



#### A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Happy December!!! I have to admit that this is my favorite time of the year!!! Now that Thanksgiving has passed it is socially acceptable to crank up all of those old familiar Christmas tunes and watch holiday favorites like *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Elf*, and *The Muppets' Christmas Carol* (a far superior adaption than most IMHO). I even love all of the white stuff outside! Well, the stuff that's not in my driveway anyway. And, of course, what I like most is celebrating Advent and Christmas through a variety of church and family activities. So, all that being said, I hope that this issue finds you in a state of similar cheer.

Blessings,

Rev. Randy LeBaron
President & Founder







Last month I traveled to three different counties (Allegany, Livingston, and Orleans) and spoke in three different churches (Belfast FMC, Dansville FMC, and The Lord's House) over four Sundays.

I cannot say enough about the hospitality and responsiveness to the Holy Spirit that I felt from each congregation. God is good and it is not just lip service when I say what a privilege it is to share His Word!

November marked the start of Season 2 of "Refill with Randy" on FB & YouTube. You can check out the latest video here:

https://voutu.be/00DrKH5YxJA

The limited series "Advent" Blog, which is located online at our new WordPress site, is also underway. Check it out at:

https://goscatter.blog/home/

Sign up with your e-mail to get new blog posts sent to your inbox every morning.



### **LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) Support**



As an Orleans County Sheriff's Chaplain I was on call every Thursday and also was able to go on more ride-alongs (I have requested going weekly for 2021) I also had opportunity to meet with some officers over coffee and breakfast.

As for OpOverwatch, Chaplain Don Snyder and I went to the 2-Day Chaplain Training Program that they were offering and got to hear and learn from pastors, chaplains, and many leaders in law enforcement. It was a great time and we came away with many new ideas. I also produced a promo video for them that is being widely distributed and I interviewed former Lockport PD Canine Officer, Steve Ritchie, for my first RwR video of the new season. Steve has an awesome testimony of being shot in the line of duty, recovering miraculously, and finding the strength to forgive! Check it out here:

https://youtu.be/UBFcoa47F0o



The four facets of Everyday Evangelism are: Prayer, Aware, Care, & Share. We will explore some practical aspects of each one over the next few months.

Today's topic is "CARE" and I can say from experience that this is the most rewarding aspect because not only do you get to show Christ's love to others in a practical way but you often walk away more blessed than the recipient's of your good will.

Ways I like to serve during this time are ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign and helping out on the "Hands 4 Hope" Street Ministry Truck.



What are some ways that you like to show Christ's love by caring for others during this season? (i.e. helping at a food kitchen, shoveling a neighbor's driveway, participating in "Operatiin Christmas Child...)

**RESPOND AND LET ME KNOW!!!** 

### Kintsugi

"more beautiful for having been broken"



One of my prayer requests last month was for my friends Pastor Eddie & Rose English whose daughter had just died from cancer. When talking with them the day she passed I told them about the Japanese art of of "Kintsugi" which is the repairing broken pottery with gold. It literally means "more beautiful for having been broken" because once repaired it is actually sturdier and much more valuable than in its original form.

Similarly, I explained, when we get *broken* and allow God to mend us our faith is sturdier and we are more valuable in that we can now relate, and reach out, to others who may be going through a similar situation. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> I had the awesome privilege to preach at their church, The Lord's House, and present them with a Kintsugi repaired vase in honor of Angela purchased by the GSM BOA. Watch my RwR video all about "Kintsugi" here:

https://voutu.be/0sZ0ICbVsD0

## **December Speaking Dates**

- o 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Preaching @Gowanda Free Methodist Church (via online video)
- o 27th Preaching @Roberts Memorial Free Methodist Church (Cattaraugus, NY)

## **Prayer Requests**

- I am thankful to have my entire family together for two months (Ashlyn is home from RWC until the end of January) and doing well. Please continue to pray for health and safety for all as COVID cases continue to rise and the flu season is also upon us.
- Praise the Lord that I had opportunity to speak every Sunday last month but, as I only have two slated for December and one of those just got changed to video out of precaution, I am asking you to please pray that doors would open up for more speaking opportunities in 2021.
- There were no new individual givers in November but I praise the Lord for one new GSM Monthly Ministry Partner, another who doubled her commitment and moved up a level, a family that gave a very generous end of the year gift, and for those individual donors and partners who remain ever faithful with both your gifts and prayers. THANK YOU!!!
- Please pray for an increase in GSM Monthly Ministry Partners and Church Ministry Partners.
  As Covid rates rise the honorariums that I earn from speaking engagements are harder to
  plan on. Please also pray that some churches might honor my request to have GSM be one
  of the recipients of their Christmas Eve or Year-end offering.
- Please pray for more opportunities to scatter seeds through words and deeds and, for those seeds which have already taken root, pray that each recipient would bear much fruit.

# **GSM Monthly Ministry Partners**

Thank you to all who have become Monthly Partners and invested in the mission of GSM!

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In addition to honorariums received for speaking engagements Pastor Randy relies on the generous support of individual donors and churches. As both the Conference Evangelist and the sole employee of GSM he has established different methods of fundraising much like a modern day missionary. To that end, and in an effort to create a consistent and sustainable support structure moving forward, we are launching the Monthly Ministry Partner Program. This is a great new way to invest, and take more of a vested interest, in furthering the gospel message through the ongoing mission and ministries of Pastor Randy and GSM. There are five different commitment levels to choose from for individuals and churches and each comes with benefits and services as a way of saying "Thank You" as well as keeping you up to date and engaged with the life of the ministry.

**PLEASE E-MAIL ME** at <a href="mailto:randylebaron@gmail.com">randylebaron@gmail.com</a> with: (1) The giving method you will be using (see below), (2) The monthly amount you are committing to over the next year, (3) The day of the month it will be sent on, (4) Your contact info. (Full name, Phone, e-mail, address, etc.)

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Mail to: Genesis Conference 2260 Westside Drive

P.O. Box 206

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