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To Do the Work

By: Richard Dean



Pastor James Walker, member board of directors, WBCA

are told over and over again to be in unity. We are also told that sectarianism is sin.

Holyfest 2017

By: R. D. Hempton

The second annual Holyfest was held at Victory



Ms Neyda & Ms Kelly with the kids Deliverance Center on Saturday 28 October. It is done annually as an alternative to (see pg 4)

Alignment Produced Unity

By: Jody Bennett & R. D. Hempton "Alignment produced unity," Pastor Patsy



Pastor Patsy Sherwood

Sherwood of Arcade CH Church told the people on the 4th night of the 7-day revival. (see pg 4)

Homeland Security Problem

By: R. D. Hempton

Many of the Pastors and ministers in the WBCA



The Christian Veterans

are veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Some came together on Veteran's Day to have dinner together, tell war stories, and talk about the Lord. Pastor James Walker of Holy Bethel in Commerce and member of the board of directors of the WBCA; Herman Parks of Grace Glory school of Ministry and member of the board of directors; Rick Hempton, founder of the WBCA (see pg 12)

Dunamis

By: Samantha Mangiafico & Donna Michelle Iler "Let's have a hand for the angel of this church," Pastor Michael Smith told the people at Real



Pastor Michael Smith

Identity. "Let's have a hand for Jesus. Let's hear it for the Whole Body of Christ (see pg 5)

Rough Around the Edges

By: R. D. Hempton

"I get so fed up with me." Greg Brockman began at Victory Deliverance Center. "I am my own worst



Greg Brockman, Headmaster of NGR School of Ministry

enemy. We blame and credit the devil too much. We serve the Lord out of obedience, but the devil serves him out of disobedience. There is no war between God and the devil. Pastor Billy Angel and I went out to Texas after Hurricane Harvey. We think ministry is all about preaching. (see pg 5)

This Untoward Generation

By: R. D. Hempton

"Pastor Joseph said this during the last revival," Pastor Larry Percifield said on the last night of the 7-day revival, "but the WBCA needs a bank



Pastor Larry Percifield of Leap of Faith Ministries

account. Here is a check for \$75.00 to start it. "Leap of Faith Ministries does in-home Bible studies. This is something the WBCA can do together. We don't have to be in church. My mom won't go to church, but she goes to the coffee houses and the home Bible studies. This is an opportunity for the body of Christ to come together. What ever is planned, only about 10% of the people will show up. In 2012 we (see pg 8)

Fall for CommUnity

By: Brandy Hallan & Angie Everett

It is exciting to share how great Fall for



Pastor Chuck Black & Robert (Elwood) Everett commUnity was. The kids had a blast eating cotton candy and caramel apples, and playing (see pg 9)

Healing in the Body

By: R. D. Hempton

Pastor Joyce is working hard to bring the body of



Pastor Joyce Heard

Christ together. On 11 November she held another racial healing conference in Athens. (see pg 10)

House of Hope Benefit

By: R. D. Hempton

Ms Mary Tate, as most people know, runs a



Mary Tate

women's transition house, and although Mary accepts women from the town of (see pg 12)

Benefit for Tray

By: Larry Percifield
On 11 November 2017, a benefit concert was held



Clarke Kesler & Friends

for Tray Gooch, an up-and-coming gospel singer. It was held to raise funds for Tray to be able to record another CD. There were about 35 friends and family there to support Tray and donate to the

Clarke Kesler was the MC. Tray and his grandpa, Johnny Gooch, on the guitar opened (see pg 13)

On Prayer 57 A Thankful Spirit (Part One)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

The book of Romans is almost like the flagship of the fleet of letters written in the New Testament by Paul the apostle. Countless men and women of faith have names Romans as the tool God graciously used to bring about their surrender to Messiah. Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Wesley are among those who received unexpected spiritual volleys from Romans that pierced their defenses and ended their rebellion against God. Still others had their faith strengthened, even catapulted forward by Romans.

In 1993 I was a young Christian just beginning to learn about my Lord. I had not turned loose of the things of the world, nor was I certain that I really wanted to. My Pastor at the time attended a conference in St. Louis, Mo. Of a major denomination. The letters, photographs and quotes from the word of God, especially from the book of Romans, that he sent woke me up. It seemed that the demonic principality of homosexuality had converged on the conference of this liberal denomination and convinced those in power in the denomination to choose to accept homosexuals into the ministry. My pastor, myself, and several other people were left with no choice but to distance themselves from the denomination.

The first chapter of this letter from Paul to the church in Rome contains many terrifying passages. The apostle describes the breakdown of society and the degenerate quality of the Roman Empire. Three times this chapter mentions God turning the people over to their sin.

Verse 24 tells us that "God... ...gave them up to uncleanness." In other words, he said, "If you want to lust, fornicate, and commit adultery, I'll just turn you over to it." Most people don't realize that sin tiself is punishment. Sin has consequences. Even if those who live in sin were not going to spend eternity in hell, sin is punishment in and of itself.

Then the apostle Paul says that God gave them up to vile passions – homosexuality and lesbianism – that which is contrary to nature (see V_{26}). Again God says, "If you are going to be perverse, I'll turn you over to your perversion." The most terrible chastisement God every places upon a person is to leave him alone.

Finally, Romans says that God turned them over to a reprobate mind (see Rom 1:28). The statement is followed by a list of terrible sins: Unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they ar whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them (Rom 1:29-32).

In other words, the wicked not only do those things, but clap their hands for others who exhibit such behavior. These passages describe a completely reprobate state.

Garden of Life

By: Wade Carey

"The part about your objection. Regarding that, I have a neat idea I'd like to share with you. But first, I must admit; your analogy about the firing of biblical verses was pretty much spot-on. As the kids like to say, that's how I roll."

Henry nodded and chuckled. "Well, what are you waiting for? C'mon over here and have a seat with me. I'd like to hear what you have to say. This final day of 2008 seems like a good time for reflection and to continue our ongoing discussion."



Wade & Elisa Carey

"I'm on my way!"

Jerry walked along the fence line as he made his way around to the front gate. Henry's house sat slightly above Jerry's, so the elder man had to be careful as he straddled the raised property border on which Henry's fence sat. When he arrived, Jerry joined Henry at the elongated glass garden table, which sat snugly under a large, brown patio umbrella near the back of the deck. The mid-day sun occasionally peeked through the gray clouds, finally stretching beyond the tops of the tall trees in the green space behind them. Jerry settled into an adjoining comfy chair.

"Well, Jerry," Henry said. "Have you been working hard?" He leaned down and scratched Pookie's ears.

"No, not really," Jerry said. "It's been slow on all fronts here lately. Actually, I've been doing a lot of reading this week. How about you?"

"Oh, I've been reading a lot, also."

"Good deal."

"Yeah, it's been pretty slow in our office this week," Henry said. "As you can imagine, a lot of folks are taking the week off to do some family things. As a result, our phones have been pretty quiet."

"Doing some family things sure sounds like a good idea," Jerry said. "Anyway, I have a few things to talk with you about. But first, I want to propose a deal."

"That's fine with me. What say-you?"

"I'd like to propose that you and I enter into a covenant for 2009."

"What kind of covenant? Are you referring to the one you spoke of involving God and Abraham?"

"Not exactly," Jerry said. "But I like the fact that I've got you thinking about the Bible."

Henry shook his head. "Whatever, Jerry," he said, wearing a smirk. "So tell me about your proposed covenant."

"As you know, a covenant is a type of agreement. In our case, I'm proposing a bi-lateral covenant – you, a binding agreement between you and me. If we agree to this deal, we'll both maintain our end of the bargain. That's how this kind of covenant works."

"I think you need to put a little more meat on that bone." Henry stated flatly. "I understand what a covenant is. What I need from you are some specifics."

"No problem. Let me first remind you that personally speaking, I'm a little bit of a loner. As a result, I don't usually stay in one place very long. With that said, however, my proposed covenant in 2009 will be for us to get together once every month for a serious discussion on why faith in Jesus Christ is so important. Now then, I'm not talking about you and me always discussing Christianity every time we see each other. That might make our friendship lopsided, and I's really like for us to work together on some yard projects. What I am saying is that once each month, I'll present you with a topic, and we'll dig into it and dissect each related issue. How does that sound so far?"

