



THE COUNSELOR'S PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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... from the President

Below are my thoughts for Thanksgiving that I sent to my family and a few of you but even though thanksgiving has past I think it is good for you my Christian Counseling family to hear my heart as we finish out this year. I just wanted to pause and send you this note and let each of you know what I am thankful for on this special Thanksgiving week. First I am thankful for my parents, grandmother, and housekeeper Clara who kept me in line as best they could and all of the love they showed me. I am so thankful for my Daddy who told me that I could do anything and be anything that I wanted to be and the only thing that would hold me back would be me.

Next I am thankful for Julia, my wonderful wife of almost 38 years and her patience and prodding because she wanted and still wants me to be the very best that I can be. She also carried on my Daddy's philosophy that I could do anything I wanted to do and be anything I set my mind on. I am thankful for my kids, Susan, Brian, Shellie and Kristi for accepting my parenting failures and loving me and knowing how much I loved them even when I didn't always say it or show it. I am also thankful for my 9 grandchildren, who really are grand, and the fun we have together.

I am thankful most for Jesus, my Lord and Savior who has shown me the way and forgiven me when I have failed, and picked me up, dusted me off and said now do it again, the right way this time. I am also thankful for my church and Pastor Craig and Sonny and their leadership. I am also thankful for those close friends and my in-laws who have passed into a better place and the privilege I had of knowing them and their being such a big part of my life. They all died too soon in my eyes and I still miss them.

I am also so thankful for you my friend because you have been there for me through thick and thin. You remained my friend even when I have failed you and not been there. Please forgive me when I have failed and keep caring about me as I do about you. I hope that you remember all the people and blessings you are thankful for and may God bless you and all your loved ones..

Jack Kelly, GCCA President

DECEMBER
GCCA Meeting
Christmas Celebration
DECEMBER 12th
10:00 AM
Bring Your Favorite Dish
Powers Ferry United
Methodist Church
245 Powers Ferry Road SE,
Marietta, GA 30067

SOUTHWEST
GCCA Meeting
Saturday
NOVEMBER 26th
"Marketplace Chaplains"
8955 Fayetteville Road
Jonesboro, GA 30238
@ 10:00 AM

NORTHEAST
GCCA Meeting
Monday
NOVEMBER 28th
"A Safe Environment for
Married Couples"
Meadow Baptist Church ,
1446 Calvin Davis Circle ,
Lawrenceville , GA 30043
@ 7:00 PM

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2012



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"Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory".

Proverbs 11:14

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GCCA Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday ~ 10:00 am

GCCA Southwest Monthly Meeting
4th Saturday ~ 10:00 am

GCCA Northeast Monthly Meeting
4th Monday ~ 7:00 pm



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Couples \$100 You will receive \$50.00
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HAPPENINGS & TIPS

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Upper Room Ministries, Inc.
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Saving Files

As counselors, we tend to be curious people. We often attend seminars, conferences, discussion groups, sermons, etc. and bring home notes and handouts. If you are like me, you place these on your desk with the intention of reading them later. After some time when its time to clean up, everything ends up in the trash.

So what can I do about that? I finally hit upon a solution that really makes me look efficient, as well as keeps peace in the family. I scan the documents into PDF files (jpg images would work as well), and store them on the computer desktop in a folder marked Reading List. I use meaningful file names so I can find the one I am looking for more easily. If I never get back to them, it no longer matters. If I get back to them, and find they are important enough to keep, they are already scanned. All I have to do is file them in a permanent folder where I can find them later. If I ever need a hard copy, I can print it later. No dust, no clutter, no hurt feelings, and two happy smiles at my house!

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Cost of Workshop: \$175.00

Saturday, December 10th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Meadow Baptist Church
 1446 Calvin Davis Circle
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Registration Deadline:
 12/10/2011