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New Harvest 4th **Anniversary**

Bishop Melvin Lambert

BY: Richard Dean

On Friday 2 November 2012 New Harvest Ministries began their 4th anniversary celebration at 1930 (730pm). The New Harvest



Bishop Melvin Lambert of Overcoming & New Birth Ministries in Fayetteville, NC

Praise & Worship Music began with Mr. Lonnie Harrington and wife Marsha Harrington. Eric Lowe read Ps 67:1-7. Lonnie Harington, Church Elder and Music Minister was the Master of Ceremonies. Ms. Rochelle Kilgore welcomed all present and Bishop Lambert (cont on pg 3)

Passing the Baton Emmanuel Worship Center Has a New Pastor

By: R. D. Hempton

On Sunday 11 November 2012 Pastor Larry Pruett, 18-year Pastor of Emmanuel Worship Center in Winder, passed the Baton in the good race to Bishop Kevin Magness at the Bishop's



Bishop Kevin Magness in the first phase of being charged with his office

installation service. Fortunately, Pastor Pruett, although retiring, will stay with church as the

The service began with praise and worship music by the Emmanuel Praise Team. Pastor Pruett welcomed all and introduced Pastor Scotty Poole of Lula Assembly (cont on pg 4)

Tammy Hall Stuns Women of Destiny

By: Richard Dean Ms. Tammy Hall, author of *Journey of Courage*, blew them away at Women of Destiny in November.

The reverend Karen Lewis opened the service



Author Tammy Hall shakes Women of Destiny

in prayer and Annette Herndon provided the worship music.

"Secrets;" began Ms. Hall, "sometimes we have secrets we don't even know we have. We can't be the hands and feet of Jesus, we can't be salt and light if we have these secrets." (cont pg 5)

First Thanksgiving **Community Worship**

By: Donna Michelle Iler

And now for something totally different: Emmanuel Worship Center got a new pastor and this man takes unity in the body of Christ seriously. The pastor, Bishop Kevin Magness,



Pastor Jesse Halbert of Timothy Baptist West

arranged the first ever community worship service for all the churches in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance.

The service began with the worship music of the Praise and Worship Team of Emmanuel and the new pastor welcomed all present. Pastor Jon Jackson of Braselton Tabernacle of Praise opened the service in prayer and the Praise team of the Praise Center in Gainesville played.

An offering was taken to give for the parents of Tripp Halstead, the little boy who (cont on pg 3)

Christmas Angels

By: R. D. Hempton
On 1 December 2012 Angels with Faith Ministries held a fund raising event at the pavilion in Winder to raise money for Christmas presents for children who will otherwise have



Pastor Michael Tuck of Angels with Faith

Pastor Michael Tuck started the ministry with his wife Lori and it has been an example of the fishes and the loaves. Pastor Michael explained how God had been in what they were doing from the beginning. He explained how they passed out toys to a huge number (cont on pg 7)

VDC is Growing

By: R.D. Hempton

On Saturday 8 Dec 2012 Victory Deliverance Center on Georgia Avenue held a special worship service to announce the plans to build onto the church building itself.



Angie Sparks all the way from Mississippi

The music began with Pastor Michael Smith and a combination of the VDC Praise Team and the praise team from Mercy Fellowship in Cumming Georgia. Pastor Michael sang Make Me a Witness.

Pastor Michael introduced Pastor Terry Garrett of Mercy Fellowship. "Ilike preachers," shared Pastor Garrett, "because I am one. That's my daddy back there. His hearing is almost as good as God's." Pastor Garrett introduced his children, who were all present. He shared that his oldest son, Justin had very recently been diagnosed with leukemia. (cont. on pg. 8)

On Prayer (the Power of Grace)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

I used to confuse mercy with grace. It has been said that grace is God's unmerited favor. This is true, but it is so much more. Grace includes mercy, but it goes much further. I once heard a pastor speak on grace and mercy and his explanation is the best I have heard. It clarified the point for me. The pastor explained it this way: Suppose you had a son that you loved greatly, and a man broke into your house and murdered your son in a most horrible way. If you went out, found this man, and killed him in the same horrible way, that would be vengeance. If instead, you caught him and turned him overto the authorities, that would be justice. If instead, you caught him, had pity on him, and let him go, that would be mercy. If instead, you caught him, brought him back to your home, gave him everything that belonged to your son, and treated him as your son, that would be grace. You see, grace is so much more than forgiveness. Grace is empowering. In Paul's epistle to Titus, he tells us specifically what grace will do for us.

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodly and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself his own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you." (Titus 2:11-15 NKJV)

God does not give us grace as a license to sin. We are reading here about holiness. Remember, grace is empowering. He gives us grace to get out of sin, to have victory, to forgive, to be kind, to have a pure and holy mind, to have right motives, and to be a woman or a man of integrity.