"Hmmm," Henry mumbled. "This sounds fairly interesting. What kind of curriculum do you have in mind?"

"What – do you think this is my first rodeo?" Jerry challenged. "Don't worry, I've got this covered." "C'mon, Jerry. You know what I mean. What's the end goal here?"

"Okay, fair enough. At the end of this coming year, I'll have demonstrated to you the power of the Christian faith by giving you a simple lesson each month. Each lesson will be a sort of parable, and I'll explain each one in a way which most anyone can understand – even an insurance agent."

Henry chuckled. "Ahh, so this will be my official investigation into the substantial and exclusive claims of the Christian faith, right?"

"That's one way of putting it," Jerry said, nodding. "Before we go any further," Henry said. What will happen after these 12 proposed discussions? Are you saying that after December, you'll move away or something? Also what happens if that house you're living in gets sold out from under you?"

"Honestly, I don't really know what will happen after this coming year is over. If history remains true, my employers will probably assign me somewhere else to work. However, my next assignment notwithstanding, I'm fully committing this: You and I will have 12 significant discussions – once each month – for the entire year of 2009."

Raising Eyebrows

By: Dee Dee Trammell

Dee Dee Trammell

Church and State separate Raising eyebrows and much debate Speak up now - it's not too late Daily prayer in schools Thing of the past Ten Commandments vanished too Little evidence of the Golden Rule Cursive writing under review History books censored Except a select few Bullies and gang members Target the weak Taking over neighborhoods Street by street A hungry generation waits in line Good role models hard to find Constitution of the United States Raising eyebrows and much debate Amend or abate Principles contained within Penned and signed by God fearing men Disappear into thin air - Gone with the wind Like a kite on a string - Controlled on parole Original design - Ever changing Hidden agendas tucked within We, the people stricken The star-spangled banner - red, white and blue Raising eyebrows and much debate Are you next to eliminate What color would some legislate Polka dots replace the stars Plastic imitations mass produced in Mars The face of Old Glory Weathered and scared Hanging on by a thread From flying at half mast

Hands folded and retired

Buried out of sight in a drawer

To rise no more Red flags of warning wave Raising eyebrows and much debate Code blue - Revive America's heart Before it's too late Moral decay beats its chest News media gives no rest Riots in the street Sirens in the background Voice of violence peaks We, the people weep Good vs Evil on the slate Raising eyebrows and much debate Good portrayed as evil Evil revered as good For goodness sake Awake, Awake! Rally the people together Let the church and town hall meetings Spill out into the streets Gather the people Like a garment pulled together With two strong cords Young, old, rich and poor Summon and rally A gathering unto the Lord Cry out like weeping trees Lay down contentions and angry debates A bruised reed he will not break Awake, Awake, Awake! Hearts call out to God He answers their battle cry Together they mourn and weep Suddenly, a mighty rushing wind Thunder and flashes of lighting God of the breakthrough breaks in Rumbles and peals of thunder Miracles, signs and wonders Steam Roller of power Cleansing the land Putting evil asunder Covered in the midst of the Former and latter rain A wave offering in hand Old Glory rises again Fifty starry eyes lifted to heaven Revival, Revival! Raising eyebrows By show of hands Not one debate - Amen!

The Ten Tribes (Part one)

By: Shane Haley



Shane Halev

Jacob, named Israel by the Lord, was Abraham's grandson. Jacob had twelve sons, among whom was Joseph, and those twelve men became the fathers of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. After the death of Jacob, Israel's twelve tribes remained in Egypt for 430 years. They fled Egypt in 1446 BC, and were in the wilderness for another 40 years. After Joshua's conquest of Canaan, they lived in the Promised Land, under judges, for another 300 years. Then, during the judgeship of Samuel, the people demanded to have a king.

God first gave them Saul, then David, and with David, began the line of kings through which Jesus would be born. But the kingdom remained unified for only two generations. If you read the account carefully, it appears that Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, had a son who was truly inept. Rehoboam's decision to raise taxes caused a revolt, so during his reign the Davidic kingdom divided. God separated Judah and Benjamin from the ten northern tribes, and the twelve tribes became two

separate nations - Israel in the North, and Judah in the South. Jerusalem remained the capital of Judah while Samaria became the capital of Israel.

Northern Israel remained in continual rebellion to the Lord, putting it in conflict with Judah and the nations around them. Finally, in 748BC, Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria made northern Israel a vassal state and took captives off to Assyria. In 725BC, Shal-maneser began a major deportation of Israel, and put Samaria under siege. Samaria itself fell in 722BC and what was left of the nation of Israel was taken captive and relocated near the Caspian Sea (north of what is now Iran) and they were never heard from again. This happened just as Moses prophesied it would:

Nehemiah 1:8, "Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, 'If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the Nations.

Why did God ever allow this to happen? Were the Israelites not part of God's chosen people? Didn't the everlasting covenant God made with Abraham include the ten tribes? The prophet Isaiah saw what was going on around him and lamented in Isaiah 63:17, "O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance."

The fall of northern Israel was not just an unfortunate accident in history. It was an integral part of God's eternal plan, and the Lord told his people about it in advance. Hosea was placed in Israel just before its fall, and he alone details the future of the ten tribes after their dispersion among the Gentile nations. Hosea prophesied from about 750-722BC and he prepares God's people for the calamity that is about to befall them.

Read the prophet carefully, and you will see that the destruction of Israel and Samaria is fixed. It is going to fall to Assyria, no matter what. Hosea is not a call to repentance to save the northern kingdom. Instead, the prophet is describing the Lord's plan for the ten northern tribes after they disappeared. In the verse below, we begin to see the everlasting love our Heavenly Father has for his wayward Israelites. While they were figuring out ways to rebel against him, God was putting a longterm plan in motion to save them, a plan spanning thousands of years. The following verse is in that setting. Israel is about to go into captivity when God told them in Hosea 1:10, "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, 'Ye are not my people,' there it shall be said unto them, 'Ye are the sons of the living God."

That is a paradoxical Scripture; is it not? Note the tense of the verb, "shall be." Shall be is future to when it was written. Israel is about to go into captivity never to be heard from again, and the Lord tells them that they are going to be numerous beyond count. Furthermore, He tells them that no one will know they are his Israelites. Nonetheless, they will be called the sons of God. Isn't that mystifying?

Hosea 2:19-20, "And I will betroth thee unto me for ever ... I will even betroth thee unto me ... and thou shalt know the LORD."

The Lord then declares that this lost and scattered people will be his bride, a bride whether they know it or not -impossible from man's standpoint, nevertheless, an accomplished fact from God's. But there is more. If we picture in our minds how seed was sown in the old days, we can also understand this unique Old Testament figure of the sower.

Hosea 2:23, "And I will sow her [Israel] unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which they shall say, 'Thou art my God.'

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To Do the Work (from pg 1)

For 500 years, since 1517, Protestants have been splintering into smaller and smaller groups. I Cor 1:10-13 tells us this is sin. I Cor 3:1-4 concurs.

I Cor 6:1-11 tells us not show our differences to those in the world, but that is exactly what we do, especially on Face book.

In John 17, The Lord prayed his longest recorded prayer in the Bible. He began by praying for himself, then his talmadim (disciples), but then he says, 'I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in me through their word; that they all may be one... ... in us that the world may know that you sent me.' This our savior prayed the Father for. How can we say we love him if we do not work for this? We know that we are supposed to preach the gospel to all the unsaved, that they may come to know our Lord. We call this 'the Great Commission.' We are also told to be in unity with one another, to say the same things. I am calling this the second greatest commission. We cannot accomplish the first one effectively without working the second one.

"I could quote scripture from now until dawn about being in unity, but if you don't get out there and tell every pastor of every Christian Church, it won't matter what I quote. There are groups and alliances all over Georgia, all over the US, and all over the world who are working for unity in the body of Christ. In this part of North Georgia there is the Whole Body of Christ Alliance.

