

# Words of Victory

MINISTRIES

*Using every godly means available to cast God's Word like seed as far and as fast as possible. (Matthew 13)*



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## UNITY IN SHARING THE GOSPEL

BY PASTOR BEN GUTIERREZ



I need to tell you that I, too, am a *Victory Hour* viewer! I watched for months before accepting the call to become Grove's new Senior Pastor. I love the history of service to the community as a proclaimer of the gospel.

Over the past month, I have led the Grove family in a study of unity, selflessness, and humility. Let this be in you. I see these traits in the enterprise we call Words of Victory that oversees the media outreach of the church. I see the selflessness of the many hours volunteers who pour themselves into producing the program for TV and the internet. I see it in our caring listeners who, with compassion, answer the many calls for counseling and prayer. I see it in the giving from people in our community like you, who care greatly about telling our world about Jesus.

What you give to the Media Ministry helps defer our airtime costs and keeps this important program on the air. I see humility in all these efforts because the people who volunteer are unseen. They do what they

do because they really love the Lord, and they know it is all about advancing His kingdom. I believe that is where the unity comes in. We are unified in this.

My wife Tammy, my precious girls, and I are so excited about coming to Richmond and being a part of the community. I look forward to teaching from God's Word on *The Victory Hour*. I have met people every week who accepted the invitation to come and be part of the Grove family. Maybe you cannot be here because of your work schedule or an infirmity. We know that many who watch us are incarcerated. I want you to know we consider it a privilege to lead in a live worship service each week so that you can celebrate a Savior that answers our prayers, heals the wounded and broken-hearted, restores us, sustains us, and saves us from our sins. Via the airwaves, we have the joy of celebrating with you each week!

Let us know how we can pray for you. Write or email me. I've heard from many already! I would love to hear from you, and I pray that those of you who can help us will continue to support this amazing ministry effort. See you Sunday!



**EASTER SUNDAY AT GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Easter at Grove will be a special time in celebration of our Risen Savior. You are invited to attend and bring your family and friends!

**SERVICE TIMES:**

9:30 AM (Gym) & 11 AM (Sanctuary)  
LIVE on NBC12 | [groveave.tv](http://groveave.tv)



**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH A PROBLEM THAT FEELS TOO BIG TO HANDLE ALONE?**

The Christian Counseling & Training Center (CCTC) is a non-profit ministry designed to serve people who have problems they cannot handle alone. The range of problems it deals with include broken and dysfunctional marriages, parent-child relationships, depression, alcohol and drug abuse, and any number of other problems that result in personal and interpersonal turmoil and distress.

Email: [counseling@cctcinc.org](mailto:counseling@cctcinc.org)  
Call: (804) 358-1343



**TELLING OUR WORLD ABOUT JESUS**

BY PASTOR MARK JENKINS

We are well into a new year and a new season as we have a new Senior Pastor. I am happy to report that every week this year I have met someone on Sunday morning that watched *The Victory Hour* and decided to come to the church in person. It just reminds us that the TV Ministry is a welcoming front door to the church. Not everyone who watches *The Victory Hour* has this opportunity, and we are aware of those who are home or hospital bound, incarcerated, or those who, because of work schedules, cannot regularly attend church. For these people who wish to participate in a live worship service each week, we have *The Victory Hour*.



Recent statistics show us that there is a sizable audience in Central Virginia. On many Sundays, we will have more than 20,000 people joining us live in Central Virginia. Thousands more watch on cable systems across the Commonwealth. Many viewers watch online through Facebook and through other digital platforms. Viewers also increasingly join us from around the world, and so we rejoice that this little media ministry has such a great reach. It is used by our Lord to

touch so many lives with the truth of the gospel. Lives are indeed touched as many call in for prayer or spiritual counseling. Our TV program is not just a program. It is a ministry that includes pastoral care, counseling, ministry correspondence, and prayer.

