

"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works." Psalm 26:7

The Church Guide is a media ministry reaching out to One Million of our neighbors who do not know Christ and do not attend church of any kind. We are called to fulfill the Great Commission and that begins right here in our back yard. We also strive to inspire, lift up, encourage and help equip our brothers and sisters in Christ in order that they might be all that God has called them to be. For those in need, we want them to know that they are not alone and strive to provide a listing of Christian outreach ministries who desire to be of assistance.

It's so important that Jesus be in all aspects of our life ... not only in our churches, but also in our schools, in our work, in all of our daily thoughts and actions. Our goal is to provide you with current and vital information of Christian interest. By doing so, we hope to better enable you to select and support your "home of worship," and to find trustworthy ministers in the marketplace to patronize and conduct your business. We also present extra-ordinary schools that can provide the proper educational challenges for your children and yourself.

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How Can They Call on Jesus, Who They Do Not Know?

Publisher's Commentary by Ray Boetcher

It is crucial that the message of Jesus Christ be delivered to the world. It is a matter of their life or death! *"Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death..."* (James 5:20).

Many become offended by ministries who appeal for financial support and partnership, because they simply don't understand how important it is for the message of the Gospel to reach the masses, and how costly that can be. You see, the Bible says that our world is lost in sin, destined to burn for eternity in hell, and only the Gospel can avert this tragedy. The Lord is *"not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Pet 3:9).

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is the only way that anyone can ever escape this horrible judgment. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6).

The gospel of Jesus Christ is also the only cure for this world's problems. The daily newspaper headlines express despair and hopelessness over the ravages of drugs, alcoholism, child abuse, crime, immorality, wars, corruption, and incurable diseases. A relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is the only thing which will change the wicked hearts of men, give them goodness and happiness, and provide victory over the deceptions of the Devil (John 10:10).

But Christ cannot save the lives of those who have never heard about Him. And just how will they hear, if ever? Romans 10:14-15 says ...

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

There are no free ways of doing that. Salvation is a free gift, but it costs money to take the message of salvation to the world ... even if the world is no farther than your neighbors right here in Hampton Roads ... and there are one million of your neighbors who have no relationship with Jesus Christ? (saveonemillionsouls.com)

Offering Jesus Christ to the world is the primary task of all Christians, and that is the mission of The Church Guide. By using a newspaper format, we bring the "good news" of Jesus Christ to a dying world. Each month, The Church Guide plants seeds of hope, inspiration, encouragement, help and assistance throughout the Hampton Roads' marketplace. Each month, there is a new harvest of believers seeking more of Jesus in their lives, and needing a church in which to be disciplined.

It's a ministry that matters and is making a difference.

We dislike having to do this, but as the Word of God says, "ask and it shall be given unto you," so even though we don't want to do it, yet apart from a miracle, this is the way God chose for us to receive.

Will YOU help us win eternal souls to Jesus? Will you partner with us and support this media ministry by advertising with us?

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

(Luke 16:9)

... He who wins souls is wise. (Prov. 11:30)

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (Dan. 12:3)

To those who know the truth, we appeal to you to help us with your prayers and advertising support. With your faithful participation in this media ministry, we can reach more people than we could otherwise, and you will share in the fruit of our labors for God. Your monthly support of this ministry through your advertising with us, allows us to continue reaching out to a lost world, and would be most sincerely appreciated.

The Lord spoke to me in the Spirit and suggested that I lower our advertising rates. As they were already low, the old man in me responded, "but we are barely able to make ends meet as they are." But the Lord assured me by saying, "have faith, with a little you will achieve a lot, put your faith in Me."

So it is my pleasure to encourage you to visit our website: TheChurchGuide.com, where you will find our even more affordable low rates and advertising options.

Please know, that I have been the publisher of The Church Guide for more than thirteen years. I do not take a salary. This is a ministry that God has given me the privilege to serve Him.

One hundred percent of the funding that comes my way through advertising goes to the publication, and distribution of this media ministry. I pray you will consider supporting this ministry and help transform Hampton Roads and its people for the Kingdom of God.