What does it take for a body of believers to become allied with the WBCA?

This a questions we in the WBCA have been asked many times. It takes making the statement, 'We believe we should stand with the WBCA.

Are dues required? No, but donations for the Battlefield News are appreciated. We ask for a commitment and that the body of believers will actually do the work required to bring about unity in the body of Christ.

How many Churches have made this commitment? The WBCA is small for now. There

are only 52 churches in six counties. Every quarter there is a 7-day revival at 7 different churches. Come do the work the Lord requires.

Holyfest 2017 (from pg 1)

Trick-or-treat. The event is always well attended and begins with worship. Pastor Michael Smith and the people at Victory Deliverance put their all into it. There were games, prizes, food, drinks, candy and fun.

The first game was musical chairs - always fun for anyone. Pastor Michael played with the kids, as did Ms Neyda Hempton. They lost. The kids then played sticky darts, one of the many



At the service



David Lyles the minister addresses the church



Ms Neyda helps Ms Kelly with the candy



Pastor Michael



Musical chairs





Darts

games that day. Paddle ball was a game the kids loved, as was the ball toss. The games were a big hit right ahead of all the candy. The adults helped with the children, but also had quite a good time.



Darts more personal



Paddle ball



Ms Tara with the paddle ball



Mother Deborah and the other adults liked the paddle ball.



Ms Neyda and the kids' ball toss



Mother Cookie & Morris cook the food



Let's eat

Alignment Produced Unity

(from pg 1)

"Let that stick in your soul. Alignment is an arrangement in correct or appropriate positions. God cannot get unity until we are in position. This is not possible by ourselves. Alignment is also a position of agreement or an alliance. It is misalignment when a car is all wobbly and shaky. As long as it is out of alignment, it will do its own thing and care about nothing but what it wants to do. First let Jesus do the alignment on us. Our feet are out of alignment. If they were not, we would not act the way we do. The enemy gets everybody to shake inside out. Just like with the car, we must continue to correct it. If we would stop hitting every pothole, we wouldn't get out of alignment as quickly. God requires holiness. I'm not talking about a denomination, but a lifestyle. When we get back in alignment with Jesus, the body starts working right. Misalignment in the church is causing all these problems. We have all these agendas, but they're not always God's will. If you



Scott Sutherland opened in prayer



Robert (Elwood) Everett begins as MC



The people in worship



Roxanne (Rock) Shunk introduced Stephen Jackson



Stephen Jackson of Forever Ministries are in alignment with him, it does not matter what others do. God, break me if you need to. Just put

me back on the potter's wheel. He works on us like nobody else can. Mat 12:25-26, every kingdom



Rick Hempton founder of the WBCA spoke on unity in the body of Christ

divided against itself is brought to desolation; every city or house divided shall not stand. Jesus knew their thoughts. He knows ours too. We must get in subjection to him. If we stay in unity, it will take root; if not, we will be out of alignment. If we are the kingdom and we are divided, we will be brought to desolation. We need to stay in unity. It's easy to come together during revival, but we need



Jeff Ortiz of NGR School of Ministry initiated and prayed over the BFN offering.



People in fellowship

to stay in one mind, in one accord. First of all, we need to realize that folks are going to hell every day - even tonight while we are enjoying the presence of God, folks are going to hell. Lord, lead us to those that are so bound that they can't get free by themselves. People don't want to reach down into the gutter to help others. Get on your face before God and say, 'Heal me, Lord, lead me to where they are so I can tell them about you. We forget those out there that we could've shared with for five minutes God can do a lot in five minutes. It may hurt us on the other side when we see what we

"A house divided: how many houses are divided? We make time for what we want to make time for. I want to get a lot done and it usually takes ten times longer than I thought it would. We have to say, 'God, what do you want?' He wants us to have ears open to him to be led by God all the time, not just in church, but at home too. If we are not how we need to be at home, we are outside the lines - out od alignment. If God does it, we are in alignment, and we get more done in less time.

"What we are doing in this life is preparing for up there. Most of this stuff in life doesn't even matter. Don't live your life on a temporary basis. Everything we do is to point us to Jesus. Luke 24:49, Jesus told his disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. We need that Holy Ghost power in us and for our children and grand children. Not many church folks would've tarried because it takes too long. God is looking for somebody to pour into, who will wait. Acts 2:1, They were all in the upper room. They had been there for 10 days, and many were with them, grew tired of waiting, and left. When the Holy Ghost showed up, they forgot everything except what the Lord said. Those that were willing to wait received the power. We need more of the

Holy Ghost power in these revivals. When a fire truck goes by, how many follow it to see the fire? When the Holy Ghost fire comes, it will draw the people to see the fire.



Pastor Patsy opened the altar for all who needed prayer.

"We have been transitioning, and we have been tarrying. The revivals build and build. When we are in position, he will begin to do things we never thought possible. The blessing will chase us and overtake us. If I am out of alignment when the blessing comes, I will miss it. Being in alignment with Jesus, we will see God move in our home, church and county. We will see all of our churches get full. We'll have to send people some where else if we can stay in alignment with Jesus.'



Rock Shunk spoke about Communion



Herman Parks initiated and prayed over the love offering.



Pastor Yvonne Dawson of Broken Vessels closed

Dunamis (from pg 1)

Alliance and for Brother Rick Hempton, the founder of this alliance. Back in the 80s my I, my wife and family were at the swimming pool. I went



Dustin Bonds the apostle of Real Identity was



Eric Johnson with the praise team at Real Identity (see pg 6)

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Rough Around the Edges

(from pg 1)

Sometimes it just giving a cold bottle of Gatorade to someone on a hot day. Last year a Muslim went into a gay bar and shot about 50 people. He was



Hosting Pastor Michael Smith was MC



Pastor Michael on the keyboard with worship



Morris Williams on drums

attacking our mission field. We found one thing common in Texas - no matter what color, they are all suffering. That is equal-opportunity suffering. It produced humility. The Bible says God is close to the humble and far from the proud. The news media says, 'It is torn down, but we're gonna build

it back better.' Why has God allowed this to happen to this 'Christian country?' There have only been two nations founded on the word of God: Israel & the United States. All the US documents



The people in worship



Pastor Michael introduced Ms Beverly



Ms Beverly Rutledge of Carter Hill Christian Church opened the service in prayer.



Dr Mary Neal of One People Ministries spoke on unity in the body of Christ.



Fisrt Lady Rosa Loyless initiated the BFN offering and pryed over it in Spanish, translated by Ms Else Diaz.

Reference our God. It is not taught in school anymore because many of the history books have been altered not to reflect this. 'Where was God,' people in the world say, 'When they killed all of those people?' Where was God? He has been kicked out of everything by the world.

"When our people were in Las Vegas, people walked up to the street preachers saying, 'I love Satan.' They were abut to be killed and God sent them a street preacher. Hugh Hefner, the porn icon, died. I heard a man say he would be in heaven because he was baptized when he was six. Sorry, but if a man be in Christ, he is a new creature. We just beg people now to accept the church: 'Come and be in our fellowship.' It's about Jesus!

"God delivered me with 1/16 of an ounce of dope in my pocket. My wife left me when I started preaching. She said, 'You're not the man I married.' Praise God.

"We've become too much like a business. We

allow anything for the money. The word of God judges and defines sin, not me. I can live it or not, but it doesn't change. I do not change this Bible; it changes me. We begin to try to change it because we find it 'offensive.' Those that are here now are supposed to be here. Those not here are not here because they did not make the effort. The word will not help them. If the Christian life is not costing you something, you might not be living it. There is so much church in the world and so much world in the church that it's hard to tell the difference.

"Num 21:4, the way was hard and the people were discouraged. In V5, they began to take for granted what God had given them and they complained. We must be careful to appreciate what God gives. The Lord sent fiery serpents. Sometimes storms come and it is the Lord who sends them. These hurricanes, the twin towers and all things like those in the last few years have not been because God does not love us, but because he does love us. As a nation, we are ruled by law. Sixty million babies have been murdered since 1973. No one wants to talk about it anymore. The women are called the victims. There is blood on our hands. It just like if a killer was killing people and we were doing nothing about it. There is so much evil going on and it's like it is hidden from us. In Vegas, they brag that it is 'Sin City.' Not only is God sending these storms, but they are deserved. How can we expect God not to judge this nation if he is a just God? That stuff that came to Texas, it could be us in the near future.

