



# BATTLEFIELD NEWS

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## Tent Revival Interrupted

By: Richard Dean

The Battlefield News, in case no has noticed, does not report bad news. If you want to hear bad news, there are a number of other publications you can read, publications that often seem to center on bad news. They're all out there. On this particular occasion, however,



Tent revival in Jackson County ordered to disperse by county official

this is something the body of Christ must be made aware of.

There was a tent revival scheduled on private property in Jackson County for 4 May to 10 May. On Tuesday 6 May a county official ordered that the tent revival be dispersed, that it was meeting illegally. It was (Cont. on pg 3)

## Rhonda's Rhocks

By: Larry Percifield

Rhonda's Coffee House occurs on the first Saturday of the second month of every quarter: February, May, August, November. On 3 May there was another Rhonda's Coffee House.



Unity on a Mission

At Rhonda's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> there was great food, there were drinks, and, of course coffee. There were 3 gospel groups. Unity on a Mission began the music, followed by a series of testimonies.

Glory Road brought the second performance, also followed by testimonies. Remnant was the 3<sup>rd</sup> group to perform and was joined by Unity on a Mission – two 5-piece bands playing the last three songs together, what a fantastic sound.



Remnant

The highlight of the evening was the testimony of Rhonda herself, who shared that she had just been reunited with her son Steven, whom she had not seen since he was 4-years-old. He is now 20 and is loving being with his mom again. God promises that, if we follow him (see pg 4)

## United Tent Revival

By: Larry Percifield

There was a tent revival in Braselton from 4 May to 10 May. It was kicked off on Sunday 4 May with a hot dog grill and drinks, with gospel music from 1300 to 1600 (4pm). At 1900 (7pm)



One night at the revival

each night thereafter was singing, preaching, testimonies, and healings. There were several set free from addiction, many gave their lives to Christ, others rededicated their lives (see pg 4)

## Spirit of Rejection

By: R. D. Hempton

Aliento de Vida (Breath of Life), a Spanish/English church, has become one of the churches dedicated to doing the work required to bring the whole body of Christ together.



Pastor James Loyless sings praise to the Living God

"Something the majority of people in church struggle with," began Pastor James Loyless of Iglesia Aliento de Vida, "is the spirit of rejection. Yesterday I heard the testimony of a pastor who struggled with this spirit for 25 years, and it greatly hindered his ministry. As a young boy, he and his brother went to a baseball field, where he saw a girl he was crazy about. When he finally got her attention, she said, 'I like you very much,' which brought his hopes way up until she added, 'but I already (see pg 4)

## Concert for Christ

By: R. D. Hempton

On 31 May 2014 there was a Southern Gospel concert at The Pavilion in Winder with 8 sets of artists. The concert was put on by John Maddox



L to R Tina, Mark, Alexis, & Brooke: The Pruitt Family, who opened the concert

Southern Gospel Promotions, and John himself attended the concert.



John Maddox, the supervising promoter and organizer of the concert

The Pruitt Family always has the most incredibly tight harmony. When they left the concert, which began at noon, they headed out for an engagement at Mulberry Baptist Church in Hoschton.

The concert was free and at least 250 people attended, maybe more. There were several concession stands, and almost every group and artist had their own stand to promote their CDs, t-shirts, jewelry and the like. (cont on pg 5)

## Hiding Place

By: R. D. Hempton

"The first time recorded in the Bible that anyone hid from God," began Stacey Watson, "was in Gen 3. It was Adam and Eve. God called to them, even though he knew where they were.



Stacey Watson

He wanted them to know where they were. Sin will always cause a person to hide. When a minister comes to your house and you have something you're not supposed to have, you hide it. If you have to hide it, it's not so good.

Jonah thought he could run and hide from God. God told him to go to Nineveh, 'and tell them what I say.' V<sub>3</sub> says, 'But Jonah.' Was he submissive? Willing? We know the story. He was headed to Tarshish, and there was a terrible storm. Jonah was thrown overboard and it stopped. The fish (the Bible does not say it was a whale) swallowed him, and he (see pg 7)

## On Prayer XVII

### The Place (Part one)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

Galen Kent was walking down the street when he heard a pay phone ringing. Everyone knows that a ringing telephone must be answered. So, he answered it. To his astonishment, the operator said, "Long distance call for Galen Kent. Is he there?" Almost speechless, he took the call.

The caller, a young lady about to commit suicide, had prayed for help and thought of Galen's ministry. Not knowing how to contact him, she continued to write her suicide note. When numbers came to her mind, she wrote them down. Wondering if God was miraculously giving her Galen's phone number, she dialed them.

Astounded at having actually reached him, she asked, "Are you in your office in Nashville?"

"My office is in Seattle, Washington," replied Galen.

"Oh! Well, where are you then? She asked.

"Don't you know? You called me," was his reply.

"I don't know where I'm calling. I just told the operator the number on this paper."

"Ma'am, I'm in a phone booth in Atlanta, Georgia!"

Recognizing this encounter could only have been arranged by God, Galen began to counsel her. The Holy Spirit's presence filled the phone booth, giving him wisdom beyond his ability, and she soon prayed to receive Christ, committing to live for him.

This is one of the most remarkable stories I've ever heard about God's sovereign ability to lead us, even when we are unaware that it is happening. He can have us at the right place at the right time, orchestrating events in a most supernatural and miraculous way.

This also happened in the life of Jacob (Yisrael). The Genesis account of this uses the Hebrew word Pawga, which reveals deep truths about what we will call the **place of intercession**.

[Pawga: (pron Paw- gah') to impinge, by accident or violence, or by impurity: come (betwixt), cause to entreat, fall (upon), make intercession, intercessor, entreat, lay, light (upon), meet (together), pray, reach, run.]

Another meaning for the Hebrew word for intercession – pawga – is to land or light upon. Pawga can also include the concept of landing or coming upon by chance. Thus it can mean, "to chance or happen upon." It is used this way in Jacob's encounter with God in Gen 28:10-19.

"Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. So he **came to** (KJV says, lighted upon) a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it under his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, 'I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants will be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have

spoke to you.' Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.' And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously."

This is one of the first times Pawga is used in the Bible. There are six (at least) enlightening features of the place of intercession can be seen in this story where Jacob met God, when he **lighted upon** Bethel. Even though Jacob wasn't actually in prayer when this happened, the fact that Pawga is used to describe Jacob happening upon this place where he had such a powerful meeting with God makes it a very symbolic picture of what happens at the place of intercession.

**First**, notice that the **place of intercession – the pawga place – became the God place**. Places of Prayer become places where God dwells. Jacob declared it, "The Lord is in this place... ..this is none other than the house of God ... and he called the name of that place Bethel." The name Bethel actually means the "house of God." In intercession (pawga), a place is built for God to dwell. And God's dwelling places are "awesome."

