

# Take a Risk!

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## Raising Up a New Generation of Godly Leaders

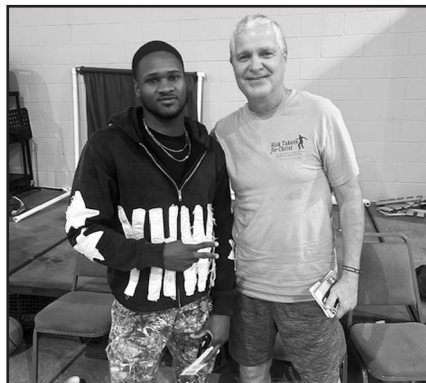
by Rev. Dale Glading, President

February 24th was a milestone day for our Living H2O Initiative...

For the past 12 years, I have been the primary halftime speaker, sharing a different gospel message every Monday evening. Over the years, God has raised up other Christian men to help shoulder the load such as Pastor Joe Moore, who now speaks on the second Monday of every month, and Pastor Dave Daniel, who filled in for several years until his family and ministry responsibilities forced him to take a break.

Rich Burns, a retired Christian gentleman who is a devout prayer warrior, also speaks on occasion and the Gospel Blues Band has been ministering in music on a monthly basis for the past couple years. But on February 24th, for the very first time, one of the young men who attends our weekly basketball program was our guest speaker.

Meet Aaron Johnson, age 23...



Aaron started attending our Living H2O Initiative about seven or eight years ago when he was still in high school. He is a quiet but very likeable young man, who is also a talented ballplayer and musician.

Recently, Aaron became the youth pastor at his church and God is using him in a powerful way. And so, when one of his friends who also attends our program suggested that Aaron would make a great guest speaker, I offered him the chance.

Aaron graciously accepted my invitation and studied hard to prepare for his speaking debut. The week before he was scheduled, I announced that we were going to have a very special guest speaker on the 24th and the other players kept asking who it was going to be. Imagine their surprise when I finally introduced Aaron and handed him the microphone.



Because he is one of their peers - and so well respected at that - the other players were extremely attentive throughout Aaron's 15-minute gospel presentation from John 4 (the woman at the well) and John 6 (the feeding

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## Risk Takers for Christ Announces New Ministry Outreach

Risk Takers for Christ is excited to announce a new aspect to our 13-year-old ministry. It is called Grandparents for a Godly America (GGA), and it joins our “family” of outreach programs that includes our Living H2O Initiative, Midway Bible Fellowship, and our weekday Dare 2B Daring devotional messages.

Grandparents for a Godly America is the culmination of a burden God placed on RTC president Dale Glading’s heart to see America’s founding Judeo-Christian principles restored. Glading, a grandfather of six, is especially concerned for the “safety, security, and morality” of the country his grandkids are growing up in... and will someday inherit.

“America desperately needs a Third Great Awakening,” Glading said. “Unless we turn back to God, individually and collectively, America’s days are numbered. I want better for my six precious grandkids, and I plan to do

everything in my power to see that ‘their America’ is once again a city on a hill, reflecting God’s light to the entire world (John 5:14).”

After months of prayerful planning, the first meeting of the newly established Treasure Coast Chapter of GGA will meet on April 10th at Genesis Church in Vero Beach. The 10:00 AM meeting is expected to include lots of prayer, fellowship, and light refreshments as a firm foundation is laid for this new and exciting movement of God.

“It is my fervent hope and prayer that God will use the Treasure Coast Chapter of GGA to not only encourage Christian grandparents across America to form local chapters of their own, but also to spark a nationwide spiritual revival that will change the course of our country for generations to come,” Glading said.

For more information about Grandparents for a Godly America or to start a local chapter of your own, please contact Dale at 772.539.1826.

### Please join us for our Treasure Coast Chapter Kickoff Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 10 a.m.  
Genesis Church  
3660 16th Street, Vero Beach

*Prayer... Discussion... Refreshments*



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of the 5,000). He mentioned how Jesus offers us eternal life-giving water, but that His hard teachings sometimes drive people away. “My walk with Jesus has cost me friends, family members, and other relationships, but that’s OK,” Aaron told the other 30 young men in the gym.

I was so impressed with the content of Aaron’s message and the obvious preparation he had put into it, that I asked him if he would like to become part of our regular speaking rotation. He smiled from ear to ear, nodded his head, and said, “Yes, I would love that.”

When a pastor friend of mine heard about Aaron’s preaching debut at our Living H2O Initiative, he shared with me the following verse...

