

Welcome John and Donna Bishop!

We welcome Brother John and Donna Bishop to Christchurch Baptist Fellowship. I have often said, "I have known two John Bishops. The first John Bishop was a great theologian who had biblical answers for every question and potential question a person could possibly have concerning the faith. He truly lived out I Peter 3:15. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15). The first John Bishop had the knowledge of an apostle Paul and the courage of a John the Baptist. John came down with aseptic meningitis in October 1995. Because of some unusual and puzzling circumstances he lost all of his memory. Through the help of his dear wife, Donna (John's great love and best friend) he had to learn how to read and write along with everything else all over again. John's motor skills were also affected which resulted in having to learn to walk and talk as well.

The second John Bishop became a messenger of mercy and help. John testifies, "I still have many physical limitations, but God has helped me so wonderfully! I love Him dearly, and I love helping hurting people! I tell people, 'I may have to be sick, but I don't have to be grouchy about it!' I have a good time! I now travel as an evangelist around America telling people how good the Lord is especially when you are hurting!" People who believed there was no hope for themselves had a re-birth of hope under the ministry of Brother John. People who could not find a way out of their depressed existence were encouraged by the supernatural strength God gave Brother John. The second John Bishop possesses the intimate fellowship with our Lord like the Apostle John and the gift of consolation like Barnabas. I love both ministries of John Bishop. And in the day and age we live in we have needed both.

John and Donna Bishop founded the Triple "S" Christian Ranch and there is not a better Christian camp in America. John and Donna have three sons and 11 grandchildren. All of their children in some form or another have been involved in service for Christ. We have enjoyed David and his family when they come to our church and help us in our Fall Harvest Outreach. Their son Luke is now the Director of Triple "S" Christian Ranch and is doing an outstanding job.

John affectionately calls his dear wife, "My Donna," because when Donna was explaining to John what their relationship of marriage was all about, she simply said, "Marriage means, I belong to you and you belong to me." And in his halting reply he asked, "You mean, you are My Donna?"

John still has some incredible physical challenges and over the past few years, Donna has also, but together they make a wonderful healing team for Jesus!

I will close out with a portion of John's personal testimony: "I call my ministry 'God Is So Good Ministries.' I am located here in Rose Bud, Arkansas. Population 420 when everybody is home!

“I have a wonderful wife I call ‘My Donna’ that has been so good to help through all the many trials we have gone through. I had even forgot that we were married or even what marriage was, but once I found out what it was, I sure did like it! God still helps me with daily battle with pain in the form of back problems and severe headaches. God helped to focus on two of God’s attributes in particular that helped me through our darkest hours — God is always good and God is always right!

“I hope I will be a blessing to you and others.”

And indeed, John and Donna Bishop are a huge blessing!

-Pastor Pope-