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How We Press On

By: Richard Dean

"This is a season of turn-around," began Dr. Lorrie O'Neal at the 20th anniversary celebration of Victory Deliverance Center, "He is trying to get us to a place of seeking his face. As we press on, God is getting ready to turn things around.



Dr. Lorrie O'Neal at Victory Deliverance

He says, 'Watch me open the door and shake the unshakable. You will see my glory manifest as never before.' Even in ministry we expect people to stay at their post and do what they are supposed to do. People expect you to do what they have come to expect. People are used to you being in the same place. God is saying it is time to press on, to change. (Cont. on pg 3)

Coffee at Carol's

By: Rhonda Percifield

On Saturday 16 November at 1500 (3pm) Carol's second coffee house since she opened back up in October. The King Family was there



Grail and Deena King of the King family

to perform for the first time in over a year.

The coffee house actually began with a prayer by Katrina Scott and a scripture reading by Stephanie Porter Second Generation then sange

Stephanie Porter. Second Generation then sang two songs. The King Family performed followed by the Miracle Deliverance Praise Team.

A love offering was collected and prayed over before the King Family played a second set. Pastor Carol Patman spoke and brought up a man who was prayed over for (Cont. on pg 5)

Only Through It

By: R. D. Hempton

"I have an anxiety disorder," began Ms. Susan Cash, "I say, 'Keep your eye on the sky,' but it's real easy for me to forget to."

"Life can turn on a dime. I have known fear – the crime of sexual violence. I believe there are



Susan Cash of Piedmont Rape Crisis

people in this room who have experienced it. You cannot go around it, over it or under it **only through it**. People, whether they wear a badge or not, have so many misconceptions about sexual violence, and that warped mindset damages those around them. (Cont. on pg 6)

Discovering Your Purpose

By: R. D. Hempton

"Prov 19:21," began the Rev. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal of Anointed Hands, "says, 'There are many Plans in a man's heart, nevertheless, the



The Rev. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal

Lord's counsel – that will stand.' I joined the choir not knowing I was <u>not</u> anointed to sing. The Lord said, 'I never called you to the choir.' I heard, but I was trying to figure out how to get out of the choir stand. One day a lady got excited and accidentally elbowed me out of the choir stand. I stayed out. I know what I want to do, but what does God want me to do? It is a tragedy to be good at the wrong thing.

"What is purpose? It is the reason for which something is done, is created, or exists. Prov 25:2 says, 'It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is (cont. on pg 7)

Jesus Encounter

By: Richard Dean

Encounter Church in Hoschton is new. It has been in existence less than a year. The pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve is doing what Jesus did.



Pastor Jimmy Maisonnueve, his wife Brooks Ann, his daughters Ella, and Emma.

With very few exceptions, the church is made up of lost people, not people from other churches. The Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons go door-to-door making converts. Why aren't we, the real Christians? Well Pastor Jimmy and his people **have** been. That is why their church is made up almost entirely of lost people instead of people dissatisfied with another church. These people are no (see pg 9)

All Power in Heaven and Earth

By: R. D. Hempton

"We were raised with parents that were missionaries in Mexico," began Sharon Arrowood of the Arrowood Family, "The Mexicans in the South eat a lot of cactus and goat, I never ate cactus, but I did eat goat,"



Sharon Arrowood of The Arrowood Family

"My brother and I had never done anything outside of our parent's ministry, but we prayed and were shown we need to do something for those of our generation. We had YOUTH EXPLOSION. It's been going for 6 years now. Young people got delivered and filled with the Holy Ghost. Young people are tired of rituals and tradition. God is raising up a generation that is tired of religion. There was a 12-year-old girl there. She heard we could lay hands on people and heal them. She began doing it, healing people. None of these stories is as (see pg 9)

On Prayer XIII

What is the plan? Part two

Let's go back to God's original intent to work on earth through us and see if we can understand it further. The name Adam (awdawm') means "man" or "humankind" (an individual or the species). God made a man and called him "man" - Adam. As the first human, he represents all of us. What God intended for Adam, he intended for the entire human species. When God created Adam and Eve, he made them his governors or managers of the earth. Ps 8:6 says, "Thou madest him (Adam) to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." The word translated 'dominion' is the Hebrew word mawshal'. It means to rule, govern, reign. God's intent was for "adams" - humankind - to govern the earth as his representatives. He did not say instead of him, but as his representatives. Humanity was to do it under God's authority, principles, and direction.

Ps 115:16 tells us relatively the same thing. "The heavens are the Lord's: but the earth he has given to the sons of men. The word translated "given" is the Hebrew word Nawthan'. It is used with great latitude of application. It means to add, apply, appoint, ascribe, assign, cast, charge, commit. It could be translated "assigned to men." God did not give away ownership of the earth, but he did assign to humanity the responsibility of governing it.

Gen 2:15 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." The word translated "keep" is the Hebrew word Shawmar'. It means to guard, protect, attend, preserve, watch. Adam was literally God's watchman or guard on earth.

So literal and final was God's decision to rule the earth through humans that the first Adam had the ability and power to give this authority to another – Satan. Luke 4:6-7 says, "And the devil said to him, 'All this authority I will give to you, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if you will worship before me, all will be yours.' Jesus never denied that Satan had the right to do this. In fact, Jesus referred to Satan as "the ruler of this world 3 times in the gospel of John (12:31, 14:30, 16:11).

So complete was God's decision to work on the earth through people that, in order to reverse this situation, Yeshua had to become human. He had to become an adam (see I Cor 15:45). Humans were intended to be forever God's link to authority and activity on earth. We were to be his mediators, his representatives. God's plan of intercession is to work on the earth with and through us, not independently of us. He honors his decision in every way. Even the incredible task of spreading the Good News of salvation requires our involvement. Rom 10:13-15 asks 4 rhetorical questions:

"For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? (They will not.) And how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? (They will not.) And how shall they hear without a preacher? (They will not.) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? (They will not.)

The entire Bible is an example of God and humans working together on earth. As we see in the Bible, God finds a human to act <u>for</u> him or ask <u>of</u> him, which involves him in situations.

Nowhere in the Bible does God instruct us to ask for things that are going to happen

automatically. He never tells us to ask for the sun to shine, for air to breathe, or for gravity to do its work. He never tells us to ask for the moon to wax and wane, the stars to shine or the tide to come in and go out. He only tells us to ask for things he has made contingent upon us. Consider the following verses:

} He instructs us to ask for his kingdom to come, his will to be done (Mat 6:10). He is not telling us to waste our time or his asking for something that is going to happen anyway.

} He instructs us to ask for our daily bread (Mat 6:11). Yet he knows what we need even before we ask.

} He instructs us to ask that laborers be sent into the harvest (Mat 9:38). Yet doesn't the Lord of the harvest want that more than we do?

} Paul said in II Thes 3:1, "Pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified." Wasn't God already planning to distribute his word among the people?