Get the balancing that is in all things in Christ—balancing, not between Christ and the world, but balancing of the things of Christ. Here the balancing is in the middle between having the power not to sin, to be holy and like Christ; and not getting in the trap of believing that we will be living a completely sinless life and pretending, therefore, that we <u>are</u> sinless when we are not. BALANCING! When we sin we have grace, but grace gives us power also, power not to have to sin.

Grace teaches us to "deny ungodliness and worldly lusts." When? When we die? No, "soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age." The Bible says that Jesus gave himself for us that he may redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself his own special people, zealous (excited and enthusiastic) for good works. We are to be a people excited about not having to sin; excited about abiding in Christ; and excited about walking in the light. When I speak about grace and prayer, I am speaking about victory. I am talking about praying through the problems in your life until they are gone.

The scripture says we don't have to sin. I have heard people (even preachers) say that we sin every day in though, word and deed. I don't really believe that. I know that there are people

who do, but I do <u>not</u> sin every day like that and you don't have to either. If you can have victory for an hour, you can have victory for a day. You don't **have** to sin. When you do sin, Christ has won the victory over that as well.

A sincere Christian desires not to sin, but also to be cleansed. I John 1:9 says that, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. Being forgiven means not having to go to hell, but cleansing means a spring cleaning of the whole person.

Have you ever heard of anyone saying, "I want to be forgiven, but please don't cleanse me because I'm planning on a little more of that same sin a little laterthis evening"? You would say he was a hypocrite, and you would be right. The Lord wants to forgive us **and** cleanse us. The grace of God brings empowerment – salvation and deliverance, teaching us to deny "ungodliness and worldly lusts" and to "live soberly, righteously and godly." He purifies us to himself as a godly people, "zealous for good works." I don't knowif that excites you, but it should.

Another verse that deals with grace, Hebrews 12:15, tells us to be "looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; that no **root of bitterness** springing up causes trouble and by it many be defiled."

The verse says to look **diligently.** Why? We must make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God, for this can lead to a root of bitterness. What does a root of bitterness do? It causes trouble and defiles many.

Preachers preach about many kinds of sins. Don't get drunk, don't steal, don't commit adultery, but the sin that effects more Christians is that root of bittemess. Hate, anger, and poison spring up and come out of the mouth and the Bible says, "Many are defiled."

We must understand that slandering, gossiping, whispering, backbiting, griping, complaining, grumbling and murmuring are only surface sins that come out of a root of bitterness. When someone gossips or slanders, grumbles, and complains, these are only symptoms of the real problem: unresolved bitterness in her heart. Because that hate is there, venom pours out of her mouth.

Have you ever known someone who took up someone else's offense? Psalm 15:3 says not to take up another's reproach. Because she is your friend, you are also offended; and the scripture becomes true. The root of bitterness springs up and many become defiled. Why does this happen? It happens because someone is not looking "diligently, lest anyone fall short of the grace of God." God gives us grace to forgive, but that grace moves from theory into our heart by prayer.

I remember kneeling with my husband, so hurt that all I could pray was, "Lord, I don't want to forgive. I want to stay mad. I want to stay hurt." I had written an article for a Christian magazine and a woman at my church took some of the things I wrote personally. She called me on the telephone and fussed me out royally. She had become offended and embittered, imagining that I had to have been talking about her (I wanted to tell her that, if the shoe fit, then it's called conviction, but I didn't.) Some others at the church took up her offense as well. I did inform her that I had not been talking about her, but it did not matter. Being at that church with all those dirty looks just was not much fun.

My attitude was, "They can take that church and run with it. Boo on the whole bunch of them. If they are convicted about what I wrote, then it is their problem. I just want out of there." Those were the first roots of bitterness going down. I knelt and said, "Father, I don't want to change, but I know that the spirit I am in is not the Holy Spirit. I ask you to change me, Lord. Change my heart even though I don't want to change." I availed myself of the grace of God. Scripture says, "looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God." You see the grace is there, but we must avail ourselves of that grace by getting down on our knees and saying, "Jesus, I don't have any love left; give me your love. Please wash my anger and hurt away with the blood you shed. Give me love again.'

Then ask the Lord to heal your wounded spirit. Avail yourself of grace. "Lord Jesus, heal my wounded spirit. I don't care. I want to care. I don't care that I don't care." That is the way I felt that day. You have to be honest when you pray – painfully honest. We seek to worship him in spirit and in **truth**. After all, God knows your heart.

There we knelt – wounded and broken. Our prayer was, "You said you would heal the broken hearted. Heal my broken heart. You said you would free those that are bruised, and I am bruised. Heal my bruises and give me love for those people. I chose to forgive them. I choose to forgive them even though they don't deserve it because you forgave me when I didn't deserve it."

You may expect me to say that lightning hit me and I immediately felt bubbly. I didn't feel anything, but, when I got up off my knees, I knew that I had turned everything over to Jesus. Recovery from a wounded spirit is like recovery from surgery; it is not always instantaneous. First you must learn how to walk again. Then you begin to regain your strength. Then the soreness begins to leave the wound. The scar is still there, but it begins to fade. Finally, after a time the scar is barely noticeable.

