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### **One Army**

By: Richard Dean

The 7-day revival at 7 different churches began for the first quarter of 2015. Monday 12 January



Pastor Charles Acquah prays over Donese Mercaldo

the event began at The Shield Worship Center in Winder, hosted by Pastor Joel Martin. The visiting pastor Charles Acquah at Christ the King Ghana Methodist Church was present at the first 3 days of the event and, having the gift of healing, healed many people of (see pg 3)

### The Staff

By: R. D. Hempton

As many people are aware, Pastor Patsy Garrett serves on the board of directors of the Whole



The staff of the Secretary of Ministries meets

Body of Christ Alliance. She is the Secretary of Ministries. Her staff is charged with helping the side-door ministries in the alliance to grow, as well as to work together more efficiently. The people on the staff include Dillon (see pg 3)

### The Unity Quartet

By: R. D. Hempton

On 10 January at Living Hope Christian Fellowship the Unity Quartet performed for an eager audience.



The Unity Quartet: Ken Woods, tenor; Mark Carlisle, lead; Randy Whitten, baritone; and Jerry Atnip, bass.

"Y'all are real easy to sing to." Said Ken Woods, "I got saved when I was 8 years-old. I don't remember the date or the time, just that the man who spoke to me had really bad breath. I was baptized again in my 30s."

"You can think on it all your life," said Jerry Atnip, "and not imagine what (cont. on pg 4)

### **Indescribable**

By: Richard Dean

The first day of the revival was very good, the second day was better, the third better than that.



Pastor Elsa Moran of Aliento de Vida brought people to tears at War Hill South. She preached in Spanish, while her daughter Ms. Else Diaz translated into English.

Thursday was even better, and Friday topped every day yet. As this reporter attempts to describe this January Revival, it becomes clear that words will not be nearly enough to help the reader imagine how indescribably (see pg 5)

### **Deliverance**

By: R. D. Hempton

"As you study ministry of Jesus," began Pastor Charles Acquah at Christ the King, "he will go to a lonely place with someone and cast out the demons. Why was this not done in the temple?"



Pastor Charles Acquah on Deliverance

"Gen 1:24 says, 'Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping things and beast of the earth, each according to its kind." (see pg 9)

### MLK March

By: R. D. Hempton

On 19 January, the day we all celebrate the birth and works of one this nation's greatest men, the reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. This began



The marchers began at Quality Food in Winder and marched through the town to end at White Oak Springs Missionary Baptist church.

at Quality Food on Broad Street, up to Athens Street, to King Street, to New Street and into White Oak Springs Missionary (see pg 9)

### Whole Body

By: Richard Dean

The Whole Body of Christ Alliance has a 7-day revival at 7 different churches once every



Deon Gerber, the prophet from South Africa

quarter, in January, April, July and October. The revival this January has been the best one since the beginning of the WBCA. It began at the Shield Worship Center in Winder and ended at Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle in Jefferson. The entire thing started great and just got better as it went. Saturday was at Braselton (see pg 9)

## Fooled, Found, Forgiven

By: R. D. Hempton

Two church bodies have moved in together: Kingdom Community Worship Center, previously in Monroe, and Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer are now both in Winder at 49 Jackson St. The first service was Sunday 25



Pastor Kenneth Cooper delivered his first sermon in the new location in Winder.

January at 0930. The Miracle Deliverance people were present and conducted (see pg 12)

### Lepers

By: R. D. Hempton

"In II Kings 7:1, it was in a time where the king of Israel was blaming God, but God still had a word." The prophet Charles Upton addressed the congregation at Anointed Hands Healing



Charles Upton, the prophet

Center. "People are in elected offices that are not doing what they said they would. Elijah was sent by God to speak a word and some had the nerve to speak against the prophet. This begins in chapter 6. Six is the number of man – a man is coming to complete, chapter 7 – (see pg 13)

### On Prayer XXV **Pre-emptive Intercession** (Part One)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

My husband played high school football for a small country school. As football players go, he was not very big, and he had small linemen to protect him. The results were a broken nose, a separated shoulder, bruised ribs, two major concussions, and a host of other injuries. He learned to react more and more quickly. Even so, He was still injured.

Too often we are reactionary where the forces of darkness are concerned. The results are breaks, bruises, separations, and various other spiritual injuries and casualties.

When a country knows that another country is about to attack them, often they will strike the enemy with a pre-emptive strike to destroy their ability to attack. It is said that the best defense is a good offense. We must learn to be preemptive in our intercession, not waiting for the enemy's attacks and then reacting, but preemptively praying against the stealing, killing, and destroying of the "thief" (John 10:10).

