



# BATTLEFIELD NEWS

## ONE ARMY

15 February 2011

vol. 2 no. 2

The Official Publication of The Whole Body of Christ Alliance

### Installing the Bread of Life

By: Richard Dean

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: If any man eat this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (John 6:51 kjv)

What Jesus spoke of here is the bread of life- himself. **Bread of Life Worship Center** opened its doors for the very first time on Sunday, 16 Jan 2011 with an installation service at 1600 (4pm). The reverend Charlie Powell was installed as Senior Pastor and his wife, the reverend Betty Powell, an evangelist, was installed as Pastor.

About 140 believers were present at this first church service. The service began with the excellent, energetic, contemporary praise and worship provided by the Bread of Life Praise Team and presided over by Sister Tisa Pass. (cont on pg 2)

### Heavenly Host

By: R.D. Hempton

I will search for the lost  
And bring back the strays.  
I will bind up the injured  
And strengthen the weak.

On 22 Jan 2011 *Heavenly Host Ministries* was born, founded by Barry Lee Wylie and Tony Lee Bertsch.

"We work for the Lord Jesus Christ." Tony Bertsch told BFN. "We are visiting hospices, nursing homes, and the like and getting to know the staff. We are using our own vehicles for now but hope to get a couple vans."

This ministry is to help others in need of prayer, Dr. appointments, or shopping. (cont on pg. 3)



Pastor Russell Page in front of the pulpit at Kingdom Realm Church.

### A Church is Born

By: M. Davis-Weeks

In January BFN published an article about a church in its planning stages. We reported that the church had no name, but after much prayer, the church has been born and has a name. The name of the church was called **Kingdom Realm Church.**

The worship at Kingdom Realm was very poignant, with tears of great joy, tears of gratitude – the kind of tears that come from being in the presence of the Living God – the same kind of tears (cont on pg 3)

### Prophetess Ordained

By: R. D. Hempton

"Let Religion and tradition stay outside," Announced Pastor Russell Page at the outset of the ordination ceremony of Angela Freeman at Kingdom Realm Church this past January 30<sup>th</sup>, "that we see Jesus in Angela."

The ordination ceremony was incredibly spirit-filled and the joy of the Lord was on the faces of all those present. The presence of the Lord was palpable.

Pat Bentley opened in prayer and played some of the most moving original music this reporter has heard.

"I've got Peace," Pat sang. (cont on pg 4)



The Reverend Angela Freeman, a prophetess and her husband James (Duke) Freeman, her Boaz.

### Fiery Preacher

By: R. D. Hempton

*The Sweetest Song This Side of Heaven is Jesus Loves Me.* This is one of the songs that opened the service. The music included a little traditional gospel and a little Christian Contemporary. The song mentioned above done by Pastor Matthew Calvert On the piano and sung by he and two lady church members was absolutely beautiful.

The pastor took the pulpit at **Faith Baptist Church** and asked for prayer requests. This reporter counted 32 prayer requests.

Pastor Matt, as he is referred to by the people in his church, opened his sermon from Psalm 63. "There is one God and it is not Buddha and it is not Allah. David had a relationship with God. We have need of the same relationship. (cont on pg 5)

### Helping Hands

By: Richard Dean

"Helping hands for those in need: clothing, shoes, household goods, toys, prayers, etc. No one turned away and all donations accepted." This a quote from the Helping Hands flyer in circulation. **Helping Hands**

**Ministries** was founded by Ramon Ortiz in 2010.

The idea began as a food ministry when Ramon (cont pg 2)

## Helping Hands (from pg 1)

Worked with the food ministry at Palmetto Baptist Church in Palmetto, Georgia, where he attended church. Ramon, accustomed to the practice of providing people with whatever he has that they need, decided to make the new ministry in Commerce a clothes closet. He dreamed that he was talking to Jesus about his idea for the ministry. The Lord told him that He would provide everything for the ministry that was needed. A man called and spoke to Ramon the following day and said, "One of my employees told me that you are trying to start a food bank at your church. If you will consider adding clothing to the ministry, I will donate the entire contents of my store if you will come pick it up." The store was *Born again Christian Clothing Store* and Ramon had already decided to add clothing to his ministry idea.

