

I told Gary yesterday that I now know HOW he cons people into doing things. He doesn't talk to you.....he just leaves a message on your voice mail at the last minute saying you are in the program for Sunday!

We are instructed to follow Christ in baptism in the Bible but in addition to that, I am glad I was baptized - for a simple reason .....it is a witness to other people of my acceptance as Christ as my savior in my life. Like many people, I was put in the water – not truly baptized - at an early age - 6....I had been brought up in the church and knew I loved Jesus but had no understanding of the magnitude of the sacrifice of our Lord and what baptism really means. At age 16 I recognized that sacrifice and accepted that Christ died for ME and that was when I was REALLY baptized.

Gary also asked me to comment on my music and what it means to me. I did not have many years of formal music training and because of that I am not a strong musician from a technical standpoint. However, when I play my music comes from my heart. I was a music teacher's nightmare because I would not play the music as it was written....got my fingers popped with a ruler more than once for adding extra notes....but instead played it as I felt it. I hope through my music people can FEEL the love of the Lord and are touched by it even without words. One of my frustrations is that I CANNOT sing – at all (I was asked to play for church at age 16 in order to get me out of the youth choir!) and I used to worry about the message getting through without any words. But over the years I have come to realize that God can use ANY gift to His glory and purposes. This is my music binder and on it you will see the motto that is also on my business cards. “God Gave Us Music That we Might Pray Without Words”.

With that phrase in your mind, I am now going to play what I consider to be my theme song – Prayer Without Words – and even though there are no words I hope it will touch your heart and prepare it for worship.