Are not these things God's will? Why then are we supposed to ask him for something he already wants to do, if its not that our asking somehow assists him to do it?

He is so determined to work through our prayers, that he says it is possible to "have not because we ask not" (James 4:2). Though there are certainly reasons for unanswered prayer (for instance, not praying according to his will), this verse tells us that there are times when the reason we do not get is because we did not ask. Laquita was a Christian who knew God cared,

but she had a child with a very special need. Would God really intervene? After listening to a speaker in Idaho speak on prayer, she realized 3 things: she had not been spending significant time with God; she had not been praying with specific requests; and she had never actually allowed God to speak to her in prayer or from his word.

She left with a burning desire to pray, and with a definite plan for how to do it.

The problem was that her 13-year-old adopted son Darius had not grown even 1/8 of an inch in a year. At first she thought it was just his Chinese heritage; then her doctor told her to take him to a specialist who would prescribe growth hormones.

During one of her first mornings of quality time with God, he showed her a specific scripture verse she could pray for her son. She paraphrased it: "Lord, may my son, like Jesus, increase in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

She never got around to taking Darius for the hormone shots. He began to grow. In the first 3 months after she began praying this way, he grew 3 inches. In the next three months he grew three more. Some people may argue that it was the natural growth-spurt year (there are always people who want to provide you with a "logical explanation" for God's answers to prayer), but Laquita is convinced God honored her prayer, especially when the other evidence of God's answers was made manifest. Her son's conduct grade went from a C to an A. "Momma," he told her, "my teacher likes me now, and I like her."

Darius increased not only in stature and favor with his teacher, but his other grades have also improved.

This brings us to a very important word in our understanding of intercession: <u>representation</u>. It comes from a Latin word meaning to "present again." As intercessors, we re-present or present again the needs of others to the Father.

This is a double representation. As we do this, not only are we representing the person with the need, we are also representing Christ. We are his ambassadors on earth, those through whom he wants his love and his redemption represented to the human species. II Cor 5:20 tells us, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." These two parts of representation – presenting someone's need to the Father and doing this through the work of Christ – are the plan of intercession.

The Lord made this real to me several years ago on a mission trip to Guatemala. We traveled with a team to a remote village with no power, phone or plumbing. We were there to build shelters for those whose homes had been destroyed in the devastating earthquake of 1976. Over a million lost their homes and 30,000 were killed. We worked in the daytime and at night we held church services in the center of the village. Jesus' love was motivating us to spend our money, time, and energies helping them. In other words, we were representing Christ.

We had been ministering for a week, and people were listening, but no one was responding. It was the last night we were to be there, and my husband was scheduled to preach. A team member told me that on the other side of the village they had found a little girl, 6 or 7, tied to a tree. She was tied like a dog – nasty, filthy, helpless and alone.

"She is crazy," the parents had stated, "We can't control her. She hurts herself and others and runs away if we let her loose."

It was on our minds as the service began. A few minutes into his message, standing on a folding table under the stars, the same God who had asked us to represent him in Guatemala began speaking to my husband, Richard.

"Tell them you are going to pray for the little insane girl across the village tied to a tree," God told him (representing her to the Father). "Tell them you are going to do it in the name of this Jesus you've been preaching about" (representing Christ). "Tell them that through Jesus you are going to break the evil powers controlling her – that when she is free and normal, they can then know that what you are preaching is true. They can believe that the Jesus you are preaching about is who you say he is. Represent, son, represent!"

With fear and trembling, he began informing the people about what he was planning to do. (We are human representatives just like you and sometimes representing God can be intimidating.) They nodded in recognition as he mentioned the little girl. Expressions of intrigue turned to astonishment as they listened to his plan.

Then he prayed.

On a moonlit night in a tiny, remote village of Guatemala with a handful of people listening, our lives changed forever. We were about to truly experience the meaning of being Christ's representatives on earth.

Jesus came out of hiding. He became alive: Relevant, Sufficient, Available! A "hidden" Jesus emerged from the cobwebs of theology. A yesterday Jesus became a today and forever Jesus. A Galilee Jesus became a Guatemala Jesus.

And a new plan unfolded to me – to all of us. A new concept emerged – Jesus and me. For the first time I truly understood the heavenly

pattern: God and I working together. A mere mortal – a human – becoming a conduit for the power of God on earth, the provision of the cross flowing through a person. In a simple prayer, my husband presented the needs of the girl to the Father. He also presented the finished work of Christ on her behalf.

Yes, He set the little girl free.

Yes, the village turned to Christ.

Yes, Jesus prevailed through one of his representatives – an intercessor – on earth.

As unusual as this story is, I want you to understand that it is not God's **exception** to use us. We <u>are the plan</u>. He wants us to approach his throne "boldly," not puffed up or filled with pride, but confident that we are wanted and loved, confident of the plan and confident of the relationship. You can do this.

How We Press On (from pg 1)

God is calling us out of the old into the new, but people want the old. 'Did God tell you to do that?' They'll say, 'I know He didn't tell you to do that.' Change scares them.

Let's look at Phil 3:14. Pressing is not sedentary. It is an action word. Greeks and Romans held games. The runners ran to a mark, a white line on the ground. The judge sat **there** with a crown. God has the crown for us, those who press on. We are pressing on for what God wants us to be.

In I Sam, beginning in ch 1, God asks Samuel how long he will mourn for Saul and tells him, 'Fill your horn with oil... ...go to Jesse... ... I have provided my self a king among his sons.' Samuel did not want to be killed, so he went ostensibly to sacrifice a heifer to the Lord, but, when was alone with Jesse, he told him he had come to anoint a king from his sons.



Pastor Michael Smith opened the service, reading Ps 34 & Ps 100



The Rev. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal opened in prayer and introduced his wife Dr. Lorrie O'Neal

"When David was anointed, the spirit of the Lord came upon him from that day forward. We need to allow his spirit to come upon us. People should see that there is something different about you. God released a distressing spirit upon Saul, but David's harp playing soothed him. Saul liked David and David transitioned from Jesse's house to Saul's house. David became his armor bearer. David knew in the (see pg 4)

Wisdom Missed

By: R. D. Hempton

During the last 7-day revival Pastor Michael Smith, pastor of Victory Deliverance Center delivered a spectacular sermon on unity in the body of Christ. It is presented here more completely than it could have been last issue.



Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance

"We <u>are</u> the body of Christ." Began Michael Smith, "The Holy Ghost connects us as one, connects us as the body of Christ. God designed me and created me in his image the way he desired. We don't look the same, but we are one in Christ.

"There is a natural and a spiritual body. The body consists of a head, 2 ears, eyes, and the things that make up a physical body. The head has the mouth and can talk, but can't do anything without the members to do what the mind tells the body to do.

"We are used to hitting the fast ball, but when a curve ball comes, we miss it, and most Christians can't hit a curve ball. Most in the body don't know what the devil is throwing because of ignorance. If you don't learn how to work, you can't defeat him. You have to study the word for this.