The food ministry has not yet come into full fruition (not that Ramon has not given food to those whom he could) but is still in the works.

"We have clothes, shoes, house hold (e.g. dishes), toys, and a whole lot of miscellaneous things. We are still trying to get other things. We want to be able to provide whatever people need, including food." Ramon told BFN. "We accept all donations and we will even come and pick them up."

There are people that help Ramon, including Danny Evans and Betty Griffin (Aunt Betty).

"We will even deliver to people in the area who are unable to come to us." Ramon said. "A week or so ago a single mom lost her refrigerator. We took her one."

"There was a lady just before Christmas who was in a nursing home and people at the home stole all her clothes. We got her sizes and took her clothes to wear and she spent Christmas with me and my family."

Many individuals have donated and Helping Hands wishes to thank them all as well as Born Again Christian Clothing Store, and Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Hoschton, Georgia and Pastor Julia Demory.

"Many people have donated things but people who are willing to donate their time are so very welcome."

"Right after I got saved," Ramon explained when asked about his life, "I was baptized and, then every time the church doors were opened I was there. I began working with the food bank at Palmetto Baptist to give food to people and I would ask the people if they needed anything I had that I could give them."



Above: Ramon Ortiz shows the various sections of men's, women's and kid's clothes.

Below: Mr. Ortiz shows some of the dishes in the household goods section.

"People seem to have the hardest time when you tell them everything is free. That doesn't mean people can just back their truck up and help themselves. It means whatever you need you can have. The world measures your success by how many people serve you but God measures your success by how many people you serve."

"I was born under a kitchen table," Ramon told us, "and I am the only survivor of a set of triplets. I was wounded in Iraq and I was in a wheel chair for the longest time but not now. My God healed me. Now I just want to serve him and that includes my brothers and sisters."

"I was telling my Aunt Betty not long ago that I regret nothing in my life because all of it was to prepare me for what God had for me. My Aunt Betty is the one who never gave up on me. If not for her, I'd still be a drug addict on the streets of Atlanta. We aren't really related by blood. She is just the one

who took me in off the street. Now, she is my Aunt. I thought God could never love me after all I'd done and become. When I told her that, she said, 'How can you say God doesn't love you when he sent his son to die for you?' I just wanted to get money for my next drug fix. She took me in and didn't know me from Adam."

Ramon was asked, "If this interview was taking place a year from now, what do you think would be different?"

"I believe there will be an actual store open to the public. It will be a place where people can come and feel secure so that their pride will not stop them from coming. We will accept donations but will still not charge. There will also be a soup kitchen and a place for folks who are homeless to stay with enough room for two or three hundred people. I would like to see marriage and drug and alcohol counseling."

The address is 363 Blacks Creek Church Road, Commerce, Georgia 30530. Ramon and the others may be contacted by calling (678)983-4098.

## Bread of Life (from front page)

Evangelist Jewell Farrar began as soon as the music lulled in Eph 4:7.

As soon as the next wave of spirit-filled worship music washed over us, evangelist Ruby Jones of Move of God Church prayed a prayer of blessing.

A most extraordinary offering of praise then ensued. Alwon Mayweather, a very talented young minister, blessed all our hearts with his dramatic rendering of dance/mime to *Wrap Me in Your Love* and *Its Already Done*.

A visiting, mentoring pastor from Lilburn, the Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes bestowed upon all present a wonderful and uplifting sermon based on Phil 2:6-11. Pastor Haynes shared that in the church at Philippi were some people spoken about in the Bible. In this church was a young slave girl set free by the apostle Paul from demonic possession (Acts 16:16-18); a wealthy Jewish woman named Lydia, who was probably the founder of the church at Thyatira (Acts 16:14-15); and a jailer (Acts 16:30-34) and his family that Paul and Silas

ministered to and baptized after the doors of the prison were opened by an earthquake.

