

Gravel Ridge General Baptist Church

Newsletter

Hell by Brother Robert



Hell is not the kingdom of Satan where he will reign over demons and all who are bad; nor, is there anything in scripture to indicate that hell will be some sort of fellowship of sinners, where life will continue pretty much as it was on Earth.

There are three Greek words translated 'hell' in our English Bible. The word *tantanos* is found only once in the Bible. *2 Peter 2:4* says, "God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down into hell [*tantanos*] and delivered them into chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgement..."

The angels mentioned here refer to those who rebelled against God. *Tantanos*, or hell is a place of confinement for rebellious angels

until the time of their judgement. The word *hades* is found ten times in the New Testament:

- Matthew 11:23, 16:18
- Luke 10:15, 6:23
- Acts 2:27, 31
- Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13-14

Hades, or hell is not the final destiny of those who die without accepting Christ, but rather a place of torment until they are resurrected to stand before God at the White Throne Judgement. (*Revelation 20:13-15*)

Hades, or hell is a place of separation from God and of no escape. (*Luke 16:26*)

The word *Geenna*, transliterated "gehenna" is translated hell twelve times:

- Matthew 5:22, 29-30, 10:28, 18:9
- Mark 9:43, 45, 47
- Luke 12:5
- James 3:6

Geenna refers to the valley of *Hinnom*, a place outside the southern wall of Jerusalem, where

children were once sacrificed to the god, *Molech*. (*2 Chronicles 33:1-5*) In latter days it was a convenient place for residents to throw their rubbish. Even dead bodies of animals and criminals were disposed of there. This city dump was a place of decomposition and continuous fire (*Mark 9:44*) and was used by Jesus to teach about what hell was like.

Geenna is also called the lake of fire; "Anyone not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire." (*Revelation 20:15*)

Hell is essentially and basically banishment from the presence of God for deliberately rejecting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Now that you have a better idea of what Hell is, pray that the Lord will give you opportunities to speak to others about accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Brother Robert

New Year Resolutions

Many of us will make resolutions for 2010. There are ten commandments that were given to us by God. Perhaps we should resolve to keep God's commandments before making new resolutions.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet. *Exodus, chapter 20* gives more detail about each of these commandments which are so important that God carved them in stone with His own finger.

Jesus simplified the ten commandments when he said, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." (*Matthew 7:12*) *NIV*



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Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry... God never blinks.

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Prayer Requests

- † For Khiana, Malachi, & Alisha Allred.
- † For the Becvar family.
- † For Ronnie Bennett.
- † For Samuel Bish.
- † For Judy Carmichael.
- † For Brenda Chrisp.
- † For Virginia Mayne.
- † For Farrell New.
- † For Terri Parker.
- † For Bert Prentice.
- † For Shyalama Rao.
- † For Ann Ryal.
- † For Dana Smith.
- † For Virginia Thomason.
- † For Johnny Vaughn.
- † For the USA and our leaders.
- † For our military & families.

The View from the Rear Window *by Ronni*

We all look back at the previous year when the new year rolls in. We often look at our goals and/or resolutions for that year and analyze whether we met our expectations for the year.

As 2010 approached I found myself asking, "Did I do enough to serve my Lord and Savior this year? Did I do enough to show the light of Christ to those around me? Did I do enough to win souls for Christ?"

Sadly, my answer to each of those questions was, "No." I did not do enough. I can never do enough, no one can. We can never do enough to repay Jesus for what He did for us!

Fortunately, our salvation is not based on what we do, but on what He did. He paid the price for each one of us. All we can do is serve Him to the best of our ability.

As a church, we set goals each year. Our goals for 2009 were four baptisms and four conversions. We had 9 conversions/rededications and 13 baptisms. We added nine members to our church family in 2009.

In addition, we collected and donated food to our local food pantry, donated toys to the Toys for Tots drive, and we adopted a family from the McCain Mall Angel tree. Our church spent close to \$3,000 from the benevolent fund in 2009 to help those in need.

While we exceeded our goals, I have the same questions for our church. Could we as a church have done more to serve Jesus in 2009? Did we do enough to shine the light of Christ in a dark world? Did we do enough to win souls in 2009? Can we do more in 2010? ◆

In the Spotlight

Happy Birthday!