I do not want to leave this verse too soon because it is very serious. Read it again. Bitterness will not only cause trouble for you, but it will cause trouble for your children. Sitting around the supper table and tearing people at church down will defile your whole family. While you defile your children, your home group, and everyone who touches you, your bitterness will become a contagion – an infectious cancer to everyone you know.

To have bitterness in your heart is wicked, not only because it is personal sin that is not forsaken, but because it destroys many other people. I personally am aware of whole churches that have been ruined by a root of bitterness. I knowentire families that have been destroyed by a root of bitterness.

How do you receive the grace of God? By getting down on your knees and praying. Place yourself under Jesus' blood and avail yourself of God's love, God's grace, and God's forgiveness.

Look at Zech 4:6-7: "So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: not by might nor by power, but by my spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. 'Who are you, oh great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!""

Zerubbabel faced a mountain, and God said simply, "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit." Most of us are familiar with this verse, but verse 7 is also for us. God tells Zerubbabel to shout to the mountain, "Grace, grace."

Jesus calls us to be mountain movers. Mark 11:23 says, "Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart.....he will have whatever he says.'" It is not enough to simply speak **about** the mountain. We must speak **to** the mountain and say, "Be removed."

Have you ever had a mountain move in your life — a mountain of depression, fear, unclean thoughts, anger, bad habits, etc? You must shout, "Grace!" to that mountain. You have to say, "I put the grace of God right up in your face; and you, great mountain will become a plain!"

The key to prayer is that **God is on your side!**The key to that alliance is grace, which simply means God's enablement – God's power and ability released. You can overcome any sin and any mountain by the grace of God. But you must speak to it again and again, until you can say, "It wasn't by my might or by my power; it was by the spirit of the Lord."

New Harvest (from pg 1)

was introduced. He began speaking on voting. "Don't assume you know who should be president. Ask God and pray intensely before voting this Tuesday. Our nation has become a cesspool and these secular things have crept into the body of Christ. Observe and be attentive because we need a commander-in-chief to lead us to God and not away from God. Observe the man. Se what he does, what he stands for. Don't just vote for him because think you like him, or because you think he's somehow like you. Watch the response people have to certain things to see what that person is.



Tracy Kelly, who is the technical expert for the church, running all the computer tech stuff.



Hortense (pron Ortense) & Eric Lowe

"The clapping and dancing: watch the response to it. We have to respond to disappointment, persecution, etc. How long it takes us to recuperate tells a story. If you don't get healed from being hurt over there, you're going to bring it over here.



Marsha Harrington singing lead in worship



Lonnie Harrington on keyboard for worship



Pastor Betty Arnold in praise & worship



Eric Lowe reading the scripture



Pastor & First Lady Cleveland of Next Level

"We should never have to call leaders to remind them of what they are supposed to do. You should not have to be called and reminded. If ministry is not important to you, go do something else. God is an (cont. on pg 4)

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Christian Physicians under the Great Physicians Isaiah 61:1-3



The reverend Mickey McConnell

Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell

READER SNOTE: There are many advantages to the body of Christ being in unity – many things we can do if we have it that we cannot otherwise do. We continue to lose battle after battle because we have not yet attained it. But it is not just a good idea; Almighty God commands it.

Mickey McConnell has written a (cont on pg 4)

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organizer. It is **his church**, Pastor, it is **His church**, Bishop, teacher, evangelist, prophet, elder, minister, reverend, what ever your **title** is It is **His church** and it is **for His purpose**. It is not **our** church.





"Suffering for a Christian is not optional. Get over yourself. God is building a body of believers that can withstand the powers of darkness – **His** church. He has purchased us for himself. He paid for us. We belong to him, **for him**. An apostle is one who is sent with the authority of the sender.

"He wants us to love our wife and our children, but not more than we love him.

"The Greek for Church is Ekklesia. It is those that are called out from. The church that Jesus is building is not a building. John gave a message from the Lord to 7 churches. Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and supp with him." Now Jesus says, I am standing at the door of my church and my church won't let me in. They have the door locked and I am outside. "We don't see the church the way he does. We think of a location, but if you are born again, you are the church. We will put more into the place than the people. Most of the people are damaged. That woman with the issue of blood had spent all she had. She couldn't support the ministry.

"Are we building his kingdom or our empire? Jesus wants us to build his people, his body, his bride. Even though the body is diversity we must be in unity. When the body is healthy, it can heal itself."

The second day of the celebration was on Sunday 3 November at 1530 (3:30pm). The speaker was Pastor Joanne Davis of Pure Church of Jesus Christ in Atlanta.

Almighty God Refuses Access

(from pg 3)

Book on the subject, Almighty God Refuses Access. We have permission to print from it. Mickey has been a pastor, a missionary, and worked with troubled young men. He is a

speaker, an author, and a godly brother in Christ.