"We are not in this just to come to church. I go to church already. God has not called you to come to church; he called you to be born again. Is he in your life? People think because they can preach, that they are some body. That does not make you somebody. If I cannot love my brother, prophecy and the other gifts don't matter. We are talking about being in unity and why the body does not function as God intended it to function. We have 7 nights at 7 different churches with 7 different speakers. The Whole Body of Christ Alliance has 46 churches and such an unrepresentative number here tonight. Where are the people from the church where we were on Monday night? 'It's not at my church tonight, so I'm not going.' Is this why we don't have unity? I might not get to preach in this revival for another year, but I'm gonna say it like it really is.

"If you are a body, you are the same wherever you go. If I'm not at my church, I should be at Pastor Johnny's or Dr. O'Neal's. We are talking about an explosion. I believe what God showed me that the WBCA is going to have an explosion.

People divided have their own little clicks and doctrines. The Word is what is gonna get us in, not the sign on my church. We come here to give God praise, but we can't do it out in the world. That's how they know we are really what we say. Why do we not have unity? It's because we are not displaying that love. Jesus displayed His love out in the world. We are all gonna mess up, but we go back to the cross and repent. If you have already arrived, then (see pg 5)

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Pastor Larry Pruett on Unity



Pastor Larry Pruett

Unity in the body of Christ: One of the key elements is this: if, at the Tower of Babel, unity in the midst of chaos and rebellion can get God's attention and his person (for God said, let us go down and see... - Gen 11:5-7), then how much more so can unity on the day that Solomon dedicated the temple in the midst of holy and hallowed worship, usher in the presence of God (I King 8:10)? "And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord." And if you think that is awesome, if unity in the Old Testament Church, under the law, can usher in the presence of God, then how much more so can unity in the New Testament Church under great grace and on the (see pg 6)



The Rev. Mickey McConnell

Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell

READER'S NOTE: There are many advantages to the body being in unity – many things we cannot do unless we have it. 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 has been a pastor, a missionary, and worked with troubled teens. He is a teacher, a speaker, an author, and a godly brother in Christ.

It is fascinating yet sad, to watch holy people carnally resisting each other at the point of doctrine. We are to come and reason together "in the spirit." There is such a thing as "godly debate." It is different from arguing and fighting. It is two or more people that desire to get the truth. They will employ the "fruit of the Spirit in carrying out their discussion. It is ok if the discussion becomes heated, for there is nothing wrong with passion in and of itself. It is unbridled passion that is carnal, and not pure from the heart. Godly men are open- minded to the truth. Notice I did not say that they are open to anything and everything. That would be someone, who can be carried away by every wind of doctrine. The godly person is openminded to truth. A wise godly person, should be aware, that they can grow in the truth. Christ was given the Spirit without measure, but we are given a measure of faith; therefore, we individually are lacking, and need to accept our interdependence on each other, because we each have different gifts, strengths, and weaknesses. In my life I have for the most part attended four major denominations; and they are Church of the Nazarene, Baptist, Methodist, and Church of God. I am going to use these denominations to help you understand a principle, the Almighty God has shown me, and is still teaching me about. I have already touched on this subject earlier, but we are going into depth here to help the brethren learn to view doctrine objectively. If you "walk in the flesh," then you will only accept what a single denomination has to say, but the objective and wise person learns to accept the teachings of the Holy Bible, in spite of what any person or denomination has to say

Each denomination has their own peculiar teachings, and these distinct differences are emphasized to the extent that these different groups prefer to worship and hold church separately. The Nazarenes talk a lot about sanctification, but they tend to shy away from teaching about being filled with the Holy Spirit, because they are against speaking in tongues, and what they call emotionalism. The Church of

the Nazarene teaches that you can lose your salvation and they emphasize holiness. The church of God talks a lot about being baptized in the Holy Ghost (filled with the Holy Spirit). The Church of God is really big into intense praise and worship. The Church of God teaches that speaking in tongues is "the initial evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit." The Church of God encourages speaking in tongues in their churches, but do not emphasize interpretation of tongues. Baptist Churches generally teach that you cannot lose your salvation. Baptist Churches pretty much frown on Pentecostal type phenomena. I am going to spend some time talking about these peculiarities in order to make my point about doctrinal contradiction. I would ask you to carefully read this section objectively. I invite you to ask for Almighty God to help you understand what I am saying. You will probably gain some very profound insight into how Almighty God views these things if you will come to understand that all scripture is given by inspiration of Almighty God. Notice I said "all" scripture. If you will come to understand that there are no Bible passages to avoid, it will grow you more in Christ. If you will come to understand that all scriptures compliment one another, and they do not encourage conflicting beliefs, you will be well on your way to being part of the kingdom of Almighty God, the way that he intended for us to be.

How We Press on (from pg 3)

back of his mind that he was anointed to be king. Saul was God's anointed as well, so David never disrespected Saul, but Saul did get jealous of David and hated him. Imagine sitting watching the game and a javelin goes flying past your head.



The Rev. Dr. Lorrie O'Neal at VDC

Finally in Chapter 21 David escaped to Nob and Ahimelech the priest gave him the sword of Goliath. David could not rest because Saul was after him. He knew in the midst if his transition he must stay faithful. He was homeless and he was public enemy number one.

In Chapter 22 David's merry men gathered to him, those that were angry, rebelling, had no future, in distress, in debt, and discontented.

The devil will tell me that God does not love me. I must put all under subjection to his word, which means I have to **read** his word.

David had more than one opportunity to kill Saul, but he did not. Sometimes people do things to us, but they are sent by God. If it had not been for some of the people that hated us, we would have stayed where we were. Some of those who have come against me were in the church, and were God's anointed like Saul. David could have killed Saul and gone on to be king, but he waited until his time.

How do we press on, move forward in God?

1: Most importantly, we pray without ceasing and ask God for direction. Want **Him**, not his hand, or his stuff. Want his presence. God

shared with me that certain problems of the flesh were not gone from me, but he had not challenged them yet.

2: Repent. We must submit to God and become teachable. There is no birth into the kingdom without recognizing sin and turning to Christ, no growth without yielding to Jesus. You don't just "get saved." You must grow. If God tells you to get up at 5 in the morning and pray, if no one else is doing it, <u>you</u> do it. He whom he loves he chastens.

3: Excavate. Jer 4:3 – We need to be breaking up that fallow ground because land left uncultivated is fallow, and a fallow heart is excellent soil to grow sin. Deal with sin quickly and ruthlessly. In America sin is rampant and the church has been lulled to sleep. "Only God can judge me," is the prominent attitude, "I can do whatever I want. No one can judge me." If I come to you with the word of God, I can judge you. I can tell you that **He said** that is an abomination. In the last days we are dealing with sin, breaking heads and taking names, not taking no mess from nobody.

4:Sow, scatter seed to increase the return. If you want a harvest you must sow. Ps 126:6 says, "He who continually goes forth weeping bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." From death comes new life. Seed must fall and die before there is new fruit.