This describes a concept known as watchman intercession. Is 62:6 says, "I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, take no rest for yourselves."

We see another verse that talks about preemptive or watchman praying in Eph 6:18, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." The KJV uses the word "watching" for the phrase "being watchful." The Greek word here is agrupneo (ag-roop-neh-o), to be sleepless, to keep awake, to watch. This is exactly the same sentiment Jesus uses in Mat 26:41 when talking to his disciples, "Watch and pray lest you fall into temptation." The Greek is Gregoreuo (graygor-yoo-o), to keep awake, be vigilant, watchful, to be on the alert.

In I Pet 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." The context of both verses is spiritual warfare. Each refers to our adversary and warns us to be watchful, to keep alert, for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Too often Christians have taken these verses to be only reactive - in other words, waiting for the attack and then going into damage control. Although intercession can certainly release God's redemption into destructive situations, God is offering us much more than damage control. He wants to warn us in advance of Satan's attacks, so we can pray for others and build the boundaries of protection we previously talked about. This is watchman intercession.

I am not saying that every negative thing that happens to God's people is directly because of Satan. I know that our own carelessness, the carelessness of others, the curse of sin on our fallen World, and other causes all result in accidents, disease and other destructive events. There is protection from both satanic attacks and other adversities to be found in watchman intercession The Old Testament Hebrew words translated "watching, watchman, watchmen," have the basic connotation of protecting or preserving through attentive watching. (the

Hebrew natsar [naw-tsar] is watchmen, to guard, maintain, protect; Tsaphah [tsaw-faw] means watchman or to watch, to lean forward, peer into the distance, to look up; Shamar [shaw-mar] to hedge about as with thorns, to protect, attend to, to mark, observe, regard, preserve, be ware, be circumspect, take heed, watch, watchman; Shaqad [shaw-kad], to be alert, sleepless, to be on the lookout, to watch, watching.). The New Testament Greek words have the same implied meanings, though their literal meanings are "being awake" or "sleepless," as in sentries or night watchmen. These are the words previously mentioned, gregoreuo, and agrupneo. The following story exemplifies the watchman concept.

At a conference in Denver some years ago, Molly Levine interrupted the meeting with a strong SOS warning she had just received from the Lord about Jimmy Bouvier, the son of James and Jamie Bouvier. Jamie, the keynote speaker, was on the platform. Jimmy was, and still is, a police officer in the Denver area. Molly explained the urgency and seriousness of what she was receiving, then led those present in a powerful time of intercession for Jimmy's immediate safety - for God to protect him against the attacks of the enemy.

Jamie spoke to her son later and found out what had happened that evening. When he responded to a suicide threat, a man who declared that he wanted to kill a cop shot at him and another officer. Thankfully, the rounds went over their heads and they both escaped injury. A potentially tragic event had been averted as people had heeded the strategic warning of the Holy Spirit and prayed for Jimmy's immediate protection.

That is pre-emptive, watchman intercession!

II Cor 2:11 sheds much light on this subject, "...lest Satan take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices." The word "ignorant" in the Greek is agnoeo (ag-nah-eh-o). It means to be without knowledge or understanding. The word "devices" in the Greek is noema (nah'-ay-ma). It means thoughts, but also came to mean plans, schemes, plots, and strategies as these things are born in the mind.

This verse shows us that God doesn't want us to be without knowledge or understanding of the way the enemy thinks and operates, of his plans, plots, schemes and strategies. Therefore we can assume that he will reveal them to us. He certainly wanted the body of Christ to have knowledge of the enemy's plot against Jimmy Bouvier. The Lord gave Molly Levine the understanding of the immediate need for prayer, she alerted those present, the watchman aspect of intercession took place, and the enemy's plan failed.

What if they had been unaware of Satan's schemes that night? The enemy could have taken advantage of Jimmy. The word "advantage" means to have or hold the greater portion. The Greek is pleonekteo (pleh-on-ekteh'-o), to be covetous, overreach - get an advantage, defraud, make a gain. Satan makes a lot of gains on those who are unaware of his wavs

Let's take all of these concepts and look at this verse again, paraphrasing it in light of this new understanding: "To the degree that we are ignorant of the way our adversary thinks and operates - of his plans, plots, schemes, and devices - to that degree he will gain on us, prey on us, defraud us of what is ours, and have or hold the greater portion."