Our mission is to save the lost and strengthen the saved, and today we have renewed that commitment with a new Senior Pastor, Dr. Ben Gutierrez. I encourage you to continue to pray for this ministry. Encourage others to watch the live broadcasts on NBC12, Facebook, or on our website ([groveave.tv](http://groveave.tv))

I also encourage you to help partner with us financially. The airtime costs are significant, and nearly all our gifts and donations go to pay those bills. Volunteers carry out the labor that is needed, and their work is remarkable. They keep our operational cost to a minimum. Let me say "thank you" to those who have regularly supported the program and encourage others to help with the efforts so that we may continue to do what we have faithfully done for nearly seven decades -- telling the world about our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**CHRISTIAN MEDIA MINISTRIES RALLY IN NASHVILLE**

Christian media ministries from around the world will gather in Nashville, Tennessee to attend the annual National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Convention. The gathering brings leadership from some of the most impactful Christian ministries in the world today, including the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Love Worth Finding, Moody Radio, Precepts Ministries, In Touch, Let My People Think, Answers in Genesis, and many more. Words of Victory (WOV) will also be there as a part of the NRB leadership



Ken Barun, Exec. VP Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, with Pastor Mark Jenkins, Words of Victory Ministries

on issues of religious freedom. The NRB was formed more than seven decades ago when there was an effort to remove Christian broadcasts from radio.

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## THANK YOU, BOB AND LINDA

The Stephen Ministry has become one of the very special ministry efforts of the church, supported by Words of Victory and carried out in partnership with pastoral care at Grove. It has included more than twenty-five lay ministers who have undergone more than fifty hours of training to be better prepared to provide one-on-one ministry to the church members and to those in the community who need comfort. The mission of the Stephen Ministry is summed up in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

The Stephen Ministry has found synergy with the efforts of Words of Victory, which has been tasked

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**"TO EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNTIL ALL OF US COME TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO MATURITY, TO THE MEASURE OF THE FULL STATUE OF CHRIST:"**

~ EPHESIANS 4:12-13

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with counseling, correspondence, and pastoral care that comes from those who respond to the media-driven ministry outreach. The Stephen Ministry involves many of our caring listeners and prayer



*Bob and Linda Solomon*

partners. The Stephen Ministry initiative was taken up by Bob and Linda Solomon, who have worked selflessly for the last several years to establish this ministry effort.

Words of Victory Ministries and the pastors of Grove are deeply grateful for the Solomon's investment in the Grove family and in our TV family in the community. Bob and Linda exemplify the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now as Linda steps back from her leadership role, we want to express our profound thanks for her efforts. We thank her for her love and support of the church and its various ministries. We covet her continued prayers and wish her the very best as she continues to be a part of the Grove family and a supporter of Words of Victory in all its endeavors. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

MAR. 1	SOMETHING SPECIAL TO OFFER (Phil. 2:12-16)
MAR. 8	WHAT THE GOSPEL IS! (Selected Scriptures)
MAR. 15	WHAT THE GOSPEL IS NOT! (Selected Scriptures)
MAR. 22	BECAUSE YOU ARE DIFFERENT (Phil. 2:15)
MAR. 29	MAINTAIN YOUR TESTIMONY (Phil. 2:13-14)

we should be excited to talk about and share with others! Watch the Show and Tell series on *The Victory Hour* on NBC12 or online ([www.groveave.tv](http://www.groveave.tv))

You can also catch up on programs that you may have missed online!  
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## LETTERS FROM VIEWERS



*Praying that the Words of Victory Ministries will continue to bless and edify those watching who are believers and reach those who need to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel. Thank you for your commitment to the Lord!*

~ A Viewer in N. Chesterfield, VA

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*We are so blessed each week to watch "The Victory Hour". Thanks to all of you for making this possible! May God's blessings continue to flow on Grove so that it may be televised until Jesus returns!*

~ A Viewer in Varina, VA

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*Every week we look forward to watching "The Victory Hour". It is the bright spot in our week to hear God's Word taught and always by such special men of God. Thank you, Mark Jenkins, and all those that help you to keep this on social media. My husband and I thank you all for your constant ministry to reach others for our Lord. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. God bless all of you!*