Rick

I have more to say about the subject of half truths, but I will save it for later in the book. It is an integral part of the cause of division among brethren; and therefore, needs to be given a good bit of attention, but I want to get back to the subject of "what is unity?" Let us go now to I Corinthians chapter 12, and starting in verse 18, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. No, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more weak, are necessary: and those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our less elegant parts have more abundant comeliness. For our noble parts have no need: But God hath combined the whole body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked; that there should be no division in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." Every individual in Almighty God's kingdom is important, and the body as a whole cannot obtain its maximum potential without any one person, even though that individual might only have the gift of helps, and no more. This is the word of Almighty God. Dare we resist or ignore it? That is why it is silly to ignore what any part has to offer; and yet, individual churches; as well as denominations, do this often. These divided groups zealously prevent people, not officially a part of their group, from having influence on anyone that is in their group. In other words, true sincere followers of Christ outside their group are considered a dangerous threat.

How is it that the body of Christ walks after the carnal nature so often? How is it that pastors and leaders preach about spiritual things, yet rule according to the carnal nature? I don't know how many times I have heard someone use the phrase "the politics of the church." What a weird saying. The church is not a political entity, neither is it a business. Why does the Holy Spirit refer to the church as the "body of Christ?" It seems that Almighty God wants us to know that the church is more of a living breathing organism than it is an organization. It is supposed to be led by the spirit instead of driven by tradition and business savvy. Many pastors apparently view themselves as CEOs or chairmen of the board, and it is little wonder, seeing that most denominations are 501c3 corporations. A corporation is something that is under the control of the federal government. The federal government puts certain restrictions on corporations; such as, you cannot preach against voting for a particular candidate, who supports certain sinful behavior. But I must repeat, the church Christ established is not a corporation or a business. It is spiritual in nature. Christ is the great head of the church, and He is absolutely not the chairman of the board. The church is to be led of the spirit, and not by the votes of businessmen, who sit on the board. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. The secular is not capable of leading and guiding the spiritual. The church is built on the revelation that Yahshua Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of Almighty God. He is our warrior commander. He is given the Holy Spirit without measure. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and his ways are higher than our ways. If the church follows him, it will be filled with dynamic power from on high. If his precepts are kept and sought after, we will turn the world upside down, or in reality, right side up. The church is so divided, how will it conquer? Did you hear that? The church is so divided, how will it conquer? We must get back to the unity Christ prayed for if we are going to go forth conquering the enemy, and building Christ's kingdom. Handling church affairs in various secular/carnal ways cannot and will not produce the results Christ intended.

Passing the Baton (from pg 1)

Assembly of Praise. "In Deut 31:23," began Pastor Scotty, "Moses inaugurated Joshua son of Nun, giving him good courage. Moses and Joshua led differently. Was one better than the other? No. They were both cut from the same cloth, but with two different purposes. We should not be trying to duplicate everything like we were robots.



Pastor Scotty Poole



Pastor Larry Pruett



Pastor Pruett charging Bishop Magness

"II Tim 4:1-2 deals with the changing of leadership, telling us, 'I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the quick (the living) and the dead at his appearing and at his kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season."

Pastor Scotty Poole charged Bishop Kevin Magness from Deut 31:23 and II Tim 4:1-2. Pastor Larry Pruett passed the sword to Bishop Magness. "This sword does not belong to me, nor to the church. It represents the word of God.



Pastor Pruett presenting the Sword of the Word



Washing the Bishop's feet as he weeps



Bishop Magness welcoming people



People in worship



As the praise team played softly, Pastor Pruett washed the Bishop's feet as Bishop Magness wept. He also washed the feet of every man on the elder board.

The entire congregation stood and applauded with the Bishop still weeping. All ministers were called forward and Bishop Magness was presented. The church was commissioned to the Bishop and back to the community.



Tony Nevins, Pastor Roger Williams, & wife



Pastor Carol and Bishop Clyde Patman



Bishop Magness addressing his congregation

"There is something taking place in this church," said Bishop Magness, "something that we as humans try to avoid - change. We should not try to duplicate everything like we were little toy soldiers exactly alike. The moment I think I've got God's pattern figured out, he changes the pattern."

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"Jeremiah 23:24 says, 'Can any one hide himself in secret places so I shall not see him?' Luke 8:17 says, 'Fornothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.' Ecc 12:14 says, 'God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing.'

I locked the 1st door (Unforgiveness) because I was raped at 16 and I locked so many doors it was like a hallway in a hotel. I called it Hotel Hell. I lived there for 24 years. I would walk down that hallway and see door #1. I had head and word forgiveness, but no real forgiveness. Door #2 was lies. I was lying to myself and believing the lies of Satan. Door # 3 was bitterness, #4 was hatred, #5 was denial, #6 was bargaining. Satan gives his minions the key to these doors. Anything I did not want to deal with I locked behind another door.

There is one there holding out (cont on pg 6)

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Be Not Deceived...

