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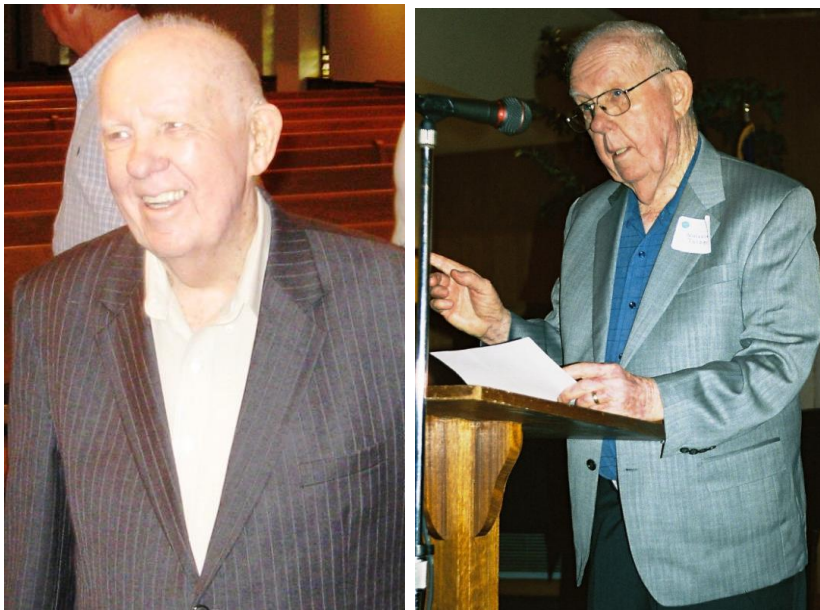
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Saying Goodbye to Malcolm Tolbert



We received word this week of the death of Malcolm Tolbert. Beloved teacher, preacher, friend and mentor, Malcolm died on Thanksgiving day, a fitting day for one who was so captivated by grace and gratitude. Below is a link to Malcolm's obituary. ***A memorial service for Dr. Tolbert will be held at Broadmoor-Baton Rouge on Saturday December 13 at 1:30pm.***

There will be many remembrances of Malcolm in coming days as he has blessed so many and been such a part of CBF-LA through the Stagg-

Tolbert Forum and in many other ways.

Here are links by or about Malcolm Tolbert:

[Obituary in the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate.](#)

[Story on Malcolm Speaking at First Forum.](#)

[My Sexuality - Malcolm Tolbert](#)

[Two Louisiana Treasures - Frank Stagg and Malcolm Tolbert](#)

[Malcolm Tolbert on Together for Hope](#)

[Tolbert's Genesis Lecture at First Forum](#)

[Tolbert's Lecture at Forum - Problem of the Old Testament](#)

[Review of Tolbert's Last Book - The Disturbing Galilean](#)

A Miracle Greater than the One on 34th Street



Gary Baldwin, one happy pastor

Dr. Gary Baldwin, pastor at New Life Community Church in Alexandria shared great news today. He calls it the "Miracle at NLCC -- Special Gift from Heaven -- God's Hands Touch."

New Life Church is an exceptional community with a generous heart for others a very large missional foot print in their community. The word is getting out.

An anonymous letter below was recently received by the church:

Dear Friends,

I have heard of the good things that your church is doing. I wanted to do something meaningful with the money God has entrusted me with. I elected to pay off the mortgage loan on the church building. I hope this allows the church to continue doing great things for Christ.

An Anonymous Friend

Gary relates, "With the card was a bank deposit slip from Red River Bank for \$145,548.28 dated November 28, 2014. You can imagine the excitement, thanksgiving, humbleness felt by everyone at church

Wednesday night.

Our children could not understand what was happening with the adults. Women were dancing in the lobby. Adults were crying. Smiles were so wide. I was speechless for about 20 minutes. (The last time that happened was before I was born! LOL)

On Thursday I went to the bank to check it out. The note was paid in full on November 26. The bank balance shows a ZERO! Not one New Lifer has any idea who this most generous, gracious person is.

From the card and the writing in the card, it appears to be from an elderly person and some believe it is the handwriting of a lady. Pastor Gary has NO IDEA who paid off the church loan. wow! wow! Thank you Jesus! This is much larger than Miracle on 34th Street. This is a God-thing!"



DAWNINGS is a free retreat for your missions team being held at Broadmoor Baton Rouge **January 15-17**. Complimentary lodging is available. Draw close to God and your missional calling. Learn more at: cbfdawnings.org

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