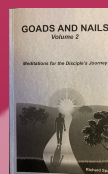


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**Mark your calendars to
help us represent
The Navigators® at the
Kansas State Fair
September 9-18, 2022!**

Join us at the Kansas State Fair!



Betty Borchard at the State Fair 2021
giving free books to a couple of
puppies! (Face blurred to hide identity)

Once again the Kansas Communities Ministry will be represented at the Kansas State Fair September 9-18 in the air-conditioned Meadowlark Building. But more importantly, the love of Jesus will be shown to many folks who stop by our booth! ***Won't you volunteer to join us for at least 2 hours at the booth this year?*** Here are some Q&A's:

What do the Navigators do at the booth? We give out free books for both adults and children. These have been generously donated to us and we pass them along as a free/no obligation gift to bless people. We never ask for money nor require they sign up for our mailing list (that is optional). In addition, we've been blessed to share Jesus and the Gospel with people, pray with people and just listen to folks share.

What kind of books are given away and how many do we give away? These are current (and "classic") high-quality Christian books, all newly printed, as well as children's books, biographies, non-fiction, fiction, NavPress and others. In 2021 we gave away over 5000 books to adults, college students, teens, children and toddlers! (continued on p. 3)

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“Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth, for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ (who is your life) appears, then you too will be revealed in glory with him.” Col. 3:1-4 (NET Bible)

Let's Not Forsake Meeting Together!

How important is it to meet together? Isn't watching a worship service on TV good enough? In the Navigators Wheel illustration, there are four aspects of a believer's life which need to be kept in balance: spending time in God's Word, prayer, fellowship and witnessing. Sometimes, we tend to shortchange the fellowship part, but as many of us have learned over the last three years, we really do need each other!

Fellowship. The writer to the Hebrews reminds us: "And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works, not abandoning our own meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25, NET Bible. We learn four things from this passage:

1. **Focus on others, not myself.** We are told to take thought of others ("consider one another" NKJV). I need to get my mind OFF my own needs and consider others. Others are the priority when it

comes to fellowship, not my own happiness.

2. One of the goals of fellowship is encouraging others to **increase in love and good works**. Be an example of someone who loves and lives righteously.
3. **Exhortation** is called for. What is exhortation? Synonyms are "admonish," "entreat" or "encourage." The Greek word is *parakaleo*, or "to call alongside." When we walk alongside others, we may need to gently encourage them or admonish/warn them. Col. 3:16

4. The **motivation** for this kind of fellowship and encouragement is the certainty of a future day of judgement. This is likely the Judgement Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), where believers will be assessed for their faithfulness in using what resources we have been blessed with (1 Cor. 4:2).



So, please don't give up meeting together in your local church as well as at Navigator Conferences and Retreats!

Goads and Nails

By Richard Spann

"God does not send us WITH a message. We ARE the message" — —
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"There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John." (John 1:6)

God does not send just words only. He sends people whose lives have been changed by His Word. We cannot preach with words only. They are emptied of their power unless the life embodies and illustrates them. Unless the character is right, the conduct will ultimately be shown to be flawed. If the root is not planted firmly in its relationship to the Lord, the fruit will not only be distasteful, but harmful. There can be no outward righteousness without inward holiness. Psalm 51:6 declares that God desires truth in the inner parts...

We have all known those with whose messages we have wholeheartedly agreed, and whose instruction we appreciated, yet the passage of time has shown their character to be severely flawed. They were not what they appeared to be. Their lives have resulted in the destruction and scattering of the Lord's people. We are warned about those whose walk does not match the talk. Matthew 7:15 describes them. "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."

The people that God sends have a life that is consistent with their message. This is most clearly seen in I Thessalonians 1:5 where Paul states "because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction." ... It is also seen in I Thessalonians 2:10. "You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed."

It is my prayer that our lives would be like that of John the Baptist in John 1:6; lived in such a way that the Lord could then say of each one of us, "There came a (man)(woman), sent by God, their name was _____."

In Christ, Richard Spann

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What else happens at the booth? Also as free gifts, we offer people the opportunity to sign up for a drawing for a two-night stay at the Glen Eyrie Castle in Colorado Springs. We have a daily drawing for students for a gift card such as Amazon. Over 500 signed up to win the stay at the Glen in 2021 and over 260 students signed up for the gift card drawings.



Betty Borchard with the 2019 Winner of the 2-night stay at Glen Eyrie Castle!