God may give you something and it dies. You say the devil came against you, but the truth is that this thing was not your blessing, just seed. When this happens, you've got to let it go. Let go of the old things you thought you'd have forever.

5: Seek in order to find. (Mat 6:33-Seek ye first). Seek him for direction and for answers. Every now and then, you've got to turn your plate over and seek him. I have a vision of the angels in heaven cheering for us, "Come on, girl. You can do it. Go!" He will download instruction into us. People would say, "She doesn't have the money, the education, the resources, the power." But God says, "Go!" It is because of the anointing. It pays to be obedient to God. There were also times when I wanted to go, but God said I was not ready, that I needed some more growing.

"I never heard of Winder in Chicago, but here we are. There <u>is</u> a prophet in Winder. Praise God every where – in the market, in the parking lot, everywhere. I'm going, pressing toward the mark. Press in to God. Seek his face."



Dr. Lorrie began praying over people who, "are here today and say, 'I'm going, but I get weary." Here she prays over Kelly Lovelyles.

The O'Neals and Pastor Michael Smith and others prayed for all present who felt weary, but were continuing on.

"You have been pressing on so long without seeing any results," Dr. Kenneth prophesied, "God is shifting those that are here tonight, not those who are not here, but those here now. He

will quicken you. In those things you've been doing so long without seeing results, there has been a shift and you will now leap forward in those things."

Praying over Tera Lyle



Prayer over people





Pastor Brenda Smith



Tera Lyles & Kelly Lovelyles

Dr. Kenneth also shared one other prophecy for the people present only. It will not be shared in this publication. Friday & Saturday, the VDC 20^{th} anniversary rocked.

Wisdom Missed (from pg 3)

go on to heaven. We have got to learn to work together. We are a spiritual Olympic team. Some are runners, some swimmers, some pole vaulters, some shoot basketballs, all to win the prize.

In John 17:11 we see, "I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to you... ...that they may be one as we are... that the world may believe that you sent me."

If you are just trying to make it into heaven, there are some things wrong with you. I'm not. Heaven is in me today. I'm working to tear the devil's territory up. He wants to tear yours up. If you are gonna do something for God, you gotta be determined. I ain't got time to fool around. The Lord told me that at the first of the year, the church must be ready – ready for my return.

We are one. My fight is not against my brothers and sisters. Do you get mad at your leg and kick it? Do you slap your own face? That's crazy, but that's what the body does. The devil sits back and laughs at us over it.

We have these ego trips in the church. We think because we got a little vision from God that we have the whole thing. It doesn't work that way. He is my body [pointing at Pastor Russell Page] and I am his. In America, we want everything for ourselves. It doesn't matter what we have to do to get it. We have to make decisions. In the world, every Friday night I decide to get some bourbon, smoke some marijuana, and go after women. If you are not in the world, you are gonna do what God tells you to do.

People quote from the word, but they are not living any of it. In I Cor 12:1, Paul says he doesn't want us to be ignorant. Some people do not know what they are supposed to be doing. If you are born again, you should know.

"If someone breaks into your house and you don't have a security system, you better have a backup plan – a gun, a baseball bat. You better have a backup plan to deal with the devil.

The anointing on the inside of us destroys the yoke, in other words, the works of the devil. If you are afraid of the devil, get back on your knees. You'll get the power to tread on serpents and scorpions.

"I want the devil to say when I come onto his territory, 'Uh oh, it's Pastor Michael.'

"Every one of us – Victory Deliverance, Living Hope, Hope Fellowship, Miracle Deliverance, Anointed Hands – needs to be doing and saying the same thing. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not divided, just at different places in different seasons. All operate as one.

"I'm a Smith, my daddy was a Smith, my grand daddy, etc. Everybody in God's family has the same name too. God is trying to get us all to be one because they are already one. You think God sent his son down here to work by himself. No! His son said I don't do anything unless I see my daddy doing it. There should be no division in God's House. There's no division in God; there should be no division in God's house. We set up all these things - churches, ministries and everybody is out for themselves. They are out to get the glory, to make a name for themselves. 'It's Tuesday; Victory deliverance has church. I can't go to the revival. It's Wednesday; our Bible study is tonight. I can't go to revival.

I think Brother Rick is already a success. He thinks he's not accomplishing anything, but I see it. He has gotten more done here than any preacher has ever gotten done. (see pg 6)

Anointed Hands Ministry and Healing Center

It's not your regular church service



Pastors Kenneth and Lorrie O'Neal

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Worship 1000

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Wednesday Bible Study 1930 (730pm)

Carol's (from pg 1)

liver cancer.



Katrina Scott opened in prayer and Stephanie Porter read scripture at the opening.



Second Generation was the opening performance.



People enjoying the second Carol's coffee house in November of 2013



Pastor Larry Percifield of Heaven's Gate growing his beard



Maurice Patman dances



Victory Deliverance Praise Team



Carol of Carol's speaks



Prayer over Barry Wylie The second Carol's was great.

Pastor Larry (from pg 3)

day of Pentecost, in the midst of clarity and confession, can bring even greater of God's power. Acts 2:1 says, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord gathered in one place."

When you look at the unified person of God, you see the perfection of unity magnified and manifested in unity. God spoke and said, "Let Us..." He didn't say let me, or let thee, or let ye; make man in my image, or thy image, or this image. He said Let us make man in <u>our</u> image.

Although I do not profess to know all there is to know about the Godhead and no one does. For when you think you have God all figured out, look at Ps 50:21, "You thought that I was altogether like thyself; but I will reprove thee, and set things in order before your eyes." (In other words, I will show you that you don't have me figured out like you think you do.)

When you know him as the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost in regeneration, that is when you know you are on the pathway to understanding him in his oneness, which is the ultimate expression of unity. He died who was God, but God cannot die.

That is why Jesus could say in John 10:30 "I and my Father are one," unified in his purpose with the Father through the Holy Ghost.

He is sovereign God King of all kings and Lord of all lords, and that is so vital in this understanding of unity and sonship that John expressed so powerfully when he said in 1st John 3:2-3, "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when he is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him like he is. And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure."

Paul teaches us in Rom 8:9 that if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Purification of your mind is imperative to maintaining unity (oneness) in your life. A double minded man (which is evidence of dysfunction, modern terminology for disunity within) is unstable in all his ways.

Crowds don't impress me. You can't always tell the difference between a crowd and a mob.

You must constantly make II Cor 10:1-6 a vital part of the regeneration of your mind: "Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down imaginations (arguments) and

every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every though into captivity to the obedience of Christ;"

Wisdom Missed (from pg 5)

But you're not going to get everybody on board. They're not all gonna do it, not all the churches in Winder, not even all of the 46 churches in the alliance. You can't make anybody do anything. God will not make anybody do anything either. You can override the Holy Ghost, but you are gonna pay the consequences for it.

