

Cliff's Notes

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April was a good month at **GBF**. God continues to bring many people our way from week to week. We averaged 124 people each Sunday; adult Sunday school class was at its highest attendance since we started; Friday night Bible study is bulging with over 20 people each week and ready for some cell-division. We had a fantastic Resurrection week with more than 90 at our Good Friday service and over 130 at our Easter service. We had a couple dozen first time visitors for the month. We packed 22 shoeboxes to send off to an orphanage in Mexico for boys (thanks Scott!) and we pulled together a **GBF** softball and volleyball team (thanks Brad!). We continue in John 13.

Meet Prof. Brian Shealy



Brian Shealy is the dean of **The Cornerstone Seminary (TCS)** in Vallejo & an elder at Community Bible Church. Brian and Pastor Cliff studied at The Master's Seminary together & worked as colleagues as security guards at The Master's College where they insured the safety of young collegiates, chased stray dogs away from the school campus, raided the cafeteria cereal dispenser at 2 am and tried to memorize Hebrew morphology in the guard shack at 3 am, sipping too much coffee as they endured the graveyard shift til 8 am. I don't miss those days. **TCS** is a new seminary committed to training local pastors to be faithful shepherds in the local church, precise biblical theologians in the private study and powerful preachers in the pulpit. After a long hiatus, Cliff and Brain teamed up again, as the Dean asked PC to teach at **TCS**. Currently I am teaching local pastors in Apologetics and Biblical Exposition...and loving it. Read more about Brian, his wife, 8 kids, how he flew B52 bombers, and his ongoing ministry at **TCS** and CBC at www.thecornerstoneseminary.org



GOOD READ! The featured book of the month is called *Evangelical Hermeneutics: the Old vs. the New*, edited by Robert L. Thomas. It is the best modern book on biblical hermeneutics in existence, bar none. That's not an exaggeration. 'Hermeneutics' is the science of interpreting the Bible. This book is somewhat technical but vitally important. Rev. Brian Shealy contributes a fantastic chapter.

In the News

- *Pat Robertson is stepping down as President of Regent University, in Virginia, the school he founded in 1978. He's 79 and will stay on as Chancellor. He is the face of CBN and 'The 700 Club.'
- *Did you see the Miss USA pageant on April 20th? I didn't, but Miss California (Carrie Prejean, a Christian from San Diego) was a finalist, along with Miss North Carolina, and she was the favorite to win until a judge asked her what she thinks about gay marriage. She answered eloquently and honestly. Here's the heart of what she said: *"in my country and in my family I think that I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman - no offense to anyone out there - but that's how I was raised and that's how I think it should be, between a man and a woman."* The judges (aka Perez Hilton) didn't like her politically incorrect answer so they refused to crown her as the winner. So much for tolerance and freedom of speech in America...
- *On April 30 the House approved a bill (HR 1913), 249-175, that could protect homosexuals as a special "protected class" while at the same time subject Christian pastors to persecution and legal prosecution; so much for tolerance and free speech in America...

Walk For Life



Come join us in the Walk For Life sponsored by the **Community Pregnancy Centers** of San Jose on May 16. It's a great cause. Get sponsors, come walk or run—help protect human life. The walk will be at Almaden Lake Park-Arroyo Picnic Site, San Jose (Coleman/Winfield entrance). Check in is at 8:30 am, the walk starts at 9:30. For more details check in at the **GBF** Walk for Life table or go to the website at www.mycpc.org/supporters/events. Get primed by listening to the sermon on "The Sanctity of Life" on the **GBF** 'Teaching' web page.