

WELCOME TO

the **WAY, TRUTH, LIFE** the
TABERNACLE



**A PLACE
OF
LEARNING**

**A PLACE
OF
FELLOWSHIP**

The purpose of this little booklet is to state in a concise manner what this local expression of the Body of Christ holds as its goals and priorities, and as its reason for being.

Should you desire more information or clarification of what is within this booklet, please feel free to contact me personally.

Pastor Randy Shupe

Perhaps you are in search of a good church home. What can we offer you? First of all, we seek to provide the same four foundational truths which God offered to His early church. They are stated in a simplistic way in the book of Acts:

***“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY
IN THE APOSTLES’ DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP,
IN COMMUNION (BREAKING OF BREAD),
AND IN PRAYERS.”***

Acts 2:42



Expressed in the above verse we find a picture of the on-going life-style of the early church. It is our deep desire and goal at “the Way, the Truth and the Life Tabernacle” to emulate this pattern recorded by the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of this little booklet is simply to express how we are seeking to achieve this goal. If you are looking for a church in which you may partake of what Acts 2:42 portrays as the normal Christian life, we pray that we may satisfy that desire.

***“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN
THE APOSTLES’ DOCTRINE...”***

**“IF YOU INSTRUCT
THE BRETHREN...
YOU WILL BE A
GOOD MINISTER
OF JESUS CHRIST...
NOURISHED IN
THE WORDS
OF FAITH AND
OF SOUND
DOCTRINE...”**

1 Tim. 4:6



Like Paul, we seek to emphasize the need for the saints to be able to recognize sound doctrine because:

**“...THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE
SOUND DOCTRINE...THEY WILL HEAR FOR THEMSELVES
TEACHERS... AND THEY WILL TURN THEIR EARS FROM
THE TRUTH, AND BE TURNED ASIDE...”**

2 Tim4:3-4

**“THERE WILL BE FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU...
MANY WILL FOLLOW THEIR DESTRUCTIVE WAYS,
BECAUSE OF WHOM THE WAY OF TRUTH WILL BE
BLASPHEMED. BY COVETOUSNESS THEY WILL
EXPLOIT YOU WITH DECEPTIVE WORDS...”**

2 Peter 2:1-3

The early church continued in the apostle's doctrine. The core essence of what the apostles sought to impart to God's people was eternal vision that would cause them to desire to be strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (2 Cor.4:18, Col.3:1-4, Heb.11:13-16).

The apostle's doctrine contains a message of a race to be run and a prize yet to be won beyond the concept of receiving eternal life (Heb.12:1-2, 1Cor.9:24-25, Phil.3:13-15). The bulk of the epistles contain instruction for the lifestyle of those who have been born again (Titus 2:10-15).

**“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY
IN...FELLOWSHIP...”**

**“THAT WHICH WE
HAVE SEEN AND
HEARD WE DECLARE
UNTO YOU, THAT
YOU ALSO MAY HAVE
FELLOWSHIP WITH
US...THESE THINGS
WE WRITE TO YOU
THAT YOUR JOY
MAY BE FULL.”**

1 John 1:3-4



The apostle John tells us that we are to have fellowship with one another. Consider this list of “one another’s” from the Word of God:

It is easy to realize that it will require quality time and effort to fulfill these “one another’s.” Certainly they cannot be attained in 15 minutes before or after the Sunday service. We must spend quality time together to get such quality results as listed in these passages.

