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... from the President

In Anticipation of a Timely Message In Changing Time:

God placed Martha Wolfe in my path the other night at the OK Café and I hadn't seen her in years. As we spoke God put it on my heart to ask her if she would come and speak at our November meeting on Changing Pastures, a talk she gave about 8 or 10 years ago when many of us, myself and Julia included, were going through a lot of changes. God used her in a mighty way and she was right on. I felt that since GCCA, as well as the membership, was going through a lot of changes it would be a perfect time in a new facility and etc. She accepted so I wanted to ask you all to try and be there and encourage those that you know so we can christen our new home accordingly. We are excited about moving to *Powers Ferry United Methodist Church, 245 Powers Ferry Road SE, Marietta, GA 30067* and feel the set up will give us a new perspective plus we have plenty of parking right outside the door. Come and help us get started off on the right foot as we pray over our new facility and all of your opportunities.

Also I would like to encourage you to check out our other two meetings. Dr. Richard Douglas is heading up the Northeast group and they are meeting Monday October 31 at 7:00pm. Dr. Leon Beeler is heading up the Southwest meeting and they are meet on Saturday mornings. Come out and support them and their speakers.

Jack Kelly, GCCA President

**NOVEMBER
GCCA Meeting
Daystar Campus**

NOVEMBER 14th

**Powers Ferry United
Methodist Church**

245 Powers Ferry Road SE,
Marietta, GA 30067

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GCCA CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS...



FALL CONFERENCE 2011



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

Proverbs 11:14




GCCA Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday ~ 10:00 am

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"The Right To Happiness"

I was reading an article in Christian Counseling Today by Arch Hart, about cross cultural counseling (Vol. 18 No. 4 p. 29-31). Hart said that human psychology is not the same everywhere, and that really caught my attention. He went on to contrast our American culture's assumed "right" to be happy, to that of many places in Africa where surviving is a much greater concern than feeling good. That reminded me of Larry Crabb's excellent book, Inside Out. Crabb also asks the question, what makes us think that we have a right to happiness. That does not mean that I see any particular virtue in being unhappy, nor does it mean that I should not try to find happiness. It just means that I don't have a right to assume that happiness will follow me all the days of my life, because it most certainly will not. Jesus said that in this world we will have tribulation (John 1:33). Thankfully He did not end there, but went on to say that He has overcome the world.

In this life I don't have a right to expect to have a new car, a good job, good health, a full stomach or even a good wife for that matter. All these things are desirable—but a right to them—I think not. It is enough to remember that this life is not all there is, that things will get better, and no matter how bad things get in this life, my Savior said He would never leave me nor forsake me (Heb. 13:5). When I was hungry, Jesus was hungry right with me. When I was cold, Jesus was cold right with me. He has been there and done that. I do believe that, and if I could just remember it, and then adjust my behavior to reflect my belief, maybe I could be a better man, and a better counselor. Times are changing in America. I don't believe that our best days are behind us, but I do see change coming. We better get used to that fact, and begin to help our clients see it as well.

Happiness is not a right, and our hope is not in this life. If we live out this life only searching for happiness, we are destined to be miserable indeed. I think coming to terms with that little piece of reality may be the best therapy we can give—to ourselves or our clients.

Don Coltrane, M.A. – GCCA Administrative Assistant