

## Youth Camp 2008



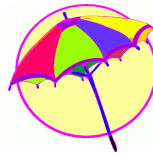
If you have any pictures that you would like to submit to us please feel free.

## **V**ERSE OF THE MONTH

Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

*Jeremiah 29:13 (Amplified Version)*

## SPECIAL EVENTS IN



# June

15<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Tom's Birthday

16<sup>th</sup> - Brett's Birthday

21<sup>st</sup> - Father's Day

### **Please Note:**



If you have any Bible Verses that have ministered to you recently, a praise report, prayer requests, or any other announcements that are important please submit to me

I will try to put them in next month's edition.

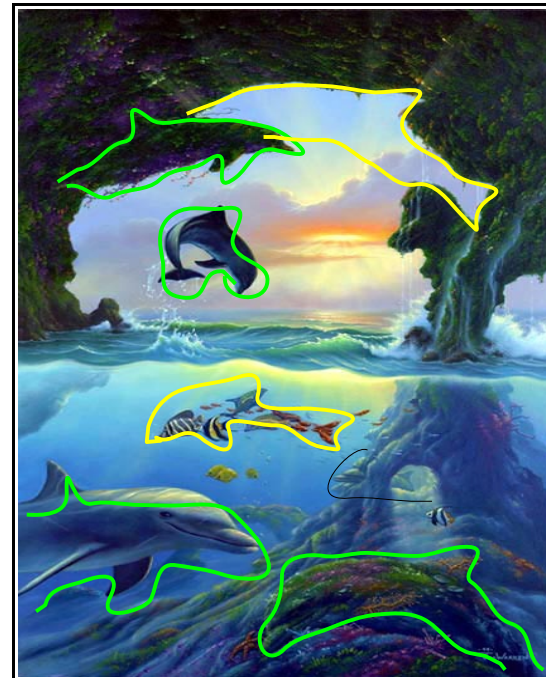


## Youth Camp 2009

Coming Up....

July 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Dolphin Solution Key



# NCO Kids

## Monthly News



June '09

Cover Story



## **Elizabeth's Praise Report**

Sunday night while Ms. Beth was preaching she confirmed somethings that had said up in class that afternoon. But when she spoke it from the pulpit ***I really heard God speak to me.***

I had been kinda nervous lately because I wasn't hearing Him like I knew I could, but that night I heard Him, I haven't heard His voice like that in a long time.

Ms. Beth was saying that no matter what you see in your life or how little growth is going on that God will still hear your cry. I got so thankful for what I was hearing, especially since God was making it so real to me. I went down to the altar to ask the Lord for His strength and grace to do what I knew He was asking of me and to thank Him for speaking to me. As I was praying Christian came down and prayed for me. Again that Lord spoke to me while she prayed and encouraged me that he was listening and heard my heart. I am very thankful for the opportunity that God has given me. Please keep me and the work God is doing in me in your prayers.

~Elizabeth Santiago

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:15-16*

## Great Men of God

# E.M Bounds

During his lifetimes, Edward McKendree Bounds (1835-1913) never attracted a large following, gained much notoriety, or achieved anything resembling fame. After five decades of faithful ministry, he was still virtually unknown to anyone beyond the communities where he served as pastor or itinerant evangelist. What's more, of the eight books he wrote on prayer, only two were published during his lifetime. Like countless other servants of the Lord through the ages, Bounds diligently lived out his faith without the expectation of earthly accolades or honors.

Born in Shelby County, Missouri, Bounds was blessed to be raised by godly parents. His father was a successful businessman and a devoted Christian layman who was instrumental in establishing the First Methodist Church in Shelbyville. During his youth, Bounds attended local schools, and he persistently studied the Bible as well as the writings of John Wesley.

Hardship fell upon Bounds and his family in 1849 when his father contracted tuberculosis and died at the age of forty-four. Bounds was only fourteen years old. He later recounted how his father's death stirred in him a yearning to know God in a deeper, more personal way.

A few years later Bounds studied law and, at age twenty-one, became the state's youngest practicing attorney. He continued as a lawyer for four years until he felt called to full time ministry. Ordained in 1859, he was named pastor of a small Methodist congregation in Monticello, Missouri.

When the Civil War began two years later, Bounds joined the Confederate States Army as a chaplain. Early on he was imprisoned with hundreds of other noncombatants and endured terrible prison conditions for a month and a half. Later after he was released from prison he joined up with the the Third Missouri Infantry. Despite his humble demeanor, Bounds proved to be a man of great courage. As a chaplain he could have remained safely away from the front lines, but he chose to stay with the soldiers in the heat of the battle. Between battles Bounds would preach at local churches, where numerous townspeople and soldiers became Christians. After being imprisoned again Bounds pledged his allegiance to the Union. Upon being released from prison a second time he remained in Frankfort, Tennessee and helped rebuild the war-torn town spiritually. Bounds preached in local churches all through Tennessee and eventually in many other states. At the age of forty-one he married Emma Barnett, and the couple had three children. Nine years later Emma died unexpectedly, leaving Bounds in deep mourning. Nearly two years later Bounds remarried, this time to a cousin of his first wife named Harriet Barnett. Fifty-two years old at the time of his second marriage, Bounds went on to have four children with Harriet. In the years to come Bounds would suffer more heartache as he lost two of his children to illness.

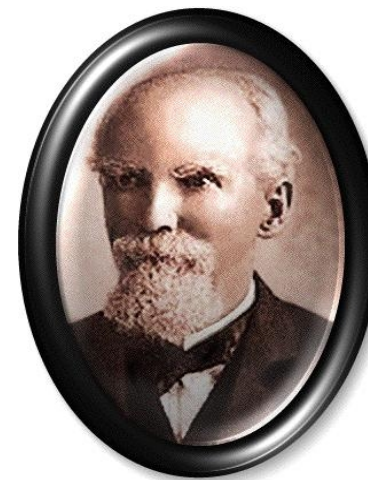
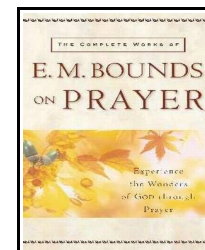
Through all the events of Bounds' life, both tragic and tranquil, prayer served as his foundation. In his sermons and writings Bounds would often refer to the “work of prayer,” and he approached his own prayer life with utmost discipline. Rising each morning at 4:00 am, he spent a minimum of three to four hours every day in fervent prayer. For Bounds prayer was not preparation for ministry; it was

the highest form of ministry. Prayer for him was not a preamble to the day's activities; it was the principal activity of the day.

As he grew older, Bounds spoke out more forcefully against the slacking moral standards among Christians, especially Christian leaders. His call for uncompromising holiness made many uncomfortable and caused rifts between himself and other leaders in his denomination. He once wrote, *“What the church needs today is not better machinery and operations, not new programs and plans, not more efficient methods and organizations. What the church needs are people whom the Holy Spirit can*

*use – people fully surrendered to God, people devoted to holiness, people willing to sacrifice all for the cause of Christ. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through people.”*

In his latter years Bounds devoted himself to his writing, primarily on prayer. He works included *Power Through Prayer* and *The Weapon of Prayer*, which are now considered classics. Because he so diligently practiced what he preached, his insights and passion reverberate today, inspiring believers to higher standards of discipleship and a more powerful prayer life.



## Find the Dolphins