Pastor Haynes shared that he realized that this jailer's experience illustrated that, just because a door comes open, does not mean we have to go out of it. He also showed that, just like there were many different kinds of people at the church at Philippi, there were going to be all kinds of people at Bread of Life Worship Center, since there are all kinds of people in Winder.

Pastor Haynes explained that the church was new but that the word was not and that everybody cannot just do their own thing. He said if a church is going to flourish and grow in Christ, everyone must be of one mind. What this does **not** mean is that everybody should have an everybody-should-be-me mind. But, instead, "let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:5). "If you have the Holy Ghost, you don't have to try to love everybody, but instead, get out of the way and let God's love flow through you."

Selfless mind

Servant's mind

Sacrificial mind

When Pastor Haynes charged the congregation, he used that same phrase from Philippians: "I charge you to let this mind be in you..."

This was followed by Pastor Haynes charge to the pastors and a prayer of installation, in which all clergy and church elders present participated with the laying on of hands.

This reporter had his hand placed on the back of the reverend Charlie Powell. When the prayer was at an end, Senior Pastor Powell turned around and tears were seen streaming down his face- the kind of tears that come from being in the presence of the Living God. It was a moving sight. Men and women of God, both clergy and laity from at least a dozen churches were present at this incredible event.

In a later interview with Pastor Charlie Powell, he spoke to BFN about authority. He said, "Authority must begin in the family- in the home. If authority is not recognized and respected in the home, neither will those in the home respect it out in the

world. This is done one member, one family, one church at a time."

Pastor Powell explained, "We just want to serve the Lord and do his kingdom work- no accolades."

Pastor Powell also explained that two Bible verses were the inspiration for the name of the church: John 6:51 (already cited) and Matthew 4:4- "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (see also Deut 8:3).

The Pastors remind us that Jesus died for **all** that none should perish. "This is a teaching church, word-inspired by the Holy Spirit Some plant seed, some water but God provides the increase."

The reverend studied under Pastor Richard Haynes for eight years and under Pastor Tommy Mayweather at Austin Chapel in Statham for three years. He still attends Timothy Baptist Church's Christ-like Institute.

Sunday Worship is at 1100 and there is an on-line Bible study on Wednesday evening from 1900 to 2000 (7-8pm). Anyone can participate like a conference call. Just call (605)562-3000, then use the access code 179-644# on your cell phone.

The plan is to have the Bible study in the church by March or April of 2011, God willing.

The physical address is 175 Second Street, Winder, Ga. 30680. There is also a post office box address: BLWC PO Box 503, Winder, 30680. They may also be contacted by calling (678)863-5085 or via e-mail at BWilliams03 @ Yahoo. Com.

### **Heavenly Host** (from front pg)

"The biggest part of the ministry is working with AIDS patients, cancer patients and others who cannot come to see us or much of anyone else. We will go to them." Cofounder Barry Wylie told BFN. Barry was diagnosed with HIV in 1994 but has since been healed of the virus completely. "Everyone disowns these people but we will not. Many people with HIV commit suicide from depression."

Heavenly Host Ministries is based in Duluth but their service area includes, not only Duluth, but all of Gwinnett County as well as Jackson and Barrow Counties.

The idea for the ministry came to Barry one morning while he was lying in bed staring into the mirror.

"We will bring church to the person who cannot go to church. We will bring a group to worship with them. We will also minister to people who are primary care givers for the homebound who just need a two or three hour break.

Tony and Barry are students at Jesus Christ School of Ministry and are both soon to be ordained ministers of the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Tony lives in Winder and Barry in Duluth.

There are others involved in the ministry with Tony and Barry, including Missy Iler of Lawrenceville. Heavenly Host will also be interacting with some other ministries, including Helping Hands Ministries in Commerce.

The address is 3163 Claiborne Drive, Duluth, Georgia, 30096. They may be contacted by calling (912)308-6578, by contacting Battlefield News, or by sending an e-mail to heavenlyhostministries1 @ Yahoo. Com.