A friend of ours is pastor of a church in Concrete, Washington. He was preaching a powerful message in one of his services when a new Christian, a young man, became so overwhelmed with the revelation that he could no longer contain himself. Leaping to his feet, he exclaimed loudly, "Awesome, Dude! Awesome!"

My husband Richard said, "I've had some 'Amen's' and a 'hallelujah' or two in my messages, but I have never received an 'Awesome, Dude!' I'm working on it, though."

Jacob said, "How awesome is this place!" When God shows up, whether at a phone booth or at a rock to announce a man's destiny, it is awesome. And God always shows up at the place of prayer. Many of my most life-changing encounters with God have been during times of intercession.

Some years ago I was with a friend who had taken much LSD in her life. She began to get a flashback. As she screamed and moaned in agony with terrible hallucinations, a great faith and righteous anger rose up in me, and I began to intercede. After a few moments, she stopped suddenly, and a great peace came over her. She described the hideous images that she had been experiencing, and how they disappeared after I had begun to pray.

God immediately began to minister to me. His presence became awesome as he spoke to me about my future purposes. Those things he revealed to me that day have almost all come to pass. The rest are still in my future. This encounter took place not in a church service or in a period of quiet time with him, but in a shorter session of intercession.

When we move into the unselfish ministry of interceding for someone, God finds it irresistible and meets (pawga) with us. He always loves our company, but when we begin to represent his beloved son, the heart of the Father is stirred beyond resisting. He simply **will** respond. Therefore, the ordinary place becomes an awesome place: the house of God. All that can

be said about God can be said about his presence, and intercession takes us there.

The second thing Jacob's story illustrates about the place of intercession is **God's willingness to bring precision or accuracy to our prayers**. Jacob "happened" upon Bethel, much like Galen Kent happened upon the phone booth. He was not guided there by understanding, intelligence, or reasoning; he simply chanced upon (pawga) it at sunset and, needing a place to sleep, spent the night there. He was, however, without knowing it, being led by the Holy Spirit. Bethel was an important place in Israel. God intended Jacob's future to be shaped there. He was brought there by the sovereign direction of the Holy Ghost. A more literal rendering of V<sub>11</sub> actually would be "he came to **the** place," not just "a place."

Remember that this word for "coming upon by chance," pawga, is also the word for intercession. What does this say to us about prayer? We often do not have the wisdom, understanding, or insight to know exactly how to pray. Like Jacob, it's almost as if we must "chance upon" the right prayer. In these incidents, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will help us to hit the mark.

A few years ago in an Old Testament class, when the word "pawga" was being discussed, an Israeli student raised his hand and shared that while target practicing in Israel, he discovered that word for bulls-eye is pawga. Imagine that! The very word for intercession actually means "bull's-eye!"

God will do for us as he did for Jacob. When we "don't know how to pray as we should" (Rom 8:26), he will help us find the mark – the place – just as he helped Jacob. I am remembering the story of Stephanie (not her real name) who was very ill with many health problems: stomach pains, headaches, back pain, and more. Doctors could not solve her problems, and a lot of prayer had been prayed for her healing, also with no results.

One day the Holy Ghost quietly spoke to an intercessor who was praying for her: "The problem is not physical, it is spiritual. Stephanie has bitterness and unforgiveness toward a person who wronged her. Challenge her to forgive and release that person."

Stephanie was finally able to forgive that person who had hurt her. The results were amazing! A process of healing began that did not stop until she was completely well.

Pawga – bull's-eye – Holy Spirit accuracy. The intercessor had "chanced" upon the problem. What she couldn't know, the Holy Ghost knew, and caused her to "light upon" (pawga) the right place. That is effective, spirit-led intercession.

Jesus told us to pray, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever." The word "power" in this phrase also means ability. He was reminding us that we don't have the ability to accomplish what is needed in our own strength and understanding. Only the Father does. We must lean on him for our ability to hit the mark.

## Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell



The Rev. 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.

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Rick

### #3 Doctrinal Error Example

#### Initial Evidence Controversy

The next example is somewhat a continuation of the last one. There is a troubling controversy, between certain denominations, concerning being filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus told his disciples in John 14:16, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him; but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you." Christ revealed to his disciples that, even though the Holy Spirit was with them, there was more to be had. They would actually have the Holy Spirit living in them. Eph 5:18 states: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit." The passage is not just a suggestion, but it is a directive that all believers should follow; we should seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit, Acts 19:1-2 we find, "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." This passage demonstrates that a believer is not necessarily filled with the Holy Ghost at the moment of being born again. For these people it was quite a while later.

In Luke 11:13, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them ask him?" This passage lets us know that we must ask for the Holy Spirit, and if we do ask for the Holy Spirit, the Almighty is pleased to give him to us. In Acts 1:8, the Holy Bible says, "But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." We see that the believer is empowered when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Then in Acts 2:1-4, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave

them utterance." This is the actual record of what happened on the day of Pentecost. Having read these passages, we can see, that being filled with the Holy Spirit is a very important and critical matter. Christ went to considerable lengths teaching his disciples this important truth. The record in the book of Acts gives us a good bit of information concerning this. Later, in Corinthians, the Almighty gives us more information that helps to accurately guide our understanding on this subject.

I have spent time in numerous denominations and know a lot about these matters. Pentecostal groups have so much to offer the body of Christ. They are not afraid to use the spiritual gifts that Almighty God has given to believers. The worship in Pentecostal groups tends to encourage believers to let their worship flow freely and spontaneously to the Great Creator, who is most certainly worthy of praise. These are huge assets to the body of Christ, and Pentecostal denominations could probably lead other denominations to great spiritual heights, if they did not violate the holy scriptures in misusing these wonderful things. Unfortunately, they, like most other denominations, are out of balance in certain aspects of their ministry. Why is it so difficult to find a denomination that handles the Word with balance? We can easily find opposite extremes, but balanced doctrine is a rarity.

Take a look with me at an example of what I am talking about. The "Church of God" forcefully asserts that there is "initial evidence" that accompanies being filled with the Holy Spirit. This alleged initial evidence, they say, is "speaking in tongues." I am sure there are other Pentecostal denominations that hold to this same position, but there are also many denominations that do not hold to this position. Question: Does it really matter? Well yes, it does matter; because, as we have just seen, the Christian/believer receives needed power into their lives, when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. But there are many believers who never receive the gift of tongues. Does this mean they have never been filled with the Holy Spirit? This is at the heart of the controversy. If the Church of God is right, then there are many Christians who are falling short of Almighty God's directive to be filled with the Spirit, who are very sad and frustrated by their inability to please the Almighty. If the Church of God is wrong, then there are many people who can be relieved that, even though they have not received the gift of tongues, they still may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

What does the word say? As we discovered in the preceding Doctrinal Error Example, there is a valid "gift of tongues." As far as I know (and I have studied this subject quite extensively), no where do the scriptures clearly address this question. Does everyone, who is filled with the Holy Spirit manifest an initial evidence of speaking in tongues?