By Jeff Carr

Miserable Marcia

Marcia's origins couldn't have been any more different than Patti's. The night that Marcia was conceived out of wedlock, in a rape, her mother had run away from home at 16 to escape an abusive father. Confused and scared she accepted the offer of comfort and refuge from a young man she met at a diner while she tried to collect her thoughts.

That night the stranger did console her at first, but as she relaxed in his comfort it quickly turned into a forceful seduction that Marcia's mom was unable to resist. The next morning, in confusion and despair over her sin, she walked home alone and begged her abusive father to take her back into his home.

Carried in Fear and Shame

For over a month she lived in dread of being pregnant, and was terrified at the thought of having to confess her sin to her father. Once her pregnancy was confirmed she prayed daily for several more weeks that God would allow her to miscarry so that she would not have to suffer that shame of telling her father.

Finally, when she could hide the pregnancy no longer, she told him. As she had feared, he reacted violently. He forced her out of the house, cursing her for being "no better than a prostitute, and just like her mother," who had run off with a lover a few years earlier.

With no where else to turn, Marcia's mom quickly decided to elope with a boy in town who had always idolized her but for whom she had only felt disgust and pity.

A Marriage of Convenience, a Life of Misery A few months later Marcia was born to a very unhappy woman burdened with terrible guilt for her sin, feeling forsaken by God, and trapped in a marriage that brought her further misery and humiliation. Marcia's dad never held a job for more than six months, and he never earned his wife's respect or love. Marcia's mom stayed with him in spite of the emptiness of their marriage, because of her guilt.

As a result of their lovelessness, and her stepfather's worsening alcoholism, Marcia's infancy, and childhood was a nightmare compared to Patti's. Life at home was marked by constant arguing and even repeated violence. From the very start, her step-father regarded Marcia with contempt, long before she knew that he wasn't her real father. He did it to retaliate against her mom who gave him no

Even from birth, Marcia constantly clung to her mother in fear and insecurity even when her step-father was not around. Like her mom, Marcia became well acquainted with pain, shame, and depression at an early age.

Tammy Hall (from pg 5)

the key with love – Jesus. He pens the door and you ain't walking in by yourself. After the first door with Jesus as your guide, you just want to fly down that hallway opening doors. People will see a different person and start answering the phone when they see your number.



Karen Lewis opening the service



Annette Herndon with the worship music

Whatever it is Jesus will unlock it for you. It might be something when you were a teenager. It might have been seven marriages ago. Jesus will do it for you. If you refuse to take the keys Jesus is holding out to you, you will keep believing Satan's lies. 'You can never have a decent relationship. You're tainted.' He tells you, 'You can't have love, joy, peace. Lock it up. You just keep dunking yourself in that pity bucket.

Do you live in Hotel Hell with the fruit of the spirit locked up? Take the keys. No secret will not be brought out before God at the judgment.



Praise and worship music most excellent



Tammy Hall shaking the women



The prophetess Monica Roseberry



Lynn Adams closing in prayer

You will be asked. "Why did you not take the keys? As many times as Jesus stood with tears I his eyes and the keys in his hands - Why did you not take the keys?'

The abundant life is not the mansion on the hill and the Maserati. It is the strength to weather the storm.

For 24 years I was in bondage. It was so bad that I had to crawl to the foot of the cross, but, praise God, I knew where to crawl. I would cry and rock, 'Oh God, oh God,' but I never finished it. At the age of 40 I was doing this with a gun ready to just go see what hell was like. On that Friday night in August I finally said, 'Oh God help me!' I will never go back. I will never be the same. I never had to worry about identity theft because nobody wanted to

be me. After that my tears were not tears of anguish but tears of joy. I opened up that door that night because he had the key. The two of us walked in there and I said, 'It ain't as bad as I thought. I forgave and those chains were gone. I went to church and I couldn't wait for the altar call because I was on a mission. When I jumped up out of my seat the minions of Satan said, 'You can't go down there. They'll know all you've done.' But 24 years of bondage was enough for me. I stepped out and the Lord took me the rest of the way. I was down there for 45 minutes. The singers were ready to leave. When I got up, I got up a new woman.

Its up to us to say, 'Yes Lord. I'm tired of running from you and these secrets in my heart. Secrets are nothing more than Satan's bondage. If you are living in Hotel Hell, you can move right over to Hallelujah Hallway. If he gets you to lock up those bad doors, he'll get you to lock up the good ones too, doors of faith, provision, because if the light shines from those good doors onto those bad doors, he's afraid you'll go unlock the bad doors."

There was an altar call at Women of Destiny and Annette Herndon sang Broken Pieces a capella.

Monica Roseberry commented, "There are those doors not just for the unsaved, but in the body of Christ.

Lynn Adams closed in prayer.

Tammy Hall is the author of Journey of Courage. She may be contacted at (678)618-4184, tammie @ journeyof courage.com. You may also log onto Journeyofcourage .com.

