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"HUNKERING DOWN DURING COVID IN THE 'GUERTIN BUNKER'"

or

"CHIP'S 'GOT MAIL!'"



I've owned my trademark chipmunk puppet "**Chip**" since **1991**. I guess in a way, he is **Caboose!** ministries' mascot. However, he perpetually stays **4 years old**, via my putting him in my **Time Machine** in my garage 3X a week. 😊 For years, when I was not on the road preaching, I would strive to perform 3 Chip shows at our home church: 1 for the nursery, 1 for the toddlers, & 1 for the elementary-aged kids in children's church. When **Covid-19** hit, Kim told me, "Michael, you need to make Chip videos for those children who are now stuck at home in quarantine & cannot see him in church." I resisted the idea for about 2 weeks. Finally, I gave in. Chip has come into their homes via their parents' cell phones, **YouTube**, &/or **Facebook** every Sunday since! Well, needless to say, Chip has become quite popular among the young-& not so young! I can't count how many adults have told me how much they love him & can't wait until his next show! In fact, my **Chip Sunday Shows** get more views on **YouTube & Facebook** than does my weekly Wednesday production of "**Cab!Talks**", a verse-by-verse exposition of **Scripture**! Here is some recent "fan mail" to Chip. Oh brother 😊: Here is the link to a recent show: <https://youtu.be/IgpXehjc8I>

"Hi Michael, & Kim, tonight [my daughter], & [my granddaughter] came over & we watched "**Skipper Chip**". We were all laughing so hard we were almost rolling on the floor :-). We all think this was definitely the funniest one you've made so far! [My daughter], told us every time she

starts to eat peanut butter [One of Chip's most popular shows is "Chip Wants Peanut Butter!"], she thinks of Chip!. I know it is a lot of work when you're making your video clips, but you sure are getting quite a fan club!" [D.W.]

"Just watched 'Chips Ahoy' [She means the "Skipper Chip!" episode] and loved the crash scene! It got me laughing! You know, I had a chipmunk in my house a couple of weeks ago and I am not kidding. Not sure how he got in but we had a fun couple of hours playing 'cat and mouse'. I finally triumphed but only because he went into the coffee maker after a cherry tomato (bait) that had fallen in there during our many scuffles. So, I closed the lid on him and put him back where he belonged! But you know that Chip is welcome here anytime!" [F.F.]

"love seeing Chip on Facebook

**love that you're still just going out there spreading the Word
You're making a difference!!" [B.C.]**

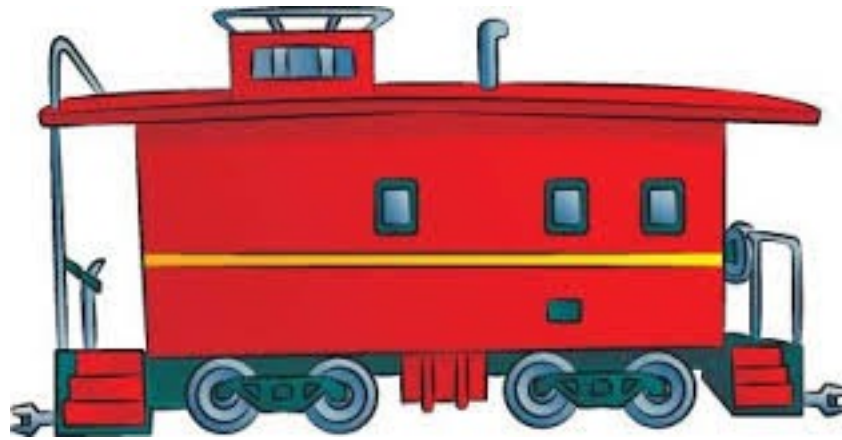
Thanks Michael. [my son] is loving these! He thinks Chip is hilarious!!! [K.F.]

"Michael Robert Guertin: if you ever decide to have a second career you should be a puppeteer on Children's television. You have the creativity and talents that are rare. Do you write the scripts for these?" [D.K.-my former Bible school Greek teacher!]

"Just wanted to let you know we are big Chip fans and we look forward to seeing him every week. I never saw him in person as I am not in the children's rooms for teaching but [my wife & I] need the laughs each time" [B.O.]

" Our little granddaughter told us last week that she cannot wait until the newest Chip video comes out every Sunday morning! She absolutely loves Chip! Thank you for going to the extra effort to bring so much "JOY" [Chip's trademark expression] to all of our hearts through Chip!!! "

"CAB!TALK FEEDBACK"



*Note: in my most recent *Cab!Talk*, vis, #27, Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/B7qQ5PP62o0>

I was very transparent re: my personal struggles over the decades to believe the Heavenly Father loved me *personally*-& why I had/have such struggles. This Cab!Talk was one of my higher-viewed ones, & it resonated with a number of God's people. Why? I wrote about my own personal struggles to know the personal love of God the Father for *me*, & why I had/have those struggles. Below are some comments I received on Facebook re: it:

"Just finished watching Cab Talk #27. I burst into tears of gratefulness for the nurturing spirit God gave you. My sons and so many others, in addition to your three, have reaped the benefits. Carry on ... to Him! I look so forward to them. Please know that". And in terms of "numbers" [re: how many people view them] just think about how the heavens rejoice over ONE saved soul!" [F.F.]

Love you, dad. I met you in 2002, when you were going through that dark season. I remember how the Lord used your willingness to be broken to open my eyes to the FACT that He holds on to us, not the other way around. Thanks for sharing your heart and how the Lord

has forged in you more of His likeness through suffering. We love you and are so proud to be yours. Miss you. [D.G.]