~ A Viewer in Richmond, VA

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*We appreciate you always being on TV. When we can't make it to our church, we can always make it to our TV church! We are always blessed by your services. Thank you for all your hard work!*

~ A Viewer in Mechanicsville, VA

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*I felt led by the Lord to send you this extra gift. I hope it helps in some small way.*

~ A Viewer in Henrico, VA

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*May God continue to bless this ministry that is reaching so many.*

~ A Viewer in Chesterfield, VA

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*Thank you for all you do to bring Christ to people's hearts so they may be saved. May God continue to bless Grove's TV Ministry!*

~ A Viewer in Hopewell, VA

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*Keep up the good work—God's work! May He bless your efforts and see many brought to Him.*

~ A Viewer in Orange, VA



## FEAST OF TABERNACLES HOLY LAND TOUR ISRAEL • 2020

Welcome the Feast of Tabernacles with the nations in the Land of the Bible!

Join Mark Jenkins of Words of Victory and Jamie McClanahan of Wayne Hills Baptist Church for a spectacular 11-day tour that will take you through southern Israel!

Visit the Red Sea at Elot; see the Tabernacle in the Wilderness at Timna; bring in the Feast at a historic and prophetic gathering of the nations at Ein Gedi; then make your personal Aliyah to the Holy City of Jerusalem! The tour further includes excursions to the north and into Galilee, where you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the places where His ministry began.

For more information visit:  
**TLC Holy Land Tours**  
[www.tlcholylandtours.com/](http://www.tlcholylandtours.com/)



## COUNTDOWN TO DESTINY



Friends of Israel, Grove Avenue Baptist Church

The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministries (FOI) returned to Central Virginia for a one-day seminar about Israel. The event was hosted at Grove Avenue Baptist Church as part of the annual Words of Victory Weekend. The seminar was also co-sponsored by Hope for Israel, our local grass-roots ministry for Israel.

Jim Showers, the Executive Director of FOI, and Mike Stallard spoke to a gathering of nearly three-hundred

people who want a better understanding of God's purpose for Israel. The Lord God has brought the nation back into existence after 2,000 years, and this question remains in many people's minds: "Why?" Why did God do this? Why is Israel so important? And why should the church pay attention to what God is doing through Israel?"

The seminar was called *Countdown to Destiny*, which, as the name suggests, focuses on Israel. What happens to Israel affects the destiny of the world! It already is the focus of the world; what happens in Israel reverberates around the world, and so we as believers and followers of Jesus should be mindful of it. We know that Israel will be where Messiah returns to establish His millennial kingdom. That day is now closer than ever before!

## THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED

There has been a sharp rise in anti-Semitism around the world in recent years. Images reminiscent of the days before the Holocaust can be seen in Europe and the United States. Violent attacks have taken place in Europe and the United States. The violence against the Jews is also mirrored in the violence against the church. Many are being persecuted for their adherence to biblical values and their faith in the God of Israel. The lessons of the Holocaust are lessons for us all. This year marks seventy-five years since the end of World War II and the liberation of Auschwitz, the notorious death camp built by the Nazi regime in an effort to eradicate the Jewish people. The late Elie Wiesel, himself a survivor of Auschwitz, famously said to forget them (the victims) would be like killing them a second time. It is important that we do not forget where anti-Semitism has wrought throughout history. For its part, Words of Victory has worked to facilitate Holocaust education. The ministry produces



International Christian Leaders at Yad Vashem

the international-broadcast version of the official state ceremony of Israel for the heroes and martyrs of the Holocaust. This special television program recently aired on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day in January to the largest audience ever. The program aired in these countries: Finland, Norway, Germany, Sweden, the UK, Canada, the USA, Taiwan, China, Indonesia, India, and South Korea. All were carried by partner Christian broadcasters. Words of Victory will also work missionally on the ground in Israel with pastors and Christian leaders from around the world. We will return after Easter to work with Yad Vashem as representatives to the Christian world.