Thanksgiving Community Worship

(from pg 1) hit by a tree limb at a daycare center. Bishop Magness introduced Pastor Jesse Halbert of Timothy Baptist West.



Pastor Larry Percifield carrying a grandchild



Pastor Percifield's wife Rhonda Percifield

"It hasn't been working doing it ourselves," began Pastor Halbert. "We've got to come together. He said that, by the love we have for each other, they will know you are my disciples.



People gathering for a community service



Pastor Russell Page of Kingdom Realm



Pastor Michael Pope of Atmosphere of Praise



Getting ready for the first Comm. Worship



Pastor James and First Lady Teresa Walker of Kingdom Community Holiness Church

In I Chron 27:25-34 we see that God is up to something. It is a list of the officers in David's court and their duties. What if the president chose you as a member of his cabinet? The Lord has chosen you for something specific for him. The time is over for people walking 'round

talking 'bout you don't knowy our purpose. God has not kept it a secret. It might not be what <u>you</u> wanna do. The pastor did not call you. The king



Janet Rodney of Timothy Baptist West



Pastor Roger Williams of Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer and Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance Center



Pastor Jon Jackson of Braselton Tabernacle of Praise



Rev. Missy Iler of United Front Ministries

called you. This text shows how to be in the service of the kings using 4 things:

- 1: Each person had a place of special service. 2: Each person called by name. He knew you before he formed you.
- 3: Each person served in a different capacity. (Don't get upset because you are not like someone else)
- 4: Each person was placed where they were by the king. You fit where he puts you.
- "Let us focus on verse 27, where we see that Joash was **keeper of the oil**. His job was not flashy or attractive. He served the king from the cellar. The oil was a very (cont on pg 8)

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Is aiah 61:1-3

Christmas Angels (from pg 1) Children, and still there were toys left over.



Brittany Bonner advertizing for the ministry



Robin Martin with sign on street corner

The ministry is a little over four years old and consists of collecting and gathering toys for kick for Christmas. Besides toys, Angels with Faith also helps the families with tings they need—things like clothes, dishes, and other things. "We helped a family with a (cont. on pg 8)

Thanksgiving Community

Worship (from pg 7)

important product in Jewish society: They had to keep the lamps burning, it was used as a medicine, it was used as a mode of exchange, it is representative of the Holy Spirit. God is calling people to be keepers of the oil – people who pray and keep on praying, they who praise and set the place on fire. If you are a keeper of the oil, people should look at you and see that "For-God-I-live-and-die" is you.

"Whatever it is that you are doing, if he did not tell you to do that, stop and go back to the last thing he told you to do. You may be a rose, but if you're in the middle of the yard by yourself, you're still a weed. Go back to the garden and stay where God planted you.

"Some folks will try to steal **your** oil – your anointing. You must watch for intruders.

"Don't think that because there are disadvantages to the job you've been assigned that God didn't put you there. Joash had a thankless job. No one thanked him for having the oil for their lamp, they just filled the lamp and lit it. He was probably uncomfortable, he could not light a fire down there. He was probably cold and lonely down there alone. Remember the king put you where you are and knows you can handle it. You must obey the king. Obedience is better than sacrifice."



All pastors and ministers were called up front.



Pastor Michael Pope closed in prayer

Bishop Magness shared, "As I was praying for the community, there were ministers that were down – felt like they were all by themselves. If this is you, know that you are not in it by yourself. Together, we will take this county. All the ministers and pastors were called up front to pray for one another.

The service was a first and it worked. Pastor Michael Pope closed the service in prayer.

Christmas Angels (from pg 7)

Little boy with dishes, clothes, furniture, and toys," Pastor Tuck shared, "and the little boy was more excited about the other things than the toys." The ministry does not wait for Christmas to help people. They work helping people year

round. "We help about 100 families every year."

Pastor Tuck told BFN.



The silent auction sign to raise money for kids



Some of the merchandise for silent auction



Two moon walk stations



The kids had a great time with the Santa



The band Crossfire setting up

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver." This is a quote from II Corinthians 9:7, but it is also a quote from one of Pastor Michael Tuck's business cards. The people in this ministry give their all to help children and their families, and they are calling

us to join them in this. This fund raiser is only one way.



Lori Tuck, director of Angels with Faith

The fundraiser, beside the "silent auction," moon walk, and live bands, featured a Santa Clause for the kids, face painting, and a whole lot more.



Vicky Christopher explains about the ministry and how good God is with tears in her eyes.

The ministry needs Christmas Angels to adopt a family for Christmas or to donate toys, bikes, riding toys and power wheels, baby needs, warm clothing, gifts for older kids and electronics, video game systems, computers and such, food, etc. They also need monetary donations which can be made via paypal on their website, or by check, money order, gift card, or cash in person. All donations are tax deductible and 100% go directly to providing Christmas gifts, warm clothing, and holiday food baskets to children who would not otherwise have anything under the tree on Christmas morning.