"All those little 11 to 14-year-old girls in the house of prostitution in Atlanta - we, the church, act like it could not be. The church has become sissified like we're not supposed to defend ourselves. We're supposed to 'turn the other cheek.' Ecclesiastes says there is a time for everything. If you break into my house, that is not the time to turn the other cheek. I have a gun and I will shoot you. The sign on my door says, 'This door is locked, not for my protection, but for yours.' We ought to want to get a hold of one of those pimps with those little girls. We need to do things because, if they are not done, evil will prosper. We are not to stand for this. There was a time when the government welcomed the church because they did not want drug addicts. But now they would rather open methadone clinics and create drug addicts.

"God is raising up warriors today. Would it surprise anybody if God sent something to Atlanta worse than the hurricanes and the twin towers? We are saved, but we are still addicted to sin. We have a relationship with Christ, but we are still addicted. Nobody wants to talk about it. We have to start holding people accountable. We have a tendency toward sin. Why is it that we do not have unity? Sin! Why can the government push the church and we don't do anything about it? Sin! God is making us humble. He is sending those fiery serpents.

"II King 18:3-5, Hezekiah addressed the sin. Preachers have to address the sin no matter what. We are the priests of our home. Address the sin in our homes. The bronze serpent that Moses made in Num 21 was kept in the temple and worshiped. The people called it Nehushtan. Hezekiah had it broken into pieces. Nehushtan represents how we think things are supposed to be - our paradigm that we burn incense to. 'White folks can't <u>be</u> saved; they are white devils.' 'We have to wear dresses and our hair up in a bun.' We get shocked if a woman wears pants. God wants something different, maybe rough or rugged. Give me somebody that's rough around the edges that God can use. Everyone here tonight, God knew you'd be here. You may be polished now, but remember when you were younger and you witnessed to somebody, messed up, and said the wrong things? We get a little rough around the edges again - willing to get into the face of the people on the council. We need to remember we must defend ourselves."



Meeting, greeting, and fellowship



First Lady Sherry Angel of Kingdom Life initiated and prayed over the love offering.



Pastor James Loyless closed the service



All the people prayed together



Dunamis (from pg 5)



The people in worship

to get some orange juice and a girl came running into the restaurant yelling, 'He's drowning! He's drowning!' I came out and my nephew was dead. God raised him from the dead because we all came together praying for him. On this program it says Ps 133:1. There is **power** in working together. This passage says not just dwelling together, but in unity. How good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.



The praise team at Real identity



The worship

David was saying how good the Lord is – better than an ice cream on a Sunday afternoon. Better means better

than average or usual. God is not gonna give you something to do that you can figure out on your own. You need him to do it. God ordained the body



People at the altar during worship



Herman Parks filming



Pastor Matt Mote of Fisherman's Net opened in prayer.



Jody Bennett of Unity on a Mission spoke quite uniquely on unity in the body of Christ.



Jody called people from the congregation up to



Put a puzzle together



Working on the puzzle



Still working



The finished product - not bad - team work



Michael Bennett of Unity on a Mission did the BFN offering.

Of Christ to come together. He never intended us to work alone.

"Mat 10:1, we have enough power, enough love, enough Holy Ghost in here that the devil will be defeated. He hates it when a black and white brother sit together. He used that for years, but now he's gonna have to come up with something new. I have been with this alliance for about seven years now. Our church was the third one. I'm the president on the board of directors. I keep trying to resign, but Brother Rick keeps pulling me back in. Mat 10:1, he gave them all what?" Everyone shouted. 'Power.'

"It is dunamis – power. This is where we get the word 'dynamite.' It is time for the body of Christ to explode. I don't run from the devil anymore; he has to run from me. James said, 'Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.' We are the body of Christ. There are more than 50 churches now. That's why we don't have to wait for every three months to get together.

"All the 12 are names in V_2 . He sent them out. We get too comfortable inside the church building. Where you going? Out! Home Depot, Walmart, at work – he sent them out in twos. You gotta stay connected with somebody. While you are praying, somebody can be watching. The devil shows up in the church. We have to have discernment of the spirit. Sickness cannot stay where the power of God is

"At the Gadarenes, the demons came to him. They knew they had to leave. It is time for us to put up or shut up. The kingdom of God is at hand. That is us. Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem until they had been given power from on high. How did they get this power and Spirit? By being in unity! They received Holy Ghost power – dunamis. (see pg 8)

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Isaiah 61:1-3

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Dunamis (from pg 7)

Peter told the man in Acts 3, I don't have any money, but in the name of Yeshua, get up and walk. How? It was because they were in one accord – in unity

"We can chase the devil out of Commerce, Hoschton, Winder, Jackson County, Gwinnett, Barrow because we are in unity. Come into unity and let them all see you. People will say there's nothing wrong with those people; they all come together and love on each other.

"It takes money to publish that Battlefield News. We get it at our church. Every so often we see ourselves in it. We ought to appreciate the people doing the Battlefield News."



Prayer over Brother Duane Pastor Michael opened up the altar. He prophesied over Q Franklin, "Because you have tied yourself

to him, God is gonna use you in a mighty way. Pastor Michael anointed and prophesied over Pastor Johnny Sherwood, "Don't fret because God is coming to your rescue." He also prophesied over Pastor Larry Percifield.

Many people were prayed over at the altar. People were healed and others were delivered.



Prayer over Missy Iler





Prophecy over Pastor Larry



Rick Hempton announces Herman's birthday



Rick Hempton initiated the love offering.



Pastor Johnny Sherwood closed the service.

This Untoward Generation

(from pg 1)

had a march through Winder and in 2015, we had a march through Hoschton. We need more outdoor



Hosting Pastor Lynn Hill was MC



Q Franklin sang

Events for the lost to come to. The tent revivals work well for that too. Dr Mary's unity day is Another thing not to miss. It's always in May.



People in worship



Mary Tate sang



Pastor Yvonne Dawson opened in prayer.



Shane Haley spoke on prophecy



Mary Tate spoke on unity in the body of Christ



Rick Hempton initiated and prayed over the BFN offering.

Eph 4:1-7, the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Christianity has been splintered into so many groups that our effectiveness is seriously compromised. We must pull together and work at it.

"Act 2:39-40, 'For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call. And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, be saved from this untoward generation." We all stumble occasionally. I was able to forgive the man who stabbed my son to death.

"In Act 2:41, about 3000 souls were saved. People come in and say they got saved. We have to follow up with the in-house Bible studies. I look at the alliance as one big church.



Q Franklin initiated and prayed over the love offering.



Pastor Russell Page of Kingdom Realm



Pastor James Loyless of Aliento de Vida closed in prayer

Fall for CommUnity

(from pg 1)

games. The music was amazing, and God used it to prepare the hearts of those who would come to know him. As Brother Pineapple came to share



Les Vinluan (Bro Pineapple) the evangelist



Some of the kids



Brother Pineapple and some of the 23 people who gave their lives to the Lord



Some of the kids



National Guardsmen praying with Eddie Cook



Sparky the dog with a Madison Co. deputy

Balloon-eating tyrannosaurus

God's word, we already knew God was at work, and as a result, many made the decision to follow the Lord. The message was very simple and clear: God loves you and paid your sin debt. Les Vinluan, Unity on a Mission, Daniel (D Earl) Gilstrap, Liza Williams, the Revolved Band, Still Standing, and His Anointed Children, people can't



Brandy Hallan among the people



Kids playing ball



The cars for trunk or treat



The Salvation Army people



Elwood & Bro Pineapple



Daniel (D-Earl) Gilstrap on stage





The Revolved Band



Sammi & Trinity moving equipment



The Unity Band





His Anointed Children

thank you enough for being so willing to share your gifts so freely with the world. This reporter is truly honored and grateful that God aligned our paths so that we can be warriors for him together. New Town Baptist, this reporter could not be more proud of you. You came together and worked so that Christ could shine. A thank-you is due our vendors. There was lots of good feedback. Everyone loved it that you joined them. They learned some things to do and not to do for next year. And it is hoped that you know everyone is grateful for you. In summary, we accomplished what God asked us to do - trust him and be obedient - and we did just that. So we celebrate a very blessed and successful night with 23 lives

being changed forever. Well done, my brothers and Sisters in Christ.

