



Helping, Encouraging, And Refreshing, Together

Coming alongside the Pastor, his family, and the local church to assist in areas of encouragement, evangelism and education.

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BUCKEYE FELLOWSHIP MEETING – This fellowship of Ohio preachers, moderated by Pastor Richard Mick (Lighthouse Baptist Church in Sandusky), met April 4-5 for a Bible Conference hosted at Stow Falls Baptist Church in Cuyahoga Falls (Pastor Tim Huth). Diana and I were delighted to be present in the services. Challenging messages were preached by both R. B. Ouellette and Mark Rogers. Mark Rogers also blessed us with his outstanding musical abilities. The combined choirs of LBC and SFBC sang powerfully and majestically of our Savior. Over 70 pastors and full time workers were present, and a Christ-honoring spirit prevailed. Between 200 and 250 were in attendance at each of the three services. One of the highlights of the meeting was that Dr. Roy Thompson's health (though failing due to leukemia) allowed him to preach as scheduled. He has always made it a practice to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, no matter what text he is using. His message from Romans chapter one was no different, and was chock-full of doctrinal and practical truths. He was moved to tears when talking about his precious Savior, and when talking about the faithful, loving care of his wife during his illnesses.

CHERISHED MINISTRY OF DR. AND MRS. ROY THOMPSON – God raised up this couple to begin Cleveland Baptist Church almost 52 years ago. Through past years, and now under the leadership of Pastor Kevin Folger, thousands of souls have been saved, and hundreds of churches have been planted in the U.S. and around the world.

PERSONAL MEMORIES – Our minds have turned reflective as we remember the multitudes of blessings we have enjoyed because of the lives and ministries of these dear folks. I first became acquainted with CBC through hearing Dr.

Thompson preach on the radio. I met Diana and Mr. Ira Brown (who was my spiritual mentor) on the same day that I was baptized ~ CBC's 20th anniversary in August, 1978. I attended Heritage Baptist Institute in the late 70's and early 80's. Dr. Thompson launched me into one of my early ministries when he asked me to start project ministries in the inner city of Cleveland in 1980. With the help of my good friend Gary Molzan, three were established in buildings we were able to use, free of charge. Diana and I were soon married (Dr. Thompson and Dr. Larry Clayton performed the ceremony in December of 1981). Our two children, James and Laura, were saved, baptized, and received their early spiritual training under the ministry of Dr. Thompson. Both have fond memories of those days. When the Lord opened up a door to go on staff at CBC as visitation director in 1985, Diana and I were continually exposed to the Thompsons and by their example quickly realized that true Christianity *is* ministry. Their generosity, hospitality, and genuine love for people and their souls has always been clearly evident. The example they have been to us impacts us to this current day. We served the Lord at CBC for 17 years, until the end of 2001, when the Lord called us into the H.E.A.R.T. Ministry. (Psalm 34:3)

I tried to glean one thing each time I was with Dr. Thompson that had eternal value. Diana did the same when spending time with Mrs. Thompson. We are eternally grateful to them both. I wrote down just a few of the things we learned from them; they are included as this month's Feature. On the reverse side you will find some canvassing helps. We are entering the best months of the year for block and door-to-door work!

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