Only Through It (from pg 1)

My family from the outside looked very happy and normal, but from the time I was 8 until I was 10 years old I had two twin brothers who forced this on me. I told no one except my best friend, and **she** never told anyone. This is the norm.

Whether it is still going on or not, it <u>is</u> in the mind of the victim. What my brothers chose to do to me put a break in my road. I began having sex at 13, started smoking pot. I had gotten 3 abortions by my senior year.

I was led to Savannah to become a make-up artist. I was underage and getting into bars and making very bad choices.

Mr. Howard, a wonderful mentor, told me that if I didn't get it together, I was out of there (the school). I decided to make a change.



Hannah Huff of the River Church in Alto, Ga.



Andrea Brooks of Barrow Worship Center provided the music that carried the worshipers in the spirit into the presence of God. She prayed as she transitioned from one song to another.



Women in worship

I was using a pay phone at night in July of 1985 and a stranger approached me to ask directions. I was rather rude to him. He was a big man. I watched him as I argued over the phone with my drunk sister, trying to get her to come home. I turned my back on him and the next thing I knew I had a hard object against my head and he spoke to me mean and filthy. He told me every vile, nasty thing he would do to me. He took me under an abandoned house and poked me in the eyes so I would keep them closed. He told me all the vile things he was going to do and then he would kill me. He forced me to undress.

Your sense of sound, smell, and feel take over when you can't see. I was completely alone but for the big man. There was a loud pop and I screamed. I had a burning sensation from head to toe. He apologized for shooting me. I was angry. I was being sexually violated in several different ways.

When this sort of thing was happening to me as a child, I learned to go out of my body. This is what I did then and I prayed.

He told me he was going to get my pocketbook, then he would come back and blow my brains out. I heard him exit. He actually left the place, but I didn't know it. I heard a clear voice – male or female I don't know – it said, "Get up and get help!"

At first I argued with the voice, but I did what it said. I climbed fences and up 3 flights of stairs naked. A German Shepherd appeared, but the voice spoke again. It said, "Turn the knob; it's unlocked." I did and it was. Inside were two guys I knew. I had no idea they would be there. They wrapped me in a sheet, and three surgeries later...

That night stayed with me for 15 years. Counseling helped a little, but it never touched the bouts of depression and suicidal ideation. I got so tired of people saying, 'You are so lucky.' The shell was healing, but not the inside. I prayed, 'Oh Lord, take my life.' Fifteen years after the assault, and two days after I began planning my suicide, I saw in the paper a program for rape victims to be treated for PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

"EMDR is Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing. Now, 13 years later, it is not painful and there are no flashbacks. It is a miracle and God showed me that everything in your life is a miracle.

People ask me, 'aren't you mad at God?' God did not do this to me. Satan did. Shortly after my treatment, I confronted my brothers. They admitted it and begged my forgiveness. They said it had tortured them. I wanted to do the same with the monster – to hug his neck.

I got married 3 weeks ago to my cop husband. He covers me. If anyone in the world gets it, it's him."

Lynn Adams opened the service, "there are four fear-nots in the Bible: 1: Fear not; <u>I Am</u> with you, 2: Fear not; I will strengthen you, 3: Fear not; I will help you, and 4: Fear not; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

The women were treated to dance by Hannah Huff and the praise and worship was from Andrea Brooks. The Women of Destiny meeting was upbeat and worth attending.

Your Purpose (from pg 1)

to search out a matter. If you tell your son, 'Ok, you want the bike. How can you help me run the house? He will search it out. God wants to do kingdom business **first** (Mat 6:33). In the kingdom, every joint fits together. You can't operate without all the parts in place. We all have intended purposes.



Men at the breakfast table before the conference



The Rev. Bobby Harris opening in prayer



Men in worship



"We see in I Sam chapt 3 the Lord Called the boy Samuel and, thinking it was Eli, the boy went to him. It was not Eli, but the Lord. The third time he called Eli figured it out and told the boy how to answer. This is an example of how God calls us. I believe he calls every one. You just have to be listening. He calls different people in different ways. In discovering your purpose, you must be able to hear his voice. He says, 'My sheep know my voice.'

"My grand mother used to say, 'Whatever <u>you</u> wanna do, God will let you go by.' I was not called to be a physician. Be careful what you ask for; It will cost you because he has to shape and mold you into the finished product. In America men want the house, the wife, the kids and the white picket fence, but there's more.

If you are in the wrong place, repent. Paul was a persecutor of the church. He got knocked down and Jesus asked him why. He asked the Lord, 'What would you have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)

Paul's education through Gamaliel was not in vain. God will use it all for the good, and when you get there, you will say, 'God, you've been doing this all the time.' You'll see the pieces of the puzzle.

When we look at Jer 18:1-6 we realize we are the clay and God is the potter. Sometimes we get upset when he is shaping us, but most of us are gonna have to give up some things or change some things about us to get to God's will. When I was a kid I cursed. (see pg 8)

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Your Purpose (from pg 7)

I had a PhD in Cursology. When I went away to the university, I had to get rid of it. There are things you can't take with you when he moves you to a new place. Being on the potter's wheel is gonna cost you. The more he has to snatch out of you, the more it's gonna cost you. If you are called to be a preacher and you've got pride, it will cost you.

"When I lived in Chicago, Mother Lorena Walker said, 'Dr. O'Neal, when you gonna accept the call?' I showed her my degree on the wall. She showed up at the emergency room. It might have been some imaginary disease. When I came in to see her, she said, 'When you gonna accept the call?' When you discover your purpose, heaven starts helping you out; God opens up doors. For those the Lord guides, for them he provides. He will not waste his time or

"How do we discover a problem in our purpose? We ask God. If you are in Kenya and your Sony radio breaks, Sony will replace it because of their reputation. That's how God does it. It might not necessarily be for you, but for his glory and reputation.

"God and Satan are both in the soul-winning business. Satan puts people in prison to keep them from their calling. 'We wrestle not against flesh and blood.' The enemy says, 'How can I keep him from knowing his calling, his destiny? I'll get him on crack or with that girl so he gets AIDS. Or he can rape her and go to prison and die in there.'

Talk to God and listen. Stir up purpose. Ask God for his favor in your life. A few weeks ago the Holy Ghost said, 'You are asking for the wrong thing. Ask me for favor.' God's favor spends anywhere in the world. Money won't. God's favor requires no money. If a million dollars appears in your bank account, they will say, 'Where did it come from?' You must say, 'I don't know, but it's mine.' If you say it's not yours, they will take it.

"Pray and ask God what your assignment is? The most important part is the listening for the answer. If the Lord said it, don't let anyone pull you away from it. Trust God and he will bless you every time.

The Vertical Perspective

"In 2005," began Pastor Donnie Pennington of The Church at Winder, "on a Thursday around 0630, my son, who is in the Air Force, called me from Korea. He said, 'Daddy, pray!' It was about my Grandson. The boy died anyway and my son asked me if I could preach the funeral.



