE RICHARDSON SHIRLEY GARRISON AND MARY HARPER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES DAILY

**DINNER FUND**

\$441.25 as of October 26th

**FLOWER FUND**

\$137.00 as of October 26th

HONDURAS EXPECTING MOTHER COLLECTION JAR

\$88.81 as of October 26th

## Happy Birthday!

TERRI JOHNSON	NOV 9
ROY CREGER	NOV 11
CARL LEE	NOV 29
CLAUDE WINGATE	NOV 30

SUE PATTERSON	DEC 7
BENNY STAFFORD	DEC 12
ALFRED REESE	DEC 16
WILBUR MORRIS	DEC 21
LUCILLE WINGATE	DEC 21
GERALD ROBINSON	DEC 26
ETHELEEN GILDER	DEC 27