The greater portion of what? Whatever! Our homes, marriages, families, communities, money, government, nation, and more. About 50 years ago the church in America was without understanding of what Satan was planning, and he got the greater portion of our schools, and he got the greater portion of our schools. The same could be said of our government and many of our churches!

### **Almighty God Refuses** Access

By: Mickey McConnell



Mickey McConnell

Doctrinal Error Example #5

Blatant Sin:

Early on in the book I listed several blatant sins, but I want to focus on two of these that are controversial in our society homosexuality and abortion. I want to deal with homosexuality first. There are many who have crept into the church that condone homosexuality. There are many who say that homosexuals are born that way. What does the word of Almighty God have to say about it?

Let us start with the passage in Rom 1:22, "Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: 25 who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. <sup>26</sup>For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup>and likewise the men also leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one for another; men with men working that which is shameful, and receiving in themselves that penalty of their error which was the consequence, <sup>28</sup> and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not appropriate; <sup>29</sup>being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, bad character, secret slanderers, <sup>30</sup>backbiter, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> without things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, traceless, unmerciful, <sup>32</sup>who knowing the judgment of God, that they who commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but approve of them that do them."

Notice what was said in  $V_{26-27}$  men having sex with men, and women having sex with women, which is against nature. It uses the word vile affections or disgraceful affections. Are we to compromise what the Holy Bible teaches here? Of course not! We are to hold to and teach these things as they are related to us. To do otherwise is scandalous. The church must not compromise the idea that Almighty God hates sin. He never gives a wink and a nod excusing evil. He is a God of justice, but he grants mercy to those who have a change of heart.

### One Army (From pg 1)

sickness, disease, and depression.

The revival began on Monday 12 January at the Shield Worship Center with Pastor Joel Martin.



Pastor Joel Martin welcomed all.



Dillon Hardigree of the Church at Winder opened the service in prayer.



The praise and worship music came from the magnificent voice of the First Lady, Shelly Martin.



God's people in worship



Rick Hempton, founder of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, spoke on unity in the body of Christ.



Pastor Joel holding a copy of the Battlefield News, conducts the offering.

Pastor Joel Martin introduced Pastor Johnny Hicks of War Hill South, the keynote speaker for the evening. "Say, 'Unity!'" began Pastor Johnny. The congregation shouted "Unity!" "Y'all said it in **unity**." Pastor Johnny responded. "Some things in the Bible seemed scathing, but it was because my own heart was being convicted. I Cor 1:10-17, no divisions! Is

Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? As today, there was an unhealthy amount of pride in the leaders. Even the holiest churches can



Lem Minish spoke about the Bridge, a new homeless ministry.



Pastor Johnny Hicks of War Hill South



People in worship

get sidetracked. We must seek grace for this. Denominations have a place and many began out of great need. The division is not necessarily along denominational lines. I believe the problem is when a spirit of elitism comes about and exclusion of other fellowships develops a spirit of competition. This is what Satan wants because it keeps us from pointing everything to Christ. I might not necessarily appreciate your style of worship, but if it is reaching people, I must honor it. You might understand a Van Gogh and I might not, but this does not invalidate the value of the painting.

"The great commission is the church's primary job. We must be of one mind to carry it out. There will be in perfect unity in heaven, and the closer we get to it here, the closer we will approach perfection. A stumbling block to unity is that we are unaware of one another. You think you are going to lose folks. Trust your people. I can tell you 5 ways to bring closer fellowship:

- 1: Service give of ourselves. For instance, we can have joint services, put together praise teams, and food for a day. Worship musicians speak the same language.
- 2: We could have annual worship and ministry conferences. Pastors get burned out and need a break. Let them go to a conference where they don't have to preach. You will not take your people where you have not been.
- 3: Lending help to other fellowships with building projects and outreach. Send your people to hammer nails or to help with outreach. 4: Have a tough time getting VBS going? Then support the one where it's already working.
- 5: Appoint delegates to visit other churches once a month and offer the hand of fellowship. Then trust your people to come back.
- "John 17:21-23, so that the world will know that you sent me. In the following weeks and months I would like to see these enacted."

Pastor Charles Acquah began laying hands on people and praying over them. He prayed over Dillon Hardigree and other people. (see pg 4)

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Dillon Hardigree, Lem Minish, Ellie Cooper, Mavis Shreve, Eileen Minish, & Samantha Mangiafico.



Kingdom decisions being made around the dining room table by servants of Christ