Pastor Don Pennington of Church at Winder

"I got alone with God and the Lord gave me peace. He said, 'Son, Jayden fulfilled his purpose.' 'At 16 months old?' I answered. He said, 'Son, you measure from the horizontal perspective; I measure from the vertical perspective. The amount of time on earth is not related to purpose.'

"Purpose, gentlemen, has nothing to do with the amount of time; it is about connecting with God. When I was 12, I had not committed my life to Christ, and I had to say in school what I wanted to be when I grew up. I had seen pictures of Billy Graham and I said, 'I want to be a preacher of the gospel.' Later, I was successful



Pastor Pennington on Purpose

in business, but God had not forgotten what I said. He said, 'Son, that is not why I created you.' I have been around the world preaching. I even went to China smuggling Bibles. I know I was not called to be a Bible smuggler.

Everyone in here is created in the likeness of God. You have intrinsic worth and value to God. Each one of us is an artistic masterpiece. God has placed in each of us potential and promise that many have not yet realized. He created us to fellowship with him. He created us to succeed, and , even though we may fail, we are not failures. A purposeful life is never an accident

We have choices. We all have the privilege to choose, and for each choice there are consequences. Bad choice gives bad consequences, and good choice, good consequences. Choice, not chance, determines your destiny. Make the choices now that will fit the future you desire. We are all eating the fruit of the choices we made in the past.

In making choices, God's way, not man's way is always best. Search, pray, and seek God before making these choices. Man's way may be good, but is it best? Man says revenge, but (see pg 10)

Jesus Encounter (from pg 1)

longer lost thanks to Pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve, his wife Brooks Ann, Tyler Ellis the associate pastor, and his wife Megan.

Sunday morning service begins at 1100 with prayer. The praise music began, loud, fast, and wonderfully wild. The children screamed with joy



Kids in the front of the church dancing, jumping and singing with Pastor Jimmy and Megan Ellis the praise leader

"On Wednesday," began Pastor Jimmy, "eight of these young people gave their lives to Jesus. This is why we are jumping and shouting."



Some of the kids before the service



People in worship



Kids in the front in worship and others in the back

All the kids that asked Jesus to be Lord of their life stood in the front, including "Zack-in-theback," who helps run the sound. All of them were celebrated.

Pastor Tyler prayed over the offering and AJ collected it. AJ is one of the kids. The kids in the church are the ushers. They always collect the offering. "Our project this week," said Pastor Tyler to the youth, "is to **make** the ornaments for the church Christmas tree. As a family, let's put our time together."



Megan Ellis Praise Leader

A Christmas video was shown with people from all over the world telling the Christmas story in their own language – English, Spanish, German, Korean, etc.

"The Bible is real," said Pastor Jimmy, "not always, good, happy, joy, joy, but real. In Mat 2:13-18 we see how Herod had all the boys 2 years old and younger in Bethlehem killed. A voice was heard in Ramah. Christmas time is happiness, but this morning we talk about the pain and suffering. There is suffering in the world and God came to bear it with us. The world has sounds of joy, but there are also sounds of anguish and pain. 2000 years ago the sounds of joy were replaced by the sounds of knocking on doors and soldiers killing babies. More people commit suicide at this time of year than any other. People get reminded of family and of all they lost. I remember my last Christmas with my mom.



Pastor Jimmy in prayer



Pastor Tyler & Zack-in-the-back
The Bible is a real book. There is suffering in
this world, but the reason he came was **because**of this. I can bear the pain with you. Life sucks,
but God is right there with you. Believer, grab
onto that.

There is uncertainty in the world, but God came to lead us through it. God warned Joseph through an angel to go to Egypt. Imagine being in a foreign land with no GPS, no map and a baby. They knew not what was ahead of them. Neither do we – retirement? Social Security? We are travelling into a dark time. I was in a time I thought I was going through hell. Sometimes things don't make sense. You know Joseph and Mary didn't have 985. (see pg 10)

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All Power (from pg 1)



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"In Josh 7:10 Moses had died and Joshua was leading the people. God had promised them victory because he is a God of victory, but when they went to Ai (pron Ah-ee, not ay-eye) they were defeated because Israel had sinned.

"If you are at home and your power goes out, you can flip the light switch all day but it won't come on. You can check the breaker box and you're getting closer to the cause. You go outside and see a tree has fallen on the line, then you see the cause. Now something can be done. That is where Joshua was. First he had to find the problem — Achan (pron aw-khawn, not aiken, which is a town in South Carolina), then he had to do something about it.



President & founder Karen Lewis opens



Mom Jennifer on Bass, Sharon, Bethany on keyboard doing primary vocals



Sharon praying for Joyce Pilgrim



Praying for Pastor Betty Arnold

"We often try to fix what is on the surface, without finding the real problem. Maybe you have an addiction, and anger problem. You thought you dealt with it years ago. God wants you to grow. If you come before him and there is something you're not telling him, you must surrender <u>all</u>.

"Christian Physicians who know the spirit realm have people come in with diseases and the doctor sees that the sickness is related to some hurt or pain that the patient will not let go of, for instance unforgiveness. "When Jesus said 'It is finished,' it did not just apply to your salvation. Adam & Eve were in the perfect relationship with God, but because of disobedience, they were separated from him, and sin entered this life. Jesus came and destroyed that curse, and now we have reconciliation. When Jesus was in the grave, he destroyed the demonic powers. He said after he had risen from the dead, 'All power in heaven and earth has been given to me.' There are no sick, depressed, or defeated people in heaven. It is exciting and also humbling that we have the power he says because of what he did.

Women of Destiny began with guest vendors and went to the opening prayer and praise and worship. The service ended with Sharon Arrowood praying over women.

Jesus Encounter (from pg 9)

They were on a donkey and it probably took days.

There is death in the world, but God came to overcome it. We will all face death. We all have an appointment with God. There is no guarantee that after church you will make it home without a wreck. We don't know where we will be even in a few hours. Remember 9/11; airplanes hit the World Trade Center. People in the building called family and said, 'I'm sorry. I'm not coming home.' We all face death, but the message of Christmas is that we lo longer have to fear death. This promise is not for everybody, only for the believer.



Neyda Hempton & grand daughter Amorisa



Dewina Jones

"This past Wednesday, November 27th," said Ms. Dewina, was the beginning of the Feast of Dedication spoken about in the book of John. These kids gave their life to Christ on the first day of the Feast of Dedication."

"God is calling you, "Pastor Jimmy told the congregation, "to be the janitors of Jackson County."



Pastor Jimmy of Encounter Church and Jay Miranda one of the men of the church



Pastor Tyler & Megan Ellis, praise leader

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Your Purpose (from pg 8) Vertical Perspective

God says forgive. Forgiveness is a choice, but not an easy one. It is perhaps the greatest expression of God's love. Man says, 'I'll get all I can. It's all about me.' God says, 'Mat 6:33.' Sow into the lives of others and he will show you the fullness of your purpose.