New Town Baptist Fall CommUnity Festival was a huge success. The day was filled with blessings from beginning to end. As soon as people arrived,



Tommy Jones eating

they saw the pleasant spirit of unity in action. They were greeted with smiles, hugs, and words of encouragement, along with great anticipation for the Holy Spirit to draw hearts to him, and to each other. In one accord, as always, the people of New Town, and their faithful workers showed up and did a fantastic job. Each vendor, event staff, ministry worker, musician, and evangelist came together and gave praise to Yaweh, our everpresent God for 23 confirmed salvations.

One soul was a National Guardsman, who was at a military display table. Several children, who were transported in a Salvation Army van, also gave their hearts to Jesus. Daniel (D-Earl) Gilstrap and Les (Brother Pineapple) Vinluan gave the altar call and many precious souls answered the call. Plans



Bobbie groovin' to the music



Steve Combs and Daniel pray

are already underway for next year's harvest. Be in one mind, one accord, giving all the glory to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Healing in the Body (from pg 1) Gordon Johnson was MC for the event and Stephanie



Gordon Johnson the attorney



Stephanie Hancock

Bolden sang I Wanna Be Where You Are and it was fantastic. Cynthia Fortson read I Cor 1:10, 'Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord



Letitia Bolden



Jesus Christ, that you all have a uniform testimony and that there be no schisms or dissention among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.' Ms Fortson reminded us all that sectarianism is a sin.

Pastor Joseph Essiful-Ansah of Christ the King Ghana Methodist Church and member of the board of directors of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance opened the service in prayer and spoke, "This is not a mosque; it is a church. We are praying in the name of Jesus. The gospel of Mark tells us that, when it is time to pray, we must forgive when we stand and pray."

Hosting Pastor Hal Farnsworth of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, where the event was held told the people, "Athens is 80-85% unchurched. We started in 1996 with a Bible study in our home. The church is to be reconciled to one another, but also to the world.



Pastor Joseph Essiful-Ansah



Pastor Hal Farnsworth



Pastor Joseph & William Walker greet



Pastor Billy Angel of Kingdom Life & Jody Bennett of the Battlefield News converse beforehand



Pastor Yvonne Dawson of Broken Vessels



The people



Pastor Joyce Heard of Athens Unity Fellowship



Greg Brockman WBCA & wife Crystal



Pastor James Walker of Holy Bethel, member board of directors WBCA



Mary Tate of House of Hope surprised



Pastor Parker James of Lord of Glory Fellowship & Dr Mary Neal of One People Ministries



Her Honor Nancy Denson, Mayor of Athens "The government projects the need to build prisons based on the number of people that read on the first grade level. Education is everything."



Dr Betsy Weinrich of University Church "it is Veterans Day. If you are a Vet, please stand.

Thank you for your service."
"The African American Community has suffered PTSD for 150 years. Trauma destroys; Christ restores. Ps 56:8 says God places our tears in a

bottle and in his book. Talking, tears, and timing

lead to healing."



Chris Colston founder of the Manhood Project

Chris Colston was described as weird because he believes every word in the Bible and lives it. He founded the Manhood Project in Atlanta, a place to equip men to connect the next generation of men and women with transformation and hope through the power of the gospel of Christ. "Jesus was going through a village in Samaria," Chris said. "They did not receive him. James and John asked if they should call fire down to consume them. Call fire down? What is racial healing? Jesus knew some things. God created one biology, one genealogy and one geology. There is one people, but two spiritual races: one that is separated from God and one that is reconciled to him. Racial healing is coming to understand the difference between what is God-made and what is man-made. African-American, that is man-made. white & black 'races,' that is man-made. Racial healing is trading in superficiality. There must be a soul-connection. Idolatry is bad, but it can come from something good. Work is good, but if it comes before your family, it is bad. Racial idolatry is when my race becomes more important than my walk with God. We must find our significance with God, not with man or society. We try to control things instead of letting God control them. Phil 2:3, acting out of selfish ambition or conceit. II Cor 2:3, forgiveness, racial healing.'



Dr R Scott Freeman PhD, Chief of Police, Athens-Clarke County

"What's happening in our country is appalling," Chief Freeman began, "especially in law enforcement and community relations. The militarization of police is an issue affecting police departments. There is a need to address race relations in Athens and all across the country. I wish I had the answer. Police departments need to do more listening than talking. We need to pay attention to what we are asked to do with respect to serving and protecting. I am a big believer that we are to be more like guardians than an occupying military force. Trying to be more responsive to you, rather than how many arrests are made is our measure of success, as well as how to decrease crime and insure that you are well and safe. We are not the CIA; we have no secrets. We have transparency. Most police departments don't do

that. Our police wear cameras. The last time there was an officer-involved shooting, the body camera footage was released in five hours. We want to be accountable – less talk, more listening." We must make the commitment to pray for our police officers." Gordon Johnson told the people.



Pastor Clay Dobbs of Mountain Creek Baptist Church

"If there is need for healing, then there must be an injury," Pastor Clay told the people. We must assess the sites and realize that injury has occurred. With race, we must realize injury has occurred. We have plenty of descriptions of what's going on. What we need are prescriptions. We need white preachers to go to black churches and vice versa. We all worship the same God. Sunday is the most segregated time. We will never change if our perspectives don't change. We are all saying how different we are. Open the Bible and see how similar we are. I can only speak from the point of view of a white male. I preach on social injustice. I believe that injustice still exists. We will give account to God on what we did.

"The first step in healing is understanding our place in God. Here there are two levels. The first is God and the second is not God. The only way we're gonna heed is to sit and talk. We are in Clarke County. I need to take this to Walton County. This goes on and on because the media is running the market. If you are unwilling to speak out against social injustice, you are just as guilty. Don't tell me you can't be the change, or speak out against social injustice."



Small group with David Yeom



Jim Geiser recaps their small group



Pastor Yvonne Dawson recaps their small group



Chris Gosnell recaps

"In April there will be a fresh air revival."

"To the pastors: what are we gonna do about racial healing?" Pastor Joyce Heard asked. "Talking is a start, but it is not enough."



Pastor Charles Knox



Pastor Theotis Johnson

"Jesus did not preach race," Pastor Theotis Johnson began, "He preached grace. I pick up a penny because I will get 99 more and I'll have a dollar. We are not natural beings having a supernatural experience; we are supernatural beings living a natural life. God puts us together. There are only two types of people: Jews and Goyim. If you are a Christian, you are grafted into the family – adopted. You are not a Goy (Gentile). The scripture says to love ye one another that the world may know you are my disciples. In heaven there is no difference between us in the end. Be colorless and without blemish. This will solve 95% of the problem. There are no bad people, only people with bad actions. The Lord said as long as you stay connected to the vine, vou will bear fruit.'



Greg Brockman & James Walker

"I apologize for the black race," Pastor James said, "for accepting subordinance, accepting what the media tells us about who we are. If we were all white, we'd find another problem, another difference to fight over. This is not what God designed."

"In the 1830s," Greg Brockman told the people, "before the Civil War, the Northern Presbyterians and the Southern split, then the Methodists, then the Northern Baptists split with the Southern Baptists. They demonized each other and the same people saw their sons fighting a war with one another. Sometimes it's not about race; you are just not gonna be accepted everywhere. My Jesus was not accepted. I have been more rejected by my white brothers because of Jesus than anyone else. The American dream is seeking success, degrees, ordination, but we still have the same problems. It does not matter how many degrees I have on my wall if I don't have love in my heart. Jesus was very basic and humble. I have the authority to do what I am fixing to do."