The Church of God presumes that there is collateral evidence that implies there is a definite "initial evidence" of speaking in tongues. Again, lets examine what the scriptures say.

Before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, there were some people who were filled with the Holy Spirit. In Luke 1:15, we find that John the Baptist was (see pg 4)

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## Interrupted (from pg 1)

quite a shock to Greg Brockman, Greg Brooks, and Pastor Billy Angel of Kingdom Life Refuge in Commerce, the men who had been conducting these tent revivals for some time.

When Greg Brockman began to investigate what it took to have the revival in a legal way, the plot began to thicken. It turns out that, if you have a church service in **your** living room, that is illegal. If you hold a Bible study in **your** basement, you are breaking the law. If you have a prayer meeting in **your** home, it is illegal.

Someone may say, "Well, all you have to do is get a permit. They are free." That is true, but the way the permit works is that you can apply for a permit that lasts 15 days, at which time you can apply for a second permit – 30 days. If you hold a church service weekly or biweekly, according to this, you can only do it for 30 days. Think about this, however: even if you could have as many free permits as you want, a permit can be granted; it can also be denied. Consider this as well: We are talking about what happens in **your** home. You can have a keg party or a wild wedding reception. You don't have to have a permit for that. The county ordinance speaks of "religious assemblies." More information on the county ordinance may be obtained by contacting Jackson County, The Battlefield News, or Greg Brockman.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

There Will be a meeting on Monday 16 June 2014 at the Jackson County court house in Jefferson at 1800 (6pm). We need to be there. We need to be there in large numbers, not to carry signs or make a big fuss, but to show strength and unity. Greg Brockman will be there to speak to the board of commissioners. We just need to be there calmly, peacefully, and respectfully, but we need to **be there**. The

address is 5000 Jackson Parkway, Jefferson, Ga. 30549.

The reason we are having to deal with this situation and situations like it, is that we are a long way from being in unity. And even when some people find out about things like this, instead of showing up to support the body of Christ, they choose to go to their pastor appreciation, or go hear their friend speak at a church, or go to the Bible study scheduled for that day. When that pastor appreciation, or Bible study becomes illegal, they'll wish they had adopted a more kingdom of God set of priorities, but it will be too late.

When Almighty God told the Israelites that he was giving them the land of Canaan, they didn't sit in the East side of the Jordan and pray that the people on the West side would just surrender. They got up, crossed the Jordan and fought.

We need to get up and show up. If we don't, then we deserve whatever the forces of darkness put on us. We need to start making serious moves to come together with our brothers and sisters in Christ before it is too late.

### Almighty God (from pg 3)

filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. The phrase here, "filled with the Holy Ghost" is identical to the one in Acts 2:4, and with identical meaning. In Luke 1:41 we find, "And it came to pass that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spoke but with a loud voice and said, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For lo, as soon as the voice of your salutation sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." Once again we have an exact duplicate in the phrase "filled with the Holy Ghost:" same words, same meanings. Go study the Greek. Did you notice what tangible evidence was exhibited by Elisabeth? The answer is a resounding yes. She prophesied. This is the same initial evidence spoken of in Acts 19:6. The moment she was filled with the Holy Ghost, she did not speak in tongues.

### Rhonda's Rhocks (from pg 1)

and share his word, he will restore us and our families.



Rhonda and her boys



People enjoying Rhonda's Coffee House

Come join us at Rhonda's. The next one will be on 2 August at 1800 (6pm) at the Fairview Community Center on Fairview Road off Hwy 60 in Braselton, Ga.



Refreshments at Rhonda's



### United Tent (from pg 1)

to Christ. But on Tuesday they were shut down by Jackson county as the county now requires that "religious assemblies" (not in an established church building) to have a permit. The "religious assembly" dispersed and just moved down the street. Instead of the tent revival, they just had a barbecue, which requires no permit. There is a rumor, however, that there was still grilling, singing, and sharing the word of God.



Barbecue



After the revival was revived



Pastor Larry Percifield with some of his people

On Wednesday 7 May, the permit was obtained and the revival continued. We believe the government is trying to keep tabs on people sharing the word of God by requiring permits to do so. Keep in mind that, as the day draws closer for the returning of our Lord and Savior, Christians will find it hard to share the word, and to do so may cost them their lives. We need each other, and we will need each other more and more.

### Spirit Rejection (from pg 1)

have a dog.' This same spirit is in the church. Most people are born with a spirit of rejection. Almost everyone has experienced this in their life. This spirit will cause you to have pain and to reject others.



First Lady Rosa Loyless greets people at the door of the sanctuary.



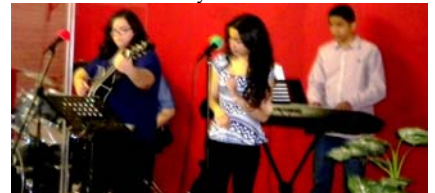
Pastor Loyless visits with his mostly Spanish-speaking congregation before service as the sanctuary fills up.



The couple that always prays on their knees, Amaury Peralta and Rosanna Rodriguez



The praise and worship band AV Music with Eli Gonzalez on drums, his sister Carla Gonzalez on guitar, Gloria Guzman on vocals and her brother Roy Guzman on keyboard.



People in worship

"The spirit includes fear, the rejection of others and of yourself.

"It comes from all the way back, from our ancestors. Demons will attack people because of their parents. It seems to be mostly about the mothers, but is on the dads as well. For instance, when a mother becomes pregnant, and she begins to ask God for a girl or a boy, and what

she really has is the opposite, the child's spirit is crushed. The child is born with a spirit of rejection because the parents wanted the other gender.



People in worship



First lady Rosa and the children worship with flags



People loving on each other



The praise and worship at this little church is wonderful, partly in English, partly in Spanish.



"Rejection is one of the biggest problems in the human race today. It tells kids they are throw-aways. The opposite of rejection is love. We see the roots named in Is 3:12 - 'As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.' In so many families the wife rules the husband, and/or the children run the family.

This is usually the result of family curses and paves the way to rejection. This is a dysfunctional family because the Bible says the man is the head, the priest of his home.



Rosanna Rodriguez & Amaurys Peralta



People greeting one another with hugs



Pastor's mom, Diane Catchings



Elsa Moran associate pastor prays over the offering and her daughter, the church translator, Elsie Adames translates into English.



Pastor James preaching in English with Elsie Adames translating into Spanish



Roy Guzman, Carla Gonzalez, and Gloria Guzman, AV Music (Minus Eli Gonzalez)

Frustrated by a lack of leadership and unable to respect her husband as a man, the woman may have a spirit of domination, which begins to take over - the spirit of Jezebel. So men go after other women, out-door sports and the like just to get away from home, because in the wilderness, he is in charge.

The child will get caught up in the conflict and become the victim. Children are the primary victims in a divorce. A woman in this dominating situation will often keep the male child from asserting his manliness. He begins to take on the spirit of homosexuality. If the mom wanted him to be a girl, she may teach him girl things.

