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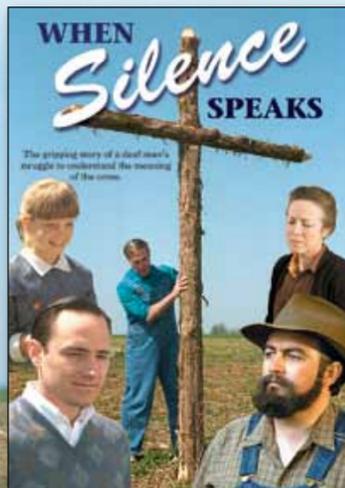


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Evangelist Bill Rice III



From the President

What Happened to My Breck-fast?

by Evangelist Wil Rice IV

If I hadn't been told that "a dog is man's best friend," I surely would never guess it. My Chocolate Lab is indeed a great pal; but to the best of my knowledge, she is the only friend I have who would steal my lunch and then smile at me as if nothing was wrong. Actually, it was my breakfast she recently "shared," but you'll have to wait for that part.

One morning late this past spring, I left the fifth-wheel travel trailer we often call home at the church where I had just finished holding meetings and ran into town to grab breakfast at a local drive-through. I fueled up the diesel and then returned "home" with a full tank and a hot breakfast to begin getting my truck, trailer, and family ready for our 385 mile drive home.

As soon as I returned, my dog Breck began her "Don't Leave Me!" dance. She jumped and barked and generally slowed down my work with her eagerness to hurry up! I decided that the safest place for Breck was in the F-350. Perhaps now she would know that I was not going to forget her, and she would stay out of my way. As it turns out, the truck may have been the safest place for her, but it most definitely was not the safest place for my breakfast with its undeniable aroma.

For the next thirty minutes or so, I went back and forth from truck to trailer, hitching the two together and winding up hoses and cords. Each time I got into the cab, I would take a sip of my coffee and then put it back in the cup holder by my breakfast on the middle console. Surely, you know where I am going with this! Breck isn't a coffee drinker yet, but she is "all about" breakfast. Or should I call it Breck-fast? It surely didn't take her long; my meal had her name all over it!

When we were finally ready to go and the family was loaded into the pickup to head for home, I had a moment to take my first bite of the waiting breakfast sandwich. The sandwich would have waited but Breck simply could not! My breakfast was gone! (I can tell that you are

shocked!) My coffee cup sat there alone, and I sat there hungry.

I instinctively looked toward the floor in the back seat where Breck now stretched out contentedly digesting my meal! What I saw was one happy dog and what little was left of the sandwich wrapper. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry! So I finished my cold coffee and shifted the Ford into gear.

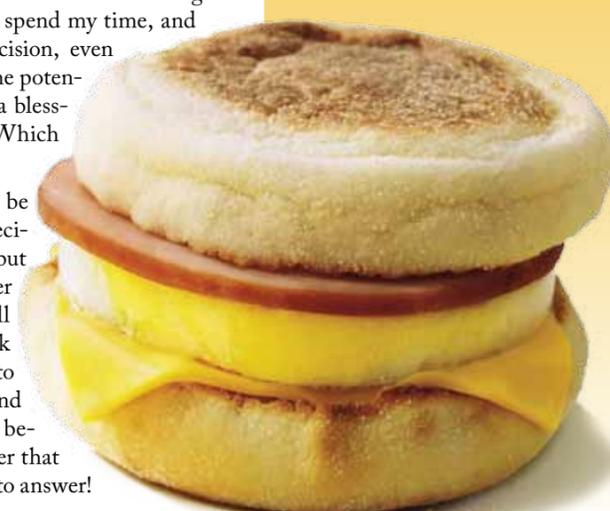
Is this not the most predictable ending to my story you could have imagined? Perhaps you have been bored or impatient, waiting for me to come to the conclusion you already reached while reading the first paragraph! This story's beginning makes for an inevitable and completely predictable ending, does it not?

I wonder how predictable your story is. Sometimes we live one way and unrealistically hope for life to finish another way. Leaving a hot sandwich unattended with a hungry dog can only have one possible conclusion!

Yet often we make decisions without regard to the long-term results. My grandfather used to say when observing the destructive decisions of a young person at camp, "I can write his story!" Was this statement an arrogant guess? No! It was the reasonable assessment of the law of sowing and reaping.