"I'm a vet and if I needed a man in a foxhole, you're at the top of that list. For many reasons."
[M.S.- {after listening to this Cab!Talk}.]

I am always truly humbled when *anyone* watches the *Cab!Talks*, as I am very well aware of how very many things to watch &/or listen to come at us every day. I strive to keep these Scripture/theological videos under 15 minutes as much as possible.

"QUO VADIS, DOMINE'-WITHER GOEST THOU?"



All of us are presently in very uncertain times. Everything is in an upheaval. Our government, our jobs, our schools, travel, our church life, etc. have all been disrupted &/or suspended. Having been ministering on the road since 2000, I also feel the "consequences of Covid" very acutely. With so many churches do-ing livestream with a limited percentage of their church family in live attendance, mine & Kim's typical "modus operandi" has been significantly affected as well. As I've written many times before in these newsletters, Kim & I love to pace & pray around the bottom floor of our house to seek the Lord. I'm a people person. I always have been. When I'm around God's people I feel "normal"; i.e., I don't have as many emotional "dips" as I do when I'm isolated from them. I was made to be with people-especially God's people. I was told by a man of God decades ago the Lord had called me to the Body of Christ at large. And, for the past 20+ years this is what I have done. Hence, I think you understand the awkwardness for me of "Covid-containment". In this season of duress for all of us, I have felt an ache, a hunger, a love-sickness for our God in a very acute way. I sense Him close but at the same time feel like I am starving for Him. I don't know how to get "more of Him", except by "the usual", vis, prayer & **the Word**. Anyone who knows me well knows I love the biblical epic movies, particularly from the 1950's. *Quo Vadis*, released in 1951, is one of my all-time favorites. Near the end of the movie, the **Apostle Peter** is embarking from **Rome** with his young aide, "Nazarius". And yet, Peter's spirit is weighed down. He tells Nazarius, "My mind is as heavy as my body" [the actor who played him was a big man]. He cries out to the Lord, "What is it dear Lord. What do you want me to do? Quo vadis, Domine'. Wither goest Thou, Lord?". As I've paced around the house with Kim following me I have quoted this prayer from the movie more than once. In the movie Lord then speaks to the former fisherman through Nazarius, "My

people have need of thee". I know no one is indispensable in the Kingdom but I sure feel my need of them! So, during this "lay low" time, Kim & I will continue to diligently seek the Lord for His plan & strategy for us so as to be as fruitful for Him & His Kingdom as we possibly can.



Speaking of Bible movies, *The Bible*, released in **1966**, has a powerful scene depicting one of the many times the Lord spoke to **Abraham** during his lifetime. It is dark. Abraham comes out of his tent & the sky is filled with stars. Abraham looks about & then up & says, "The night is fillllllled with Thy voice." Oh Father. Oh Father. When I watch it in the movie & even as I type it now, my heart feels a deep yearning to have the Lord speak to me-what He exactly wants *me* to do. All of us are so very blessed & relieved when after a long period of time waiting upon the Lord for guidance, provision, etc., He finally reveals Himself and/or opens up the windows of Heaven. That is where my heart has been at for a very long time, Beloved.



Yet another biblical epic movie scene comes to my mind along these same lines-*The Ten Commandments*, produced in **1956**. Charlton Heston as Moses is in the wilderness tending his sheep with Sephora, whom he eventually marries. He doesn't know the Lord yet. He asks Sephora a number of questions about God-even questioning some of His actions & His "inactivity". Sephora gently rebukes the future "face-to-face friend" of God for asking such things, to which Moses retorts, "*My spirit will not rest until I hear the word of God from God Himself.*" That is where I'm at, Beloved, at this very uncertain time "humanly-speaking" in our country. He is faithful. In the meantime, we pray, we wait, & produce fruit by His Spirit's gracious gifts & enabling.

"WELCOME HARLEY JAMES!"



Our youngest son **Caleb & his wife Elizabeth** brought home their brand new baby boy today from the hospital, a.k.a., "**Harley James**". Harley is their "**rainbow baby**", as he came to them a year after they lost their beloved little girl "**Eva Elizabeth**" to Heaven. Caleb & Elizabeth now have 3 strapping boys: Elliot, Fin-ley, & Harley. Harley is our 14th grandchild, including "Lil' Eva", who is now with Jesus.

Whomever our God decides should win the presidential election in two days, Kim & I are striving to believe it is His sovereign will & plan for our nation, as He prepares the entire globe for His Son's return. As much as I love America, I do realize from the Scriptures that in the end, there will only be ONE Kingdom on Earth-the Kingdom of our Lord & of His Christ. May He help us to keep our eyes on that Kingdom & be about its business.

May the Lord bless you & yours this **Thanksgiving** Season. He gives us all things richly to enjoy. Amen.

Sincerely,

Michael

Michael & Kim



***Caboose! Commentary Corner:** [Our daughter Laura once said she'd love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I've decided to post each month random notes/comments from Bibles I have studied from: "If Jesus had received a fair trial, we would all be in Hell, as He would have been acquitted!" [M.R.G. 12/12/1996]



***Caboose! On the Loose:**

***Lookin' out for the little guys...**

Ministry/Events for NOVEMBER & those not listed in last month's newsletter:

Oct.21: New Covenant Community Church, Audubon, NJ: Elim credential holders mtg.

Oct. 29: Our newest grandchild enters the world, via Caleb & Elizabeth Guertin!

Nov. 1,8,15,22,29: "Chip Sunday Show" productions

Nov.3: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: hsc board mtg.//Pastors' mtg.

Nov. 4,11,18,25: Cab!Talk verse-by-verse Scripture exposition video productions



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