### **Church Born** (from front pg)

Shed by Pastor Charlie Powell at the installation service for Bread of Life Worship Center.

The church normally has teaching time at 0945 and worship at 1100, but this, the first day of the newborn church, began at 0945 and went straight through until just after 1200. The whole thing began with prayer. Some prayed aloud, some quietly. Many prayed on their knees or on their faces. The praying continued for about half an hour and was followed by praise and worship music, a representative of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance addressed the congregation of about 40 people, many of them mighty warriors for Christ. He spoke about the need for unity in the body. This was followed by more music.

Pastor Russell Page addressed the congregation, "My prayer is that God will meet your needs as well as the desires of your hearts according to his riches and glory." The pastor's sermon was from Mark 2:1-5.

"If your team wins- if they make a touchdown or a home run, you holler. Read the Bible. Your team wins. So,

holler.” The congregation did just that. “If you fall,” continued Pastor Russell, “get back up.” The people hollered again.

At the end of his sermon, the pastor opened the altar for anyone to come to Christ and seven people came to the front as the music played.

A man stood up and gave his testimony. He shared that he had struggled with homosexuality and that he had been HIV positive. He said that he asked Jesus Christ to be Lord of his life and no longer struggles with homosexuality, nor is he HIV positive any longer.

Another man gave his testimony as well. Jesus had freed him from the bondage of addiction.

A third man shared that he had witnessed to a man a few days earlier and that the man asked Christ into his life.

Pastor Page also shared that he was supposed to receive twenty folding chairs the previous day for the church and that, when the truck arrived, they were forty non-folding cushioned chairs as well as the twenty he expected- all free. Almost all of the chairs were filled.

In addition, when a lady in the congregation announced that her electricity was scheduled to be cut off the following day, another man stood and pledged to give her the money for the bill. Still another man donated an organ to the church.

All in all, it was quite an eventful service. Afterward, Pastor Page shared with BFN much that was planned for **Kingdom Realm** in the near future.

Plans are already in the works for a place on Facebook where troubled teens can contact the people at **Kingdom Realm** who can help them. An e-mail account and a website are also in the works. The website will have links to the websites of other related ministries.

A gospel singing is planned on a Saturday evening yet to be announced in mid February. This singing may develop into a weekly event. Also a cookout is planned for the end of February.

A seven-day revival at seven different churches is planned for some time in March as well as a plan to open the church on Saturdays for young ministers from 1000 to 1200, teaching

from 1200 to 1400 (2pm) and street ministry after 1400.

There is also a plan for the spring to begin once monthly all-night prayer meetings from 1800 (6pm) Friday nights until 0600 Saturday morning. This idea many expand to bi-monthly. Also in the spring there is a plan for a couples celebration- possibly Mother’s day.

Pastor Russell also expressed a desire to begin a Saturday night coffee house once monthly. He also discussed something that there is a great need for. It was the same need voiced by Pastor Kenneth Cooper of Kingdom Community Worship Center almost a month earlier.

There is a great need for pastors to have a pastor - for pastors to be ministered to. Pastors feed the sheep but who feeds the pastors? The need is for there to be a time and place for pastors and church leaders to meet at least once monthly to minister to one another.

Church leaders at **Kingdom Realm** include David and Roberta Owensby. “They like to work under the radar,” shared Pastor Russell, meaning that they like to work behind the scenes and want no attention.

Chris Delee is another church leader. “I can see Chris as a fiery evangelist,” shared the pastor, “possibly in prison ministry.”

There is prophecy in the leadership at Kingdom Realm with the reverend Lawrence Jeffers, the prophet. Theresa Page and Missy Iler are also involved in the prophetic.

Another church leader is Barry Wylie, a man truly in love with the Lord.

Also at the church is 12-year-old Nathan, who is a prayer warrior with healing hands.