- "to FELLOWSHIP with ONE ANOTHER"(1 Jn1:7&Heb.10:25)
- "to LOVE ONE ANOTHER".....(Jn.13:34-35)
- "to DEPEND upon ONE ANOTHER"....(Rom.12:5)
- "to give HONOR/AFFECTION to ONE ANOTHER with BROTHERLY LOVE"(Rom.12:10)
- "to be of the SAME MIND ONE TO ANOTHER"(Rom.12:16)
- "to NOT JUDGE or place a STUMBLING BLOCK before ONE ANOTHER".....(Rom.14:13)
- "to RECEIVE and ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER"(Rom.15:7)
- "to GREET ONE ANOTHER".....(Rom.16:16)
- "to CARE for ONE ANOTHER".....(1 Cor.12:25)
- "through LOVE, SERVE ONE ANOTHER".....(Gal.5:13)
- "to BEAR the BURDENS of ONE ANOTHER"....(Gal.6:2)
- "to be KIND to ONE ANOTHER".....(Eph.4:32)
- "to COMFORT and EDIFY ONE ANOTHER".....(1 Thess.5:11)
- "to be HOSPITABLE, WITHOUT GRUMBLING to ONE ANOTHER"..... (1 Pet.4:9)
- "to have FERVENT LOVE for ONE ANOTHER"..(1 Pet.4:8)
- "to NOT SPEAK EVIL of ONE ANOTHER".....(Jm.4:11)
- "to NOT GRUMBLE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER"....(Jm.5:9)
- "to CONFESS OUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER...(Jm.5:16)
- "to PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER".....(Jm.5:16)
- "to be SUBMISSIVE ONE TO ANOTHER".....(1 Pet.5:6)
- "to FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER".....(Eph.4:32)
- "to ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER".....(Rom.15:14)
- "to WAIT FOR ONE ANOTHER".....(Rom.11:33)
- "to CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER".....(Heb.10:24)
- "to STIR UP ONE ANOTHER to LOVE and to GOOD WORKS".....(Heb.10:24)
- "to have COMPASSION ON ONE ANOTHER".....(1 Pet.3:8)

There are many lonely and hurting people inside the Christian community as well as outside of it. It is the conviction of this Pastor that the church has the responsibility to meet those needs to the best of its ability.

We here at

the **WAY, TRUTH, LIFE** TABERNACLE

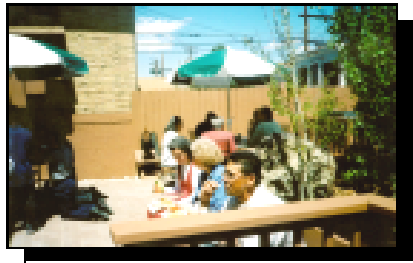
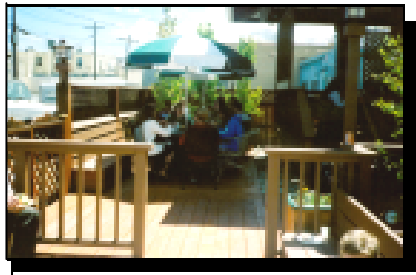
seek to fulfill the mandates of the "one another's" listed on the previous page. They were not meant to be viewed as options but rather as commandments.

One of the best ways we strive to fulfill these mandates is by creating an atmosphere for fellowship around the banqueting table. That is why we encourage the brethren to partake of the concept of pot-bless meals either in the various homes or in our frequent gatherings in the church family room.



If you desire quality relationships with people, then you must set aside quality time to work at it. In times past, Sunday was considered the Lord's day. Today, the world has changed Sunday into fun-day divorced from anything spiritual. We can always find other things to do with our time rather than fulfilling God's mandate for **FELLOWSHIP**. The enemy of our soul, Satan, will see to it if we allow him to do so.

It is in the “good old summer-time” that we find our greatest time of fellowship as a church. We gather in the courtyard attached to the back of our church building for food, fun and fellowship.



"...THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU...THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU... DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

Luke 22:19-20

"FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COMES..."

1 Cor.11:26

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN...COMMUNION..."



Here we find the third area in which the early church continued steadfastly to practice, referred to as the "breaking of bread." It speaks of the sacrament of **COMMUNION**.

The Bible tells us that we are to give honor to whom honor is due (Rom.13:7). This is the essence of what is behind Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of Me." God's people are able to honor Christ when they partake of communion.

Communion is the "common-union" we have with Jesus Christ. It is a time in which we can show our great appreciation for our eternal life through His death.