The progression of destruction of the female child is the same as with a boy, but she will manifest the same attitude as the (see pg 6)

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## Concert Christ (from pg 1)

John Maddox has been working in concert (no pun intended, well, maybe a little) with his associates to promote Southern Gospel concerts for some years now. "I wanted to gather them up together for the community that helped me with my ministry."



The promotion associates of John Maddox



James, Micah, Alice, all from Love of God Mission



Jerry Mitchell with the Mitchells

After the Pruitt Family totally captivated the audience, The Mitchells began by announcing the board of commissioner's meeting at the

Jackson County court house on 16 June at 1800 (6pm). They immediately went into *God Bless America Again*.



Some of the 250 plus people who came to listen



CDs and other things



And popcorn



The Mitchells: Perry House, Sherry & Jerry



John Maddox performs with the Mitchells



Clarke Kesler performs a *Camel Train*, a song written in 1924.

Jerry also announced that the Mitchells would be part of a fund raising event to help Pastor Patsy Garrett of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle get to Alaska to the mission field. The benefit will

take place at Arcade Community Church at 1800 (6pm) on 14 June 2014.

"How many here are committed?" asked Clarke. "How many are totally committed? Think of Ham and eggs. The chicken was committed, but the pig was totally committed." Clarke performed original music almost entirely.

This reporter was at the concert with a grandson. When Clarke sang about Jesus and said, "His sweat became **great drops of blood**," it sounded to him like Clarke said, "His sweat became **Ray Johnson's blood**." He asked "Who is Ray Johnson?"



Michael Bennett and Jennifer West performed with Clarke Kesler



Jennifer West of Danielsville Sang *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*, and her second song was *The Preacher* written by Freddie Smith



Some of the people at the concert



Freddie Smith

Many of the artists who performed at the concert have performed at some of the WBCA coffee houses. Dawn, Larry, and Jason of Reviving hearts, Gerald Sweatman, and Divine 3 Ministries with Jason Butler also performed at the concert. It was a wonderful all day event, a great way to spend a Saturday with the family. We look forward to more of John Maddox's productions.

### Spirit Rejection (from pg 5)

mother. This is why God tells us we are not supposed to sleep with anyone but our spouse. It is not just physical union, but also spiritual. This kind of union also brings about permanent physiological changes in the brain as well. When people connect in this way, a child can be born from this union. Things happen because of it. Feelings come, you begin to act in ways you have not acted before. Why? The answer is blood. You have opened yourself up to spirits and they come in. They might leave, but they come back with 7 more that are more evil than themselves if you do not place the word in your mind, in your heart.

There is a pattern to the entrance of rejection that opens the door to a spirit of rebellion. When

a child acts out, his parents say, 'Why? He wasn't raised that way.'

Consider these 8 things:

- 1: A curse of destruction destroys the family priesthood that is centered around the father.
- 2: These curses and spirits cause the father to withdraw and the mother to try to dominate.
- 3: The spirit of inappropriate discipline works through the mother – either too permissive or too harsh.
- 4: There enters a spirit of lying to escape punishment.
- 5: A curse and spirit of guilt comes in.
- 6: This invites a spirit of distrust as a result of the guilt.
- 7: This brings a lack of communication between parents and child. How do we babysit our kids? We fill their lives with television, games, and toys so they will stay out of our hair. As long as they are quiet, Mom and Dad are happy. No more is there any such thing as family time. We need this family time much, yet, as parents, we know how to pray, but we give the kids what they want to keep them from being angry, to keep them quiet.
- 8: If there is a curse or spirit of rejection, the children cannot confide in the parents as they are supposed to, since the parents have more wisdom. So the kids turn their attention and affections to others as a woman who is abused and rejected by men turns to lesbians. A man rejected by women will turn to men.



Pastor James Loyless, Neyda Hempton, and Pastor's mom, Ms. Diane Catchings.



First Lady Rosa & Pastor James Loyless

There is a spirit of witchcraft and control, also known as a spirit of ugliness, which opens a hellish ping-pong game. The two players, rejection and Rebellion hit the ball over the net, and the ball is the hapless victim.

There is a book called *Pigs in the Parlor* by Frank Hammond, which has a chapter that deals with schizophrenia. These, according to Mr. Hammond, are demons of rejection and rebellion. The medications don't work, at least not to bring about a change, because they work on the person's mind and don't deal with the problem. What is needed is deliverance.

Rejection is so common that it is found almost everywhere. Almost everyone struggles with it, some more than others. The discovery of an out-of-wedlock pregnancy is far more serious than most people believe. The child born will act out because a child needs a dad. Sometimes a woman just wants to have a good time, not to have a child, which is why abortion is on the increase. This in itself opens the door to tormenting spirits. Rejection also opens the door to tormenting spirits, but Mat 18:18 gives the general idea for binding these spirits.

When we learn to have true forgiveness, and true repentance, this will bring true healing, and God will take away all the hurt. When you truly forgive someone, you **will** forget about it. If you are holding on to it, you have not truly forgiven them. **You** are the one in bondage. God will allow people into your life to bring pain so that you will mature.

**Hiding Place** (from pg 1)

was inside the fish for 3 days and 3 nights. He prayed. God had to pursue Jonah. Be obedient even in the small things.



President & founder Karen Lewis opens



The reverend Barbara Ulrich, a Methodist pastor between assignments, provided the praise and worship music.



Women of Destiny in worship



Enter Mary Tate, the food ministry lady

“In I King 18 & 19 we see another man who hid. Elijah, however, hid from the enemy. You can hide **in** God, but you can’t hide **from** God. In chapter 18, God told Elijah to go on back. He did and he beat all the prophets of Baal. Then, in Chapter 19, he was out there and he just wanted to die, to give up. Isn’t that the way we get. He ate the angel food and went back to sleep. He must’ve been very tired. Don’t you ever just get tired?



Nita Dyer greeter



Sandra Ivie prayed over the offering. Sandra is scheduled to be the main speaker in July.



Stacey Watson, “But Jonah.”

“God said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ Have you ever just been hiding? There was a great earthquake, a wind so strong that it broke off rock, and there was a fire, but God was not in any of those. Instead, he was in the still, small voice - If we could just get in his presence and hear that still, small voice. This is where Elijah began to complain. ‘Oh, I am the only one left.’ He was having a pity party. If Elijah would’ve said this to one of we ladies, we probably would have been sympathetic. But God did not respond that way. God responds much better to faith than to whining.

“God began to instruct him. He told him to appoint Elisha, and oh, by the way, I’ve got 7000 that have not bowed the knee before Baal. That was the only one of the complaints God addressed.

“Ps 91:1, ‘He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, will abide in the shadow of The Almighty (El Shaddai).’ I began thinking about hiding in God – there can be no shadow unless someone is there.