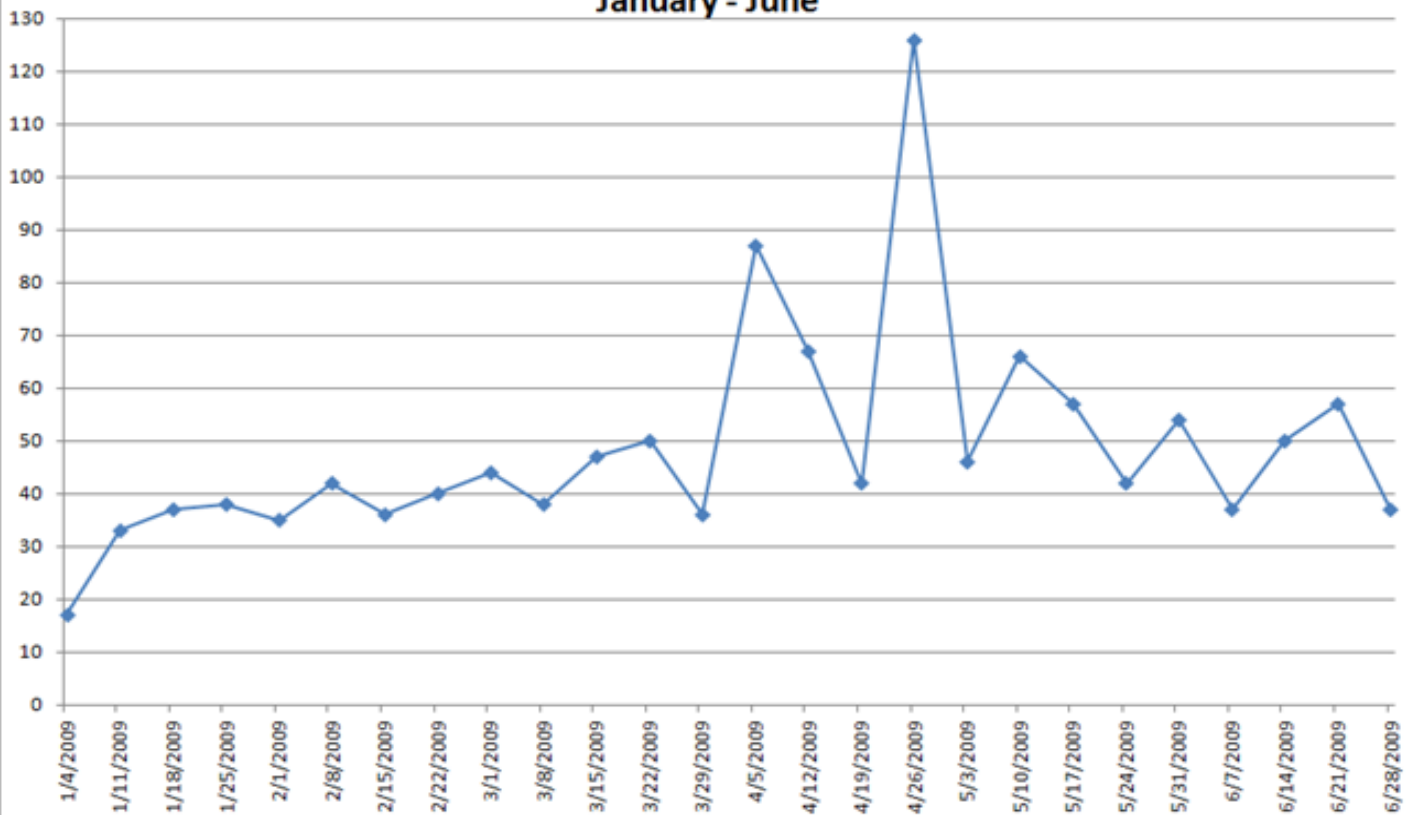
January 8	Camron Barbery
January 10	Nick McCracken
January 19	Francis Lucas
January 20	Caroline Childress
January 23	Dunnie Pate
January 27	Chris Shoults
January 29	Dalyn Shoults
February 4	Hunter Byard
February 17	Morgan Carlock
February 21	Teresa Barbery
February 24	Madi Carter

Happy Anniversary!



February 8	Kim & John Klindt
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2009 Church Attendance January - June



January 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Budget Committee Meeting (after morning service)	4	5	6 Bible Study	7	8 Camron Barbery's Birthday!	9
10 Nick McCracken's Birthday!	11	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19 Francis Lucas' Birthday!	20 Bible Study Caroline Childress' Birthday!	21	22	23 Dunnie Pate's Birthday!
24	25	26	27 Bible Study Chris Shoults' Birthday!	28	29 Dalyn Shoults' Birthday!	30
31 Singing/Prayer Service						

Note: All Wednesday night meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

February 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Bible Study	4 Hunter Byard's Birthday!	5	6
7 Potluck!	8 Kim & John Klindt's Anniversary!	9	10 Bible Study	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Bible Study Morgan Carlock's Birthday!	18	19	20
21 Ladies Night Out (5 PM @ Olive Garden) Teresa Barbery's Birthday!	22	23	24 Bible Study Madi Carter's Birthday!	25	26	27
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2009 Church Attendance July - December