Greg bent down and began cleaning Pastor James' shoes. "I am the grandson of KKK men, and our nation needs a demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost. We must do what Jesus did."



Greg cleaning the shoes of James



James cleans Greg's shoes

"I free you of every black man who ever hated you because of the color of your skin."

Foot washing in the church is usually ceremonial, ritualistic, and serves no purpose in today's world, not as it did in the first century when everyone wore sandals. Cleaning someone's shoes, however, is just as humbling and has plenty of utility in the 21st century. Of all the speeches, demonstrations, discussions, and sermons on racial healing, what these two men did was the most powerful.

"We must <u>be</u> the change we want to see." Letitia Bolden told everyone.



Letitia Bolden



Pastor Joyce

"Thank you to Pastor Hal, Pastor Todd, and Redeemer Church. There never seems to be enough time. To all the people who travelled so far, thank you – everyone."



Pastor Parker James closed in prayer

Homeland Security Problem

(from pg 1)

And member of the board of directors, First Lady Theresa Walker of Holy Bethel, and Pastor Allen



Pastor Allen Stevens

Stevens of Living Hope Christian Fellowship came together at Golden Coral in Winder, where free dinner is served for all yeterans on Veteran's Day.

From 2009 until January of 2017, Homeland security considered Christians and veterans the most likely candidates as terrorists. No, really, I'm serious. This is one of the things that may have been part of the cause of so many incidents in America where Islamic terrorists killed so many people during the Obama administration.



Pastor James and First Lady Theresa Walker, got to take pictures, and Herman Parks relaxing after supper.

House of Hope Benefit

(from pg 1)

Monroe, the county and the state, but she knows she must refuse government help if Christ is to remain the center of the program. Therefore, Mary must raise money to help her girls in other ways.

Mary told the story of how the House of Hope was started. "We depend solely on God," she said. "We



Daniel (D-Earl) Gilstrap was the first to perform for Mary's House of Hope



The people



Grace & Truth were the second performers



Alyssa Patton played drums

don't go hungry, we keep the lights on, and we don't go without. He is an awesome God. The butterfly is our emblem because my ladies are n transition. You don't have to look homeless just because you are homeless. God told me, 'I'm gonna break you until you are ready.' We went to a Confederate grave yard. None of the stones have a name on them. When you die without using the gifts and talents God gave you, you are like that." D-Earl began with *Let the Worshipers arise*. "Ms

Mary," he said after the song. "God gave me a word for you. He didn't break you. The world does that, and sometimes he allows it. He is healing you and raising you back up. Because you pour your life into others, he's going to provide for you."



Janna Hutchinson on piano



Amy Herron on organ



Gary Humphries on Bass



Leroy Herron plays guitar



John Hutchinson did vocals



Cindy Hutchens vocals



Arianna Dunagan vocals

"God called me to do rap." Daniel continued. "I asked him why because I don't look the part. He told me it was because I did <u>not</u> look the part. When people see a big guy, an ex-marine fall in love with me, they will truly begin on their knees.

"The altar is open tonight. I will fight for you on my knees."

"Your house will not stand," Bobby Allen began, "if it is built in sand. But on the rock – Jesus Christ – it will stand."



Bobby Allen

"Ps 126:5," began Ann Allen, Bobby's wife, "God is so good. Little Johnny went to his gramma's house with his family. They sat down and Johnny began eating right away. His mother said, "Johnny, you know we always pray before we eat at home." Johnny answered, "Yes ma'am, but Gramma knows how to cook, so we don't have to."

Many others sang as well before the night was over, and Ms Mary's house was blessed.

Benefit for Tray

(from pg 1)

with a couple of songs.



Kids love sweets and there were plenty of those



Rigging for sound



Tray Gooch and Grampa Johnny



John Wayne Maddox performed with Clarke Kesler and Friends

Clarke Kesler and friends sang several songs. After a short break, several items that had been



David Wichael



Clarke Kesler addresses the people

donated were raffled. David Wichael took the stage with his guitar and sang. He is another young gospel singer that is making his mark in the gospel scene. Connie Perry then took the stage and sang several gospel songs with good messages.

There were more drawings for a second raffle, and Tray sang a few more songs. Clarke Kesler closed out the event by bringing up Tray, his two brothers, and his sister to be prayed over. "The younger generation will take over as the older generation dies," Clarke told the people. "They need the encouragement, training, and support to be able to do this." Over all, the event was a big success.

Black

By: Dr Mary Neal



Dr Mary Neal

Greetings, what do you thing about this one? Black from the sun, black from the lack of food, prophets and teachers known as "the Black" (KJV) "called Niger" Did someone add (g) to a biblical word that was given to prophets and teachers and used it to offend?

"I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. Look not upon me, because I am black because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept. Song of Solomon 1:5-6 (CJB)

Acts 13:1 (KJV), "Now there were in the Church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

(CJB) In the Antioch congregation were **prophets** and teachers — Bar-Nabba, Shim'on (known as "the BLACK"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Menachem (who had been brought up with Herod the governor) and Sha'ul.

Job 30:30, "My skin is black and falling off me,

and my bones are burning with heat."

Lamentations 4:8, "Now their faces are blacker than coal; in the streets they go unrecognized. Their skin has shriveled over their bones and become as dry as a stick. Their faces were blacker than coal? It is because they were dying from hunger, the lack of food. Because those slain by the sword are better off than those who are dying from hunger; since these waste away as if pierced through, for lack of food from the fields. With their own hands, compassionate women have cooked their own children; their children became their food when the daughter of My People was destroyed.

<u>Lamentations</u> 5:10, "Our skins are as <u>black</u> as a furnace <u>because</u> of the searing blasts of famine.

Mary Neal the prophetess ©8/24/2017

Look at Your Vision, not Your Provision

By: Carol Patman



Carol Patman the apostle

Nehemiah had a vision and a call to do a work for God. He would allow nothing to stand in his way. Through hardships, through his planning, and his perseverance (steadfastness in doing something despite the difficulty or delay to achieve success) the job was done, and Israel had a home once again.

Nehemiah 2:11, "I went to Jerusalem and stayed there three days." Neh 2:20, "But I answered them, 'The God of heaven will give us success. We, his servants, will start rebuilding, but you have no share, claim, or memorial in Jerusalem.' Nehemiah inspected Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a pile of ruin, and its gates had been burned.

Come let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so we won't be full of shame any longer. We have come through things in our life that made us feel shame, shame that tried to destroy us and our vision, things such as divorce, death of a loved one, sickness, incest, loss of a job, addiction, molestation, someone told lies on us. These are things that happened to us to try to stop the vision God has given us. Just as with Nehemiah. But Nehemiah endured the hardship. God has knit change. Your dream and calling will come to pass.

The whole town was in rubble, burned to the ground. But Nehemiah knew God had called him to build the wall back. Did he know how God was going to provide? No. Do you have a vision, or a calling upon your life to accomplish? We can accomplish anything with God. We must realize that anytime that God gives us a vision, it will be greater than our ability to do it. God is a big God and he only has big plans but He uses small people with no plans to accomplish his work. It is only after we begin to work on the vision by faith that we can see it come together. When we start, it might be a hot mess. But we know God has called us to do it. As we begin to act by faith, the vision begins to unfold in front of us. When God calls us to work for him, he will equip us to do that work. We may not see it at first. We may get tired, weary, upset, try to give up, but we have to remember the vision God gave us.

When God is talking to you the devil is too. God tries to talk to us in the spirit and the people in the church will try to stop us. You can't share your vision with everyone.

Every big dream or vision starts small and continues to grow as long as we don't give up and

walk away. It is never God's will for his plan to fail. It is never God's will for the vision he gives us to fail, but to come to pass. Too many people walk away when the going gets tough and the obstacles seem larger than the vision. Nehemiah overcame every obstacle in building the wall and the city. The reward was great because he saw the fruit. His people were not being taken advantage of any more. The wall protected them from the enemies. The wall also gave them strength. It was a worthy cause. God blessed and the entire wall of the city of Jerusalem was built in 52 days. When you have people with the same vision to help you, you can accomplish much. Nehemiah was faithful to God. He didn't quit and he didn't give up. God's time table is not our time table. What is your God-given vision? When God gives us a vision we don't always have the provision. But God shall supply all that is needed. He will make it work if we are faithful to him. Nehemiah faced many obstacles but he overcame. The city and the wall were rebuilt for the glory of God. Nehemiah rose above it all.

