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### Waiting at the Station

Last year I turned 50 and you know, I did not like it. I was feeling that life was passing me by. It was depressing !!!! Then one day I was listening to John Maxwell and he said that you need to be happy where you are in life. It was eye opening time.  
As you read this at what Station are you ?



Tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long, long trip that almost spans the continent. We're traveling by passenger train, and out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hills, of biting winter and blazing summer and cavorting spring and docile fall. But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. There will be bands playing, and flags waving. And once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true. So many wishes will be fulfilled and so many pieces of our lives finally will be neatly fitted together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering ... waiting, waiting, waiting, for the station. However, sooner or later we must realize there is no one station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"When we reach the station, that will be it !" we cry. Translated it means, "When I'm 18, that will be it ! When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz, that will be it ! When I put the last kid through college, that will be it ! When I have paid off the mortgage, that will be it ! When I win a promotion, that will be it ! When I reach the age of retirement, that will be it ! I shall live happily ever after !"

Unfortunately, once we get it, then it disappears. The station somehow hides itself at the end of an endless track.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. Rather, it is regret over yesterday or fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today. So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot oftener, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough....Gary Smith

### Upcoming Events

September 6	7:30 am	Quarterly Men's Breakfast	Monacacy Valley Church
September 27, 28		Family Funomenon-Comm Outreach	Frederick Fairground
October 17,18		3rd Serving Saturday	Easton, MD
November 14,15		2nd Annual Men's Advance	Claggett Ctr, Buckeystwn
December 20		Christmas for 15 families	
January 26, 2009		Polar Bear Plunge	Sandy Point

## Service Project Report

The service project the last two months was an all-out effort to help Hope Alive, a women's shelter in Sabillasville, Maryland. Dozens of volunteers, young and old came from Montgomery County, Frederick County, Washington County, Carroll County, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Canada to dedicate their free time serving others.

Walls were painted, grass and weeds were cut, windows cleaned, and steps and a lined pathway were added.

Thanks to all who participated in this worthy project.



### Meet Keith Rivers

*What kind of jobs have you had in your life?*

I have had several jobs, fast food, worked at a lumber yard, delivered sheet rock, toll collector, painting for a big contractor, retail sales for a plastics company and finally in 1984 I became a NYC Police Officer and retired in 2004 with 20 years of service. On December 1st of 2005 I became the fulltime chaplain at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center. I am employed by a ministry called Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. I am a missionary (I need to raise my own support). [www.goodnewsjail.org](http://www.goodnewsjail.org), for more info. This has been both difficult and rewarding, about 30 men and women have come to Lord this year.

*Where do you attend church and what ministries are you involved in?*

My family and I attend Cedarbrook Community Church in Clarksburg. We are all involved in our ministry to middle school students. My son (16) and I just got back from our HS missions trip to Peru.

*Why are you involved with the Waterboyz?*

I got involved with the Waterboyz because I need men in my life to keep me accountable, to fellowship with, and to partner with me in prayer and support. I attend the Friday morning table at Perkins in Frederick.