

SHARING GOOD NEWS

Last Wednesday night, God treated us to one of His special displays of beauty. As the sun was setting, the combination of clouds caused the entire atmosphere to appear yellow. I suspected there may be a rainbow, so I went farther out on the parking lot and looked in the sky to the east (Some people are tornado hunters; some people are crocodile hunters; I am a rainbow hunter). The rainbow is God's message that He will not destroy the world with water again (and it reminds us that He did it many years ago).

I saw the beautiful, colorful rainbow. My first instinct was to tell Dani, who was already outside, and then Marcus who came out right after me. It was fun to see them get excited about the rainbow; they immediately wanted to tell everyone else about it.

We enjoy sharing good news. Sports fans boast about their teams, even inventing good news to discuss. Good grades at school, then graduation, job promotions, are not well-kept secrets. It is perfectly natural to want to share good news.

The word "gospel" is from a compound Greek word that means "good news." It is the message of God's love for us that moved Him to send His Son to live a perfect, sinless life so that He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus paid the price for our sins. He was then raised from the dead on the third day. We have the hope and assurance that we will be raised from death and receive an eternal home with God if we will obey the gospel (SEE THE BOX ON THE BACK PAGE FOR WHAT TO DO) and live faithfully.

If we are excited about the goodness of God's message about Christ, we will gladly share it, just like we enjoy sharing God's other beautiful and happy message of the rainbow.