"Make choices based on the glory of God and not selfish ambition. Solomon was the wisest man in the world, but he was in a bad space because of bad choices he made. If we do make bad choices, God can restore us. Look at Peter. Jesus prayed for him. Peter <u>did</u> deny him, but days later he preached at the day of Pentecost. Devote yourself to building godly character and God will delight in taking you into his purpose. My greatest responsibility for my people is to protect my relationship with Jesus.

"What will an attitude of 'I can't' do? Nothing! Throw it away and say, 'Yes, Lord!'

"Refuse to rehearse your past. (The evil one loves to do that to you.) Why? Because, if you do, you will curse your present. You know what Jesus did with your past? He washed it away.

"Building godly Character will require time, discipline, and perseverance. Purposeful living requires choice, character, and cost. There are 4 questions that we will answer, and it is vitally important how we answer:

1: Origin – God created us. Darwinism is a false religion.

2: Morality – What is right and wrong. There is confusion about that in the world today. The Bible is always right. We need not argue with God. He is always right.

3: Attitudes – You and I must watch our attitudes. All Gods kids have attitudes. Life is 5 to 10% what happens to you, and 90 to 95% your attitude. No one has the power to make you angry. A negative attitude will keep you from God's best.

"Be careful of 'majority rule.' Moses sent out 12 spies and 10 of them came back with a negative report. It cost Israel 40 years in the wilderness.

4: Cost – It is never cheap to follow the Lord. It will cost you your life. People don't like that kind of commitment. Paul paid the price and God used him. He was changed from a killer of the church to a builder of the church.

"It is your purpose that you must discover. How? Ask God. Try to find God's vertical perspective.

Ignorance is the Robber

"If you seek his face, he'll give you what's in his hand." Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope



Pastor Johnny Williams

Fellowship started with an explosion. "Some of his children are not as close to him as others. That's why some get more of his blessings.

"The greatest funeral you will ever attend is your own, when you die to yourself. There are a number of things you must know about your assignment. They are key to your assignment. You are here on assignment. Everything God created was created as a solution to a problem. He never does anything just because he is God. Flies, Snakes, grass, insects, and any gift you were given is to solve a problem here on earth. Your assignment here on earth is to solve a problem and receive a reward for it. That's why you are not somebody else. You are not T. D. Jakes or Billy Graham. We are all beneficiaries of the gifts of others (e.g. the books of Paul, Peter, James etc.) Whatever your gift is, it is to be a blessing to somebody.

"When your assignment is unrecognized, so is your reward. These are the facts you must know about finding your assignment:

1: Always your assignment is to a person, to a people. See II Tim 1:11. Whose pain do you feel? You are from God. We have lots of 'self-made' people today. The fruit is not there.

2: Your assignment determines the sufferings and attacks you encounter because of your witness for the Lord. When something walks up on your porch that has no business there, let the word answer the door. People want what you have, but are not willing to go through what you did.

3: What grieves you is a clue to what you were assigned to do, what you were assigned to heal and/ or restore. Nehemiah knew this. Read Neh 1:3-4. When God calls you to do something, he will qualify you to do it. Get rid of box thinking. 4: What you love the most reveals the greatest gifts you contain. Passion is a path to your wisdom.

5: Where you are matters just as much as what you are. You may be a beautiful whale, but you better be in the water. Your assignment is geographical. Who sees you determines who promotes you. Favor is more important than money. Go where you are celebrated, not just tolerated. Remember that, when people tolerate you, they are gonna get rid of you the first chance they get.

6: Your assignment will only succeed when your assignment becomes an obsession, when you let those negative things go. You see this in Phil 3:13-14; forgetting those things which are behind. Many let their pasts hold them back. Their past is not in God's mind, only the devil's. Your past is dead, and what's dead stinks. God does not do background checks. You can't even remind God of your past; he'll tell you to shut up.

7: Your assignment may be misunderstood by your own family and closest friends. The devil will use them to try to steal it from you. You are unique, the apple of God's eye. God will let

your family and friends train you for your born enemy. Goliath was just David's temporary assignment on the way to his real assignment.

8: Your assignment will always have an enemy. "A servant is not greater than his master... ...because they do not know him who sent me." (John 15:18-21). Your enemies are necessary, as are your friends. Love the unlovable. It makes life sweeter. Your friends provide comfort. Your enemies provide promotion. Enemies turn nobodies into somebodies.

9: Your assignment is the only place your financial provision is guaranteed. Lack is a clue that God is changing your assignment. When God sends you to a place, provision is the promised incentive for obedience.

10: Recognizing your assignment will dry your tears, unlock your burdens, and restore the joy to your countenance.

"The key to becoming a real man: you are born male, but you must **become** a man. You can become just an old male, never living as a man. One of the most dangerous things in life is wasting time. The only way to use time effectively is God's way. It is terrible to be busy doing the wrong thing your whole life. It is possible to do what is good and not do what is right.

"If you don't Know God, you will never know your reason for existence. You can live a comfortable life and be wrong. Nobody in hell is thinking about material things, only of how many people tried to witness to them, and that they didn't listen. This is the worm that never dies. Many good people are pursuing careers that were never meant for them. You may think that, because they appear 'successful,' it was. "Anything that captures your focus will capture your destiny. How else can a pimp send a woman out in sin, when she does all the work and gives him the money?

"The purpose of a product cannot be known by asking another product. You must ask the manufacturer. Ps 82:5 says they know nothing, understand nothing and walk around in darkness. Life without a sense of purpose is meaningless. Ignorance of your purpose leads to the walking around in darkness thing. No wonder philosophers who don't have God talk about life being meaningless. For them, it is. Ignorance is the robber. It robs you of your potential because it leads to abuse. Ab-use is abnormallowsep. The devil does not care how he gets rid of you, as long as he gets rid of you.

"When I leave this planet, I want to be empty – empty of all he gave me to do. The grave yard is the richest place in the world; so many died without realizing their dreams and callings – took them to the grave.

Pastor Johnny



Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope Fellowship

A man asked me, "Where you from?"

"From Heaven." I answered. He said, "No, really." "I said, "Really, Heaven."

In the Eastern culture you never approach a king empty-handed. We don't understand it because we are so stingy. There was no closing and no final remarks to the book of Acts in the final chapter – 28. We are chapter 29. We can kick the devil down the road any day of the week. Why? It is because we have Jesus. Jesus is not interested in any of our excuses. The <u>least</u> any of us can do is to discover what God called each one of us to do.

Look at Ephesians Chapter 2. We were dead because of disobedience and sin. We were obeying the evil one by our nature. But God is rich in mercy (mercy is not getting what you deserve). We were given life when Jesus came from the dead. We are seated with him in heavenly realms. This is how God sees us, even if we don't see us this way. God is not mad at you. As believers, we don't do things for the kingdom to <u>get</u> saved; we do them because we are saved.