“In Luke 8:43 there is the woman with the issue of blood, who had it for 12 years. She thought, ‘If I could just get to him, to touch the hem of his garment, I would be healed.’ She was unclean according to Jewish law – she had an issue of blood. She was not supposed to be around anyone, let alone a holy man. But she sneaked through the crowd, through the religion and touched him, and when she did, he said, ‘Who touched me?’ His disciples said, ‘What do you mean, they are all touching you.’ He said I felt virtue go out of me.’ He wanted to acknowledge her. So he called her ‘daughter.’

“We don’t know the author of Ps 91. It could have been Moses. It could have been David. It could have been Asaph or one his sons.

“The Israelites wandered 40 years in the wilderness with God as their protector. Some died because of unbelief. But **we** are (see pg 8)

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## Hiding Place (from pg 7)

gonna make it.

“In Ps 91:1, that word “abide” means, among other things, to marry, set up housekeeping (abide under the shadow of the almighty).”

Ms. Watson's sermon was followed by an announcement by Rick Hempton regarding the First Amendment problems in Jackson County, then prayer over people who requested it.



Prayer over Mary Tate



The drawing for the door prize was conducted and Nita was the winner. Next month Women of Destiny will be on 12 July. Sandra Ivie is scheduled to speak on 2 August.

## WBCA in History

By: Richard Dean

Some of the articles written in past issues are worth reprinting.

I recently attended a church service where the pastor preached on loving your neighbor as yourself. It was a pretty good sermon and it put me in mind of something I once read. When I began to ponder where exactly I had read it, I finally realized that I read it in early 2011 in the Battlefield News. I dug through the archives and found it. It was from January 2011 and we have printed it here just exactly as it appeared almost 3 ½ years ago by a lady whose writing always keeps my attention.

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

I apologize if this article might seem not to quite get to the point, but that is because it is a little too long for the space I have been provided and will be continued in the February issue if God allows.

I will begin for contrast, with the opposite of what I want to talk about. Heb 12:14-15, “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. *See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up, causes trouble and, by it many be defiled.*”

We've all heard a lot of preachers preach on sin: Do not commit adultery, stay away from pornography, don't get drunk, leave the dope alone. The truth is, though, so many of us need to hear about that “root of bitterness” that the book of Hebrews talks about. We cannot grow in a root of bitterness that has sprung up. We cannot effectively minister, witness or even be very loving at all if the root springs up. The root of bitterness is far more than a desire for vengeance or having Unforgiveness. A root of bitterness is also grumbling and complaining, fault-finding, malicious gossiping and the speaking of negative things out of our mouths. We must be careful what we speak. We set the table of our lives with our mouths. If you speak it, you will have to eat it.

Prov 18:20-21 tells us, “With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied: He will be satisfied with the product of his lips. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, all those who love it will eat its fruit.” With a root of bitterness in our hearts, forgiveness is impossible. What I want to begin discussing here is probably the most unpopular of Christian morals. We see it in Lev 19:18 as well as in the gospels – for instance, Mat 19:19. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” The most unpopular aspect of this commandment is the fact that loving our neighbor includes loving our enemy (Mat 5:44) and **that** is when we run smack into the horrible problem of forgiving our enemies. People believe that forgiveness is a wonderful thing until they have something to forgive like we had after 9/11. And when we even bring it up in situation like that to some folks, we are greeted with screaming and anger. It's not that people consider it too high a virtue to achieve, it's that they find it hateful and contemptible all together. “That kind of talk makes me sick to my stomach. It makes me just want to punch you.” You get responses like, “I



just wonder how **you** would feel about forgiving those Muslims if **your** husband or **your** children had been in one of those buildings they destroyed.”

The truth is that I wonder the same exact thing. I wonder very much – just like I wonder what I would do if I were threatened with death by torture rather than deny my Lord. But what I do is not the point. The point is: What does the Bible say? I didn't write it. I'm just saying.

And right slap in the middle of the whole discussion, I see, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Forgive us how? In what way? As **we forgive** those who trespass against us. There is not even the slightest suggestion that we are forgiven on any other terms. If we forgive, we are forgiven. “Now,” as my older brother used to say, “run tell that.”

So, what do we do?

I'll tell ya next month.

God bless you all,

Mozelle

The continuation of this article was seen in February 2011.

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself continued from January Issue

Well, I'm back. I left off last month talking about forgiveness, including the forgiveness of our enemies. I stated that the only way we are given forgiveness is the same way that we forgive. I asked at that point, “What do we do?” It's gonna be hard, but I think there are two things we can do to make it easier:

One – When you start in math, you don't begin with calculus. You begin with simple addition. So, in learning to forgive, we begin with something easier than the terrorists on 9/11. We could start with out spouse, or parents, or the cranky woman next door for something they did in the past week.

Two – Let's try to understand what loving our neighbor as ourselves actually means. I have to love my neighbor as I love myself. So, how exactly do I love myself?

I don't exactly have a feeling of affection for myself and I don't even always enjoy my own company. So, apparently, “love your neighbor” does not mean feel fond of her or find her attractive or a joy to be around. I know that I cannot feel a fondness for someone just by trying to. Do I think well of myself? Think myself a nice lady? Actually, sometimes I do, but I realize that those are some of my worst moments. Regardless, that is not why I love myself. The truth is that it is the other way around. It is the fact that I love myself that makes me think well of myself. But thinking well of myself is not why I love myself.

So, loving my enemies, apparently, does not mean thinking they are nice either. **That's** a relief. So, we see that forgiving our enemies doesn't mean pretending they're not so bad after all, when it's clear that they are. Let's take it a step further. In my most clear-headed moments, not only do I not think I am a nice woman, but I know that I am **not** a very nice woman at all. I look at some of the things I've done with horror and loathing. So, apparently, I am allowed to hate some of the things my enemies do.

I remember my grandmamma and some of my aunts telling me when I was a little girl that I

must hate a bad man's actions but not hate the bad man or “love the sinner but hate the sin.”

For me that was all just nonsense. It was just splitting hairs. How can you hate what a bad man or woman does and not hate the bad man or the bad woman? I mean they're bad. Right? Hate the bad woman's action and not hate the bad woman? Stupid. Then after some years I realized that there was one woman that I had done that with all my life – me.

However much I disliked my own selfishness or bad behavior, however much I hated my own cowardice, despised my self-righteousness, religiosity, conceit, stinginess, or greed, I went on loving myself. There has never been the slightest difficulty about it. In fact, the very reason that I hated the horrible behavior is that I loved the woman.

Just because I loved myself I was sorry to find out that I was the sort of woman who could do those things.

Consequently, the Lord doesn't tell us to decrease our hatred of cruelty, or back-stabbing, or sexual immorality even a little bit. We **should** hate them. But we are to hate them in others the same way we hate them in ourselves: being sorry that the man or woman has done such things, and hoping that, if possible, they may be healed of this behavior.

There is a test we can run on ourselves. Want to know what this test is? I'll tell ya next month.

God bless you all,

Mozelle

The conclusion of this article, an article we thought was well worth reprinting, was found in the March 2011 issue.