Pastor Page came to Christ 13 Sep 1996 when Pastor Simmons of the Gospel Light Baptist Church came to Russell’s house and led Russell to ask Christ into his life. In Oct 1997 Russell received his call to preach at a revival and later preached his first sermon out of James Chapter 4 in Nov 1997 at Campton Baptist Church. He received his theology degree at Gwinnett Hall Baptist College and was ordained at Highway Bible Baptist Church in Bogart, Georgia 5 Dec 1999. He was pastor of Lighthouse Baptist

Church in Winder beginning in 2001 and moved to Faith Baptist Church in Lawrenceville in 2007 to be pastor there. He left there to study under Pastor Jentezen Franklin at Free Chapel until he pastored at Jesus Christ School of Ministry in 2010.

Kingdom Realm Church has Sunday teaching at 0945 and worship at 1100, Sunday evening service at 1800 (6pm), which Russell calls family night, and Wednesday evening service at 1900 (7pm).

The physical location of Kingdom Realm is 70 Merchants Park, Hoschton, Georgia, 30548, just behind the Kawasaki dealer on Hwy 53. The church may be contacted by calling Pastor Russell Page at (678)858-6111, Chris Delee at (678)865-9276, or Lawrence Jeffers at (865)441-2841.

### **Prophetess** (from pg 1)

“Everything is gonna be alright.” Pat sang. “Peace- thank you, Father.”

Kimberly Sims-Moss quoted Mat 7:7- “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.” Sister Kim also brought a bag with gifts: cups, a gallon of water, and a refill for the water. Their meaning was symbolic.

Mother Gail Tillery told us how she had known Angela since she was a teen. Angela was Mother Gail’s daughter’s friend. In time, Angela came to call Mother Tillery her spiritual mother. “A child cannot know who they are unless their momma and Daddy show them who they are.” Mother Gail shared. “The fifth commandment is ‘Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.’ Lord let me be swift to obey because a delay is disobedience. Angela is a prophetess and if you receive a prophet, you will receive a prophet’s reward.”

We were reminded of Isaiah 40:31- “Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.” This as Elder Aran McClary took the pulpit for the subject of purpose.

“Angela is strange,” said the reverend, “but it’s the Lord.”

He reminded us of I Tim 1:4 - "Nor pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith."

At this point James (Duke) Freeman gave permission to lay hands on his wife.

"The anointing is the authority to do what you are doing." Aran told Angela. "Speak to James what you need. Speak, don't fuss."

"I speak a special blessing on Pastor Russell. Kingdom Realm will change North Georgia. By stepping into the place today, you received a blessing. Your territory is expanded North, South, East and West."

Pastor Russell Page charged Angela with the ordination charge.

"When Stacy and I wanted to have a baby," Pastor Russell shared, "the Lord told me to 'name your baby before it comes.' Well, when we named her she came, just like the Lord said. When we were talking about planning a church, the Lord said, 'I just want you to get a building. I didn't ask if you had the money.' I listened and here we are."

They pastor turned to Angela. "I speak liberty on you and anything that comes against you, tries to hold you back or tries to hold you down is null."

The family was included in the laying on of hands – three girls and one boy – all four are called into the ministry. This portion was very emotional.

The prayer of covering was done by Mother Gail Tillery.

At this point in the ceremony something quite unexpected and unplanned happened: a representative of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance stepped forward and shared a prophetic word he had written down some days earlier concerning Angela. WWBG (Women Who Believe God) is a group of women Angela works with in her ministry, WINGS. WINGS is an acronym from Isaiah 40:31 (quoted above), which stands for Worship Intercession for Nurturing Growth Spiritually. Most churches do not have intercessory prayer warriors to cover worship. Many churches, especially smaller churches do not have intercessory prayer warriors at all.

"Imagine three or four prayer warriors who begin praying before a service begins, do not attend the service but pray nonstop all during the service. The service becomes more powerful and people get so much more out of each service this way."

James and Angela have four God-purposed children: Kayla, 21; Kiara, 19; Chadaisha, 16; and James Jr, 10.