# GOD'S HAND IS STILL ON THE CHURCH I HAVE COME TO LOVE! BY BOB SOLOMON



My two favorite Old Testament prophets are Habakkuk and Jeremiah. In the past, Habakkuk has been a guide and a comfort in tough times where

I have found myself quoting Chapter 3:17-19 (NASB):

*Though the fig tree should not blossom  
And there be no fruit on the vines,  
Though the yield of the olive should fail  
And the fields produce no food,  
Though the flock should be cut off from the fold  
And there be no cattle in the stalls,  
Yet I will exult in the LORD,  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.  
The Lord GOD is my strength,  
And He has made my feet like hinds' feet,  
And makes me walk on my high places.*

In my studies of the prophet Jeremiah in recent years, I have found so many of the propesies of this prophesy carry the dual interruption for his day and for the time we live in. Let me cite an example in Chapter 23: 7-8 (NASB):

*"Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when they will no longer say, 'As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,' but, 'As the Lord lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of*

*Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.' Then they will live on their own soil."*

While this was fulfilled when the people of Israel returned from Persia under Cyrus, I find it hard to ignore its application to the events of May 14, 1948 until today with the return of the Jewish people to Israel. But this passage has also had a very personal impression on me in recent days.

Several months ago, as I was praying for my church, I came across the passage from Jeremiah, and I was impressed that it not only applied to Israel, but also to Grove Avenue today. This is what my charismatic brethren and some theologians would call a Rhema word.

My impression was that as wonderful as the decades of the seventies and eighties were at Grove Avenue, our God will again bless this fellowship in such a way today. He will bless this community, and we will see revival among God's people and an awakening among the unbelieving around us.

Though the times are hard and the church seems barren, "yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation" and our Messiah, Jesus Christ. May our God bless you greatly!

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Over the years, the primary role of the NRB was to fight against efforts to restrict the proclamation of the gospel.

WOV has been part of a leadership group known as the President's Council, the primary legislative group that has fought for the right to proclaim the gospel – not just in the media, but also from American pulpits. Words of Victory's participation in the NRB spans four decades, beginning with

Dr. Vander Warner, Jr. Words of Victory will also be in Nashville in support of Israel as many pro-Israel organizations will gather there.

WOV is known as a major advocate and connector of pro-Israel ministries and efforts. Please pray for meaningful meetings and for the efforts of Christian ministries that are allied to protect our airwaves, digital platforms, and pulpits for the great truth that is the Word of God.

## stephen MINISTRY at GROVE



**There are many hurting people around us.**

There is a real demand for trained Christian caregivers who can help hurting individuals walk through their difficulty. This is where Stephen Ministry comes in. Stephen Ministry trains Christian individuals to become a caregiver for hurting people.

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### BILL BARR SPEAKS AT NRB 2020



U.S. Attorney General, Bill Barr, speaks at NRB 2020

"...the Framers believed that religion and government should be separate spheres ... that religion was indispensable to sustaining our free system of government. As John Adams put it: *"We have no government armed with the power which is capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."*



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**The Victory Hour**  
 SUNDAY, 11AM  
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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

~ John 3:16(NKJV)

When we are not on the air due to special programming, we encourage our regular viewers to visit our website at **[www.groveave.tv](http://www.groveave.tv)** on those Sundays to watch the live webcast of our full service. You may also view past sermons and TV specials on your computer, tablet, or cell phone.

## You Make a Difference

This ministry is made possible by the generous gifts of our faithful viewers. We simply could not afford the airtime without your help. You can see that we are behind in our projected budget needs. Please pray that our budgetary needs will be met so that we may continue with our local broadcasts.

	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED Year-To-Date	WOV BUDGET NEEDS Year-To-Date
Year-to-Date 2020	\$30,819.45	\$58,000.00



Grove Avenue Baptist Church, through its Media Ministry and Words of Victory Ministries, is a member of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB). NRB is an association of Christian communicators that fosters electronic media access for the gospel; promotes standards of excellence, integrity, and accountability; and provides networking and fellowship opportunities for its members.