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself continued from February Issue

Here I am again. I left off last month saying that we **should** hate bad things, but that we are to hate those bad behaviors in others the same way we hate them in ourselves: being sorry that they have done such things, and hoping that they may be healed of such behavior.

I said that there is test that we can run on ourselves to see how we are faring in this. Here it is.

Suppose we hear a story on the news about some filthy, horrible atrocities that happened. Then, we find out that the story was not completely true of that these things were not quite as bad as originally reported. Is our first feeling, “Thank God. Even **they** aren't quite that bad.” Or do we have a feeling of disappointment or even want to cling to the original story for the pleasure of believing that our enemies **are** as bad as possible. It is vital to our spiritual well-being that we be painfully honest with ourselves in this. Because if the second scenario is the truth with us, we need to tap into fear – fear of the Living God, because this second scenario is the first step in a process that, if not changed, will drag us straight into the lake of fire. You see, we are beginning to wish that dark is a little darker – that black is a black is a little blacker (the bad kind of black), and later, we will want to see gray as black, and eventually, to see white itself as black. Finally, we will **insist** on the **most** negative situation. We will insist on seeing **everyone** and **everything** – God, our loved ones, even our selves as bad. And we will **not** be able to stop

doing it: We will be chained forever to a universe of pure hatred.

Sound far-fetched? It is not. I know people like this. Some of you probably do too. You can't even carry on a conversation with them without them spewing negative all over you. They speak of their wives, husbands and children like that – themselves and even God like that.

We are allowed to condemn an enemy's acts and hate those acts but remember, **we were created to live forever and it is those little marks on our insides** that will determine if our eternity is going to be in the smoking section or the nonsmoking – whether we are **at home** with the Lord or more at home in hell. That feeling of bitterness, of resentment, of wanting to **get back** at someone **must** be killed. It **must** be nailed to the cross.

Most of us can't just decide this minute that we will never feel it again. Instead, we need to be ready and every time it bobs its head up, day after day, year after year, however long it takes, and hit it on its ugly head – Pow! It's not impossible. It will become easier with time.

We need to feel about our enemy as we feel about ourselves in that way – that we wish she were not bad, hope she can be cured – to wish good to her. That is what the bible means by “loving her”: wishing her good, not feeling fond of her or saying she is nice when she is not.

Of course this means loving people who have nothing lovable about them. But does **your** self have anything lovable about it? You love it because it is **your** self.

This is the kicker. Do you love yourself? God intends us to love all selves in the same way and for the same reason. It is so important to him that we see this that he has shown us what it looks like: we simply look at the way we do this with ourselves. He has shown it to us in ourselves to see how to do it with others. None of this works, however, if we do not love ourselves. Does this mean that, if we do not love ourselves, we cannot love others? I'm afraid that it does.

God loves **us** in this same way. I mean there is nothing in us that is lovable. God does not love me because I deserve it, because I am doing what he wants me to, because I love him, or because I am lovable. God loves me as an expression of who **He** is (see I John 4:8). He created us. There is nothing else in us to love – we creatures who can actually find hatred such a pleasure that, to give it up can be like trying to give up a drug addiction.

Love your neighbor as you love yourself!

**God bless you all,**

**Mozelle**

We found this recipe in the January 2011 issue

## Scripture Cake

By: **Barry Lee Wylie**

½ cup Judges 5:25

½ cup Jeremiah 6:20

2 cups Jeremiah 17:11

2 cups I Kings 4:22 (plain)

½ tsp Amos 4:5

¼ cup Exodus 16:31

¾ cup Judges 4:19

½ cup Nahum 3:12

½ cup I Samuel 30:12

½ cup Numbers 17:8

1 tsp II Chronicles 9:9 (cinn)

Heat oven to 350 degrees, grease and flour 9 in sq pan. In a med bowl mix Judges 5:25, Jer 6:20 and Jer 17:11 until light. Add I Kings 4:22,

Amos 4:5 and Ex 16:31. Beat until smooth. Add Judges 4:19

In another med bowl toss together Nahum 3:12, I Sam 30:12, Numbers 17:8 and II Chronicles 9:9.

Fold into first bowl and pour into prepared pan. Bake until center springs back when touched about 45 to 50 min.

## Talented Individuals

By: Richard Dean

There is a section in every issue of Battlefield News that begins with, "Note: the opinions of those who share them..." It ends with the ministries listed.

A few years and 40 ministries ago there was another whole section that was included. It has since been dropped for reasons of space. We at BFN have decided to include this long lost section, even if only for nostalgic reasons.

## This Organization Seeks Talented Individuals

to help in this mission. We are in need of resources, especially the most valuable resource – people. You do not need a degree. What is required is a true desire to serve Jesus Christ without dogmatic constraints and that you either are now or are ready to become absolutely sold out to Jesus (not to this alliance nor to your denomination). If you have the desire to glorify the name of Jesus and your talents are not being fully used, contact us using the information previously provided.

## July 7-day Revival at 7 Different Churches

**Monday 14 July** at 1900 (7pm)

Christ Outreach Worship Center at 104 E. Athens Street in Winder 30680 hosted by Pastor Willie Harris & First Lady Annie Harris

**Tuesday 15 July** at 1900 (7pm)

Kingdom Community Worship Center at 1025 Baxter Street in Athens 30601 hosted by Pastor James Walker & First Lady Teresa Walker at Hope Springs Church of Pastor Lee McNeil.

**Wednesday 16 July** at 1900 (7pm)

Braselton Tabernacle of Praise at 2260 Davenport Road in Braselton 30517 hosted by Pastor Jon Jackson & First Lady Trency Jackson

**Thursday 17 July** at 1900 (7pm)

Christ the King Ghana Methodist Church at 208 C North broad Street in Winder 30680 hosted by Pastor Joseph and First Lady Karen Essiful-Ansah

**Friday 18 July** at 1900 (7pm)

Aliento de Vida (Breath of Life) at 11 E. Athens Street in Winder 30680 hosted by Pastor James and First Lady Rosa Loyless

**Saturday 19 July** at 1900 (7pm)

Faith Temple Fellowship Church at 247 Hwy 211 in Winder 30680 hosted by Bishop Harold Green and First Lady Annette Green

**Sunday 19 July** at 1700 (5pm)

Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer at 49 Jackson Street in Winder 30680 hosted by Pastor Clyvette Driskell, Bishop Clyde Patman, and Senior Pastor Carol Patman

**Notice that the last day of revival is at 1700 (5pm), not at 1900.**

## Intercessory Prayer Meetings

An intercessory Prayer meeting is scheduled for Saturday 12 July to pray for unity in the body of Christ and the seven-day revival. The prayer meeting will be at Aliento de Vida (Breath of Life) at 11 E. Athens Street in Winder at 1300 (1pm).

A second intercessory prayer meeting will be held on Saturday 26 July at 1300 (1pm) at Christ the King on 208 C Broad Street (next to Quality Food).