This fall is a time of decision. Which college? What job? How will I spend my time, and with whom? Each decision, even the difficult one, has the potential to be a burden or a blessing down the road. Which will it be?

You may not always be able to choose the decisions you will face, but you do have the power to decide what you will choose. Why not ask God for the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to do it? I believe that this is a prayer that God would be pleased to answer!



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The Pattern

by Evangelist Bill Rice III

"Hey! Yes, I'm at Bible college! So far it's crazy busy, but going well. My roommates are nice! Classes will start on Monday."

That simple text came from Rebekah, a friend of ours, as an answer to questions Mary and I had asked of her. We met this Christian college freshman when she was twelve. In fact, that is the year she was saved at the Ranch.

It always tickles me when young men considering ministry say to me, "I'm not sure I could ever be an evangelist. I mean, go to church for a week, see people saved, and then leave them!" Well, an evangelist is not a pastor with the pastor's gifts and responsibilities. That is certain. But in this day and society, an evangelist will probably have ample opportunity to see converts grow. In fact, with the revival ministry that is the Bill Rice Ranch, we often see young people saved and then come back year after year with their church. When they return, often they make important decisions that help them on the path to spiritual maturity.

That is what happened in Rebekah's life. Her parents are wonderful people. Her dad has served as an assistant pastor. Rebekah heard the Gospel from the day she was born. But somehow it just did not "click" in her mind.

I think I could say it didn't really make sense to her. Her parents sent her to the Ranch knowing she would hear the good news that Christ had died for her and that trusting in the Lord Jesus would bring eternal life. They prayed that she would be saved. And that is exactly what happened.



On a Wednesday night, an evangelist preached and the Gospel was clear. Rebekah told a counselor she wanted to be saved. And she was.

Oh, did I tell you that Rebekah is deaf?

She came back to work a summer in the kitchen

on operational staff. She went a year to Bible school and then served as a counselor for three years. Now she is in Bible college.

And the man who preached on that Wednesday night? He is deaf also. He came to the Ranch when he was sixteen and that was when he was saved. He worked in the kitchen a couple of years, went to Bible college, and has been an evangelist for more than thirty years now.

See a pattern here?

Needs at the Ranch

- Rock Drill
- Small Sized Self-propelled Road Grader (for upkeep of road at West Branch)
- Digital SLR camera & external flash
- ✓ Portable Air Compressor
Provided, Thank you!

If you have a lead on any of these items or you would like to make a donation of one of these items to the Ranch, please contact Dale Stover, 615-893-2767, ext. 105 or dstover@billriceranch.org



Eight evangelists travel from the Bill Rice Ranch. The following is a special report from the road by one of these men.

Providence by Evangelist Chris Miller

If you are going to get stranded somewhere, it might as well be on a resort island! Let me tell you how it happened:

Our family had just finished a week of meetings at Bible Baptist Church, which just happened to be on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. We were all loaded in the truck and ready to leave. Minutes after we prayed for safety and committed the trip and equipment to the Lord, I was pulling out of a tight spot at the church. CLANG! I heard the sound of metal and knew immediately that we had snapped a leaf spring in the trailer's suspension. We were stuck, and I knew it. I started calling places to locate the proper spring to replace it. Finally (and I mean finally), I was able to locate the spring and have it shipped. This meant we were compelled to stay there an extra week. Our next meeting was the next Sunday in Florida. The Lord was so good to provide a mechanic in the church to volunteer his time and replace the springs when they came in.

Since we were going to be there for the Wednesday evening service, the pastor asked

me to preach. I preached from Mark 11 on "Expecting the Impossible." God gave us a special service that night—the Spirit specifically spoke to hearts about faith, and there were many definite decisions.

After the service, what a thrill it was to see an exchange student from India trust Christ as Savior! For a long while afterward he stayed around. Noticing the mission board in the hallway, he asked what it was. He was told that it was a display of missionaries to foreign countries who tell people what he had heard that night. He then asked, "Where is the one to India?" They did not have one. He said, "I guess I am going to be the one." What an amazing statement from someone who just was saved!

The Lord's providence was evident then and later in the spring as well, when we had a couple of weeks that needed to be filled. As an evangelist, one wants (and needs) to fill his schedule in advance. As we were quickly ap-

View all the Ranch evangelists' itineraries at www.billriceranch.org. Click on "Local Church Ministries." Ranch evangelists minister nationwide through revival meetings, regional conferences, special services, and rallies. Contact the Ranch for more information about using these men to help your church.



