

News and Current Events :: Harvest Crusade 07???**Harvest Crusade 07??? - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/5/14 17:05**

I live outside of Raleigh NC and the RBC center will be hosting a harvest crusade in mid June; I am not well aware of the ongoing at such an event.

It sounds a little worldly & from what I have seen on the web I don't think we will be hearing from:

Psalm 5:5 thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

or

7:7 11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

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Just wanted to get a few SI opinions

Re: Harvest Crusade 07??? - posted by enid, on: 2007/5/15 1:46

I live in England and have never heard of the RBC center.

What is it all about?

You said the crusade sounds a little lovely, from what you have seen on the web.

I haven't yet seen the website. Do you have the details for the site?

After I have viewed it for myself, perhaps then I can comment on the crusade.

Thanks.

God bless.

Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/5/15 8:20

Sorry, I was in a hurry and may have sounded a bit cynical, but I was wondering if anyone had prior knowledge to this ministry and the outreach event.

Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/5/15 8:22

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvest_Crusade

Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/6/14 10:53

Nile and I were just looking at this because he lives in Raleigh too. We watched a clip from a previous crusade or something of that sort. From what we gather you are right. There is nothing different about this than any other conference....

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Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/6/14 11:31

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The Revival Conference 07' sounds to be in sharp contrast to the HC.
(I look forward to the web cast & praise God for the saints that refuse to compromise)

((& after a little research I think I have an answer to the post))

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/6/14 12:12

Greg Laurie is really no different than Billy Graham. Laurie is actually a member of the board of the BGEA(Billy Graham Evangelistic Association).

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/6/14 13:08

Quote:

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Personal experience: I "accepted Christ" when I was eleven years old while listening to a Harvest Crusade on the radio. They mailed me a free "believers growth packet" and I devoured the New Testament, "plugged in" to a local off shoot of Harvest. I even went to a bible college that is under the same umbrella of leadership.

But...

It wasn't until 10 years after I first "accepted Christ" that I ever comprehended repentance as something more than penitence, faith as supernatural and not mere assent, or holiness as being more than progressive morality. I can only say that it seemed very humanistic in presentation and, though I heard a lot of "good news", I didn't hear anything that set me free from the power of sin NOW, or made me even want total cleansing.

I am, however, grateful that they freely sent me a New Testament (albeit a wacky translation in certain ways). God used those first words and their ministry to hold me from worse sins until He broke my heart last year with, you guessed it, Paul Washer and Ravenhill sermons!

Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/6/14 13:55

theopenlife;

Thanks for sharing your experience,

(I apologize for my tone; I can never exactly get the right words out typing / posting to these forums)

I podcasted a few of his sermons to get a feel for the ministry & he is very knowledgeable with scripture, but it does seem to me, a little unbalanced. & I know God can work through all sorts of circumstances but, after having a first hand look at the crusade do you think it would be something to introduce to an unregenerate individual?

Re: - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2007/6/15 10:37

I have not expressed myself in a right manner and should give this pastor more respect;
The Lord rebuked my heart yesterday,
I felt that my initial question was Ok, but the my spirit turned south on this issue,
-sorry to all-

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/6/15 13:04

Understood, Raven. Praise God, He chastens those He loves.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/6/15 14:11

Unfortunately these crusades often cost quite a bit of money to put on, usually in the millions as the host cities have to pay to bring the crusade there. The hope is that people will go because Greg Laurie is there, much in the same way folks did with Billy Graham.

Usually there are many means used to "draw" people i.e. popular artists, extreme sports etc. all culminating in the evening message. I was once a follow up counsellor at one of these in Anaheim, so I speak from experience.

The problem is that there is a focus on "decisional regeneration" meaning that since you have come forward, and prayed, you are now a Christian. The counsellors are even told to tell people they are. Churches partner with the Crusade in an attempt to grow their numbers, and the majority of the time, they do not. Decision cards are given to counsellors and then to the representing Churches, meaning if you are a Roman Catholic, they are given to a local parish. Why I do not know? Then someone may give you a call to "follow up" and make sure you are still a Christian.

Brother ravenmolehil, if the Lord convicted you about your questioning, then abide accordingly. But do not be afraid to question these Crusades, or the teachings used.

One last point, if you can, look for billboards, and stickers for this event, and tell me whose name is bigger Christ's or the evangelist's?

I was one. - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/6/15 15:01

I was also a "field counselor" at one of the Harvest events in Anaheim. Although I do not represent everyone who counsels there, be warned by this fact: at the time, I had not repented of known sin or gross worldliness, I believed salvation was by mental assent and not supernatural faith given by grace... in short, I didn't come to KNOW Christ until six or seven years later!

The people I "counseled" on the field seemed to have no clue what they were doing there, and I told them (Lord, I trust you have forgive me) that they were saved if they believed what Greg said was truth. I told them to start going to church and reading their bibles, but nothing about sin, regeneration, or Christ's resurrection for holiness. I fear that I took part in still-birthing scared sinners on that field.

What's worse is I can say from experience, and knowing the other counselors I was with, that untrained or even heretical counselors was almost the standard, if they were more closely examined. To become a "field counselor" I needed only to attend TWO pre-Harvest meetings at a church that didn't know about me, my character, or my beliefs!!! The first one was a pep-talk for speaking to strangers on the field, the second time they gave us materials to hand out. Nothing about the seriousness of making sure these people were not becoming false converts.

I say this with a great deal of fearful reverence... I believe some of the intentions at Harvest are good, but are tainted with humanistic motives and ideas. Their appeals are often made to Carnal Man rather than to the Called Out who "hear His voice" in the warnings of sin and righteousness. And though the event is a model of organizational genius, it remains spiritually sloppy and dangerous where it counts... presenting a distraction-free message, and competent, holy counselors on the fields.

One last note... the people in the bands, the extreme-sports athletes, the enormous choirs and praise band...

Imagine if people came saying, "I heard there's a man here who says something that freed my friends from living in sin and filled them with power to obey God," rather than, "I heard there's a decent cross-over band a great stunt cyclist." Jesus

s never once used anything but His reputation for fearless righteousness and compassion to draw crowds to Him. They came because others were healed and forgiven of sins.

End of thoughts, God bless!

Re: I was one. - posted by Jacob19, on: 2007/6/15 15:43

I have a lot of experience with Harvest and the Crusades that they put on. The strangest thing about them is that most of the time their motives do seem pure, although man centered. They certainly preach the "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life" gospel. The other major problem is that everyone that goes down to the field is considered to be regenerated. Every crusade there are probably a handful of people that actually are, but most that think they are, are probably not. But some people are getting saved...