## The Next Rhonda's Coffee House

The next Rhonda's Coffee House will be on 2 August at 1800 (6pm) at the Fairview Community center on Fairview Road off Hwy 60 near Braselton. Come and join us for coffee and great music and more.

## Benefit Concert

A benefit Concert will be held at Love of God Mission on Saturday 9 August at 1900 (7pm). One of the bands will be Winder's own Second Chance. The address is 64 E. Athens Street in Winder.

## Prophetic Thought

(from February 2011)

By: Michael Brown

The Bible is the written word of God. The word was written by many different people, but authored by God. In the book of II Tim 2:15 we are told, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." In Joshua 1:8 we are also told to keep this book of the law in our mouth and meditate on it day and night. These are just a few examples of instructions for believers to govern themselves in God's word.

In order to receive God's promises, one must know and operate in the word. I have heard others refer to this book (the Bible) as B-I-B-L-E, an acronym for Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth. I personally believe that God's word is meant to be understood by all that read it, and that we are held accountable for and by his word. I believe that one should pray for revelation and understanding. Read, study, and meditate on the word; and the Holy Spirit will teach you and transform the logos into rhema.

We will give account according to the word. There is power in the word. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:19 to go and teach all nations. The word must word must be preached, taught and given to those in the household of faith, and it is what is needed to convert and save the lost.

## ...But I Did Not Kiss the Deputy

(From April 2011)

By: R. D. Hempton

Many of us have a past that we are not proud of. Living Hope Christian Fellowship has people who are in this situation. One of the truly refreshing things about this church is that they will discuss these things openly if it will serve the Lord.

Mike Bradley, a member of that congregation and a fairly new Christian shared a story of his past that gave this reporter a belly ache from laughing. We hope you will get a chuckle out of it as well.

Mike who is still on probation, is subject to random visits by the Barrow County Sheriff's Department. One such visit occurred early in the morning just before this past Christmas. Mike answered the door still in his night clothes (undershirt and boxers) with a cup of coffee in his hand and still not completely awake.

As the two men stood by the front door, Mike's wife, Frances, entered the front hallway, saw the two men and burst into laughter (that sight alone must have been pretty funny).

Both men shot a questioning glance at her and she pointed to the ceiling just above their heads. The men looked up simultaneously to see a sprig of mistletoe hanging just above them.

"Well," said the deputy, "I reckon I'll be going now."

Thanks for sharing, Mike.

## The One Body Different but Not Divided

(From April 2011)

By: Michael Blue

"For as the body is one, and hath many members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." I Cor 12:12.

God – the God of Abraham, of Moses, of David, of Peter, and of Paul – is the one and only God. And yet, within God's one-and-onlyness, there is plurality. Whether one uses the term "persons" or the term "manifestations," no one can deny that there are distinctions in the Godhead. The same God is One in Essence, yet triune in existence. Moreover, the function of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, in creation and in redemption were/are different. But they are (He is) definitely not divided. There is absolute unanimity (in complete agreement) and harmony within the Godhead.

Each believer is an expression of the nature and power of God: yet no one Christian can fully portray him. Neither can a single group of Christians – whether a congregation, a denomination, an organization, or a reformation – He is too big for any man-made box. Moses' tabernacle and Solomon's temple were inadequate to house him in ancient times: even so, the structures of this present day cannot contain him now. He is not merely multi-faceted, our God is OMNI-FACETED. And yet, there is a mystery waiting to unfold.

Herein lies the mystery: TOGETHER (and only together) there is a people who can express him. These people comprise a body of called-out ones; they are born again and anointed to represent Christ to the world; they are the sons of God, the Church. And even as God is One, with distinctions within his Oneness, the church is called to be one in him; nevertheless, each Believer is called to exhibit some unique portion of the manifold omni-faceted grace of God.

Paul uses the imagery of the human body to depict the relationship between 1) the believer and Christ, and 2) the believer and other believers. He uses the term, "member," which simply means – body part (organ, limb, joint, tissue, etc).

## Notice some principles about body parts:

Principle I – A body part's function has no purpose outside the context of the whole body. Of what use is an eye that sees or an ear that

hears, unless each organ serves to govern, guide, guard, and support a body? Even so, the believer must understand that his unique gifts and aptitudes have no purpose if they do not serve to edify the body of Christ.

Principle II – A member misplaced or detached leads to trauma and dysfunction. If a part of a body is out of alignment or is separated from the body, the entire body is deficient. Pain, strain, even shock may result. Even so, when a member of the body of Christ presumes upon an office to which God did not assign him or her (misplacement), or if that member withdraws into isolation (detachment), the body of Christ is confused, traumatized and crippled.

Principle III – Body parts are different by necessity and design. Paul teaches that if all the members were the same, or had the same function (office), there would be no body, only a collection of parts. He teaches that diversity is an essential thing, a good thing, a beneficial thing in a body. A body has many needs and carries many responsibilities. This necessitates many differing systems within one organism. Even so, in order to serve the vast array of needs that exist in the body of Christ and in the world of mankind at large, there must be different offices, different gifts, different anointing, different fellowships, different callings, collaborating to manifest Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Principle IV – The functions of a body are never competitive: they are ALL INTERDEPENDANT and COMPLEMENTARY. Any time a cell or organ of a body begins to operate against the rest of the body, if it cannot be treated, it is severed – or the whole body will die. Among the members of the body of Christ, the same must be understood. We need one another. We wrestle against the flesh, the world, and the devil, not the church across town. A house divided against itself cannot stand. And God himself will judge those who divide his body. Believers are not called to compete with one another but to complete one another.

And finally, Jesus stated that the Father always honored his prayers. If this is true, and it is, we may fully expect that the Father honored his prayer, His High- Priestly Prayer found in John Chapter 17.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

This petition of Christ shall be answered! And when it is, the whole world will finally have the incontrovertible proof that God sent Jesus! It shall be proven through a people who are different, but not divided. May God grant that, in this generation, you and I shall become the Father's answer to Jesus' prayer.

AMEN

## The Simple Truth

(From April 2011)

By: O. Zell Zellinger

I love it when I receive a letter from a young person, especially when it really moves my spirit. Young folks often speak their mind and emit such simple truths – truths that many adults overlook or are afraid to bring up. Christina

Campbell is a young lady who attends one of my favorite churches, Kingdom Community Worship Center in Winder, Pastor Kenneth Cooper's church. I will present Christina's story, for the most part exactly as she wrote it.

## When Praises Go Up Blessings Come Down

By: Christina Campbell

The presence of the Lord was already in the house, but there's something about a particular song or an anointed psalmist, for that matter, that makes a whole difference.

Kingdom Community Worship Center was shown favor by God on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Kingdom Community is a little church with a handful of members, but faithful people; a church in a town that people pass on by – Winder, Georgia.