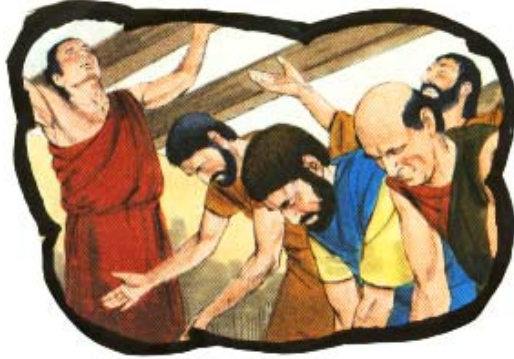
We, at
**"the WAY,
the TRUTH
and the LIFE
TABERNACLE"**,
have set aside a special service every Saturday evening at 6 pm for 30 minutes, just for the purpose of worship and partaking of communion. It is available for whosoever will come.



***“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY
IN...PRAYERS...”***

“I EXHORT FIRST OF ALL THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS AND GIVING OF THANKS BE MADE FOR ALL MEN, FOR KINGS, AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND REVERENCE...”

1 Tim.2:1-3



The early church had prayer rallies. Today we exalt protest rallies. God expects His people to pray. In fact, God has said “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations” (Isa. 56:7). The book of Acts tells us that when the apostle Peter was put in prison to be executed the next day, constant prayer was offered up by the church (Acts 12:5).

In the text above we find that the key to a quiet and peaceable life is found in prayer, not in protest. It has never been God’s plan to legislate morality upon immorality, but rather that, by the new birth, He would be able to “write His laws on their hearts” (Heb.8:10). It is only prayer that releases the Spirit of conviction upon the hearts of men.

Every Saturday night at 6:30pm we meet, with whosoever can, for an hour of prayer in our sanctuary. Prayer is hard work and intense warfare. It is the greatest manner in which we can express faith in God. To protest is to express one’s frustrations, but to pray is to express one’s faith.

The Bible says that the just shall live by his faith (Hab.2:4). Our works can be highly organized, but they might only produce organized dead works if we do not embrace the call to pray!

There are other means by which we may judge what a local church is all about. Let us consider our name:

the WAY, the TRUTH, the LIFE TABERNACLE

What is in a name? When it comes to a church, I believe the answer to that question must be an emphatic "everything!" The name of a church often is given as an expression of its main priorities. It was Jesus Himself who proclaimed:

**"I AM,
THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."
John 14:6**

It appears that Jesus is implying that it would take a threefold manifestation of Himself for anyone to reach God the Father in all of His fullness. Here at the Way, the Truth and the Life Tabernacle we understand that threefold mandate to be:

RELATIONSHIP TO GOD
RELATIONSHIP
"I am **THE WAY**..." (Rom. 5:1-2)

DISCIPLESHIP BY GOD
DISCIPLESHIP
"I am **THE TRUTH**..." (John 16:13-14)

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
FELLOWSHIP
"I am **THE LIFE**..." (1st John 1:3-4)

As an under-shepherd of the Great Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:2-4), I hold as a high priority the responsibility to impart to God's people a balanced presentation of the importance of this threefold plan God has instituted as the normal Christian life. All too often, Jesus Christ is only presented as the Way to eternal life. We believe this is just the foundational encounter with Him for He Himself declares:

**" AS HE SPOKE THESE WORDS, MANY BELIEVED IN HIM.
THEN JESUS SAID TO THOSE JEWS WHO BELIEVED HIM,
"IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES
INDEED. AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH,
AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."
John 8:30-32**

CONCERNING OUR JEWISH EMPHASIS...



As you look around our sanctuary, you cannot help but notice our Jewish emphasis. We are not a professing Messianic Fellowship in the usual sense this term is often used. By this I mean that we are not a gathering of Jews that believe that Jesus is the Messiah. We are Gentiles that believe Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. We are born-again Christians that understand that "Salvation is of the Jews" (Jn. 4:22). Jesus was a Jew and He is the Messiah of both Jew and Gentile believers according to Paul:

**"IS HE THE GOD OF THE JEWS ONLY?
IS HE NOT ALSO THE GOD OF THE GENTILES?
YES, OF THE GENTILES ALSO, SINCE THERE IS ONE GOD
WHO WILL JUSTIFY THE CIRCUMCISION (JEWS) BY FAITH
AND THE UNCIRCUMCISED (GENTILES) THROUGH FAITH."**

Romans 3:29-30

Although we have a Jewish emphasis, we seek to keep it biblically based. We strive to avoid the trappings of Jewish traditions which are often found in Messianic fellowships. There are clear warnings about the danger of tradition. Two such warnings are found in Mark 7:8-13, and Colossians 2:8.