What are some goals for hosting this booth at the Fair? Mainly we want to bless people in whatever situation they find themselves. We want to simply show the love of Jesus to people in a tangible and non-threatening way. We pray with them, listen to them and love them where they are. In addition, we want to spread the news about who The Navigators are, our conferences and retreats and connect college students with Navigator campus ministries across the state of Kansas. For instance in 2021, 140 students gave us contact information and indicated they were interested in a Navigator Bible discussion group on their campus. About half of the people who signed up for the two-night Castle stay at Glen Eyrie had never heard of the Navigators. Many indicated an interest in knowing about Navigator conferences or Bible studies in their area. (People from all over Kansas are at the Fair.)

How many person-hours are needed at the Fair this year? To have a booth at the Fair, we are required to have someone there from 9 am to 9 pm daily (except the first and last days). That works out to 228 person-hours for the entire Fair! That's a lot of person-hours! Dick and Betty Borchard and Jim and Carrie Truax have faithfully organized and provided the majority of the staffing for our booth over the years. Our brother Dick Borchard went to be with the Lord in 2022. While we have had many who have volunteered to help over the years, we need more folks to step up to the plate. It is such a blessing to represent Christ and The Navigators at the Fair as we listen to folks and give away high-quality free literature. Free training is provided on how to be a welcoming person and listen to people. Won't you consider signing up today to help out? You'll be richly blessed!

How do I sign up to help? [Click here](#) and choose your day(s) and times. We ask for a minimum 2 hour commitment. In addition, we need people to volunteer for a whole day if possible. Questions? Email Jim and Carrie Truax at jimltruax@gmail.com or call 620-877-0352.

“The thing that holds people once you’ve won them to Christ is follow-up. By follow-up, we don’t just mean sending in the name of a convert to their church or having a quick word of prayer...Follow-up is an attitude... it is a process ... it is a commitment.” — Dawson Trotman, Founder of the Navigators in his last public message, “The Big Dipper,” given just 4 days before he died saving someone else from drowning.

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Practical ways to reach out to our friends by David Dennis

Last month we looked at some ways to reach out to our friends, neighbors and family during our summer activities. We mentioned that summer is a time for vacations, but not a time to take a vacation from loving those around us! We suggested inviting folks into our world and focusing on truly listening and loving others. We simply want to invite people to join us in our everyday activities — backyard barbecues, going to our kids’ sports events, etc, and live life with them. This month we’ll look at two more ideas for loving our friends and family.

Be listening for permission to go deeper. Sam Chan in his book, *How to Talk to People About Jesus* suggests three levels of discussion: ideas, values and worldview. The idea level would be things like hobbies, what we do, etc. The next deeper level is the values level, reflecting more of the “why” questions. The worldview level is the deepest level and is the place where we can discuss gospel issues. Chan mentions that we typically must earn the trust of people in the ideas level before they will allow us to go deeper. He urges us to pay attention and listen for hints they might want to go deeper. In Chan’s example, we might say, “What did you do this weekend?” (an idea level). Answer, “Played basketball.” Then you might follow up with “Why do you like to play basketball on the weekends?” (a values level). They may respond, “I guess I want to be healthy.” You might say, “Yes, health is important. Why do you think people value health so much?” (or “Do you think people value doing things to remain healthy?”) That may allow him/her to bring up, “You know, my Dad died when I was 18.” Did you catch that? He/she just dropped a hint that it’s OK to go deeper, to the worldview level. You might respond, “Oh, I’m so sorry. How did that make you feel? How did you cope?” Deeper “worldview” questions might be, “What are you hoping for in life?” “Who do you want to be in 5-10 years from now?” “What are you looking for in life?” “Why is this important to you?” “Do you think there is life after death?” Going deeper is all predicated on their willingness (and trust in you for a safe place to share) to go deeper. Be alert. Be listening. Love well by listening well.

Invite them to read the Bible with you. If they have shown interest in going deeper, at some point, **ask if they’d like to join you** (and your spouse perhaps) **for a Bible study**. You might say, “You know, Joe, I enjoy getting together with people and reading the Bible. Have you done that much? Would you like to join us? We’re starting a little study group in a couple of weeks.” For a great resource, see the book *Your Home a Lighthouse* by Bob Jacks. This outlines a very effective (and natural/non-threatening) approach to welcoming people into your home for spiritual conversations using questions based on simply reading the Gospel of John together.

That conversation might not occur at the barbecue, but maybe at your next interaction. Be brave. It does take courage. Pray about it, then watch God at work!

“I have one desire now — to live a life of reckless abandon for the Lord, putting all my energy and strength into it.”

— Elisabeth Elliott, Missionary, Author, in *Through Gates of Splendor*