

The Rolling Roads Reminder

October 2023

Looking Over Jordan

It is encouraging when people remember their history. It is affirming and uplifting to be able to recognize the echoes of the past in today's world. Even more fun is to be able to see how what has gone before impacts your personal life and decisions, the beliefs we actually have and the choices we make. In some ways this reflects the structure of the covenant, as God reminds us of who He is and what He has done in the past. We head for a future of loving-kindness flowing from righteousness, as we worship and serve the God who redeemed His people.

Just like that, God revived His Word through the reformation. The dominant church hadn't done much to promote literacy and reading. In Christendom people often languished in servitude driven by a suppression of their curiosity. It is said that the Bible was more or less kept in the cathedral. Sometimes even under lock and key!

I've heard that the people would attend a Roman mass, and not only not participate, but they couldn't even see what was happening. The priests and religious pro-



fessionals did their thing behind large screens, as the citizens stood on the other side and listened to the Latin words. There were no pew Bibles, no Bibles at home, not much knowledge of God's Word except what little was taught to students.

But since the time of Augustine there had been a keen interest to get back to the original sources of church tradition. Once people began learning Greek and Hebrew in addition to their Latin, and then gained access to copies of the older Biblical manuscripts, this interest intensified and grew. Eventually, in 1378, John Wycliffe

was teaching that the pope, the clergy and the dominant church's actions all must be tested by God's Word. He is called "the Morning Star of the Reformation."

Christians back then knew that things needed to be changed, and so they prayed and worked to revive God's Word in the church and among the people. We can do the same today. Do you feel we need again a "reformation of the church?"

Happy because of Jesus,
Pastor James

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Bryan Moody 5th
Alex Jordan 12th
Kim Jordan 18th
Clarke Fort 18th
Raymond Wyrick
21st

financial report

August

Income: \$7,736

Expenses: \$6,450



Growing Towards Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pastor Appreciation Month

Oct 9 - Columbus Day
(Office Closed)

Each Wednesday -
Pastor James' Bible study
Vidcast

Trust wholly in Christ; rely altogether on his sufferings; beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by his righteousness. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for salvation.
— John Wycliffe

By using this QR code or link to build a Shoebox online, you can see how close to we are meeting our goal!!



<https://sampur.se/3LyuKFN>

A visitor who had taken her baby to the restroom for a diaper change noticed a sign over the changing station.

WE SHALL NOT ALL *sleep*,
BUT WE SHALL ALL BE
Changed
1 COR 15:51



Franklin Graham leads a team to deliver Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to boys and girls in Bosnia in 1995.

History of O.C.C.



In the summer of 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. Franklin agreed, but figured Christmas was months away. He forgot about the promise until he received a call back around Thanksgiving asking about the gifts.

Franklin asked his friend, the late Pastor Ross Rhoads of Calvary Church of Charlotte to see if he could help with the need. A Sunday shortly afterward, Pastor Rhoads demonstrated for his congregation how to fill a shoebox with simple gifts and encouraged them to include a letter to the child as well. Within weeks, the church had 11,000 shoeboxes lining their hallways.

Due to their generosity and additional gifts from Canada, Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans that Christmas. Through these gifts, we communicated to children and their families what the angel said to the shepherds about Jesus' birth: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10, ESV). Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world.