In giving a Jewish thrust to this work, we are not seeking to place God's people under the law or placing upon them any yoke of bondage. My desire is to give God's people a great understanding of the Old Testament "type and shadows" which portray great truths about the New Testament.

For example, consider these words of Paul found in Col.2:17 (Amplified)



We believe that it is right for a New Testament church to preach "the reality, the substance, the solid fact of what is foreshadowed" about Christ from the Old Testament.

Paul's epistles show that he taught Gentile believers about Christ using the Jewish law. Here are some examples:

"THEREFORE PURGE OUT THE OLD LEAVEN THAT YOU MAY BE A NEW LUMP, SINCE YOU ARE UNLEAVENED. FOR INDEED CHRIST OUR PASSOVER, WAS SACRIFICED FOR US. THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST, NOT WITH OLD LEAVEN...BUT WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH."

1 Cor. 5:7-8

"BUT NOW CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND HAS BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP... CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS..." 1 Cor. 15:20, 23

In the above passages, Paul teaches a Gentile church about Christ using the **FEASTS OF THE LORD** ("Passover, Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits). Are we forbidden to do the same today? I think not, especially if we consider how not only Paul, but Jesus Himself preached the Scriptures:

"...MANY CAME TO HIM...TO WHOM HE EXPLAINED AND SOLEMNLY TESTIFIED OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, PERSUADING THEM CONCERNING JESUS FROM BOTH THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS..." Acts 28:23

"AND BEGINNING AT MOSES AND ALL THE PROPHETS, HE EXPOUNDED TO THEM IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES THE THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF...THINGS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES ...THE PROPHETS...THE PSALMS CONCERNING ME." Luke 24:27,44

One of the Old Testament type and shadows is what is commonly referred to as the Jewish Menorah. It is vividly described in Exodus 25:31-40. This Golden Lampstand is the logo for The Way, the Truth, and the Life Tabernacle. I would like to share with you why I have chosen this Old Testament item to represent a New Testament church.



In doing so, perhaps I may impart to you a vivid example of how the Old Testament sheds light upon the New.

The Lampstand from the first tabernacle is a type and shadow of both the Spirit of God and the church of God.

“I WAS IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD’S DAY, AND I HEARD BEHIND ME A LOUD VOICE...AND HAVING TURNED I SAW SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS, AND IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN...THE MYSTERY (HIDDEN TRUTH) OF THE...SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS... THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS WHICH YOU SAW ARE THE SEVEN CHURCHES.”

Rev. 1:10,12,13,20

How does God portray His Churches? As golden lampstands. Consider now that the Holy Spirit is also depicted in this manner:

“GRACE TO YOU...FROM THE SEVEN SPIRITS WHO ARE BEFORE HIS THRONE...AND THERE WERE SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE BURNING BEFORE THE THRONE, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.”

Rev. 1:4 and Rev. 4:5

We must go to the Old Testament for a clarification of what is meant by the seven Spirits of God:

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM (MESSIAH), THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD.”

Isa. 11:2

We are quite familiar with the admonition, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Rev. 2:7). It is the above sevenfold manifestation of the Holy Spirit that God wants His people to heed!

Therefore our logo is a constant reminder of the interaction between the Spirit and the church. Both are represented by the lampstand.

I have added to our logo this passage from Ephesians chapter two:



It is insufficient to view ourselves as **INDIVIDUALLY** being “the temple of God.”

We must see the **CORPORATE** view as well.

Listen to how Peter describes Christians:

“YOU ALSO AS LIVING STONES ARE BEING BUILT UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.”

