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Mallory Moments

The Philosophy Professor from Scotland:

While I was engaged in a Gospel conversation, a man came up to a couple we met at Mallory a couple months ago. (The couple came to Key West to look after David's elderly mother. He and Becky relocated from California. David and Becky are delightful Christians and have become our friends. They attend 5th Street Baptist Church.) David and Becky usually come to Mallory with their 2 dogs.

The Professor asked permission to pet the dogs. Permission was granted and the couple began to speak with him. When I was free, they introduced to me the Professor of Philosophy from the University of Edinburgh. We shook hands and I asked him who he believed Jesus to be. This seemed an appropriate question for a man in his position. He noted that Jesus was controversial. He referenced the council of Nicaea and Athanasius. He noted Athanasius' view.



I asked who Athanasius' opponent was and he responded Arius. I was happy to hear he knew something of church history. I asked my question about his personal view of Jesus. He said he agreed more with Arius. I said to him, "the most important question we will ever be faced with is, "Who is Jesus Christ?" as our eternal destiny hinges on getting that right. He politely said we will need to agree to disagree.



We shook hands and off he went. Becky and David were encouraged by what they were witnessing. It is a joy for us believers to see the testifying to the Gospel in a public situation. Our ministry here is a ministry to believers as well as the unbelievers. When God's Word goes out it has an effect. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not!" Galatians 6:9

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The 46th Annual Swim Around Key West

By Bill Welzien



All you regular readers and supporters of KEM know about the annual swim. Evangelist/Director Bill Welzien's has served as the event organizer for nearly the past 20 years. Additionally, he has been a regular participant in the swim. On race day he hands over the responsibilities to Coach Terence White who directs the affair. Bill eagerly joins the other swimmers for the grueling endurance event!

While the swim is not an "overt Christian outreach," Bill sees it as another platform to present the Gospel to this group of athletes and their support crews and families. When Bill gives the mandatory pre-race swim instructions on the Friday before the event, he opens the meeting with a prayer in Jesus' Name. He does likewise before the swimmers enter the water on Swim Day. All the "goody bags"

have Bill's "Key Truths" Gospel tract inside and an invitation to the Sunday morning worship service to Keys Presbyterian Church. Generally, attendance wise this is the biggest Sunday of the year. A clear Gospel Message is presented at that service!

We have used this event as a fund raiser for KEM. We will do so again this year. If you would like to pledge an amount per mile as the 72-year-old Evangelist strokes his way the 12.5 miles around the Island of Key West, please do so! All donations are tax deductible.

The Fisherman's Quarterly following the swim will give an account of how well Bill did on race day! Or you could go to swimaroundkeywest.com for information. Thank you for your prayers and gracious thoughtful gifts.

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KEM Annual Board Meeting

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, the board of directors of the Keys Evangelistic Ministries held their annual board meeting at Keys Presbyterian Church in Key West, FL. The board meets each quarter via a Zoom call, but the annual meeting is held in person in Key West.

The board adopted a \$51,000 budget for this calendar year. Other items of discussion included a new website, an autobiographical project from Bill Welzien, the retirement of the mortgage on the Welzien home, as well as the future of KEM.

To all our supporters, thank you for your continued praying and giving to this ministry. It is the faithful giving of God's people that makes it possible for us to share the gospel in Key West. Thank you for praying, for investing financially, and for all the ways you show this ministry support. Our best days are ahead of us and you are part of that vision.

Your KEM Board Members

Current officers include:

David Bickers, President

Mark Sumpter, Vice-President

Matt Avery, Financial Director

Other board members include:

Iain Wright

David Taylor





More Mallory Moments

An Attentive Roman Catholic Family:

Each evening has a feel of its own. On this evening I had real freedom as I spoke. The crowd was attentive and my words fluent. Once again, on my left I saw some very interested faces. When I finished, we engaged in conversation. The primary participants were Wendy, the mom and Taylor the older daughter. Her sister, Kaelyn was less vocal but interested in the discussion. These women were very sweet. But Wendy was troubled. She was a divorced Roman Catholic and was told that since she remarried, she could not be forgiven. Although she was sour on the Catholic church she wanted to do right by her children. Taylor was being prepared for confirmation. Her mom had questions about this step. They wanted to know what I thought. These encounters are short and require me to try to ascertain the issues very quickly.

The questions here are more basic. We know that the Roman Church does

not believe in justification by faith alone in Christ alone. Hence a Roman Catholic can't know where he will go upon death. In Catholicism there is not once for all time judicial forgiveness of sin. Forgiveness is based on the priests work as mediator and his willingness to invoke God's forgiveness.



The Roman Catholics have a different source of authority than Bible believers. Their tradition trumps the Bible.

I asked these ladies if they knew where they would go upon death. Taylor said heaven. I followed up with asking what if she committed a mortal sin like missing Mass on Sunday. She was no longer confident in her answer. I grabbed my Bible and we looked at Ephesians 2:8-10. We read this text aloud and very carefully. My concern was not the Catholic sacrament of Confirmation but their understanding of the Gospel of Grace. I kept emphasizing the need to know the Word of God. There is a difference between tradition and truth. Tradition that denies truth must be discarded and truth maintained. (Matthew 15:1-9). Sacraments can't save, churches can't save. Only Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospel can save. This was a delightful exchange. They were very easy to speak to. Now I pray they come to embrace the true Gospel!



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See and hear the Gospel go forth from Key West

Brother Steven Lee, the founder and president of sermonaudio.com, has been very supportive and encouraging of the ministry here. A couple years ago he donated a camera to the ministry with the hope we could begin to livestream from Mallory. He had planned to fly down to help us to launch this idea, but the COVID hindered us. But now he wanted to move forward with this effort.

He and his wife Jaime came into Key West in April show us the equipment and discuss strategy. We regathered at Mallory at set up time. We had a blessed time as Steve and Denise (as his assistant) worked on the live stream.



At first we had trouble with the internet, but we got a good portion of the message out there. We need still to work out the bugs. Denise and I will be back at this and know that Steve will provide counsel when we need it.

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