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Angels In The River Last Nite

We all know about a church camp in Texas called Camp Mystic now. We know it because all of the little girls who went there were swept away by a terrible flood and drowned. Their photos were posted in media and on the news every night after the July 4th torrents of rain laid waste to the Kerrville, Texas area.

The next day I heard a pastor mention the flood. He said, "There were angels in the river last night. As the Bible says, "the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom." Last night, as each of those precious



Above is a memorial service in Kerrville for all of the victims and their families.

Little ones passed, there was an Angel there to take them to Jesus. Can you comprehend that? Can you understand that? I can't! I can't! But the Bible promises to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. There were Angels in the river last

night!"

Yes, we sorrow not as others who have no hope. We know there is life beyond this one. We know that a joyful reunion is ahead when we will be reunited with our dear loved ones. If you have Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, there is an Angel in your future, just as there were Angels in the River that night!

Operation Christmas Child Collection 11-27

Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse will be taking hundreds of thousands of shoe boxes full of gifts to children all over the world again this Christmas. Inspired by my

good friend Tom Naugle, now with the Lord, we participate every year. Many children trust Christ and all are touched by the love of Jesus as they receive their gifts.

You can have a part by sponsoring a box with a \$15 dollar donation. We plan on doing 100 and Sharon is busy sewing 60 dresses for the girl's boxes. Send your tax deductible gift soon!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Many testimonies of faith in God came out of the flooding tragedies last month. Our hearts go out to those who suffered loss.*
- *Every Christmas Shoebboxes full of gifts go to children all over the world. Join us in this great venture!*
- *The folks from Owasso First were most friendly and receptive to our Hatfields an McCoys presentation last month.*
- *Exciting Southeast is literally an exciting church. We had a great visit!*

First Baptist Owasso Charis Class

Dynamics for Living Associate Evangelist Henry Bodden attends First Baptist Church in Owasso. He joined there recently.

Our historian friend has enjoyed the services, the people and especially his Sunday School class, the "Charis Class". We had a special event with them in his home/museum last month.

The class was amazed and delighted to see Henry's vast collection of Americana. He showed his latest acquisitions from his trip out west to research Sitting Bull and other famous people from the Old West, including a special gift right off the wall of the museum, a painting of Sitting Bull. Famous historians get special treatment!



Billy points to his grandparents in family photos of Anse and Levicy's funerals.



Henry traveled to West Virginia with us several years ago. Ron McCoy presented him with this copy of the Peace Treaty signed by family members on both sides back in 2002. He proudly displays it in his huge collection of historic memorabilia



Billy presents the Hatfields & the McCoy's in the beautiful Sicilian inspired front room. All around are historical documents and photos, such as Sitting Bull's photo and a handwritten letter by Gen. Cus-



Billy is available to present the story of the Hatfield's and the McCoy's at your church, class, school, veteran's group, businessmen's meeting, club or class. The Gospel is always presented along with the testimony of Devil Anse Hatfield, who trusted Christ late in life. Billy brings a lot of visual aids and gives away a lot of copies of photos, as seen at the left. All families also receive a copy of one of his books. Call to set your date for this exciting presentation!



Billy brought his Grandfather's 1895 Winchester and a commemorative rifle for guests to enjoy. Tennis Hatfield, youngest son of Devil Anse, left this rifle for his youngest son. William Grant Hatfield, Billy's dad. It is a 30/40 Krag, 30 caliber rifle, the same as used by Teddy Roosevelt with his Rough Riders in Cuba. When Sheriff of Logan County, Tennis bought them for all his deputies.

Exciting Southeast Baptist Church, Is!

I heard about a church in Eastern Oklahoma meeting on two campuses. One is in Pryor and the other 44 miles away in Tahlequah. The churches at both locations are pastored by, and preached to every Sunday by the same man, Pastor Rob Pierce. The church in both locations shares the same name; "Exciting Southeast Baptist Church."