Angela is presently on the ministerial staff at Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church as well as at Kingdom Realm Church. She plans to implement the women's ministry at Kingdom Realm as well as WINGS. "There are churches that do not have intercessory prayer groups. These are needed. We plan to begin implementing these at various churches." Angela told BFN. She is also planning a youth rally within the next 60 days.

When Angela was asked how her husband James (Duke) was involved, she said that that he was very supportive and kept her covered with prayer. "He gets things done. Some one once told me that the producer of a movie was the guy who did whatever it took to get the picture done. James is like that producer."

Angela, WWBG and WINGS may be reached via e-mail at Angelafreeman @ bellsouth. net, or by calling (706)254-9667.

### Fiery Preacher (from pg 1)

"We have need of the same relationship to be able to get through any kind of turmoil. David tells God, 'My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee.' We don't need to be absent from our relationship with God. II Cor 6:17 tells us to come out from among them (those in the world). Do not fear death. Fear the absence of God- the second death."

Pastor Matt, as his congregation lovingly calls him, is very animated when he preaches and, although he has a microphone, he does not need one. He will begin a sentence at one end of the church and end it on the other side. He walks behind the pulpit only a few times per sermon. The rest of the time he is walking, jumping, shouting and getting all those around him excited as well.

"God does not need our tithes," explained Pastor Matt, "he wants our

obedience. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Some people say that if a man wins the lottery and comes to tithe on it, that it should not be accepted because it is from the devil. Let him bring it to me and see what I do with it. What the devil meant for evil, God uses for good."

Pastor Matt paces and jumps up and down and has others doing the same sort of things. He actually got one young lady to bark like a dog. He is not the kind of preacher one can sleep to very easily.

In 2008 the pastor had a stroke accompanied by a heart attack and was in a wheel chair for about four months. But on 19 Sep 2010 he had an even more severe stroke. The Cranial nerve that controls swallowing was effected and he was told he would need a feeding tube. He refused it and elected to pray instead. He neither ate nor drank for 26 days. Finally God restored his ability to swallow but his voice was almost nonexistent. He returned to church but could no longer preach and certainly could not sing. The pastor was seriously considering resigning as pastor. Then came the miracle.

Pastor Matt was playing the piano to accompany his oldest daughter singing *My Home* but he could not harmonize with her as he had done so many times before since his larynx was paralyzed by the stroke. He prayed silently that God would heal his voice and he said it felt like a wadded-up rag was pulled out of his throat and he began singing. The church erupted into praise and two people gave their lives to Christ that morning.

"Ever since that day," Pastor Matt told BFN, "there has been a new eagerness to be there and worship – to experience what is happening there. You never know what the next church service holds."

Faith Baptist is the third church Pastor Calvert has pastured. He announced his calling on 22 Sep 2002 and became the pastor of Pleasant Acres Church from April of 2006 to November of 2007. In August of 2008 he became the pastor of Greater Hope Fellowship Church until February of 2010. In April of 2010 He began at Faith Baptist, which incidentally, was the church where he attended at age 18 and his wife, who was 16.

The church was founded from Clifton Drive Baptist Missions on 16 Jun 1963. The first Pastor was the reverend George Freeman from 29 Aug 1963 and the first service was held in the basement of the church on 24 May 1964 while the rest of the church was being built.

Service times are Sunday School at 1000 and worship at 1100, evening worship Sunday at 1800 (6pm), and Wednesday at 1930 (730pm). There is also a BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST the first Sunday of each month. Cooking at 0700 and eating at 0800.

The address is 116 Sarah Street, Winder, Georgia 30680 and the church website is [www. Faithbaptistwinder. Com](http://www.Faithbaptistwinder.Com).

Pastor Calvert may be reached via e-mail at [pastormattcalvert @ windstream. net](mailto:pastormattcalvert@windstream.net), or by calling (678)615-5772.

