

**A PERSONAL MESSAGE
FROM BARRY & LINDA~**



Barry's 40th Class Reunion

I attended my 40th high school class reunion in October. I had a good time sharing with people whom I had not talked with in 40 years! They came from all over the country. Each person had a different story to tell. Some had made lots of money while others had just enough to get along in life. They live in places like Hawaii, Idaho, Ohio and Santa Cruz, while still others like myself have remained in the South Bay area. The weather and the ocean had a lot to do with our decision to stay local, I'm sure.

It was quite interesting for me to hear about my classmates personal life journeys since graduating. Also of interest to me was the fact that most of them knew that I was a born-again Christian. How they knew that I really don't know. I guess the good old grapevine is a pretty good place to look. I was glad to share my testimony as a Christian pastor/evangelist. Some were very interested while others didn't really have a category for my choice of lifestyle.

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A New Fishing Hole

THE NEW OUTDOOR ADDITION TO THE DEL AMO MALL HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND WE HAVE FOUND IT TO BE A WONDERFUL PLACE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

Our first visit to the new area proved to be very fruitful indeed. With our team of six soul winners we saw 25 people trust Christ as their Savior! What a wonderful time it was. The people just seemed to be so open and receptive to our message. We give God all the glory and praise for what He did that evening. It was amazing that just as we concluded our outreach we heard thunder and lighting in the sky. To us it was a reminder of the rejoicing



THESE EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST WITH BARRY AT THE DEL AMO MALL

that goes on in heaven when souls come to Jesus. Please be praying that the harvests will continue to increase, and that we will be used to further the kingdom of God by adding members to the Body of Christ. We love and appreciate your loving support of what God is doing through this ministry.

Linda's Corner

Barry has shared a little bit about his reunion, and I think it's interesting that God has also brought a few of my old friends back into my life, as well. One conversation in particular really took me back, as my one of my dear friends from the past became choked up as we remembered funny things that happened in high school. She then went on to say "Linda, why didn't you ever share the love of Jesus with me and his plan of salvation?" It was like a knife going into my heart! Here I claimed to love my friend, and we stayed in touch off and on for years. She has been through many trials, struggles and dark times. I would take the time to listen and pray with her, but I never took her through the scriptures and shared with her how she could receive Christ and go on to live for Him! After that conversation I determined by God's grace to surrender my will and schedule more to the Lord, trusting him for divine appointments and boldness!

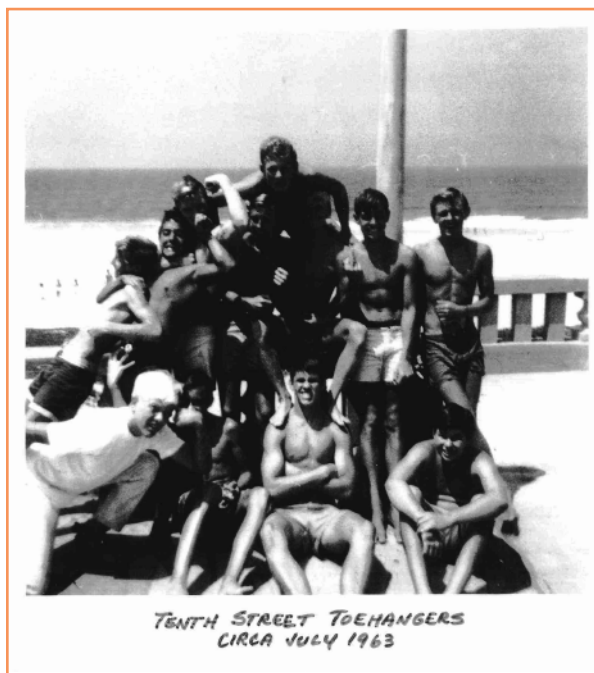
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The Average Joe's Guide to Evangelism

In our September issue I shared about how to use your own God-given personality in evangelism, as well as some misconceptions when it comes to evangelism. Another misconception is: Even when you share the gospel with someone, you're not successful until that person prays to receive Christ. Several of the books I've studied presented a sales model of evangelism. Traditional books on selling show how to develop a sense of need in potential clients, explain how your solution fits their need, and then move in for the close. Some evangelism books have picked up this pattern, emphasizing the need to press for a decision for witnessing to be considered valid.

The Bible pattern makes God responsible for the close. If someone has reached the point of making a decision, guiding him or her through the process is a natural result; however, forcing a decision prematurely could produce a spiritually premature believer, which could lessen the odds of his or her long-term survival and growth. The time of harvest is up to God. Closing the deal isn't a requisite part of every spiritual conversation. We are only responsible for sharing the gospel. God is responsible for the results.

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"THAT OLD GANG OF MINE"

Maybe because I was such a "hell raiser" in school before I was saved. When I came to Christ my life radically changed. I became a new and different person all together. What may have contributed to my Christian witness, was the fact that after I was saved I wanted to tell everyone I knew, as well as everyone I didn't know, about Jesus Christ. I have always had an intense desire to share the gospel with anyone who would be willing to listen. I've just never looked back from my old life without knowing Jesus. I had many friends growing up in Manhattan

Beach and as John Lennon of the Beatles once wrote, "In my mind I loved them all."

At every class reunion there is usually a staged area for a memorial, remembering those classmates who have died. I counted a least ten persons who had passed away that I went to school with. I pray that they all knew Jesus before they went into eternity, but of course that's entirely between them and God. I know one thing for sure is that everyone gets an opportunity to trust Christ as their Savior, and it's God's will that all be saved and all come to the knowledge of the truth. We all have a choice as to where we will spend eternity. I love all of my old friends and pray for all of my classmates, that we may all rejoice in heaven together while one day, worshipping and praising the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Something to think about: *'Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.' This life will soon past away. May we use every occasion to share the love and goodness of God with those who have ears to hear.*

— Barry & Linda

November Outreach Schedule

Please call (310) 327-3134 for locations and directions. Meetings start at 7:30 pm.

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