BACK AT THE RANCH...



From Summer to School

Summer camps came to a close in early August, and final registration numbers are in! **This summer's attendance exceeded 2010** with church groups coming from twenty-four different states from New Jersey to California. We also had groups from The Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. Praise the Lord for **212 young people who accepted Christ** as Savior and for campers who made thousands of other important spiritual decisions.

The group from Buncheon City, Republic of Korea, was a highlight indeed. While fifty-two teenagers, junior-aged boys and girls, and adult leaders came to experience American culture, they also received Bible instruction in both English and Korean. We thank the Lord for our friend from California, Joon Choi, who spent many hours a day translating. Accommodating special Korean classes was just one of the **many uses for the new Stoutenborough Chapel** this summer!

For the 59th straight summer, deaf young people attended the Ranch free for one week. Once again, our **Deaf Weeks saw an increase in attendance** over the previous summer.

In August, **Bill Rice Christian Academy began its eighteenth year with a record enrollment of sixty-one students.** BRCA is a grade school (K5-6th) in a traditional setting. For these students, one of the highlights of the year is attending one of the Ranch's two elementary retreats at the begin-

ning of the school year. Several schools from Tennessee and Alabama brought over 260 students to these retreats. We also held a junior high retreat in mid-September.



New program for high school graduates ages 17-20!

Ministry Internship

Two-week

Preparing for the future while investing in others!

The **Ministry Internship** trains interns within the camp atmosphere to prepare them for future opportunities. Each summer, we are privileged to serve with pastors, youth workers, and lay people from all across the country. Instructors with a heart for God and a wealth of experience teach in this vibrant setting, and then give daily assignments that connect interns to campers and churches.

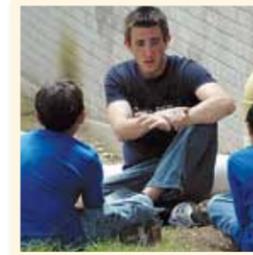
The actual cost of the Ministry Internship to the Ranch is \$450. However, each accepted **applicant need pay only \$100** (includes \$50 reservation fee and \$50 supply fee). The Bill Rice Ranch will actively seek the remaining \$350 per intern through a scholarship provided by interested donors.

For application information or to help with a Ministry Internship scholarship, please contact the Recruiting Department:

recruitment@billriceranch.org
615.893.2767, ext. 135.

Thank you

for helping with the FAITH PROJECT, which provided much of the volunteer allowances for our 100+ summer staff. Over \$19,000 was raised specifically for this need. **Be looking for the next edition of the Branding Iron**, when we highlight the sixteen families and ten individuals who are salaried by the Ranch each month.



Summer 2012 recruitment has already begun. **If you know of a Bible college student** or high school graduate that may be interested in serving with us as a counselor or operational staff member (May 30-August 3), please contact Jon Jones at recruitment@billriceranch.org or 615.893.2767, ext. 135.

Upcoming Regional Events

Michigan Regional Conference on Marriage and the Home Jackson, MI **October 7-8**
www.billriceranch.org

Rocky Mountain Regional Men on the Move Conference Fort Collins, CO **October 21-22**
www.westbranchAZ.org



2012 SUMMER SCHEDULE

- May 30-June 8** Orientation (Ranch Staff)
- June 10-15** Junior I (Ranch Evangelists)
Youth I (Cook, Goetsch, Jr.)
Deaf I (R. Rice, Snare)
- June 18-22** Day Camp
- June 24-29** Junior II (Ranch Evangelists)
Youth II (Downs, W. Hardy)
Deaf II (R. Rice, Snare)
- July 1-5** Junior III (Ranch Evangelists)
Family I (Flanders, Denson)
- July 8-13** Junior IV (Ranch Evangelists)
Youth III (Reilly, Carlson)
Deaf III (R. Rice, Snare)
- July 15-20** Junior V (Ranch Evangelists)
Youth IV (J. Teis, Miller)
Deaf IV (R. Rice, Snare)
- July 22-27** Junior VI (Ranch Evangelists)
Youth V (Coyle, Thompson)
Deaf V (R. Rice, Snare)
- July 29-Aug. 2** Deaf Adult Conference
Family II (Amsbaugh, Gagliano)

Reserve your week early find out more online.
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FAST TRACK RESERVATIONS