God bless you. Pastor Carol Patman

Lukewarm Leftovers

By: Jerome Applegate

Many people will not read the book of Revelation. They don't even want to talk about it. Revelation scares them. The book of Revelation is my favorite book in the Bible because it is Grand Central Station for the whole rest of the Bible. The book is not about the antichrist. It's not about the battle of Armageddon. It's about Jesus. Rev 3:15-18 says, "I know your deeds, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm — neither hot nor cold — I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

This is Jesus speaking. He is not just talking to some church we don't know anything about in Laodicea. He is speaking to us. When you put something in your mouth to commit to eating or drinking it, you want it to either be cold or hot, not lukewarm. If it is, you will probably spit it out.

In the U.S. we are impressed by numbers. We gauge the success of an event by how many people attend it. Jesus questions the validity of this kind of record keeping. According to the account in Luke 8:10, when a crowd began following him, he began speaking in parables – "so that" those who were not genuinely listening wouldn't get it. He just wasn't interested in those who fake it.

In the parable of the sower, the seed is the word of God. When the seed is thrown on the path, it is heard but quickly stolen away. On the rocks, it has not roots, has the appearance of depth and growth, but only on the surface. Among the thorns it is received, but suffocated by life's worries, riches, and pleasures. In good soil it grows, takes root, and produces fruit.

My warning to you is this: Do not assume \underline{you} are good soil.

I will say it again. Do not assume that \underline{vou} are good soil.

Has your relationship with God actually changed the way you live? If you have ever been honest with yourself in your whole life, now is the time. Are you satisfied with being "godly enough" to get into heaven, or to look good in comparison to others? Or can you say with Paul that you "want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death (Phil 3:10)?

For far too long this verse just had too much Jesus for me. I thought the verse should have ended at the word resurrection. I have heard people say that Soin-so was "so heavenly minded that they were no earthly good." That is one of the stupidest, most worldly statements I've ever heard.

I do not want to be in the church of Laodicea. I do not want to be lukewarm. There is no such thing as

being so heavenly minded that you are no good, just like there is no such thing as a lukewarm Christian. This is an oxymoron. To put it plainly, church folks who are lukewarm are <u>not</u> Christians. We will not see them in the Kingdom.

Christians do not serve leftovers to a holy God. Yet so many of us pay our tithes as long as we can do it without putting ourselves in a bind. A man once told me, "It's all fine and good to talk about tithing, but the electric company will still cut off the power if you don't pay the bill. The mortgage company will still foreclose on you and the bank will still repo your car if you don't pay."

My answer to the man was, "If they repo my truck because I paid my tithes, God will give me a new one, that is, of course, if it was because I paid my tithes and not because I took my wife to Red Lobster." I was actually put to the test on that one because they <u>did</u> repo my truck because I kept on paying my tithes, and sure enough, God <u>did</u> give me another one, and this one was paid for – no truck payments.

Look at me. Aren't I wonderful? – Not! I am right there with the rest, constantly reminding myself of where I am lacking.

Christians do not serve leftovers to a holy God. Yet so many of us pray – spend time with the one who placed us here so he could hang out with us – in our "spare time." The fact is that, according to some surveys, most "Christians" pray more in church than at any other time. Most spend <u>far</u> more time in front of the television than praying.

What happens when people "ask Christ into their lives?" They go up to the altar, say a prayer, and that's it. It's done. Right? Unfortunately, that is exactly the way we treat it. They said the prayer and now they go to church. It is better to be in church than not to be in church, but this is so very far from what God wants from us. Our lives have not actually changed hardly at all.

Let's face it. If we are willing to make changes in our lives at all, it is only if we think it affects our salvation. This is why I hear so many questions like, Can I divorce my wife and still go to heaven? Do I have to be baptized to be saved? Am I a Christian even though I am in a homosexual relationship? If I am ashamed to talk about Jesus, is he really going to deny knowing me? If I have sex with someone I'm dating can I still get into heaven? If I commit suicide will I still go to heaven?

To me the real tragedy of these questions is that they show the real state of our heart. They show that we are more concerned about going to heaven than actually loving the King. We are in the mindset of "What's in it for me?" If it were all about us, we would be in even more serious trouble. It is not about us. It is about God. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." When we consider this, our question quickly becomes the unthinkable: Can I go to heaven without truly and faithfully loving Jesus?

I have never seen anything in the scripture that leads me to believe that the answer to that question could be yes. I John 2:3-4 says, "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Maybe I'm warped, but I just kind of think that what John was trying to say was that the person who claims to know God but does not obey his commands is a liar and the truth really is not in him

In Mat 16:24-25, Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

If I think more of my comfortable life than what the Lord wants me to do – what he wants me to be, then I will lose my life. What we are talking about

here is the dzoe' life, the kind of life God has, the spirit life, the kind of life that does not constantly have to be recharged with food, with water, and with air. The kind of life we are familiar with is the bios life, the temporary life, the life that will ultimately end for all of us. Jesus promises those that belong to him the kind of life he has, the dzoe' life.

Some people claim that we can be Christians without necessarily becoming disciples. This makes me wonder, then, why the last thing Jesus told us was to go into the world, making disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey all that he commanded. Notice that he did not add, "But hey, if that's too much to ask, tell them to just become Christians - you know, the people who get to heaven without having to commit to anything."

When we are in the mindset of What's-in-it- forme, we think about such things as how we can "get into" heaven and what rewards we will receive. If we continue to serve and pursue Christ for Christ himself, at some point we will realize that we have forgotten all about those things and just want his work to be done, his kingdom to be realized. We will realize that the rewards are chicken feed compared to being with him.

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people attend church because that's what Christians" do. Isa 29:13 says, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people give money as long as it doesn't impinge on their standard of living. If they have a little extra, they give a little. "I tell you the truth," Jesus said when he saw the rich bringing their gifts and the poor widow putting in two small coins, "This poor widow has put in more than all the others."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people tend to choose what is popular over what is right when they are in conflict. They care more about what people think of what they do (like going to church and giving) than what God thinks of their hearts and lives. Jesus said in Luke 6:26, "Woe to you when men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets." He said in Rev 3:1, "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people don't really want to be cleansed of their sin; they only want to be saved from the penalty of their sin. They don't genuinely hate sin and aren't truly sorry for it. They're just sorry because God is going to punish them.

Î don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people hardly ever share their faith with their neighbors or friends. They don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable by talking about private issues like religion. They don't want to make people angry. A young woman I witnessed to once told me in a very angry voice, "I'm not a Christian. I'm a Baptist." The truth is she might not have known anything about Jesus, but she knew she was not where she needed to be with Christ and that she did not know him at all (Baptists usually are Christians) and it scared the daylights out of her. We all tend to manifest fear through anger. James 1:22 tells us "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourself. Do what it says."

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people do not live by faith; their lives are structured so that they don't have to. They don't have to trust God if something unexpected happens - they have their bank account. The truth is, their lives wouldn't look much different if they stopped believing in God. "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" (Luke 12:20)

I don't want to be lukewarm. Lukewarm people may drink and swear less than average, but besides that, they aren't really any different from your typical unbeliever. They equate their partially sanitized lives with holiness, but they couldn't be more wrong.

We attempt to serve leftovers to a holy God leftover money, leftover time, leftover love.

My concern in writing this is that it may only evoke fear and guilt. Personal experience has taught me that actions driven by fear and guilt are not an antidote to lukewarm, selfish, comfortable living. I hope that you realize instead that the answer is

I don't want to be lukewarm. I have said this, but unfortunately I find myself falling into just that on too many occasions. I don't want to fall into lukewarmness ever. But, you see it is not just our actions that God looks at; it is also our heart.

Paul said beginning in Rom 7:14, "For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do...Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me...O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin."