1 Peter 2:5

Take notice of how Peter uses “Jewish terminology” to describe New Testament Christians, and in particular, the mandate of “being built up a spiritual house.” The same concept is taught to Gentile believers in Ephesians:

“...YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD...IN WHOM THE WHOLE BUILDING, BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE (TABERNACLE) IN THE LORD, IN WHOM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT FOR A HABITATION (DWELLING PLACE) OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT.”

Ephesians 2:19-22

Our logo is designed to keep a constant reminder before the eyes of the congregation of their great responsibility to “cause growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love” (Eph. 4:16)



**“HE WHO FORMERLY
PERSECUTED US NOW
PREACHES THE FAITH WHICH
HE ONCE TRIED TO DESTROY.”**

Gal. 1:23

I would like to direct my final thoughts toward those who are among the “un-churched” who perhaps have been, or presently are being, turned off to Christianity by certain Christian behavior.

At one time in my life I was an agnostic and an antagonist toward God and His people. My counsel today is that you do not judge Christ by the behavior of some who profess to be Christians.

Regardless of how badly people corrupt the image of Christianity through perverted money schemes and sex scandals, the message and claims of Christ remain the same. They require that every person deal with who Jesus said He was. He was not just a good person who espoused a good way to live. His claims were far too radical for that. Here are some of those claims:

**“...HE WHO HEARS MY WORDS AND BELIEVES...
HAS EVERLASTING LIFE,
AND SHALL NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT...”**

John 5:24

**“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.”**

John 14:6

**“...THE FATHER HAS LIFE IN HIMSELF,
SO HE HAS GRANTED THE SON TO HAVE LIFE IN HIMSELF...”**

John 5:26-27

Hypocrisy among Christians almost kept me from Christ. As I overcame, so must you. There are Christ-like Christians.

We believe we have a good core of them here at

“THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE TABERNACLE.

Come and visit us!



“I know Pastor Randy very well, I have been his wife since 1967. Therefore it is my privilege and joy to personally testify of his integrity as well as his zeal and dedication to teach God’s Word to His people...”

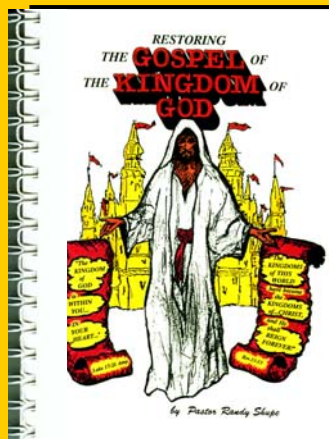
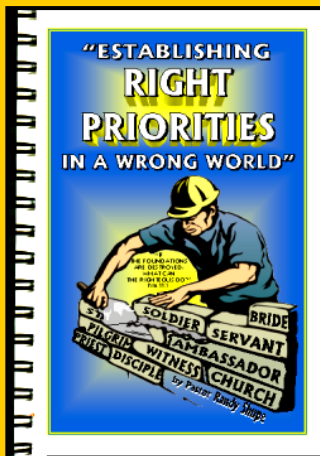
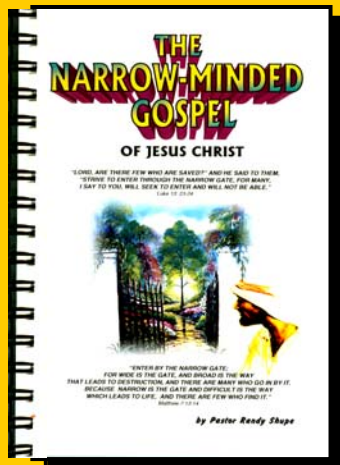
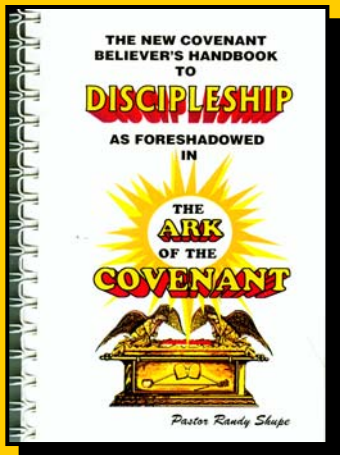
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There is no way I can convince you within the confines of this little booklet that Pastor Randy is a teacher of sound doctrine according to the apostles doctrine. However, we do have a lending library of DVD recordings containing most of what he has spoken to this congregation since 1980. It can testify of his teaching gift.