“And the things that you have heard me say among many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be qualified to teach others as well.” 2 Timothy 2:2 (BSB)

(Editor’s Note: Aaron spoke again at our Living H2O Initiative on March 24th and did another excellent job!)

# God's Work in Salvation

by Alistair Begg

*"Salvation belongs to the Lord!"*

- Jonah 2:9

Salvation is the work of God. It is He alone who quickens the soul "dead in...trespasses and sins,"<sup>1</sup> and He it is who maintains the soul in its spiritual life. He is both "Alpha and Omega."

"Salvation belongs to the LORD!" If I am prayerful, God makes me prayerful; if I have graces, they are God's gifts to me; if I hold on in a consistent life, it is because He upholds me with His hand. I do nothing whatever toward my own preservation, except what God Himself first does in me. Whatever I have, all my goodness is of the Lord alone. Whenever I sin, that is my own doing; but when I act correctly, that is wholly and completely of God. If I have resisted a spiritual enemy, the Lord's strength nerved my arm.

Do I live before men a consecrated life? It is not I, but Christ who lives in me. Am I sanctified? I did not cleanse myself: God's Holy Spirit sanctifies me. Am I separated from the world? I am separated by God's chastisements sanctified to my good. Do I grow in knowledge? The great Instructor teaches me. All my jewels were fashioned by heavenly art. I find in God all that I want; but I find in myself nothing but sin and misery. "He only is my rock and my salvation."<sup>2</sup>

Do I feed on the Word? That Word would be no food for me unless the Lord made it food for my soul and helped me to feed upon it. Do I live on the bread that comes down from heaven? What is that bread but Jesus Christ Himself incarnate, whose body and whose blood I eat and drink? Am I continually receiving fresh supplies of strength? Where do I gather my might? My help comes from heaven's hills: Without Jesus I can do nothing.

As a branch cannot bring forth fruit except it abide in the vine, no more can I, except I abide in Him. What Jonah learned in the ocean, let me learn this morning in my room: "Salvation belongs to the LORD."

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# Listening to the Father's Heart

by Os Hillman

Son, I want to tell you the real lesson of the prodigal son today. Many people want to judge the wayward son for his failures. Yes, he did fail and squandered all that his father entrusted to him. However, the father expressed the same attitude I would have had. I rejoice more over his return than needing to condemn him for his failure. He was learning what it means to be a son for the first time. He felt my unconditional love. The other son lived more like an orphan than the wayward son. He defined his relationship by his performance, not by his relationship to his father as a son. He felt entitled, so he was bitter when his brother returned. Pride can make my sons view life through a skewed lens. Remember, I have called you to live as my son, not my slave to performance. As a son, you are free to fail or succeed. In either case, my love is the same.

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet." Luke 15:22

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## Living H2O Photos





## 8th Annual Olde Hickory Golf Classic

Saturday, April 5, 2025  
Sandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach FL  
8 a.m. shotgun start  
(Registration, Continental Breakfast &  
Driving Range Open at 7 a.m.)

Step back in time for a 1920's era golf tournament featuring Bobby Jones replica golf balls and hickory-shafted clubs. Four-man scramble format including greens fees, cart, unlimited range balls, continental breakfast, box lunch, putting contest, prizes, and silent auction. Proceeds benefit Risk Takers for Christ's outreach to at-risk youth in our community.

Participants will be permitted to use their own clubs and balls except for the famed "Hickory Hole," a Par-3 where all golfers will be required to use 1920's era replica balls and a brassie, a spoon, a mashie, or a niblick for their tee shot! Hickory-shafted putters and replica balls will also be supplied for the putting contest, and other hickory-shafted clubs will be on display and available for purchase as part of the silent auction.

Tournament price is \$110 per golfer / \$400 per foursome. Deadline to register is Friday, March 28th.

To register your foursome (or individual golfers), mail names and full payment to Risk Takers for Christ, PO Box 651421, Vero Beach FL 32965-1421. You can also register online at [www.risktakersforchrist.org](http://www.risktakersforchrist.org) and pay with PayPal or by credit card.

For sponsorship opportunities, please email [dale@risktakersforchrist.org](mailto:dale@risktakersforchrist.org) or call 772.539.1826.

## We Have a QR Code

Everyone can use a spiritual lift in the morning, especially on weekdays when work, school, and other demands vie for our time and attention... and sap our strength. Risk Takers for Christ wants to help by offering a free weekday devotional message that will challenge and encourage you in your daily walk.



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