## 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.

## Do Not Be Ashamed

By: Larry Percifield

As a member of Living Hope Christian Fellowship, I find an abundance of love and compassion from all the congregation. We have members that come from all walks of life and have overcome multiple addictions and problems with the help of God. They are not afraid to stand and tell their stories about how God came to their rescue when they thought there was no help for them. I was one of them – not with addictions to drugs or alcohol, but with my anger and abusive nature to my family. I struggled with this for several years and found myself spending a week in jail for beating my wife in front of the police.

The very next week I was invited to church in Lakeland, Florida and found myself inviting the Lord into my life. Did change come into my life at that moment? Did everything magically become better and my life straightened itself out? NO!! Could it have been that way? Yes, it could, and I have seen the changes come into people's lives almost instantly.

My problem was accepting Jesus into my life, but not into my heart and totally giving him full access to it. It was twenty years later when I realized that Jesus was my real Lord and Savior and I fully accepted him into my heart and life. Guess what? The change I was looking for came almost instantly, or at least it seemed that way to me. I now have control over my anger. I have a talent for bringing God's word to the people in the way of preaching and teaching. I have been blessed with a job that brings me in contact with people every day and the opportunity to tell them about God and what he can do for them.

Do not be ashamed of what you have been, but be grateful that Jesus has brought you from that way of living. If he hasn't brought you completely from the problems of your past, or you haven't found that void being filled in your life, get down on your knees and completely accept him in your life. Seek that personal relationship with him that will fill that void and give you the peace of mind and knowledge that you will spend eternity with him. OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!!!!

## Why We Should Not Be Afraid of the Book of Revelation

By: Gene Carlson

*Revelation* is good news to the saved. In Rev 21:7 it says, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son." Jesus promises us everlasting life in the Kingdom of God if we are saved (our names are listed in the book of life). It is filled with symbolism in chapter one, which is followed up throughout the remainder of the book. Chapter one also explains who wrote the book. Jesus did through John, his scribe.

The book is divided into three parts: past, present and future. It gives a history of the churches and their outcomes. It tells us to read the book, hear it and obey it. The essential nature of Biblical prophecy is the communication of divine revelation. God has given it not simply to be discussed and debated but to be obeyed. The time is at hand and those of us who are ready will be brought out without going through the tribulation and there will be those who mend their ways during the great tribulation and find their names in the book of life. And the ones who do not will experience the second death and will not receive God's promise.

*Note: The opinions of those who share them in this publication do not necessarily represent the opinions of the editors or the Whole Body of Christ Alliance. Comments or opposing views may be mailed to:*

Battlefield News  
 115A Center Street  
 Winder, Ga. 30680

Or e-mailed to:  
[drdhempton @ hotmail.com](mailto:drdhempton@hotmail.com)  
 or  
[jstevens 1055 @live.com](mailto:jstevens1055@live.com)

The Battlefield News may be reached by calling (404)414-0656 and the Whole Body of Christ Alliance at (404)496-3080.

**The Whole Body of Christ Alliance** is a body of believers from many churches, ministries and denominations that work toward the unification of the body of Christ; not as one congregation under one pastor but as individual organs and organ systems within the body. As one body, as the Bible instructs us, we are to work together and not against each other, nor are we to be completely independent of one another. No organ operating on its own will survive for very long.

**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 a desire to glorify the name of Jesus and your talents are not being fully used, contact us using the information previously provided.

If you wish to have an article published in the BATTLEFIELD NEWS or have a comment on anything you read in this publication, contact us. Your article may be published. Be sure to keep a copy of it since your article will not be returned to you. Nor will you receive any financial compensation for it.

Most things that appear in this third issue of BATTLEFIELD NEWS are not copyrighted material. All ministries are encouraged to reproduce all or any part of it for God's purposes.

If the Whole Body of Christ (WBC) Alliance has not contacted your church or pastor and your body of believers would be included, we will get to your church eventually, but do not wait until next year. The Lord may come for his bride before that. Contact us.

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself continued from the January Issue

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

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?"

Its 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 our spouse, or parents, or the cranky woman next door for something they did in the past week.