You see, we all sin. We all fail God, fall short of his glory, but I truly hope you can see the difference. The grace of God is there for those

who belong to him. God's grace is sufficient for this. God's grace covers us if we belong to him. But, what if we do not belong to him? What if we are concerned only about whether we are going to get into heaven with the least amount of effort instead of whether we love the king?

What if we are more concerned about the rewards we think we will receive than whether the things we can accomplish for the kingdom will come to

Î don't want real believers to doubt their salvation. In the midst of our failed attempts to please the God we love, his grace covers us. To call someone a Christian simply because he does some Christianlike things is giving false comfort to the unsaved. But to declare someone who sins "unsaved" is to deny the reality and truth of God's grace.

Grace does not help, however, what is wrong with our hearts. Grace does not cover lukewarm. complacency. If we have as much of God as we want for right now, a reasonable portion of God among all the other things in our lives, this is not covered by the grace. Those that should be the most afraid are those that are lukewarm, and know it, and

The thing is, when you're in love, you will do whatever you have to for the one you are in love with, even things you didn't know you could do.

Please, read this until it sinks in. It is vital and there is absolutely nothing more important. Here goes: Are you willing to say to God that he can have whatever he wants? Do you believe that wholehearted commitment to him is more important than any other thing or person in your life? Do you know that nothing you ever do in this life will ever matter, unless it is about loving God and loving the people he has made?

If the answer to those questions is yes, then put your actions where your mouth is. True faith means holding nothing back; it bets everything on the hope of eternity.

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Books and Clothes Needed

Christ the King needs Christian books. For those of you who have Christian books that you've read or that you are willing to donate. Please call the Battlefield News, call Pastor Joseph at (706)254-5531, or take them by Christ the King.

In Addition, the people at Christ the King are gathering clothes. The need there is very great. Please drop off any clothing at Christ the King, beside Quality Food in Winder. "I was naked and you clothed me."

Food and Clothing Abba's House

Sunday Morning at Church of God of Prophecy Winder, 333 Wright Street, food is given to the needy after morning service, which begins at 1100. Call Pastor Debra Williams with questions: (404)960-9515

Angel's Attic

Thursday from 1500 to 1600 (3-4pm) at Braselton Tabernacle of Praise, 2260 Davenport Rd, food is given to the needy. Call Pastor Jon Jackson with questions: (706)658-2668

Living Hope

Wednesday evening at 1900 (7pm), those who need food, and are ready to attend a church service, will be given food afterward. Call Pastor Stevens with questions: (404)996-5047

New Harvest

The first Wednesday of each month at New Harvest Ministries, at 176 A West Athens Street in Winder, from 1100 to 1230 food will be given to the needy. For questions, call Pastor B. L. Arnold: (404)513-3538

Real Identity

Serves food at 1815 (615pm) every Friday night. Praise and worship is at 1900 (7pm). It is located at 3769 Maysville Rd in Commerce, Ga. 30529. Pastor Dustin may be reached at (706)362-2425 or at dustin.bonds24@gmail.com

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News **Go Fund Holy Bethel**

The story began in the early 1900s when the Carruth & Rucker families joined together with the goal of building God a house of worship. This was the beginning of the Holy Bethel "Holy Ghost



church restoration project

Headquarters." Land was purchased in Commerce, Ga and a building was erected where before there was only a brush arbor. The church that was erected is now in need of repairs. Please give to help the work of the Lord continue. The church had been closed for two years before the Lord entrusted

us with this work. The enemy must be really angry, but that's why we are moving on. We have received donations from the church body – local pastors and friends. There is still more work to be done. We have replaced the ceiling, restored the lady's restroom, and wallpapered the walls. Now we have to run new water lines and install a backflow valve. This is definitely a work in progress. Just know your gift will not go unnoticed. See WWW.Gofundme.com.

Pastor James & Teresa Walker Forever Ministries

Families are God's building blocks. They are one of the most important things to the Lord. Because of this, the forces of darkness are working overtime to destroy the family, to destroy the institution of marriage. We have all seen this happening all around us. There are people called by God to fight this terrible attack on the family and the institution of marriage. One of those ministries is Forever Ministries, founded by Stephen Jackson.

Forever Ministries exists to Impact Couples for Christ! We are being obedient, joining where God is working, and following His lead! Currently, We are hosting Events, and providing access to long term Impact with couples community groups through churches that partner with our ministry. We also are researching how best to offer Christian counseling, workshops, and intensives, anything that will help couples Thrive in Christ!

The vision of Forever Ministries is to strengthen families by reinforcing marriage according to God's biblical design through providing events & experiences that will encourage & equip marriages to thrive! Our desire is to see couples come to experience marriage the way God intended.

Noah's Ark Puppets

Pastor Linda Smith, the kids, and the people at Love of God Mission will be presenting a show of puppets from Noah's Ark in January of 2018. Keep an eye on the Battlefield News for more details. It will be something the little ones won't want to miss.

Racial Healing

If you attended the racial healing conference in November, you need to get ready for the Racial Healing Summit in February in Jackson County. It will be done by Greg Brockman, Pastor Joyce Heard and many others from the WBCA. Watch BFN for more details.

New Year's Eve

Real Identity is holding a service on Sat 30 & Sun 31 Dec with the prophet from Virginia, Jordan Bryce. The theme is From Conform to Reform. For more details contact the apostle Dustin Bonds at (706)362-2425.

Watchmen & Intercessors

Pastor Yvonne Dawson and Dustin Bonds the apostle will be holding special services on 9 & 10 December at 1700 (5pm) at Real Identity for the watchmen and the intercessors. Dustin Bonds (706)362-2425/ Yvonne Dawson (404)786-9502.

Living Hope Lady's Outing

The ladies of Living Hope Christian Fellowship and any other ladies from the Whole Body of Christ Alliance will have a lady's outing some time in January, the day and time to be announced. One may call First Lady Wanda Stevens at (404)996-5047 for more details.

New Allied Work

Living Hope Christian Fellowship and Unity on a Mission have become united in work (story in December BFN). They will be working closely together to accomplish common goals, some common to all Christians. More details to come in the Battlefield News.

Remember

If you or you church or ministry stand with the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, your activities and events may be published in the Battlefield News One Army to go all over the country, all over the world. But we don't know unless you tell us.

Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

Every one knows that the first part is the answers to the October questions:

A Collection of Traitors

- 1: Hoshea. II King 15:30
- 2: Yehu (Jehu) II King 9
- 3: He took a thick cloth, smothered it in water, and smothered the king with it (ancient water boarding?) II King 8:15
- 4: Zimri. I King 16:8-10
- 5: Menakhem (Menahem) II King 15:14



A Gallery of Prisoners

- 6: Hoshea. II King 17:4
- 7: Yochanan the Immerser (John the Baptist). Mat 14:3-5
- 8: Yosef (Joseph). Gen 39:7-19
- 9: Yosef's (Joseph's). Gen 42



- 10: Yermiyahu (Jeremiah). Jer 37-38
- 11: Zedekiah. II King 25:6-7
- 12: Hanani. II Chron 16:10



Now for the November questions:

A Gallery of Prisoners

- 1: What king of Judah was sent into exile in Babylon and put in prison, but was later released and treated as a friend of the king of Babylon?
- 2: Who prophesied doom and defeat for King Ahab and was put in prison for his harsh words?
- 3: What two apostles were put into prison in Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) for preaching the gospel?
- 4: Who remained in the prison at Philippi even after an earthquake opened the prison doors?

Courts, Councils, and Trials

- 5: When Yeshua was brought before the council, how many false witnesses were brought in to accuse him?
- 6: Who suggested to Moshe (Moses) that he appoint judges so that he would not have to judge all cases himself?
- 7: According to the law, how many witnesses are necessary before a man could be tried and put to death?
- 8: What cynical king asked Yeshua questions and then allowed him to be mocked?
- 9: According to Yeshua, when his followers were dragged into court, they would not need to worry about their defense, for someone else would speak through them. Who?

It is my hope that you are both entertained and enlightened by researching these questions.

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