A man of God came down and blessed those faithful few with his gift of song; a man of God by the name of Keith Wonder Boy Johnson. Though he did not stay long, he blessed us in the time he was there singing his famously known song, *Its Time to Get Close to Jesus Christ* and a few others. The praises that went up that day were outstanding. The anointing that fell in the house was breath-taking.

Keith told the congregation that the pastor nor the praise team should have to cheerlead you into praising and blessing God. He said you should already be thanking and praising him.

Anybody who walked out those doors not taking those words to heart needs to pray a little harder to be able to see the great things God is doing in their life now and in the future.

Kingdom has been revealed – only one of many more blessings to come. And now that things are looking up, there's nothing we can't do.

## Wrong Number? There Are No Wrong Numbers With God.

(From May 2011)

By: O. (Zell) Zellinger

The associate pastor of Living Hope Christian Fellowship in Hoschton, William Pirkle owns and operates a cabinet shop. On Friday 22 April 2011 he went to work like any other day. He checked his messages in the morning as he usually does on the caller I. D. was the name "Ronnie." He assumed it was a man that he knew with another cabinet shop.

"Ronnie," Pastor Pirkle told BFN, "is one of those names that can be either a man or a woman. Ronnie can be a nickname for either Ronald or for Veronica."

William Pirkle called the number back to find that it was a lady in North Carolina named "Ronnie."

"Are you in Georgia?" the lady asked William.

"Yes."

"Are you anywhere near Gainesville?"

"Yes, my number must be similar to the number of the hospital in Gainesville."

"I am so sorry I bothered you. My momma is real sick in the hospital in Gainesville. I was just trying to get a hold of her. I called the wrong number by accident."

"No ma'am," answered William, "You didn't call the wrong number. There are no wrong numbers with God."

Ronnie, the lady in North Carolina, shared with William that her mother had suffered two heart attacks and was in the hospital in terrible pain. "My momma's name is Beverly and she is the

sweetest woman you'd ever want to know."

Ronnie shared. "She knows Jesus."

William ministered to her on the telephone and prayed with her. "I shared with her that I was a minister." Pastor Pirkle told BFN. "When we were finished on the telephone, she felt so much better and she was glad she dialed my number 'by mistake.' I hung up feeling like I had accomplished something. That is when the Lord spoke to me, 'Go up and lay hands on Momma Beverly.'"

Pastor Pirkle told the employees at his shop that he knew he had to obey the Lord or it would be a bad day. He went home and changed out of his work clothes and went to the hospital.

"I could hear Sister Beverly crying out in pain before I even got to her room." The Pastor told BFN. "She was begging for a saddle block."

"I went into the room and her husband was there with her, holding her hand. As I stood waiting for the Holy Spirit to show up, her husband asked me who I was. I told him I was Pastor William Pirkle."

"The Chaplain is here." The old man told his wife.

"I'm not the Chaplain," William replied. "I come from a small church in Hoschton. I spoke to your daughter in North Carolina."

William took her hand and told her, "Your daughter loves you very much and Jesus loves you very much."

He got on his knees, laid his hand on her, and prayed over her. She became quiet. The unbearable pain was gone.

"When I left the room she was quiet. She was at peace. I guess she got her saddle block."

## Dear God

(From June 2011)

By: O. (Zell) Zellinger & Neyda Hempton

When I read this letter, it touched me. It also convicted me. When I see things like this, I have to share them.

Dear God,

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. You are holy, oh my Lord. You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. You have reached me deep inside and I will live for you, Jesus, the rest of my life. I'm passing through a world that's lost, where they've forgotten their first love. As I look around me, I see your power displayed, the sun, the moon, the stars that light the darkness. I don't understand how people don't see the beauty you've created – the grass that tickles my feet, the trees that allow me to breathe, the flowers with such sweet scent. The breeze that plays with my hair feels like your gentle touch. You speak so gently to my soul, and guide me through my daily walk. I take each day as if it were my last. For yesterday is dead and gone, and tomorrow is a mystery and not promised to me. I praise you, sweet Jesus, as you hold my future in your hands.

Thank you, Lord, thank you,  
Neyda

## Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

Zell Zellinger was my friend. He has gone to be with the Lord now. We will all miss him. He had a heart for the Lord and for the people God made. He showed it every day. We don't dwell on bad news at the Battlefield News; you can

get plenty of that on the television and in most newspapers. The Battlefield News did not publicly acknowledge the passing of Big Zell, but we all celebrated his life.

Now for the answers to the May questions:

#### More (or less) Notable Women

1: Naomi. Ruth 1

2: Noadiah. Neh 6:14

3: Orpah (not Oprah). Ruth 1:4

4: Hebrew midwives at the time of Moses' birth. Ex 1:15

5: The daughters of Philip. Acts 21:8-9



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6: Rhoda. Acts 12:13

7: Shelomith. Lev 24:10-13

8: Lot's. Gen 19:30-38



Guess I better read the Bible some more

#### More Kings, Pharaohs and Rulers

1: Jehu. II King 9:20

2: Ahasuerus (AKA Xerxes). Esth 1:1

3: Ben-Hadad. II King 6:24-30

4: Necho. II King 23:29



I cut my teeth on Bible Knowledge

Now for the June questions:

#### More Kings, Pharaohs, and Other Rulers

1: What king of Judah had to be hidden as a boy to protect him from the wrath of wicked Queen Athaliah?

2: When set up golden bulls at Dan and Bethel so that his people would not go to Yerushalayim to worship?

3: What godly king of Judah was murdered by two of his court officials at a landfill (Millo)?

4: What king of Israel made Elisha angry by not striking the ground enough with his arrows?

5: What king of Judah showed mercy when he executed his father's murderers but spared their families according to the Law of Moses?



I'm bored, let's look at the Bible Knowledge

6: What king ran a beauty contest to pick a bride and wound up marrying a Jewish girl?

7: What king of Judah was stricken with leprosy?

8: Why was this king stricken with leprosy?

9: What king of Israel was assassinated by Shallum after a six month reign?

10: What cruel king of Israel assassinated King Shallum and ripped open the pregnant women of Tiphseh?

11: What king of Egypt received an appeal for help from Hoshea of Israel, who wanted to throw off the Assyrian yoke?

12: What king of Israel had much of his territory taken away by Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria?



I like the strange creatures in Bible Knowledge

13: What evil king of Judah sacrificed his son as a burnt offering and built a Syrian-style altar in Jerusalem?

14: What king of Israel experienced a long famine and drought during his reign?



I become completely immersed in Bible Knowledge

15: What Assyrian king brought about the fall of Samaria and the deportation of the Israelites to other countries?

16: What godly king of Judah tore down the idols in the country and broke the power of the Philistines, and even destroyed the bronze serpent that Moses made, which the people burned incense to and referred to as Nehushtan?

17: What king of Gezer came to help Lachish, opposing Joshua's army and was totally defeated with no soldiers left alive?



18: What Assyrian king was killed by his sons while he worshiped in the temple of Nisroch, his god?

Have fun with these questions and learn some things.

Love in Christ

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