I saw many stories about their exciting activities and out reach and about their incredible services with many people coming to Christ and getting baptized (In a silver metal stock watering trough). I remember years ago when we had Eastwood Baptist here in Tulsa (still do) and their pastor Tom Eliff began to call the church "Exciting Eastwood". They were! They sent out dozens of buses to bring in hundreds of kids. They had hundreds saved and baptized almost every year, they gave huge monies to the SBC Cooperative program and Pastor Tom was a dynamic preacher. With that church in mind I wanted to see if something similar was going on out in the sticks, out in sparsely populated small town Oklahoma. I promised myself that if I ever got a free Sunday we would go over and visit.

Well, we finally got to go and, it is! It is "Exciting". In fact, unlike Eastwood here, the people there have the legal name of "Exciting Southeast Baptist Church", and they have earned the their name.

The church is on a country roads just out from some huge

power plants and not far from a creek I used to catch sand bass out of every spring with my kids. It is open country all around dotted lightly with houses.

We pulled into the gravel lot past a sign adorned with some huge, colorful banner. We chose the closer Pryor location where services begin at 10:45 am and it only took about 45 minutes to get there. We learned that Pastor Rob preaches at Tahlequah and 9 am and then drives the 44 miles over to the Pryor location to preach there. He has only been pulled over by troopers once!

Inside the doors you could feel the "excitement". Everyone seemed to be anticipating something big about to happen. The folks were full of joy, lots of laughter, lots of children running around, and lots of big smiles. We were greeted warmly by one and all and it seemed nearly everyone took it upon themselves to be greeters. They were good down home folks and friendly as could be, When they learned that I am a preacher I was accorded the highest respect and treated like royalty.

The children sang a special and then the guitar playing music director began to lead the music, backed by several other instrumentalists and four or five people singing back behind all. We had not heard any of these choruses and I think some may have been written by members. It was a well done song service.

Pastor Pierce arrived late as the morning service he had con-

ducted at 9 had spilled over with many at the altar. The Texas flood had occurred the day before and he had preached some powerful stuff on that tragedy which he now preached to us. It was deeply moving. He was wearing faded jeans and a short sleeve shirt but took his cowboy hat off for the service. He was the Rodeo World Champion Calf Roper just a couple of years ago before being called to preach and his easy manner of preaching and casual dress took nothing away from the anointing God has placed on him. He is one powerful preacher! His affection for his people, and they for him, a lot of ranchers, farmers, and small town folk, was quite apparent.

I learned that some drive from Tulsa to be there every week. They have, praise God, Sunday night services! This being the 4th Weekend, that night they were having preaching followed by homemade ice cream, fireworks, and lots of activities for the family.

A couple of men came over to talk, one of them being responsible for the huge banners out front. He has these made and is putting them up everywhere he can. These were truly brothers in the Lord and we hit it off right away. The same with Pastor Rob as he joined us. He is "real". He is genuine. No pretense. Humble. God's hand is on him.

Exciting Southeast Baptist, an independent Baptist Church you should visit!

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Occasionally you may receive a self-addressed envelope from us. This provides a handy way for some of our Partners and supporters to send support, to drop us a line, or to convey a prayer request (some of our folks are not online). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sharing Christ's Love

BHM's DFL is on Roku, Google TV, Fire, and has a You Tube Channel. BHM is also on Facebook with a group and page, and has a website at BillyHatfieldMinistries.com

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What A Difference A Year Makes!

I had the privilege of speaking to a small, African American Baptist Church recently. I told them a little about my experiences over the last year and then surprised them by saying, "I thank God for the crash, for the pain, for the cancer, for the radiation, for the 3 surgeries, for the heart situation, for it all! As Joseph, I have learned that you prepare for the palace as you persevere in the prison."

Last year I came home in a wheel chair which was my lot in life for seven plus weeks. I began to work several hours a day on

a book I have been planning in my mind for a long time. The title is, "The Hatfields and the McCoys: The Prophets, the Patriarchs, The Peacemakers, and The Preachers". I now spend around five hours a day and I'm well over 300 pages into it. By the time your receive this I should be over 400 pages and nearing the end.

Would I have done this had I not been "interrupted"? Probably not. I would have put it off and even if I had begun, I would not



be where I am now with the finish line in sight.

So, I am thankful for it all! Soon my tome will be complete, a book containing the Gospel clearly in the story of our families. God is so good!