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VDC Growing (from pg 1)

Three beautiful sisters sang next. Six-year-old McKenzie, nine-year-old Savannah, and older sister Allison sang Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord. This was followed by Janna, the keyboard player from Mercy Fellowship, who sang a sixties-type rock-n-rollish song, There's a Train Bound for Beulah, followed by a second similar type song where Janna was joined by Pastor Garrett singing Something Down Inside of Me. This was the point where the packed building was filled with brothers and sisters walking around shaking hands, telling each other they love them, hugging and introducing themselves. Angie Sparks was introduced and began by singing Jesus My Jesus, Calling Your Name. The song was reminiscent of a Janis Joplin tune.

She sang a second song, a definite Country Gospel song, *Praise Him*.



Folks filling up the church



Pastor Michael Smith in song



Janna playing along with Pastor Michael



More musicians



Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope Fellowship and the minister Tyran Phillips of VDC

"Two weeks ago tomorrow," Ms. Angie began, "my daddy passed." This lady immediately had the attention of many, including this reporter, whose little sister just passed a week ago tomorrow. "My daddy had been close to death twice before and I was right there with him each time. He was very ready to go this time.

"I like to do unusual stuff because the devil don't know what you're gonna do." Angie got Justin from his seat and put him on the drums (he was the drummer for the church before he got sick). Angie got Justin's mother and walked



Pastor Roger Williams of Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer, his wife Linda Williams the twin sister of Pastor Brenda Smith, and Karen Lewis of Women of Destiny.



Brother Melvin dancing in the Spirit



Pastor Brenda Smith doing vocals



Pastor Terry Garrett of Mercy Fellowship

walked her across the stage and the music began again, that lively tune *Praise Him*. Angie began singing and handed the microphone to Pastor Brenda Smith who took over the vocals. The entire congregation was rockin to the music again.

Angie laid hands on Brenda Smith and spoke, "The devil said, 'I'll make it darker for her and maybe that'll shut her up.' But she just got louder." Angie walked over to Tyran Phillips and took him up front by the hand. He was



Sisters Allison, McKenzie and Savannah



Ms Angie Sparks in song



Angie: I like to do unusual stuff



Justin on the drums



Angie lays hands on Pastor Brenda

prayed over and began dancing in the spirit. Angie took Janna by the hand and brought her to the center and prophesied over her. "God says to you, 'The long dark night is over."



Angie leads Justin's mother across the stage



Tyran Phillips prayed over



Angie prophesied over Janna

"Isaiah 45:22-23 says, 'Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.' Knees can bow now out of love and reverence or they will bow later in fear and reverence. We are in a time when there is more unrest than we have ever seen. By faith! Whoever comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Sometimes you have to tell the devil what's what and you don't take it back.



Ms. Angie preaching to a packed house

"In Phil2:9-11 we see that, at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. You better bow now than later. Every knee shall bow.

"If a person is ready to commit suicide, God would tell them, 'If you're through with your life, give it to me."

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Thank you for all your service to the Lord and

his mission.

Eviction Notice

Disgruntled and disgusted, the Prince of Darkness slinks up to the chalet of bummed-out disciples who have made their home in Jesus and nails a legal document to the door:

Eviction Notice!

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Flagrantly withheld the monthly rent

Of guilt, anxiety, fear, shame

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Worry about your salvation.

Already I have heard one dismal tenant say,

"There goes the neighborhood!"

Your freedom from fear is not only

Dangerous but contagious.

Real estate values have plummeted;

Gullible investors are hard to find.

Why? Your callous and carefree

Rejection of slavery!

A pox on you and

All deluded lovers of liberty! The Prince

The Real Lord's Praver

In Mat 6:9 Jesus instructs those listening how to pray. He said, "In this manner, therefore, pray:" He never told them, "Recite these words." He was giving us a model of how to pray. To demonstrate this, he instructed us on how to pray and how not to pray for four verses before that. This is the prayer that most of us refer to as, "The Lord's Prayer." It is easy to see why people call it that. There is another prayer, however, that the Lord himself prayed. It is found in the 17th chapter of the gospel of John.

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to you. Holy Father, keep through your name those whom you have given me, that they may be one as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. Those whom you gave me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not in the world. Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in me through their word; that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you; that they also be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And the glory which you gave me I have given them, that they may be one just as we are one: I in them, and you in me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them as you have loved me.

The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords poured out his heart to the Father in this prayer. When I think of the Lord's prayer, this is the one that comes to my mind.

He prayed for us to be in unity, to be one as he and the father are one. WHY? So that the world would KNOW that the Father had sent him. This is more important to him that almost

anything. Without it, all the world sees is a bunch of squabbling hypocrites who have no love for people and no love for each other, no love at all.