Two- Lets 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's the other way around. It's 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 its real clear that they are. Lets 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 aunties 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 a bad 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, conceit, 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

## Updates and Boobos

### Boobos

BFN humbly apologizes to **Kingdom Community Worship Center**. The Wednesday evening Bible study is at 1900 (7pm), not 1800 as stated in the January issue.

Our apologies as well to **Sanctuary of Pentecost**. The Thursday evening prayer is at 1930 (730pm) and not at 1900.

### Updates

#### Victory Deliverance Center

Pastor Michael Smith

Sunday svc: 1145

Tues Bible study: 1930 (730pm)

(678)868-7416

**A Call to Worship**

Pastor Alicia Brown

Sunday svc: 1000

Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat 1000 women's ministr4<sup>th</sup> Sat 1000 men's ministr.

The church will soon be moving to the new building.

(706)983-9096

**Kingdom Community Worship Center**

Pastor Kenneth Cooper

Sun svc 0900

Wed Bible study: 1900(7pm)

(678)963-5799

**Living Hope Christian Fellowship**

Pastor Allen Stevens

Sun sch:1000

Sun svc:1100

Sun eve:1800

Sat prayer: 1000-12000

(706)654-2931

**Love of God Mission**

Pastor Linda Smith

Sun svc: 1000, 1100, 1830(630pm)

Thurs 1930(730pm)

770-867-8897

**Braselton Tabernacle of Praise (Btop)**

Pastor Jon Jackson

Sun sch:1000

Sun svc:1100

Wed svc:1900(7pm)

Prayer Night Sat:1900

Romans Road to Recovery-Tues:1900

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed youth:1900

(678)898-7066

**Move of God Church**

Pastor D.L. Lewis

Sun sch:1000

Sun midday wrshp:1200

Fri teaching/stdy:1945(745pm)

(770)277-9128

**Sanctuary of Pentecost**

Pastor J Vander Etheridge

Sun prayer:1030

Sun wrshp/word:1100

Tues Prayer 1900(7pm)

Tues wrshp/word:1930

Thur Prayer 1930(730pm)

(770)519-5398

**Battlefield News****Acknowledgements**By: O. Zellinger

BFN would like to sincerely thank those who helped make this publication a reality.

Living Hope Christian Fellowship

Move of God Church  
Kingdom Realm Church  
Bread of Life Worship Center  
Cross of Christ Ministries  
Pastor Allen Stevens  
Wanda Stevens

Bishop Jerry Arnold  
Pastor Russell Page  
The Rev. Neyda Hempton  
Pastor Jeff Carr  
Pastor Charlie Powell  
Pastor Betty Powell

Battlefield News thanks you for humbly serving Jesus and the body of Christ with your time, your resources, your ideas and your finances. May God bless you all richly.

**Prophetic Thought**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 be preached, taught and given to those in the household of faith, and it is what is needed to convert and save the lost.

**Drawing Men Without Tradition, Programs or Denominational Doctrine**By: William Pirkle

I personally had a relationship with God before I ever had a relationship with any denominational doctrine. So, I've been spared a lot of traditions of men. (And, by the way, the Bible says, "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." Mat 15:6). So, I really don't care to dabble in any of that.

I sang with a gospel trio for a couple of years. We sang in three states and visited a lot of different kinds of churches and denominations. For the most part, it seemed to me that they were more concerned about how many members they had and how they appeared to the community than anything else. I've also been to churches locally and hungry for the word of God, but, for the most part, I felt like I was at a church building seminar – programs and methods of coercing people into coming to the church. The best church-building method is in the Bible: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32). And in John 6:44 it says, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

It does **not** say that it is church members or church programs that draw them. It is definitely the Father. I'm just speaking for myself but, I'd rather be in a group of ten people that are 100% committed to Christ then with a group of 100 people that are ten percent committed.

Thank you God for Living Hope Christian Fellowship and churches like it.

Sincerely,

Your brother in Christ,

Associate Pastor Living Hope  
Christian Fellowship

William Pirkle