Gambling, alcohol, drugs and other addictions: these are issues. Different people call them different things, but they are just issues. None of them is something Jesus can't fix. For the Christian, let the word of God govern your life (Prov 3:5-6), let the Holy Ghost direct your life. "Normal is just a setting on the washing machine between agitate and spin," commented George, a man present at Hope Fellowship.

God commanded us to forgive them as he forgave us. Heb 4:16 says I can come before God's throne of grace. Why? It's because of the blood of Jesus.

God has already given us all we need to succeed in life. Forgiveness is a choice. Look what Jesus went through so <u>we</u> could be forgiven. I didn't say it was easy, but it is a choice.

These people have chosen wrong pathways, (Pastor Johnny held up a copy of Bad And Busted) but God has a purpose for all of their lives. God's grace is available for each one of them. God does not do background checks. He knew what you were gonna do before you were born. When we accept Jesus, we accept his forgiveness. The blood takes away the shame. Eph 4:23 says, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Even when your problems seem negative, being negative about it will not help your problem. You will lose your joy and peace. Keep looking at the problem through God's lenses because all things are possible with God. Don't apply this word to your life; apply your life to this word. Choice!

Unity Quartet

The Unity Quartet will be performing at Living Hope Christian Fellowship at 62 Pearl Ind, Ste A, Hoschton, Ga. On Saturday 4 January 2014 at 1900 (7pm).

Rhonda's Coffee House

Rhonda's Coffee House will be open again on Friday, 3 February 2014 at 1900 (7pm) at 62 Pearl Ind in Hoschton.

Multiple Baptism

Pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve of Encounter Church and Pastor Jon Jackson of Braselton Tabernacle of Praise are coming together for the Baptism of several young followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the most wonderful experiences a believer can have is to attend the baptism of a new child in Christ, to see them follow him in their demonstration of faith, to hear them proclaim their love for the King of kings. The baptism is at 2260 Davenport road, Braselton, Ga. And is scheduled for Sunday, 5 January 2014.

Winter Seven-day Revival

Monday 13 Jan 2014 – at *Encounter Church* at 4188 Hwy 53 Ste 101, Hoschton, Ga. 30548 Hosting: Pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve, Pastor Tyler Ellis and the people. Main speaker: Pastor Jon Jackson of BTOP.

Tuesday 14 January – <u>Miracle Deliverance</u> <u>House of Prayer</u> 49 Jackson St, Winder, Ga. 30680. Hosting: Pastor Carol and Bishop Clyde Patman and the folks at MDHP. Main speaker: Presiding Bishop Charles Wright.

Wednesday 15 January – at <u>Braselton</u> <u>Tabernacle of Praise</u> 2260 Davenport rd, Braselton, Ga. 30517. Hosting: Pastor Jon Jackson, Ms. Trency and the folks at BTOP. Main speaker: Pastor Michael Smith of VDC.

Thursday 16 Jan – at *Living Hope Christian Fellowship* 62 Pearl Ind, Hoschton, Ga. 30548. Hosting: Pastor Allen Stevens, Pastor William Pirkle and the congregation. Main Speaker: Pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve of Encounter.

Friday 17 Jan – at *New Harvest Ministries* 176 A W. Athens St, Winder, Ga. 30680. Hosting Pastor B. L. Arnold and the people of New Harvest. Main speaker: Pastor Maurice Graham of Believer's Christian Fellowship Worldwide.

Saturday 18 Jan – at *Anointed Hands Healing Center* 115 Towne Center Pkwy, Hoschton, Ga. 30548. Hosting: Drs. Kenneth and Lorrie O'Neal and the Anointed Hands people. Main speaker: Pastor James Walker of Kingdom Community Holiness Church.

Sunday 19 Jan – at <u>Christ Outreach Worship</u> <u>Center</u> 104 E. Athens St, Winder, Ga. 30680. Hosting Pastor Willie Harris and the people. Main speaker: Pastor Donnie Webb of Friendship Church.

Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

It's time for the seven-day revival again. Cool. I wish there was one every month. They're not the same as any revival I've ever been to. I haven't missed one since 2011. Well, anyway, the answers to the November questions:

What's in a Name?

- 1: Titus
- 2: Daniel
- 3: Amos
- 4: Matthew
- 5: Luke, the only Goy (Gentile) that wrote a book in the Bible.
- 6: Peter
- 7: Paul

- 8: Zephaniah
- 9: Haggai
- 10: Micah
- 11: Nahum
- 12: Philemon
- 13: Joel
- 14: Mark. Mark was actually his surname. His given name was Yochanan (John).

Names Made in Heaven

- 1: Israel. Gen 32:28
- 2: Isaiah. Is 8:3
- 3: Hosea, Hos 1:9
- 4: An angel of the Lord. Gen 16:11
- 5: Abraham. Gen 17:5
- 6: Maw-gor' Mees-saw-beeb' Jer 20:3
- 7: Adam. Gen 5:2
- 8: Lo-ruhamah. Hos 1:6
- 9: Sarai. Gen 17:15
- 10: Hosea. Hos 1:4
- Hairy and Hairless
- 1: Elijah. II King 1:8
- 2: Elisha. II King 2:23
- 3: Job. Job 1:20



The questions for December:

More Hairy and Hairless

- 1: What king in the Old Testament, driven from his palace, lived in the wilderness and let his hair grow long and shaggy?
- 2: What son of the king had his hair cut only once a year?
- 3: What apostle had his head shaved in purification along with 4 other men?
- 4: This judge of Israel never shaved or cut his hair until his mistress had it cut. Who was he?

- 5: What leader tore his clothes, and tore out hair from his head and beard when he heard that the men of Israel had intermarried with other races?
- 6: What man in the same period as in the above question was so incensed when he heard about the intermarriages of the men of Israel that he tore out **their** hair and struck them?
- 7: What unhairy Old Testament man had a hairy twin brother?
- 8: What sort of person had to shave all his hair (including his eyebrows) twice, 6 days apart?
- 9: Who was forbidden to shave around the sides of their heads or disfigure the edges of their beards?
- 10: What class of people could not shave their heads, nor allow their hair to grow long, but had to keep their hair well trimmed?

11: What prophet did God tell to shave his hair and beard with a sword and weigh the hair?



- 12: What prophet told the people of Israel to cut off their hair as a sign that the Lord had rejected them?
- 13: Who had to shave their whole bodies as part of the ceremony of consecrating themselves to the Lord?
- 14: If an Israelite man took a female prisoner of war as his wife, what did she have to do with her nails and hair?
- 15: What Christian shaved his head at Cenchrea in connection with a vow?



The Runners

- 1: What bizarre man saw Jesus from afar, ran and worshiped him?
- 2: What prophet outran a team of horses?
- 3: What apostle ran to meet a foreign official in his chariot?

- 4: What disciple outran Peter to the tomb of Jesus?
- 5: Who ran to the priest Eli, thinking Eli had called him in the night, though it was actually God who called?

Have fun with these questions. See you in January. Love in Christ,

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