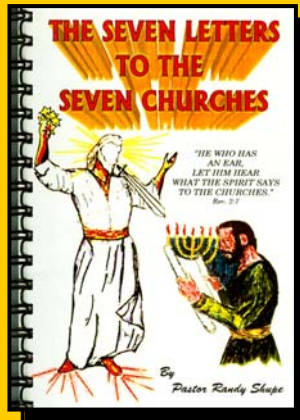
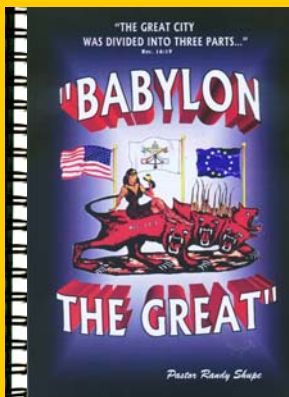
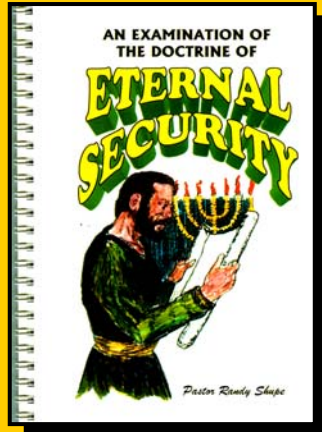
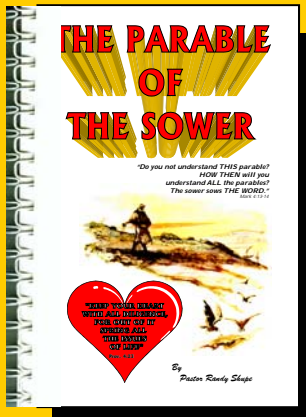
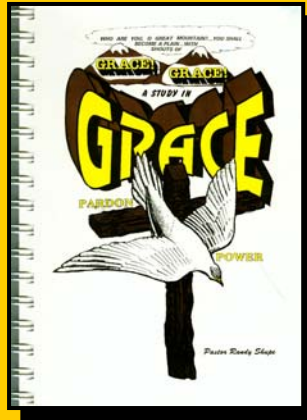
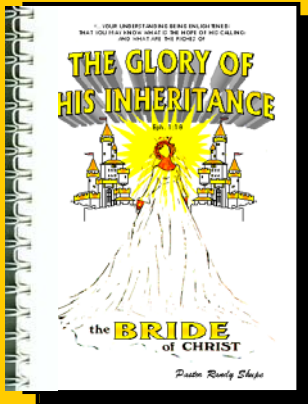
In addition, he has published over 15 books and booklets covering a vast range of topics. Some of his highly illustrated literature is pictured for you on the next page.

You will find that Pastor Randy makes himself available to ask him any question one might have about the current teaching or any other subject matter from God’s Word. I believe this to be one of his areas of strength and is a special blessing to us in the pew. It is quite difficult to be a good Berean who “searches the scriptures daily to see if these things be so” (Acts 17:11) unless we have direct access to question what we have been taught. The DVD library provides us also with the ability to constantly bring to our remembrance what has been said, and then we can follow up with any questions or clarifications as needed.

SOME OF PASTOR RANDY'S BOOKS AND BOOKLETS...




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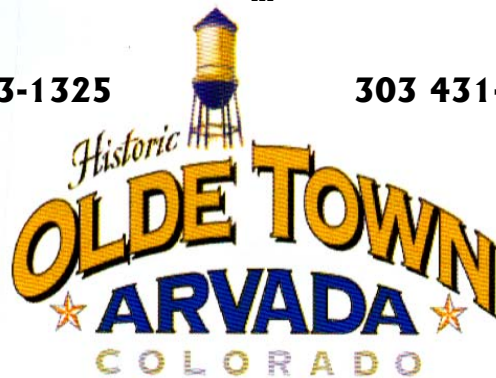
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