Pastors, hear this: take the time and resources, and funds that you are about to spend on your next revival, bake sale, pastor appreciation day, Christmas celebration, your building fund, your Christmas decorations and invest in the Kingdom of God – the unity with the other bodies of believers, your Christian brothers and

How do you do this? Take your congregation one Sunday a month and worship at another church in the alliance; Stop planning events without seeing what the Whole Body is planning, Be part of the quarterly revivals at 7 different churches (the next one is in the middle of January. Support the only piece of news or

communication there is for all the churches in the alliance – the Battlefield News. And whatever you do for unity, do it with that deep love that Christ has placed inside you, that love for the savior and the Living God, that love for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Don't just talk about unity. Don't just pay it lip service from the pulpit and shrink back when it comes time to actually do something real. Honor this man who poured out his heart to the Father over our being in unity. Make him smile at the unity we achieve.

Rick

Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

I have had a chance to read the article that I am told will immediately precede this one that I write. This is a rare occurrence, and since I have the freedom to write here, I will share that I am inspired greatly. I have read John Chapter 17 many times, but I have never given the part about all of us being one the weight that it has always had. It makes me want to do whatever it takes to help bring about what my Lord prayed to the Father about. When I am honest, I must admit that I have talked about unity in the body many times, but have never actually done anything to help bring it about. That changes for me today!

I would love to go on and on about this, given its importance, but I must continue with the article I was commissioned to complete. Let us begin with the answers to the questions from November.

Level 1

- 1: Jesus. Mat 10:30
- 2: A little wine. I Tim 5:23
- 3: That a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13
- 4: Adam and Eve. Gen 3:7
- 5: Ruth. Ruth 4:13
- 6: Cain. Gen 4:1-2
- 7: Paul. II Tim 4:7

Level 2

- 1: The sixth day. Gen 1:24-31
- 2: Solomon. I Kings 11:3
- 3: Dr. Luke. Col 4:14
- 4: Luke & Acts.
- 5: His 2 daughters. Gen 19:30
- 6: Elijah. I Kings 18:22, 40

Level 3

- 1: God spoke to the fish. Jona 2:10
- 2: Aaron. Ex 7:10
- 3: Peter. II Pet 2:22

- 4: Paul, Silas. Acts 16:25 Level 4
- 1: Absalom. II Sam 18:14
- 2: 100. John 19:39
- 3: 7 days. Job 2:11, 13
- 4: A Potter's field. Mat 27:3-10

Level 5

- 1: Jeremiah. Jer 5:8
- 2: Shibboleth. Judg 12:5,6
- 3: Adoni-bezek. Judg 1:7
- 4: Samaria. II Kings 6:28-29

It is time for the December questions (No, they're not Christmas questions)

Level

- 1: What was the name of the man who gave each man in his army of 300 a trumpet and an empty pitcher?
- 2: Who took golden earrings and made them into a golden calf?
- 3: Jesus said, "Peace, be still." Who was he addressing?
- 4: Complete the quote: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ______."
- 5: The apostle Paul was one of the people in the Bible whose name was changed. What was his name before it was Paul?
- 6: Which book in the Bible comes first, Ruth or Job?
- 7: Which book comes first Galatians or Colossians?
- 8: Jesus mixed dirt from the ground with something and anointed the blind man's eyes. What was it?
- 9: A Roman soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear and immediately some things came out. What were they?
- 10: Complete the quote: "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own _____?"

Level 2

- 1: Which book in the Bible is written to "The Elect Lady?"
- 2: Jesus demonstrated that it was proper to pay taxes to what man?
- 3: Simon Peter cut off Malchus' ear. Which ear was it?
- 4: Who in the Bible said, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump?

- 5: How many years did Jacob work for his Uncle Laban in payment for his daughters?
- 6: Who was healed the son or the daughter of
- 7: Complete the quote: "Blessed are the pure in heart: _____ ."

Level 3

- 1: Complete the quote: "The Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to _____"
- 2: What was the name of the centurion from Caesarea who was part of the Italian Regiment?
- 3: What was the name of Aquila's wife?
- 4: What was the name of the man who carried the cross for Jesus?
- 5: To whom was the following spoken? "Go near and overtake this chariot."
- 6: Who spoke it?
- 7: What was the name of Timothy's mother?

Level 4

- 1: Jesus told Nathaniel that he had seen him before. Where did Jesus say he had seen Nathaniel?
- 2: How many water pots of water did Elijah tell the men to pour over the sacrifice?
- 3: Because of offering "strange fire" on the altar of God, how many men died?
- 4: What leader chose his followers by watching how they drank water?
- 5: How many stones were placed in the Jordan River after the children of Israel had crossed over on dry land?

Level 5

- 1: In what book in the Bible does it command brides to shave their heads and manicure their nails?
- 2: According to Matthew, who were Joses, Simon, Judas, and James?
- 3: Who killed an Egyptian giant 5 cubits (7½ ft) tall with the giant's own spear?
- 4: Esther was the Persian name this queen is known by. What was her Hebrew name?

If you don't know the answers to any of these questions, use this opportunity to study. If you did not know more than one-out-of five, you are not in the word nearly enough. The more you read his word, the better you will recognize the Lord's voice when he speaks to you.

Love in Christ.

Matt